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How greatly the Bhagvat Gita is permeated by Buddhistic ideology and how much the Gita has borrowed from Buddhism. What is the date of the origin of the Mahayana Buddhism? What is the date of the composition of the Bhagvat Gita? (p.371). The date of the Bhagvat Gita particularly with reference to the theory as put forth by Mr. Tilak. His opinion is that the Gita is part of Mahabharata. (p.372). All that one can say is that the Mahabharata was composed between 400 BC to 400 AD. A conclusion too broad to be used for the purpose which Mr. Tilak has in view. Even this span seems to some scholars to be too narrow. It is contended that the reference to Edukas in the 190th Adhyaya of the Vanaparva has been wrongly interpreted to mean Buddhist Stupas when, as a matter of fact, it refers to the Idgahas created by the Muslim invaders for Muslim converts. If this interpretation is correct it would show that parts of the Mahabharata were written about or after the invasions of Mohd. Ghorī. (p.374). In the Mahabharata, Krishna is nowhere represented as a God accepted by all (p.375). On the other hand, the Bhagvat Gita presented Krishna as God omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, pure, loving essence of goodness. (p.376). Krishna was only a tribal God. Brahmins were not friendly to Krishnaism in the beginning. (p.378). To the Brahmins religion has been a trade. Bhagvat Gita is later than Hinayan Buddhism but is also later than Mahayana Buddhism. (p.379). To sum up, my thesis is three-fold. In other words, it has three parts. First is that the Bhagvat Gita is fundamentally a counter-revolutionary treatise of the same class as Jamini's Purva Mimansa, the official Bible of counter-revolution. In the Brahmins vs Kshatriyas, the first case reported was that of the King Vena. Vena was a Kshatriya King. His conflict with the Brahmins has been referred to in various authorities. (p.392). The second case is that of Pururavas. The third and a somewhat serious conflict was that between King Nahusha and the Brahmins. (p.393). Communal conflicts between Brahmins on the one hand and the Kshatriyas on the other. They were class wars undertaken by one community with the avowed intention of exterminating the other root and branch. Two such class wars of extermination have been recorded in the Mahabharat. (p.408). The second class war and which was also a war of extermination was declared by the Bhargava Brahmins on the Haihaya Kshatriyas. In this the leader of Bhargava Brahmins was one Parashuram. (p.409). These instances of enmity were accompanied by challenges from one side to the other which shows how high were the tempers running on both sides. (p.413). This class war between the Brahmins and the Kshatriyas must have gone on for ages. In the light of this the attitude of Manu towards this Class War comes as very strange. There is a clear attempt on the part of Manu to close the ranks. (p.414). This sudden climb down by the Brahmins - what can be the key to this mystery? (p.415). Chapter 16 - Shudras and the Counter-REvolution: What was the position of the Shudra before Manu? Manu treats the Shudra though he was an alien Non-Aryan not entitled to the social and religious privileges of the Aryan. Unfortunately the view that the Shudra was a Non-Aryan is too readily accepted by the people. But there can be no doubt that this view has not the slightest foundation in the literature of the ancient Aryans. (p.418).

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Gulf War is a war of the rich against poor: will imperialism, racism, zionism get a drubbing?

We are writing this as the Gulf War, which has almost escalated into a Third World War, has chilled the bone marrows of the white racists, zionists outside India and their Hindu nazi compatriots inside India. The world has not seen a war like this war. It is a War — "Mother of all wars" — that is totally different from all other wars. May be it is a war to end all other wars. It is a war, for the first time in history, between two conflicting values and may ultimately lead to a new world order which will be forced to recognise the egalitarianism of Islam. It is also a cultural conflict, an ideological, political battle. It is a conflict between the intoxicated, wealthy West and the rest. It is a conflict between the Western white racists and the non-whites. It is a "Global gang-up of whites against Muslims and Blacks" (DV Nov.16, 1990, p.20). It is a conflict between capitalism - racism - zionism and those opposed to these anti-human values. It is a war waged by the world's rich, including rich Muslim countries, against the world's poor and the oppressed. It is a war by the world's most powerful and arrogant countries against one single, poor, tiny Third World country. It is a war that will solve many problems pressing the world. It is a war to rob the West Asian oil and to enrich the corrupt capitalist emerging Euro-American big bully. It is a war fought by the US on behalf of world zionism against Muslims and Islam and that is why the Hindu nazis, the admirers of zionism in India are so happy. That is why the Hindu nazis said that after finishing Saddam Hussain they will finish the Indian Muslims. It is a war in which the Indian upper caste rulers are with capitalists, imperialists, zionists and India's poor with Saddam. In this war, the world's

entire poor, oppressed masses are one side and the exploiters and blood-suckers on the other. Since justice and truth are on the side of the oppressed Saddam has to win — ultimately. But even if he loses and dies because of the awful Western might, he will ultimately win from his grave. Already he is a world hero. And a dead Saddam will be more dangerous to the oppressors than a live Saddam. Because the moment Saddam disappears, the desperate, militant Muslim masses will turn to Iran which will be their natural choice. And the revolutionary Iran will be much more deadly and dangerous to the capitalists, racists, zionists and Hindu nazis than Saddam.

