

LETTER

FAKE MAOIST POSTERS

Hitler justified cruel fascist violence in order to eliminate first and foremost the communists. In the 1970s Siddhartha Shankar Roy, the then Chief Minister of West Bengal, bluntly justified Cossipur-Baranagar massacre in 1971 to eliminate Naxalites (the Maoists). And now it is the turn of Prakash Karat, Sitaram Yechury, to take recourse to fantastic pretext in support of the savage acts of the CPM's paid lumpen forces in tandem with state's armed forces : all such acts were imperative for the presence of the Maoists. Notable it is that the Home Minister at the Centre, Mr Shibraj Patil belonging to another fascist organization, is singing to the tune of the CPM leaders lending justification to the barbarities let loose on the people of Nandigram. Stories manufactured by the CPM leaders and the State's police department are being rolled out that from various points of Nandigram landmines, .303 rifle, detonator, etc. have been recovered. And the latest in the series to buttress killings, rapes, torching of huts, etc. in the name of flushing out Maoists those killers themselves have now put up some posters in Hindi with evident errors (as appeared in some dailies) in the name of the Maoists. Such is the specimen propaganda blitz to ridiculously lend credence to the artless fanciful story of the presence of Hindi speaking Maoist outsiders.

In a deliberate move to divert the attention from the main problem the Central and state governments have brought under focus the question of Maoist violence. It is an indubitable reality that violence pervades every sphere of this cruel society. The ruling classes in India have been constantly instigating and perpetrating violence. One cannot measure up the extent of violence inflicted by the CPM goons over the past 30 years in the so-called Left ruled West Bengal not only on Opposition party activists but also on the cadres of the other 'Left' Front parties.

An insightful look at the West Bengal scenario makes it immensely clear that a political polarization is on course over here.

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