

Call to fulfil dream of Socialism

Prof. Samar Guha called upon the people to be prepared for waging a relentless struggle to establish Socialism in the country, which was Netaji's aspiration.

He also asked them not to believe the story that Netaji was dead as it had not yet been proved beyond all shadows of doubt. He strongly challenged Prime Minister Shastri's statement that Netaji was no more.

Prof. Guha blamed the Congress leaders for throwing cold water upon the revolutionary zeal of the people by harping too much on Ahimsa. He said there was need for toning up the people's temper with the enervating messages of Netaji Subhas and Swami Vivekananda.

Dr. Ramesh Chandra Majumdar said that but for the struggle waged by the Azad Hind Foj, India's freedom would not have come so easily. British Government would have appointed another Commission after the War II. Netaji had a great vision of independent judgement and could not blindly accept any proposition, even if put forward by a leader of Gandhiji's stature. To Netaji, India's independence was above all considerations, no matter whether it came through Ahimsa or anything else. Merely lay the difference between Netaji and Gandhiji.

Sri Ajit Biswas also spoke.

Glowing tributes were also paid at a mass meeting held in the morning at Mahajati Sadan at Chittaranjan Avenue where Mayor Sri Chitta Ranjan Chatterjee presided. Sri Hemanta Kumar Basu, M.L.A., Sri Fazlur Rahman, Minister for Fisheries and others also spoke, paying their homage to Netaji.

A meeting arranged by the Calcutta Corporation at the five-point crossing of Shyambazar also in the morning ended in a

confusion as Deputy Mayor Sri Debendra Lal Dutt tried to address the crowd. The highly agitated crowd shouted in his face demanding an explanation as to why the promised installation of the statue of Netaji had not been done during the last five years. Sri Bejoy Banerjee, M.L.A., a former Mayor, tried in vain to pacify the crowd.

The people of Calcutta organised hundreds of processions carrying life-size portraits of Netaji on this occasion and in the evening three big processions marched from North Calcutta and also from South Calcutta converging at the Maidan. These were organised by the Central Netaji Birthday Celebration Committee.

The heroic exploits of Netaji were later recalled through music and a tableau presented at the Maidan after the meeting.

Ordinary citizens paid their homage to Netaji by hoisting National Flags in their homes and garlanding his portraits.

School and College students and members of different clubs organised Probhat Pheries.



The long Calcutta procession which honoured Netaji on Saturday. A huge figure of Netaji was part of the procession. (For Back Page for other pictures and reports on how they honoured a great patriot).—Photo Patrika.