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Indian Youth Association (G.B) Southall

A QUESTION FOR HISTORY

a subjugated nation cannot afford to indulge in weighing the moral consequences of violence when it decides to retrieve and assert its humanity: Freedom; precisely because the power that dominates and dehumanises does not entertain any moral qualms in its quest for domination.

Taking lessons from history and the declaration of defiance, before the barbarism of so-called civilized people, by the subjected people of other nations, the youth of India stood up to question the validity of British Raj. They concluded that armed struggle was the only alternative left to them to free their people and the country.

As a result Nau Jawan Bharat Sabha came into being. And a young man of nineteen, later to make history by shaking the foundations of the Congress Party and the Raj, Bhagat Singh was one of its founder-members. The overriding aim of this organisation was to rid India of colonial yoke and establish a free, secular and socialist republic.

To wake up the slumbering India, duped by the disarming and dehumanising philosophy of non-violence, Bhagat Singh and his comrades threw a bomb in the Assembly Hall, in Delhi. No one was hurt. And the comrades allowed themselves to be arrested without putting up any struggle, shouting Inqilab Zindabad. The trial lasted for under two years. The result was inevitable: the three comrades - Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru were sentenced to hang. And they sacrificed their lives for their country without faltering, which no one can deny. But the role of people who have been elevated to the position of demi-gods, particularly of Mr. M.K. Gandhi, in this tragic episode is not only an obscene betrayal but downright treacherous.

When Bhagat Singh and his two comrades were sentenced to die, Mr. Gandhi could have saved their lives, had he made the commutation of the sentence a condition of the Gandhi-Irwin Pact. He did not do so! Because he argued that the larger interests of the country precluded him from doing so! One asks, what were those 'larger interests'? Congress hegemony, perhaps!

Mr. Gandhi's shady role is further elaborated by General Mohan Singh of Indian National Army: "Gandhi could have saved Baghat Singh from hanging, but deliberately he did not do it..... he could not rise above the false prestige of his philosophy of non-violence, because Baghat Singh's release would have given strength to the group of revolutionary heroes, a fact which Gandhi could not tolerate."

Indeed he could not tolerate. Later, when the leaders of the All India Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev Memorial Committee approached Gandhi for assistance in raising a memorial to those martyrs, his reply was a national disgrace; he thought it would be

"...an invitation to posterity to copy such deeds. I am, therefore, unable to identify myself in any way with memorials."

But to his eternal shame a memorial was raised and without fail 23rd March is commemorated as the Martyrs Day and people pay homage to them because they lived, worked and died for the people.

When the new history of a truly free India will be written, untainted by the hypocrisy and fraud of the hand-picked historians, all the revolutionaries will find their

place in the annals of freedom. Meanwhile, we the youth of today can continue their work and that is the best homage we can pay to Bhagat Singh and all his comrades. At the same time we leave many a questions for the historians to answer rather than taking refuge in his-story.

INQILAB ZINDABAD

MESSAGE FROM COMRADE KISHORI LAL

I am very glad to know that you are celebrating the 'Bhagat Singh Day'. That martyr is a turning point in our struggle for the liberation of the country. I think the people of India stand for economic liberation and stand for emancipation of mankind from economic slavery of one class from the other. Our strength lies in our unity but it is only a strength when it is united. Unity and struggle is the last form of slavery, the wage slavery. Further, our strength lies in the knowledge of the system we live in. Hope, you will contribute your might to fight the system and create a classless society. Wish you all success.

Revolutionary Greetings,

I am very glad to know you are celebrating 'Bhagat Singh Day'. Bhagat Singh was a great patriot who had taken a vow to dedicate and lay down his life for the freedom of India. He abided by his vow, fought to annihilate the individuals tyrants of the country and willingly sacrificed his life.....

Bhagat Singh's thirst for knowledge was insatiable. He put into practice what he learnt. The youth should learn from him the great lesson: do not allow a gap between your precept and practice. Hypocrites and opportunists allow that.

Bhagat Singh was a great friend and colleague of mine, and we worked together in the Congress Bharat Sabha in 1928, and on our invitation he came for sometime to serve on the 'Mirti' Staff. On the night of 24th December 1928, he came to my residence in Amritsar along with martyr Sukhdev and stayed with me during the night of the shooting and killing Deputy Superintendent of Police: Saunders.

In April 1929 he threw a bomb in the Central Assembly Delhi. He was arrested in the Meeruth Conspiracy Case, in which I was a co-defendant, was still on when Sukhdev and Sukhdev were hanged. I read a message to the Court despite the warnings of the Session Judge.

They were a brave lot and have written their name in history with blood. We bow before them with humility and respect and call upon the youth to learn to love your country from a page of their history book.

