

# AASU Urges Govt To Adopt 'Sensible Attitude'

By A Staff Reporter  
GUWAHATI, Nov. 19—The Central Government should adopt a 'sensible attitude' to evolve a constitutional solution to the foreign nationals issue in Assam.

In a statement here today, the All Assam Students Union deplored the Home Minister, Sri Zail Singh's statement yesterday calling upon the Assam agitation leaders to have good sense and see reason, while the AASU had to remind the Centre of its responsibility to save Assam from the silent invasion of foreigners. That the AASU had to demand of the Centre to protect the international border, only shows the latter's lack of sense, the statement said. The AASU had never opposed talks and had therefore sat in for dialogue with the Centre for the last two years for a solution of the foreigners problem. But the Centre's refusal to hold talks at Guwahati only exposes its weakness, the statement added.

The past talks have failed only because of the insincerity of the Government to find an acceptable formula to solve the aliens' issue. On the other hand, the Government's revengeful attitude against the constitutional and democratic movement of the people exposes the Centre's total lack of respect for the Constitution, which time only will give an appropriate answer, the statement also said.

The measures adopted by the Government during the Bandh is nothing short of comical. Running of a few ASTC city buses with CRP personnel dressed in civilian clothings as commuters and one or two passenger trains filled with CRP personnel moving up and down the tracks and later announcing the failure of the Bandh through the All India Radio would hardly convince the people, the statement said.

The threatenings against the

fair price shop dealers, yarn and cotton dealers and permit-holders and the strict orders issued against the employees are against all democratic norms. The AASU hopes the Government will see 'reason without delay'.

## Bomb Blast At Agri Information Office

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GUWAHATI, Nov. 19—A bomb exploded at the office of the Agriculture Information Officer here at 9-45 pm yesterday, police sources said.

No person was injured but the iron-gate of the office was damaged and several glass-panes shattered. According to the chowkidar of the office, he saw a man crouching near the gate who on being challenged ran away. Simultaneously, smoke started coming out from the spot where the intruder lay crouched and immediately after there was an ear-shattering explosion leaving him dazed for sometime. When the chowkidar had recovered, the culprit had made good his escape, the source added.

According to the same source, the bomb which was of high-intensity was crudely made at home with an ordinary glaxo-tin, jute ropes, glass pieces and an unspecified explosive ingredient. The explosion was heard as far away as Silpukhuri.

Police arrested Sri Mahtab Ali (35), of Ambari, here early this morning in this connection. Certain evidences implicating him in the bomb explosion has reportedly been seized from his possession.

Incidentally, a bomb explosion occurred on October 27 last near Ulubari Chariali, close to the spot of yesterday's explosion. No arrest has been made as yet, an informed source said.

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