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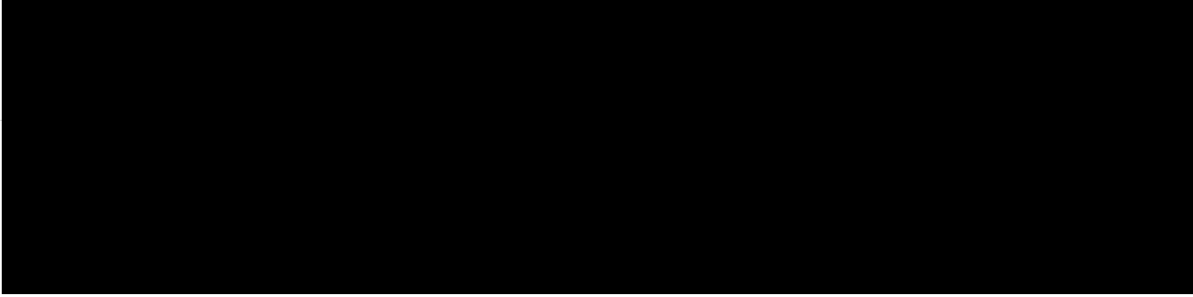
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The following is an unedited eight-paragraph Resolution of the Central Committee (CC) of the Communist Party of India (CPI) dated June 1951 and circulated to trusted party members by secret party courier:

Resolution on Telangana

1. " In certain sections of the Party as well as in circles which have been friendly to the struggle of the Telangana peasants, questions have been raised regarding the policies and methods to be pursued in the struggle going on for the last five years.
2. " The CC wishes to stress that, while it is the right and duty of comrades and Party units in all parts of the country to make suggestions to the CC about the tactics to be adopted in the Telangana struggle, it is primarily the people of Telangana who must decide the issue. While the CPI is proud to state that it stood with the people and led them in their heroic resistance to oppression, it cannot act like the High Command of Congress, which decides upon struggles and continues, hampers or withdraws them without reference to the will of the masses concerned.
3. " During the last 2 1/2 years since the intervention, all progressive sections of the people have come to realize the falsity of the claims made that the intervention was intended to abolish antiquated feudal rule of the Nizam and introduce democratic reforms. It was their united demand expressed through hundreds of meetings, demonstrations and appeals that forced the Government to commute the death sentence passed on the twelve heroic Telangana fighters. Throughout India, the question of abolishing feudal landlordism and introducing agrarian reforms, so as to give land to the peasant and solve the people's food problem has been torpedoed by the reactionary vested interests entrenched behind the Government.
4. " Under such conditions, to protect Telangana, to preserve the gains of the lack of peasants and agr. workers who fought and won land, reduction of rent and interest and freedom from forced labor is to show the way to really achieve agrarian reforms and not merely paper promises.

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5. At the same time, the CC wishes to state that it is prepared to solve the problem by negotiation and settlement, intended to preserve and protect the interests of the peasantry and the people and to restore peaceful conditions in the area.
6. It is believed in some circles that the struggle in Telangana is being fought in order to overthrow the Nehru Government. These Circles ignore the fact that the struggle of the peasants for land and against the oppression of the feudal landlords and the Nizam began in 1948 long before the Nehru Govt. came into existence. And it continued even after its entry into the Nizam State, solely to protect the peasant against the landlords who were now being reinstated by the Nehru Government in alliance with Nizam, to overthrow whose rule it had ostensibly entered the State. Hence, it should be clear to all that the struggle of the Telangana peasants was neither begun nor continued to overthrow the Nehru Government but to do away with feudal oppression. And everyone desiring the progress of our country would agree that to struggle to end feudal landlord oppression is right and necessary because that alone can give us food, employment, prosperity and freedom.
7. Keeping this in mind, the CC decides to direct the PB -
- (1) To review the problem of Telangana in order to find ways and means to ensure success of the struggle.
 - (2) appeals to all Party units and PMs to popularise the demands of the Telangana peasants and to mobilise support of workers, peasants and the people against repression and military atrocities in Telangana.
 - (3) appeals to democrats of all shades to protect the Telangana people from repression, carried out by military occupation, and
 - (4) puts forward the following demands of the peasantry before all the people with a view to secure their active intervention.
8. Demands
- (1) All lands that are being cultivated by the peasants and agr. workers should continue in their possession and enjoyment. No cultivating peasant and agr. worker shall be evicted from land. All lands forcibly seized from the peasants should be restored.
 - (2) Right of tribal people to free use and sale of forest produce and freedom to cultivate forest lands under their own elected Panchayats.
 - (3) Village administration to be carried on by Panchayats elected by all the villagers including women.
 - (4) Immediate withdrawal of all armed forces and disbanding of homeguards;
 - (5) Release of all political prisoners, convicted or detained. Withdrawal of cases and cancellation of collective fines.
 - (6) Withdrawal of ban on Andhra Mahasabha and Communist Party; restoration of civil liberties;
 - (7) Constituent Assembly elected by universal adult franchise to decide the future of the Nizam dynasty and the dissolution of the Hyderabad State into linguistic provinces of Andhra, Maharashtra and Karnatak and complete regional autonomy to tribal areas.

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