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# Assam Should Keep 'Proportional Bearable Burden' : AICP

By A Staff Reporter

GAUHATI, July 8—Sri Dulal Khound, Secretary of All India Communist Party (Assam Branch), said that his party never believed that Assam movement on foreign national issue was a sessionist or chauvanist one. The leadership of the movement was composed of 'composite forces' although there might be infiltration of anti-national forces, taking advantage of the present turmoil.

Addressing a Press conference here today he said that the apprehension that the Assamese would become a minority was a real one for which the masses in thousands had come out openly to the call of the movement lea-

ders. However, the Left Parties had failed the guess this sentiment of the people.

Sri Khound said that the AICP supported the demand of three D's—deletion, detection and deportation. Their view was that Assam should keep only 'proportionate bearable burden' of those foreigners, who could not be deported.

To remove the apprehension of the Assamese people the AICP suggested three safeguards: (1) There should be some constitutional safeguards for protection of Assamese nationality for some particular period. (2) Growth and development of national minorities i.e. tribals and (3) safeguard to linguistic minorities as provided in the constitution.

There was difference over the Assam issue in CPI and for this and other policy decisions they came out from that party, he said.

Meanwhile, Sri Phani Bora member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of India in a statement said that a few leading members of the party in Assam left the CPI and announced the joining of AICP. While doing so they slandered the CPI of deviating from accepted party policies and surrendered to CPI(M).

Sri Bora made it clear that the CPI was pledged to carry forward the line of left and democratic alternative to Indira Congress on the one hand and the BJP on the other. CPI was also pledged to work for the unity of the Communist movement in India on a principled basis.

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