

"Our Duty in the Present Crisis"

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I

Balance sheet

Gains

1. Popular education - in place of self illusion
We cannot fight what we do not understand
Understanding of Chinese and international communism
Quote Mao Tse-tung - *Psy, etc*
2. Testing and recognition of friends - aligned and non-aligned
3. Solidarity and integration
4. Deflation of cult of personality
The God that failed
5. Awareness of need for Pakistan friendship - but how deep?
6. The will to victory

Losses

1. K.M. - not heartbreaking
2. Soldiers' lives
3. Territory
4. Self respect and prestige after cease-fire. *Defeat in hand*
Compare Churchill after Dunkirk - Some neck some chicken
Army morale
U.S. News and World Report (December 3, 1962) - "From Mao Tse-tung's point of view, things could hardly be better. Mao has given Nehru and his Army a bloody nose while all Asia looked on. This will brighten the image of Red China's strength throughout Asia.
Buffer states - Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan - now see India's can't protect them. Their alternative is to make "peace" with Red China.
Mao's quick advance into India puts all "neutrals" in Asia

on notice that non-alignment is no protection.

Alternative : Play ball with Red China.

Why did Mao. with India wide open to his Army, offer Nehru a truce?

Mao has little to lose, much to gain by truce now. It eases Army's supply problem, yet sets him up as "peace lover" - while still in command of situation. At the same time it shows complete contempt for Nehru and the Indian army."

Hindustan Times (November 28, 1962) "there will be no second round if the Chinese ultimatum is accepted. For the result will be complete demoralization in the people as well as the armed forces and natural misgivings among our friends in committing more support to us."

Winston Churchill in War Memoirs : "Virtuous motives, tramelled by inertia and timidity, are no match for armed and resolute wickedness. A sincere love of peace is no excuse for muddling hundreds of millions of humble folk into a total war. The cheers of weak, well meaning assemblies soon cease to echo and their notes soon cease to count. Doom marches on."

In post war period.

II

Party's Dual policy

Our duty as citizens.

VKKM: One Leader. 3 Arms

Speak up for sound policies e.g. Indians For Victory

What are they?

- fight above*
1. Sever diplomatic relations
Appeal to U.N. to declare C.C. aggressor

2. Prepare for second round
Army of two million men required
15 new divisions to be raised
U.S. U.K. aid fine but U.N. better
Quote S.P. Statement of 7.11.1962
Membership irrelevant

Quote US News

- fight in 2 fronts*
3. Settle Kashmir dispute
Present Pak ~~add~~ attitude disgraceful
But c.f. P.M.'s statement in Parliament on Friday, Nov. 30.
"anything that involved an upsetting of the present
arrangements will be harmful to the people of Kashmir as
well as to the future relations between India and Pakistan"
(Times of India - December 1, 1962)

Recall Ayub's offer two years back

Quote P.M. "Common defence against whom?"

Price to pay. Neutralisation of Kashmir valley

Right of Kashmiri people - release Abdullah

Quote Victor Anant in Manchester Guardian (27.11.1962)

- intended*
4. Recognition of Dalai Lama and Liberation of Tibet
Rajenbabu
P.M. in Lok Sabha (14.11.1962) "that we should undertake
the job of liberating Tibet at the present moment or at
any moment seems to me extraordinary and fantastic and has
no relations to reality"...even if we have the atom bomb.
(Times of India - 15.11.1962)

Quote James Burnham on A.B.C. (National Review -25.9.1962)

5. Isolate Fifth Column
Ban C.P.I.

Rajeshwar Patel in New Age (18.11.1962) "...the mere removal of Shri Krishna Menon is not going to help the country. The entire machinery which thinks in those terms has to be recast or realigned and overhauled."

~~Cf. Ambedkar in Delhi~~
If present Government not agreeable change national leadership

No Party advantage sought

But "What about Unity"?

*Hitler's slogan
Peace in Delhi*

(a) War over

(b) Even during War - cite British example.