

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

COMRADE AJOY KUMAR GHOSH

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India pays its respectful homage to the memory of our late beloved leader and General Secretary, Com. Ajoy Kumar Ghosh.

An outstanding unifier and builder of the Party, a brilliant thinker and writer, Com. Ajoy Ghosh died in harness after decades of arduous and selfless service in the cause of our Party and the people. He left us at a time when we needed him most. His untimely death has created a void in our Party leadership which it would be difficult to fill for a long time.

Com. Ajoy belonged to that generation of young intellectuals who in the late twenties, inspired by the call of freedom, formed or joined secret national revolutionary organisations in order to bring about an armed overthrow of British rule. At an early age he became an active worker of the famous Hindustan Socialist Republican Army and had the honour of being a comrade-in-arms of the great national martyr Bhagat Singh of revered memory. He narrowly escaped being sent to the gallows by the British government in the Lahore Conspiracy Case in which Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru were sentenced to death.

A thinker and a visionary, a revolutionary who loved the common toiling people, he soon found his place inside the Communist Party. From 1933 to 1935 he did intense pioneering work in building the Kanpur Mazdoor Sabha and organising communist groups in UP, in face of severe police repression.

His passionate devotion to the cause and his political capacities pushed him up rapidly to positions of greater and greater responsibility inside the Party. He was unanimously elected to the Central Committee of the Party in 1935. Immediately after that he was given the difficult task of uniting and leading the Party in Bombay, which had been badly divided earlier, a task which he carried out with great success.

It was, however, after his appointment to the editorial board of the central Party organ, *National Front*, in 1936 that his political and literary talents came into full play, and he soon came to be recognised as one of the topmost leaders of the Party. Within a year he was promoted to the Polit-Bureau.

Between 1936 and 1939 Com. Ajoy undertook many difficult Party assignments in various provinces, which he fulfilled efficiently. One of his biggest achievements of this period was the unification and reorganisation of the Party in the Panjab.

Arrested and subsequently detained in the Deoli Concentration Camp from 1939 to 1943 he developed TB of the lungs of a severe type in prison which compelled him to withdraw from active political work for a number of years. He, however, continued to be a member of the Central Committee and made valuable contributions to Party life through his writings.

The year 1951 found him at the helm of the Party, after he had successfully led the inner-Party struggle against the left-sectarian adventurist line which was initiated at the Second Party Congress. He was elected as the General Secretary of the Party in that year, a position which he continued to occupy with universal support inside the Party till his death.

In the decade that followed, Com. Ajoy played a leading role in bringing about the reunification of the Party, which had been politically and organisationally shattered between 1948 and 1951. It was under his leadership that the Party was able to fight simultaneously with sectarian and reformist opportunist deviations and evolve a political line based on a correct application of the principles of Marxism-Leninism to the specific objective situation in our country. His deep understanding of Marxist theory combined with his experience of the freedom movement in India enabled him to work out policies on all major national issues, which if properly implemented, could make the Party a big national force, capable of influencing and uniting all democratic, progressive and patriotic elements in the country in the great struggle for national rebirth.

Com. Ajoy Ghosh represented the Indian Party with distinction at many important international communist gatherings. He played a noteworthy role in the 81 Parties' Conference and made

valuable contributions to its deliberations, particularly in regard to the role of the nonaligned countries.

Com. Ajoy is no longer with us, but his great qualities of head and heart, his broad humanity, intense devotion to the cause and his sound political acumen can never be forgotten. His memory would be fondly cherished inside the Party by generations to come.

It is to this great and worthy son of India, a true revolutionary and a most devoted partisan in the cause of the world proletariat that we pay our respectful and affectionate homage.

PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India pays its homage to the memory of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, whose death on May 27 of this year created a void in the life of the nation, robbing the Indian people of a beloved leader, whose name had become identified all over the world with India's struggle for freedom.

With his faith in the unity of the Afro-Asian peoples, in peace and anti-colonialism, friendship with socialist countries and international cooperation, based on equality of nations, Jawaharlal Nehru made outstanding contributions to world developments over a long period during which he was the Prime Minister of India.

