



## **Development of Communist organization in India Punjab & Russian Connection**

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### **Introduction**

The International press Correspondence of in 16th November reported a speech by Zinovisv claiming that organized political (communist) parties had been formed in India and other countries, on the 11th November, speaking before The Colonial commission of the Roy was speaking with an optimism, Than same somewhat lightly founded, but since amply justified by the growth and activities of Communist Group which now exist in almost every province of India<sup>1</sup>.

Lahore Groups the Punjab or Lahore group of Communist came in to existence in Consequence of a visit paid to Kabul in June 1922 by Ghulam Husain a Peshawar a school master interested in communism. This visit was made after consultation with Shamasuddin Hassan secretary of The North western Railway union, Lahore They had heard That Mota sing, the Sikh agitator had received a subsidy from the<sup>2</sup> Russian or their agent at Kabul, In any Case Ghulam Hassan returned in July with a supply of secret notes and he banked & \$720 in October and \$ 2466 in December He and Shamsuddin Hassan started Newspaper Inqilab' in October, and In November and December Published translations of the articles which from Roy" proscribed I India" Problem and its solution' They also distributed Communist pamphlets free of charge. They were about to start propaganda production on a large scale but their schemes were apparently unset by the expulsion from Afghanistan of The Indian who ware working there as agents of the Bolshevik. They were in touch with important local Agitators and there are indications That They wed the Lahore National College as a centre for their propaganda<sup>3</sup>

Ghadar Activities, Home Department a note showing that certain Sikhs In Amritsar and Kabul were in secrete relations with Moscow and with The Ghadar party in America. A leading



member in conspiracy Ration Singh, who was sent from kabul to the United Stat whence, after being encouraged and assisted by the Ghadar party, he returned via Moscow and Kabul to India. About the same time, a body 5 Ghadar Sikhs left America, and found their way to Tashkent, where they are now

Established of pronounced communist and revolutionary leanings, has appeared Amritsar, and has probably been a financed Bolshevik sources<sup>4</sup> while they were understood to keep in close touch with Hardit sings, Editor and Santokh sing secretary of the Revolutionary publication "Workers (i.e kIRTI) published in Amritsar. The Soviet Government were said to be helming in their worth as it had been recently reverted that to members of the Ghadar party, all of them Sikhs, had left the United States for Russia, travelling via Mexico. The same dispatch alluded to the recent establishment in San Francisco of Avery Objectionable student society Called son of Bharat the objects of which were believed to be purely revolutionary<sup>5</sup>.

**'Kerti' Group:-** Pritam Singh, Karam singh, Harjan singh, Santa Singh who left America for Russia in the spring of 1926, on the 30th of June 1926 the Consul-General at san Francisco reported that the party were trying to negotiate a loan with the soviet Government. In January 1927 information was received that they were being Core fully instructed in soviet propaganda<sup>6</sup>

**kirti kissan party:-** Sohan Singh Josh said we are out not only to end imperialism, but the Empire as well-India will get true freedom Only when the British interests one cleaned away bug and baggage India Constitution can liberty only through revolution and not by foaming Constitution ones party is Carrying in an uncompromising war between Russia and Britain, he said " As soon as the being we should resort mass strikes, sabotage are hartalis and by cost and by paralyzing the means of transport, harass the enemy in the rear

## **Conclusion**

There is direct evidence to show that the Communist International have opened schools both at Moscow and elsewhere at which Indians and others are being trained in the science of revolutionary conspiracy, in espionage, in sabotage, in strict fighting and in propaganda so that in return to their own countries they may train others to broaden the basis of militant communism

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among the masses, and put into practical effect what they have learnt Some 30 to 50 Indians from India and other parts of the Europe. Some of these Moscow trained communists have returned to India not, it is true, in large numbers (probably only 5 or 6), but it became necessary some 4 or 5 months ago to deal with one in the Punjab under Regulation III, while another was recently arrested in Calcutta, and it was proved that he had been in communication with one of the leading communists in Germany (Rattan Singh) and had come on an important mission to effect a liaison between the communist groups of the Punjab<sup>7</sup>

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