Bhagat Singh Josh

comrade Kishori Lal, a companion of the great Martyrs, Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and Sukhdev, paid a visit to England in August 1977; from the very moment of his arrival he busied himself in addressing various meetings all over the country. His personal contact with the old and the young and sense of history instilled vigor, determination in the Indian Youth living in Britain. He gave his encouragement without reserve and since then the Indian Youth have been working for working class cause ceaselessly.

The most memorable event of his stay in England was the centralisation of the Indian Youth Association (Great Britain) which had begun to emerge on the national scene for the first time here.

The Indian Youth Association, Southall came into being on November 12 1977 and the first national conference of the Association was held in Derby on 20 November 1977, under a presidium headed by comrade Kishori Lal. Since then the Association has been engaged consistently in the struggle on issues which the youth, particularly of Indian origin face from time to time.

The activities of the Association have helped it to emerge as the only local National Organisation representing the majority of Indian Youth.

INDIAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The Association decided from the very beginning to build solidarity with local organisations, especially I.W.A, on issues of common interest. The special relationship with the local I.W.A was most obvious when in 1977 the Executive Committee of the period gave a call for volunteers to work at the Dominion Cinema gates, without pay, in order to help the Cinema out of the financial difficulty. The members of the Association including many Executive members worked day and night during this period to help and save the Dominion. The decision to withdraw the help was taken when the I.W.A's Executive surrendered in its battle to save the Cinema and resumed the old way of the Chair(Kissa Kursi Ka).

Over the past three years the Association has developed fraternal relations with organisations such as , Indian Workers's Association (G.B), Trades Union, Progressive Workers Association(G.B), Anti Nazi League, Campaign Against Racist Laws , etc , etc.

MARTYR'S DAY

The Association held its first public meeting in March 1978 to pay homage and humble thanks to the founder members of the Mother Organisation (Naujwan Bharat Sabha 1926) Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev. The meeting attracted over 500 people and without doubt was a great success.

The positive response from the people of Southall gave encouragement to the Association to make the Martyr's Day a regular commemorative event. This year it will be the 50th anniversary of that sad but memorable event of our history.

IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

Though migration to Britain is strictly controlled under the racist Immigration Act of 1971, yet the National Front and other similar organisations as well as the Tory Government have once again resorted to playing the numbers game. By continuous hue and cry on the part of these racists quarters the atmosphere of Britain is being made poisonous with race hysteria.

It is ironic that during the rule of the first woman Prime minister of Britain, the young women of the Indian sub-continent have been subjected to blatant sex-discrimination. Under the new immigration law they have lost the basic human right to live in this country with their husbands after marrying a man from the Indian sub-continent.

The Association has been waging a continuous struggle not only against the racist immigration laws but against the sinister practices of Immigration officers at Heathrow Airport who conduct the most undignified, shameful virginity tests on women who were coming to Britain to join their husbands.

It is difficult to reconcile a government, which claims to be a torch bearer of human rights, with the inhuman practice that it administers. In the first six months of 1979, 149 children were detained for up to 30 nights in Harmondsworth Detention Centre. Many were very young and kept separate from their parents. (They were looked after by security guards.)

The Association joined hands with Campaign Against Racist Laws (C.A.R.L.) in 1980 to begin the fight back against the immigration laws and took part in one of the biggest demonstrations held in London by the ethnic minority organisations on 25th November 1980.

TRADE UNIONS

The Association prides itself in the knowledge that most of its executive committee and ordinary members including the National President and Secretary are shop stewards of their respective Trade Union.

The Association has backed all the major strikes, e.g. Grunwick, Firemen, Quaker Oats and of course Chix. Chix was, like Grunwick, where the majority of the workers were Asian women fighting for union recognition. The Association participated physically, morally and financially by attending picket lines holding public meetings and collecting funds for the strikers.

The Association participated in the T.U.C., demonstration on March 9th 1980, in which over 2 million people took part and on May 14th T.U.C.'s Day of Action, when we marched with the local people protesting against unemployment, spending cuts etc.

The Association is currently engaged along with other community organisations, local Trades Unions and Trade Councils in a bid to combat the alarming increase in unemployment.

During the T.U.C Week of Action, in April, and People's March from Liverpool to London the Association will be organising its activities with a view to full participation.

RACIALISM

The crisis within the capitalist system has precipitated a dramatic increase in racialism and it is reaching to dangerous proportions. Through out history the capitalist system has always looked for scape-goats to divert the attention of the working people from their exploitative deeds. Fascist organisations like British Movement and National Front are in the fore-front of injecting the poison of racial prejudice into the body-politics of the multi-racial working class movement, thriving indeed, as organisation like these do, on the unfounded fears of people, high unemployment and other ills inherent in the system.

Racists, encouraged by the British Movement and the National Front, have been responsible for attacks on black people, such as the murder of Akhtar Ali Beg by a member of the British Movement. Britain's Nazis are known to have links with the European Fascist organisations responsible for the atrocities in Bologna, Munich and Paris. The organisations involved have encouraged their British counter-parts to participate in similar acts and have provided advice on how to obtain and use arms. The recent fire in Deptford which resulted in the murder of 13 black youths was carried out by racists, who the police have failed to catch.