He was one of the main architects of the policy of nonalignment, which has played a great positive role, not only in strengthening our country's freedom, but also in the preservation of world peace and reduction of international tension.

Pandit Nehru tried to solve the country's internal problems on the basis of independent economic development within the framework of democracy and secularism. His progressive and democratic outlook has left a deep impression on every aspect of our national life.

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India, while paying its tributes to this outstanding leader, expresses its confidence that the memorable positive contributions made by him to the building of a new modern India, will be carried forward and strengthened by the Indian people in the coming days.

DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India pays tribute to the memory of Dr. Rajendra Prasad. One of the earliest disciples of Gandhiji, he played a leading role in the Congress during the struggle for freedom. As the first President of our Republic, he brought great dignity to that highest office in our country. His simplicity of manner and unassuming ways was one of his distinctive characteristics. He was a man of deep learning which he dedicated to the causes he held dear.

LEADERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India expresses its profound sorrow at the death, in recent times, of the undermentioned outstanding leaders of the Communist and Workers' Parties.

COMRADE SALAM ADIL, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Iraq, who was executed in cold blood by the counter-revolutionary Baathist forces.

COMRADE JULIAN GRIMAU, member of the leadership of the illegal Communist Party of Spain and veteran leader of the working class, who was executed by the Franco government.

COMRADE OTTO KUUSINEN, Member of the Presidium and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, veteran Bolshevik of the Leninist old guard, profound scholar and Marxist theoretician who passed away at the age of 82 years.

COMRADE MAURICE THOREZ, Chairman of the French Communist Party, outstanding son of the working people of France, life-long fighter in the cause of anti-fascism, national independence, peace, democracy and socialism, one of the most prominent leaders of the international communist movement and Secretary General of the French Communist Party for 34 years, who passed away at the age of 64.

COMRADE ALEKSANDER ZAWADSKI, President of the Polish People's Republic, member of the Polit Bureau of the Polish United Workers' Party, outstanding Party functionary and

trade-union leader, ardent life-long revolutionary, who passed away on August 7, 1964.

COMRADE PALMIRO TOGLIATTI, founder and Secretary General of the great Italian Communist Party, outstanding leader of the Communist International and the world communist movement, brilliant theoretician of creative Marxism and towering personality of Italian social life, who passed away at the age of 71 years.

COMRADE BENJAMIN DAVIS, member of the Secretariat of the National Committee of the Communist Party of USA, outstanding fighter of the American working class and Negro freedom movements, heroic defender of the American communists against the fascist McCarran Act, who passed away at the age of 60 years.

COMRADE ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman of the Communist Party of the USA, veteran organiser and leader of the socialist and communist movements, who passed away on September 5, 1964.

COMRADE OTTO GROTEWOHL, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the German Democratic Republic, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, courageous fighter against fascism and war, powerful champion of the peaceful reunification of Germany, who passed away at the age of 70 years.

COMRADE LESLIE MORRIS, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Canada and outstanding leader of the Canadian working-class movement.

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India dips its red banner in solemn homage to the undying memory of these comrades and wishes to convey the heartfelt condolences of all Indian communists, to the bereaved families and to the fraternal Parties which have lost their leaders and whose loss is shared by the entire international communist movement. The Congress is of opinion that the most fitting tribute to the deceased comrades would be by intensifying all efforts for the strengthening of international working-class solidarity in the cause of peace, freedom, democracy and socialism.

OUTSTANDING LEADERS OF OUR TOILING PEOPLE

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India bows in homage to the memory of the outstanding leaders of our toiling people who have lost their lives in the service of the great cause of communism. It recalls with grief and pride:

RAHUL SANKRITYAYANA, prominent communist leader, outstanding scholar and linguist who was simultaneously one of the great pioneer organisers of the peasants of India, who blazed new paths in the research into Buddhism and the early history of Central Asia and at the same time was a model populariser of the fundamentals of Marxism and the movement of world history.

