



## Fingers pointed at C.U. V.C.

Dear Editor:

The letter "Facts or Fabrications?" by the secretary, CU Teacher's Association, published in Holiday on Feb. 17 in reply to a Viewpoint "The Agony of Ctg. Varsity," dated Jan. 20 is not only uncalled for, it also reflects the Associations' (or the secretary's?) role into defending certain crimes which are not its own.

Nowhere in the Viewpoint there was anything against the C.U. Teacher's Association or teachers in general, but certain facts about the terrorist activities of Islami Chatra Shibir, the misdeeds and past records of the present Vice-Chancellor (acting) and certain flaws of the university administration were highlighted. But instead of the concerned persons or parties giving any reply or rejoinder how could the secretary of the Teachers' Association come forward with a reply on the matter is really intriguing.

Who doesn't know that CU is now under the full control of Chatra Shibir? And that some of the Sangram Parishad leaders, banned inside the campus by Shibir, are appearing their examinations at a temporarily improvised examination centre near the Varsity gate, has already been reported in the national dailies and it may be verified from the office of the Controller of Examinations, CU.

And the present Vice-Chancellor (acting) Prof. Alamgir Serajuddin was censured by the syndicate twice and his wife Prof. Asma Serajuddin once in 1984 on various charges including misconduct and resorting to lies. Prof. Seraj was at first censured in a syndicate meeting held on 16.6.84 and the second time

on 22.9.84. Mrs. Asma Seraj was censured in a syndicate meeting on 16.6.84.

Two more enquiry committees were formed against Prof. Alamgir Serajuddin and Mrs. Asma Serajuddin in 1984, with Prof. Ali Imdad Khan, the then Dean of Commerce Faculty, now Pro-V.C., as the Chairman of both. The first committee was formed for probing charges of misconduct against Prof. Serajuddin.

The second committee was meant for investigating charges brought by ten teachers of history department that their colleague Mrs. Asma Serajuddin was indulging in fraudulent practice by examining scripts written in Bengali without knowing Bengali (as she was a Punjabi). The first committee was formed in the meeting of the syndicate on 28.10.84 and the second committee was formed in a meeting held on 4.12.84.

Most interesting part of the whole thing is that although the Secretary of CUTA wrote the letter in Holiday (Feb.17) in the name of the executive committee of CUTA, claiming everything mentioned in the Viewpoint (Jan.20) as fabrications, it is Mr. Mizanur Rahim of the fine arts department and the current president of the CUTA who was one of the three teachers to jointly give a written complaint to the then V.C. against Prof. Alamgir Serajuddin.

The letter is dated 10.11.83 and the day the complaint was submitted more than one hundred teachers accompanied them to the Vice-Chancellor to press for serious action against Prof. Serajuddin.

Can the CUTA leaders deny all these allegations? All these incidents are

documented and can be verified anytime from the proceedings of the syndicate meetings. I hope Mr. Mizan also didn't forget that for being one of the complainants his wife was threatened which led to several protest meetings in the campus by ladies.

Unfortunately, these two committees could not proceed with their enquiry as there was a sudden turn of events on the campus with localism and other threats let loose against the committee members and against prominent non-local teachers like late Prof. Eklashuddin Ahmed of Physics, and Prof. Anisuzzaman of Bengali departments.

At the moment it seems, however, that the forces of violence, localism, and all that goes against civilised values are having their turn in the university with the active assistance of the government, which only confirms the old saying that human values wither away under a dictatorship.

We have already seen the fate of two mighty Vice-Chancellors and nothing worse will surprise us, but it is the institution which is paying so heavily for such continued irregularities.

Finally, it must be said that Mr. Yusuf Sharif Khan, the CUTA secretary, should not have written such a letter as it was neither honourable for the teachers nor conforming with the tradition of CUTA. There may be other ways to serve the interests of the Vice-Chancellor or any particular students' organisation.

Yours sincerely,

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