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British imperialists put emphasis on agricultural system, introduced radical changes in old land revenue system. New revenue system gave birth to a new agrarian structure. In U.P. new zamindari system emerged which formed a new agrarian structure and social classes. In this study I have analysed the peasant movements of U.P. 1920-50, viewed the congress attitude and policies; consequences of the peasant’s struggle.

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