

There's no parallel to one-party rule established in

Canal digging begins

By A Staff Reporter

President Ziaur Rahman said in Dacca Thursday that the nationwide canal digging programme will begin on November 1 and asked all party leaders and workers at all levels to participate in it.

Nobody of the party can remain aloof from the canal digging programme by remaining in the capital city of Dacca or any town because 'you do not belong to the class of opportunists' the President said.

President Ziaur Rahman who is also the Chairman of Bangladesh Nationalist Party was addressing the Executive Committee meeting of the party at the party headquarters, a party Press release said.

Pointing out that the people had secured the benefit of this programme last year, he said that this programme must be made a success through the participation of the people in an effort to achieve a surplus in food production.

Underlining the responsibility of the party leaders, the President called for closer relationship between the people and the workers and leaders of the party because any vacuum in such relationship was found to cause failure in any programme. Nobody individually could fill such a vacuum, he said.

Therefore, every leader must go to his own area to know the problems in order to implement the programmes of BNP. This could not be done by remaining in the towns.

Warning the self seekers the President said these people whoever they were would not be able to escape the course of justice if they are busy to achieve their self-interest throwing the interests of the people to the winds. The people and the party are keeping vigilance on these people.

He also said if anyone tried to create any dissension within the party strong measures would be taken against him. He suggested such self-seekers to quit the party early.

The BNP Chairman said that the people had accepted the politics of BNP. Calling for taking the issue of nationalism and the economic programme of the party firmly ahead he said neither the old tactics nor the politics of weapon were now valid.

If there was any failure in the implementation of the ideals of the party, the leadership of the party would have to bear that responsibility. Success comes through action and the leadership has to be safeguarded through such action.

Pointing out the political bankruptcy of the Opposition parties which followed foreignisms, the BNP Chairman said that these parties have become isolated from the people in the face of constructive and progressive policies and activities of BNP. There has been wide-



President Ziaur Rahman at a cultural evening organized by Bangladesh Jatiya on Thursday. —Times

spread frustration in their rank and the resulting in their joining BNP en masse.

The BNP Chairman said that the party units have already been formed in at least 40 to 50 per cent villages of the country.

Dwelling on the law and order situation in the country, the BNP Chairman said the miscreants would have to suffer the punishment according to the law of the land. If he belongs to the BNP he thought that the punishment could be severe than that would have been meted out to one belonging to other parties.

Explaining the party ideals the Chairman said those who were in power in the past never gave any thought to Bangladesh nationalism or the independence of the country or the development of a new country. As a result it was possible for them to destroy democracy of which they were so eloquent by a stroke of pen in 1975. They are demanding parliamentary democracy in one hand BKSAL in other while disregarding the verdict of the people in the general election in favour of presidential form of government.

There was no parallel to the one-party rule established in 1975. No basic changes could be brought in the Constitution without the verdict of the people.

PLACE OF HONOUR

Referring to the place of honour Bangladesh today occupied, the BNP Chairman said that Bangladesh was following an independent, non-aligned, pro-people politics. All the countries of the world are in praise of Bangladesh.

Saying that the place of the people and the state was above everything he said that the Bangladeshi nationalism have been established. We are not afraid to sacrifice our lives or the country because the leadership of the BNP is in the

hand of the freedom fighters. We are, therefore, fearless and invincible against any kind of threat from within and without. Our programme is to complete the economic development and firmly establish Bangladeshi nationalism by uniting the nine crore people. Our objective is to take the programme of doubling food production eradication, of illiteracy and family planning forward.

"Like a commander in chief in the war in this peaceful revolution every party leader has to work from his own area to execute the programme."

He called upon all to form village committees, youth, women and farmers wings of the party at the level

Speaking on the occasion Prime Minister Shih Azizur Rahman said that the education system of the past was always under planning particularly after 1971 when there was muchroom growth of educational institutions. No attention was given to the requirement for establishing such institutions.

Pointing out the measures taken to check the tendency of copying and to improve the standard of education the Minister said that the number of examination centres had been reduced to stamp out the tendency of copying. He said that schools and colleges would be set up according to the population and henceforth the employment of women would be speeded up by appointing only women in the primary schools.

Submitting his report on Industries Ministry Deputy Premier Mr. Jamsuddin Ahmed said that the industrial production in both public and private sectors was at the lowest level before November 1975. At that time the cost of production was high labour management was scarce and the role of industry as insignificant. A large number of skilled persons left the country after independence because of the policy and attitude of the then government to

them. The Awami League Government put the party interest above the national interest by fixing the investment ceiling at a Taka 25 lakh all investments initiated was blighted and its price reached its peak in 1975. However the process to end this crisis began after November 7 1975.

INVESTMENT

He said investment in the private section was Taka 80 crore in 1970 and it increased to Taka 100 crore during the current year. Production has increased in each of Fertilizer and Chemical Corporation, Sugar and Food Industries Corporation, Steel and Engineering Corporation and Small and Cottage Industries Corporation. Initiative in the private section have also increased.

Secretary General of BNP Dr. Badruddoza Chowdhury said that the party would face political death if it stressed on contemporary politics to meet the immediate need like the Awami League the Krishak Samik or Muslim League.

These once-powerful political parties are now isolated from the people. We have to give to the people a politics which aimed at emancipating the people from all kinds of social and economic bondage that will transcend the time.

This will need creation of leadership and workers at all levels particularly the village level where the policy of the party will have to be made permanent.

All corrupt and inefficient people at whatever level of the party must be driven out and also those who create dissension within the party should have to be expelled.

Those who also spoke at the meeting are: Vice-President Mr Justice Abdus Sattar, Dr.

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