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Remembering our Leaders:

Centenary of Com A.C. Kakkar (Former President of AIBEA)

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15TH June, 2021 marks the Centenary of Com A C Kakkar.

For over 14 years Com. Ami Chand Kakkar had been the President of AIBEA (1954 – 1968).

Com. A.C. Kakkar was born in a lower middle class family on 15.6.1921.

He was a graduate of the Lahore University and in 1947 he joined the UCO Bank at Lahore as a clerk. After partition, he was transferred to Agra where he served until his promotion as an Officer in 1970.

At Agra, he was responsible for organizing the employees from almost all the Banks in that town. Many were the attacks he had faced not only from the managements of various banks, but also from the Goonda elements unleashed against him on certain occasions. But he was endowed with full conviction and belief in the banner of our movement.

Step by step he organized the unions and was able to smash so many conspiracies and games played against him mainly by the bankers. Very soon he became the acknowledged leader of AIBEA in Agra. To his credit it must be said that the valiant fight he had put up compelled the UCO Bank to lift the lock-out that had imposed during 1954 agitation.

He was present during the Sastry Tribunal and also during many successive tribunals that adjudicated disputes in our industry.

In 1953 he was elected as General Secretary of the UP Bank Employees' Union. Later upto 1956, he was the State President of the Organisation.

It was during the 6th Conference of AIBEA held at Madras in 1954, Com. A.C. Kakkar was elected as President. In all the subsequent Conferences of AIBEA held during the years 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1962, 1964 and 1966 he was again and again elected as President.

In 1970, he accepted promotion to officer cadre and retired as Manager of UCO Bank Branch at Agra in 1981.

He was a great orator. His huge tall personality evoked a sense of admiration and respect. Like a giant he used to walk in front of our processions in many centres. A man of great kindness and goodness, he used to move with ranks in an easy manner.

Com. A.C. Kakkar was also a very attractive and melodious singer. People used to say that his style of singing was like that of the Late K.L. Sehgal, a well-known Hindustani Film Singer.

He passed away on 4th September, 1983.
