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AN ACCOUNT OF ATTACK ON COM. K.G. BOSE'S Residence

On the 12th January at about 4.00 p.m. a gang of anti-social elements numbering not less than 30, with Congress flags in their hands and fully armed with pipe-guns, revolvers, bombs, etc. forcibly entered into the house of Com. K.G. Bose, ransacked, destroyed and looted many valuables. All these notorious anti-social elements could find their way in the lane leading to Com. K.G. Bose's house when the police had cordoned the whole area. It is reported that a number of these anti-social elements came in police vans and got down at a little distance from Com. Bose's house. There is ample proof of police-goonda complicity in the whole matter.

On the said day, there was a prolonged discussion from 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. between the Police Commissioner of Calcutta on the one hand and Comrades Md. Ismail, M.P., Com. Monoranjan Roy, M.P. and Com. K.G. Bose on the other regarding the reign of terror, created in Mainbagan bustee and other parts of Beliaghata area following the large-scale police-goonda atrocities on the 7th Jan., 1972. During this discussion, the MPs and Com. K.G. Bose had told the Commissioner of Police in detail the heinous methods adopted by the goondas with the direct help of a section of the police in forcibly dislodging a large section of the population who happened to be supporters of the CPI(M). They had also appraised the Commissioner of Police of a number of cases where the properties and valuables were looted from the houses of CPI(M) supporters and a detailed list showing all such cases were handed over to him. In the course of the discussion, the Commissioner of Police was also informed about a deep-rooted plan hatched by the notorious goonda elements and a section of the police to attack and destroy the local CPI(M) Office, and the residence of Com. K.G. Bose. At the end of the discussion, the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, as usual, confirmed that there was no ground for such apprehensions. In this background, the incidents that took place on 12th January as a result of which the local office of the CPI(M) and the house of Com. K.G. Bose were ransacked and many valuable properties were destroyed and looted, expose the depth of a sinister move on the part of the ruling party to isolate and attack the forces of the CPI(M).

On the said day, as the goonda elements rushed into the local CPI(M) office and destroyed all important papers, furniture, etc. and had burnt our party flags in front of the police, all young people of the locality had to flee, being chased away. Thus, this small lane was left only with the doors closed and innocent womenfolk and children watching the rampage of the goondas as helpless spectators. As the goondas were breaking open the door, the only inmates of Com. K.G. Bose's house were his brother's wife, Jyotsna Bose and another teen-aged girl. Com. Jyotsna Bose had frantically asked the police headquarters for help but this was not available until the goondas could ransack the house and complete their job of looting and destroying the properties. Com. Jyotsna escaped a disaster as a stone aimed at her missed the target. Among the properties looted from Com. Bose's house were - a portable typewriter machine, a transistor set, and an electric fan, books, cash and other valuables which could not be fully estimated.

The local CPI(M) office which is also the office of CPI(M) Councillor Com. Prasanta Chatterjee has been completely

destroyed. During the whole period, the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, was contacted repeatedly by Com. Monoranjan Roy, M.P., and Com. K.G. Bose and instead of any effective help being given, the goondas had a free hand to cause the rampage. Com. Monoranjan Roy and Com. Mohammed Ismail, M.P. sent a wire to the Prime Minister immediately after the incidents had taken place and demanded her urgent attention and an enquiry. On the 13th January, between 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in the noon, there was a big protest rally at Dalhousie Square at the call given by the 12th July Committee, the Mercantile Federation and other mass organisations. The working people have condemned the incidents and an urge for a sustained struggle against such heinous policies of the ruling classes, is visible, as many of our party comrades and trade union workers have been victims of such attacks in different parts of West Bengal.

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