

China Sees Red

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Historically, the cross national running with the torch was not a part of old Olympic ceremony or its revived form in the 19th century. This ceremony was designed by Nazi Germany in 1936 under their propaganda chief Josef Goebbels. Thus its purpose was to celebrate the rise of Nazi power in Europe and silence the cries of agony of the persecuted in Germany.

Today the Chinese State, in its special marriage with the Global Corporate sector and primarily the US has become the Empire in Asia. The Olympics is their cat walk, coronation celebration.

Just like in Germany of 1936, this Olympics too is to suppress the cry of;

—the 20 million (2 crore) people in China's prisons and concentration camps; the ordinary people of China—who have no right to speak, organize, protest, worship without the Party approval. For the people there, it is like a monster pressure cooker. It is this totalitarian suppression and coercion that enable companies to earn the highest profit rates, make China the paradise for world Capital, dump India, the world.

—the death blow against Himalayas, fracturing, militarizing, and looting it, converting Tibet into the largest colony on the planet earth.

—And also the suppression of all non-Han minorities, Adivasis, religious communities like the Buddhists, Christians, Muslims in imperial China...

People all over the world who love democracy, dignity are rising in outrage against such fraud, perfidy and genocide.

In Himachal Pradesh (HP), the people near the border areas—like those in Lahul-Spiti and Kinnaur, knew and depended upon the existence of the older free era Tibet and Himalayas. A large number of communities in the whole of this immense Himalayan region, Buddhists, people speaking Bhoti group of languages, Ghumantuk (gypsy) people, spiritual and trade oriented communities—had their social existence destroyed by the militarization and fracturing of the Himalayas, conversion of Tibet into a colony and a police State. So far they were suffering helplessly. Now they also see some hope. They are supporting the Tibetan cause with all their might.

Even people in rest of HP are overwhelmingly sympathetic. Around thirty thousand people signed the mass signature campaign held in Shimla a few days ago held for 10 days. Respecting this outpouring of public feelings most of the media are also supporting the Tibetan cause in all possible ways. People want China to leave the Himalayas and go back to China.

This is the situation in the Himalayan region wherever it is. Look at the protest in Ladakh. Baichung Bhutia, resigned from carrying the torch—because he is from Sikkim.

Tibetan resistance is thus lighting up the 'Himalayan level' of the situation. This immense eco-bio-socio system—that is a single and connected entity—is dying today. The glaciers, the biosphere, rivers, the culture and society—everything is facing destruction due to the intense militarization, commercial

exploita-tion, injection of outside greed and loot. Here also China is the leading pace setter, though the greed of all the surrounding States and companies globally are the culprit too. All must seriously consider the Dalai Lama's wise proposal for creating a zone of peace in the Himalayan region, pulling out all the armies and greed agencies out of Himalayas. What else can save the Himalayas?

This Tibetan resistance and its world-wide supports have succeeded in breaking the press blackout around the issue of China and Tibet for the last fifty years. Indian press is no more the blind sympathizer, manipulated by the power, money and media games of the China-US nexus.

Today everybody knows about the valiant resistance and activism of the Tibetans inside the colony and the refugees in India. Of course this is magnificent. There is the unfolding drama of the greatest non-violent struggle against imperialist oppression in today's world. Here in India, every Tibetan, even their children are running with their flame of freedom. Unfortunately, people far away from Himalayan region do not know so much about how the people of border areas on the Indian side and people of the whole of Himalayan region are supporting the Tibetan struggle.

Concerned citizens are outraged by the role of Indian Govt., at this juncture and also as long term policy.

Whichever party that came to power in New Delhi never recognized the Govt in exile of Independent Tibet, and in 2003 clearly accepted Tibet as a part of China.

Under UN Charter, every political refugee has full rights to agitate against the repression in their mother country in peaceful ways. Every member of UN should respect it. But for a long time, Indian Govt. stopping short of banning the protest is doing everything to harass Tibet protesters. They behave with Tibet and their support organizations as if they are 'terrorists' and criminals, using police to harass them. On the other side, the govt does everything to host the shameful 'torch'. How far is Indian Govt from turning into a 'sphere of influence' of the US-China nexus in Asia?

Led by the US, all the Govern-ments in the world have supported and connived with the Chinese colonization of Tibet.

This is particularly so since the 1969 to 1971 policy swing of USA in Asia. At that time, US and China put all their old faiths and dogma aside and made a new united front to battle the Soviet empire here. Pakistan, N Korea and dictatorships, from Burma, Indonesia, Nepal—all were recruited. This nexus defeated and destroyed the Soviet empire—beginning with Afganistan, ending in 1989. Since then this new combina-tion, despite their contradictions and internal squabble, has become the new super-power over-lord of Asia.

Then a formidable economic partnership was created. Today, thanks to the slave labour in Chinese prisons and coolie labour controlled by State Unions, 400 of the top 500 MNCs of the world have production lines in China. US out-source most of its production needs to China. This creates the massive China-US trade that is the basis of US profits today. This is why China has become the world's first in energy consump-tion and carbon emission—the price people all over the world have to pay to keep up the super profit of the US-China giant. China thus owns \$1647 billion (1 Billion \$ = Rs 4000 crore) forex exchange reserve (second

Japan = 1008, much lower down India 306) in dollars sitting in US Federal Bank that is the basis of stability of the US dollars—crucial to US in these bad times. In fact this allows US to over-spend to astrono-mical extent in military terrorism and get away with it.

This is why Bush has to inaugurate the Olympics, and if Obama or Hillary comes to power, they have to do it too! This is econo-mics and politics. That is why, whichever party comes to power in India, it has to support the Chinese colonization of Tibet. As one becomes the State one becomes subservient to the higher State.

Freedom of Tibet is the dignity of the people of the world. Freedom of Tibet is crucial for an egalitarian value system. Saving the Himalayas, its eco-system is central to the survival of whole of Asia. Democracy for the people of China is crucial to the democracy of Asia. □□□