ORIGIN OF THE PARTY

The Congress Socialist Party grew out of the experiences of the last two national struggles. It was formed at the end of the last C.D. Movement by such Congressmen as came to believe that a new orientation of the national movement had become necessary; a redefinition of its objectives and a revision of its methods. The initiative in this direction could be taken only by those who had a theoretical grasp of the forces of our present society. These naturally were those Congressmen who had come under the influence of, and had accepted, Marxian Socialism. It was natural, therefore, that the organization that sprang up to meet the needs of the situation took the description: "Socialist". The word "Congress" prefixed to "Socialist" only signified the organic relationship - past, present and future - of the organization with the national movement.

The socialist forces that were already in existence in the country were completely out of touch with the Congress and had no influence on the national movement. Therefore, there did not take place, as otherwise there would have, a fusion of the emerging Congress Socialist Party with the groups previously existing. Given the adoption of correct and sensible tactics
by all the parties concerned, there is every likelihood of such a fusion taking place at a later stage.

PARTY'S TASK

The immediate task before us is to develop the national movement into a real anti-imperialist movement — a movement aiming at freedom from the foreign power and the native system of exploitation. For this it is necessary to wean the anti-imperialist elements in the Congress away from its present bourgeois leadership and to bring them under the leadership of revolutionary socialism. This task can be accomplished only if there is within the Congress an organized body of Marxian socialists. In other words, our Party alone can, in the present conditions, perform this task. The strengthening and clarification of the anti-imperialist forces in the Congress depends largely on the strength and activity of our Party. For fulfilling the Party's task it will also be necessary to co-ordinate all the other anti-imperialist forces in the country.

WORK WITHIN THE CONGRESS

Consistent with its task, the Party should take only an anti-imperialist stand on Congress platforms. We should not in this connection make the mistake of placing a full socialist programme before the Congress. An anti-imperialist programme should be evolved for this purpose suiting the needs of workers, peasants and the lower-middle classes.
It being the task of the Party to bring the anti-imperialist elements under its ideological influence, it is necessary for us to be as tactful as possible. We should on no account alienate these elements by intolerance and impatience. The Congress constructive programme should not be obstructed or interfered with. It should, however, be scientifically criticised and exposed.

In Congress elections, we should not show keenness to "capture" committees and offices nor should we form alliances with politically undesirable groups for the purpose.

**PARTY'S PROGRAMME**

This does not mean that the Party shall not carry on socialist propaganda from its own platform. It must continue to do so — and do it more systematically and vigorously.

It follows that the Party's own programme must be a Marxist one; otherwise, the Party will fail to fulfil its task and leadership. Marxism alone can guide the anti-imperialist forces to their ultimate destiny. Party members must, therefore, fully understand the technic of revolution, the theory and practice of the class struggle, the nature of the state and the processes leading to the socialist society."