BANKIM MUKHERJEE, member of the National Council of the CPI and Vice-President of the All-India Kisan Sabha, prominent leader of the national movement and early organiser of the trade union movement and one of the greatest figures of the peasant movement in our country.

P. JEEVANANDAM, member of the National Council of the CPI, who for over three decades devoted his entire life to the service of the downtrodden masses of Tamilnad and became one of their recognised leaders and whose skill and power as poet, writer and orator was respected by all patriots.

B. SRINIVASA RAO, member of the National Council of the CPI, one of the founders of the Party in Tamilnad and of the powerful kisan movement in Tanjore and other districts of Tamilnad.

V. D. CHITALE, member of the National Council of the CPI, veteran leader of the masses in Maharashtra, Sanskrit scholar and one of the intrepid leaders of the great satyagraha for the liberation of Goa who marched in the face of the Portuguese guns.

DR. K. M. ASHRAF, doyen of the historians of mediaeval India, outstanding writer and orator in English and Hindustani, one of the prominent leaders of the national movement, especially of the progressive, nationalist Muslims and deeply loved communist leader.

R. K. BHOGALE, veteran communist leader, one of the

pioneers of the textile workers' unions in Bombay and prominent leader of the working class of Maharashtra.

ATMARAM SHINDE, communist leader, who died while on hunger strike at Yeotmal as part of the toilers' campaign against soaring prices organised by the CPI.

ARJAN SINGH GARGAJ, a veteran revolutionary, one of the founding members of the Communist Party in Panjab, died in harness as editor-in-charge of *Daily Nawan Zamana* and treasurer of the Party in Panjab, on March 10, 1963.

Many other comrades of ours have died in harness, bringing to a glorious close their noble lives spent in struggle and sacrifice for the emancipation of the people of India and for the glory of the Red Flag. We dip the Red Flag in their honour.

DR. SAIFUDDIN KITCHLEW

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India pays sorrowful tribute to the memory of Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew, hero of Jallianwalla Bagh and a veteran of our struggle for freedom. Dr. Kitchlew was one of the pioneers and founders of the peace movement in India, first President of the All-India Peace Council and first Indian Lenin Prize winner, winning international recognition and bringing fresh laurels to the motherland he served all his life.

DR. A. V. BALIGA

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India expresses its deep sense of grief at the great loss our nation has suffered by the death of Dr. A. V. Baliga. An outstanding surgeon, a sterling patriot and stout upholder of the cause of democracy, especially the democratic press, he made an invaluable contribution as a founder President of the Indo-Soviet Cultural Society to the cause of Indo-Soviet friendship, so vital to the interests of both countries as well as to world peace.

DR. N. M. JAISOORYA

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India expresses its deep sorrow at the demise of Dr. N. M. Jaisooriya, an eminent physician and patriot. His service to the cause of civil

liberties when he exposed Congress terror against the militant peasant fighters of Telengaga and his efforts to build a democratic front against Congress misrule will ever remain a shining chapter in the saga of our people's struggle for democracy and a better life.

PROF. J. B. S. HALDANE

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India expresses profound grief at the death of Prof. J. B. S. Haldane, one of the leading scientists of the world. He was pre-eminent among those who helped to popularise the achievements and attitude of science and demonstrated how science finds fulfilment in Marxism, in the struggle for socialism. His great help to the cause of the development of science in India will ever be cherished by our grateful people.

POET MAITHILI SARAN GUPTA

In the death of Maithili Saran Gupta, revered all over the Hindi world as "Rashtriya Kavi", the country has lost one of its tallest literary figures and modern Hindi its builder and foster-father.

No tribute to this great poet can be complete without a reference to *Bharat Bharati* and the role this patriotic epic played in creating a sense of pride in India's great heritage and in rousing the Hindi-speaking people for participation in the national movement for the country's independence.

The Seventh Congress of the CPI pays its sorrowful homage to the departed poet and patriot and sends its condolences to his bereaved family.