The Association has been consistently organising the local community, both black and white, to be more vigilant and vocal to safeguard their lives and property. We are aware of the fact that we mobilised and took an active part in most of the biggest demonstrations against fascism and racism ever seen in this country. Just a few are mentioned below:

Anti Nazi League - National demonstration, held in London on 30th April 1978. The Association, which had helped to establish the local A.N.L branch in Southall, welcomed representatives of the Southall Community in this mammoth rally.

Uttab Ali was stabbed to death while returning home from work in East London. In the protest demonstration held on May 14, 1978 the Association participated with its contingent.

Second Anti Nazi League Carnival held on 24th September 1978, in which over 120,000 people participated including strong representation from the Association.

23rd April 1979 - The Association was actively involved in the build up and aftermath of the community protest against the National Front on 23rd April 1979. The Association is of the opinion that had it not been for a small group of people, who allowed themselves to be manipulated by the police, the proposed action would have been successful. The tragic results of their mindlessness is now a history i.e. 342 arrests, Blair Peach murdered by the S.P.G. The Association collected £1125 towards the Blair Peach Memorial Fund.

Demonstration against Racist attacks held in East London on 2nd August, 1980.

In addition to participating in these demonstrations the Indian Youth Association has helped to organise petitions and concerts against racism.

STOP THIS RACIST BILL

The Government is bringing in more racist laws to try to 'keep Britain white' and discriminate against black people. Already there is an increasing number of deportations and police raids on homes, factories and workplaces using the excuse of searching for 'illegal immigrants'. Now the Government is planning a new stage in its racist campaign, by changing this country's nationality law. This could affect the rights of yourself and your family in this country and abroad. The Campaign Against Racist Laws is composed and supported by most anti-racist organisations. Most of the National ethnic minority organisations and political parties want to stop the Nationality Bill from becoming law by organising massive opposition. Southall C.A.R.L. urges you to show your feelings by joining the massive demonstration on April 5th.

CUBA 1978 WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL
For Peace, Socialism and against Imperialism.

The Indian Youth Association participated in Cuba 1978 World Youth Festival. The Association sent two delegates from Southall Branch. The two delegates took part in many debates such as Racism, Afghanistan, South East Asia, Latin America, South Africa. One of the delegates actually spoke on South East Asia and the other spoke on progressive writers conference. The total number of delegates attending the festival was 20,000 from all over the world. Met the youth from the other countries and had very friendly discussions. The delegates were given a very warm welcome and were very well received by the Cuban officials and by the Cuban people. They were surprised by successes in many fields brought about in a very short period by the Cuban people under the leadership of Comrade Fidel Castro, Racism has been completely eliminated, free health service for everyone (i.e. before the revolution the average life expectancy was 40 years and now 71 for men and 73 for women.) Eradicated the unemployment and worked very hard to solve the housing problem. Education is free for everyone and today Cuba produces more doctors, teachers than any other Latin American country and are serving the people of Ethiopia, Angola, Nicaragua, Grenada, Vietnam, and many other countries. Our Association held a party meeting in Dominion ballroom and reported back.

The Association has from time to time collected funds for relief of Indian people i.e. Andhra Pradesh cyclone, where the money was sent.

JOIN INDIAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION NOW AND FIGHT FOR A CAUSE

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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(Write to I.Y.A , 46 High Street, Southall, Middx.)



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ਨੌਜਵਾਨ ਸਭਾ**



JOIN THE INDIAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION (G.B.) NOW

**DO YOU KNOW, THAT AS A
YOUNG PERSON, YOU HAVE SOME RIGHT**

- * A right to live with self-respect, dignity and a sense of identity.
- * A right to be employed.
- * A right to be free from harassment and fear.
- * A right to retain and develop your precious home-culture including language through British Schools.
- * A right not to be racially discriminated against in any walk of life.
- * A right to full education.
- * A right to be treated as a respectable human being.
- * A right to decide your own future.

YOU HAVE SOME DUTIES AS WELL :-

- * A duty to reject FLIGHT and embrace FIGHT against Racism, unemployment, Caste-system, capitalism, police brutality, corruption, nepotism, superstition and hypocrisy.
- * A duty to be a conscious participant in the Social and Political developments in India, GB and else where in the World.
- * A duty to preach to the world through Action that the only way to change the world is through knowledge and action.
- * A duty to organise your selves in the Trade Unions and in the Freedom movements etc.
- * A sacred duty to join The Indian Youth Association (GB) an organisation formed in the footsteps of our Great martyrs-Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and Sukhdev and in the presence of their great friend comrade Kishori Lal. Join the Indian Youth Association (GB) now.

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