What the war proved: The war has proved that the Western white racists, zionists and their Hindu nazi compatriots will never, ever allow the non-Whites to open their eyes. The war has proved that the political, economic and cultural arrogance of the US is a danger to world peace. The war has once for all proved that Marxism has no solution to racism. The war has proved that communism is a bogus philosophy with the Russian white communist chief Gorbachev siding with his white aggressors. And China sitting on the fence. The war has proved that Japan is pro-West and more dangerous than the US. The war has proved that truth and justice has no place in the world and even the United Nations will be bulldozed if it doesn't obey the aggressors. War has proved that the "Gulf crisis may shake the whole world and cleanse the Muslim countries". (DV, Oct. 16, 1990, p.15). The war has proved that just because US and its allies have the wealth and strength, they cannot win. What is

THE HINDU BELIEF SYSTEM & THE GULF WAR

(Our correspondent)

Bangalore: One sentence that we very often repeat in DV is that a "Hindu believes what he wants to believe". (Know the Hindu Mind, Dalit Sahitya Akademy, 1990). No more proof is necessary to say that we are right than the Gulf War that is almost graduating into a Third World War. During the five three days of the war, India's English newspaper - reading public (meaning the upper castes) were rushing to newspaper stalls and buying, reading, studying and devouring every available paper. They were so elated that America, where their heart lies, is crushing Saddam Hussain. As they read the headlines they were so happy. Jumping with joy, some loudly announced that once Saddam was crushed they would finish the Muslims inside India. In Bangalore, the *Times of India* brought out a daily evening supplement and there used to be scramble for this evening — sold even in black. But within five days, the *Times of India* stopped this bulletin. When asked the *Times* people said they stopped it as there was no demand. Newspaper offices used to be flooded with calls to know the "latest." Suddenly t all calls stopped. As the Saddam advanced and America suffered a black face newspaper stalls were deserted. The demand for dailies stopped. Why? Did the war stop? No. We made a survey. Readers said they stopped buying newspapers because they put out only false news. They said they believed America was winning and Saddam was suffering but the papers said the opposite out of fear. A Hindu believes what he wants to believe. He wants to believe that America is winning. Let him continue to believe it. If paper reports are false, why can't they listen to ABC, BBC, CBC, DDT, CNN, *Voice of America* and such other TV and radio news flashed by their own fathers and grandfathers in the west? Are they also not reliable? Whole thing is false, they said. They lost trust in everybody. The Hindu castes are in a terrible mental crisis. Their hatred of Muslims makes them believe that Saddam is losing but consciously or unconsciously they are put in the company of the very people whom they hate most, "orthodox," "fundamentalist" Muslims. In this Gulf War like the upper castes, they too are supporting America and hating Saddam. Upper castes are facing a terrible mental crisis because of this belief system which is not based on facts, rational thinking or scientific analysis. A Hindu believes what he wants to believe. Let him believe what he wants to believe.

more important than wealth and strength is the will power and zeal which the whites lack and the Muslims have in plenty. That is why when the Western people are praying for peace, the Muslim masses all over the world are cheering Saddam and wanting war. So from all this point of views, it is a welcome war. Though it will be economically ruinous to rich countries, it will settle many long unsettled questions. Many long pending problems will be solved. Many hypocrites, frauds, bogus heroes will be finished. Much fat will be on fire. The sudden oil wealth has taken away the revolutionary zeal of Arabs. So the war may prove a blessing in disguise. That is why we say it is a creative war — and hence a welcome war.

Christians warned: We warn Christians of India — 80% of whom are Dalit converts — not to consider this as a war between Christians and Muslims. Some of the richest and "orthodox" Muslim countries are on the side of US in this war. Saddam Hussain is not a "Muslim fundamentalist". His party — Bathist — is closer to communism. Saddam himself is not an orthodox Muslim. We also warn Sikhs not to side with the US. There was a report that Sikhs had sent a medical team to Saudi Arabia to treat American soldiers. This is a tactical error.

Hindu Nazi dilemma: So this war will settle many unsettled questions. Hence a welcome war. Because it has called the bluff of Indian ruling class for the first time. The Hindu Nazis and their alleged enemies, namely the "Muslim fundamentalists", are on the same side - with America. Inside India, the two may be fighting against each other on trivial issues like Babri Masjid but on fundamental issues the two fundamentalists are together. That is why we say this war will solve many unsolved issues and clarify many things to us. It is bound to further worsen the position of the oppressed Indians. But it is also bound to put the fat of the oppressors on fire. So our people must watch out and properly exploit the situation to strengthen the unity of the entire 85% oppressed peoples of India by using the "Mother of all Wars".

Goodbye to communism: August 2, 1990 heralded the rise of a new era, the era of the oppressed, poor non-white peoples of the world. After Gorbachev said goodbye to communism and fell prostrate before his white compatriot, Bush, begging for wheat to feed the starving millions of Russia, Bush, the world's tallest symbol of capitalism, racism and zionism, remained alone as the strongest oppressor of the poor everywhere in the world including millions of Blacks in his own country. *Nature always choses the poorest, the most rugged people to topple the tyrants. Dismantling oppressive structures is an essential requisite to establish an egalitarian society. Wars too may be creative and instrumental to achieve this end. The Gulf War may well prove to be one such instrument.* To teach a lesson to such a tyrant, USA, nature chose this time Saddam Hussain who within

hours toppled one of the stooges of the US, the richest man of the day, the Shaikh of Kuwait. Naturally, all other rich Arab rulers have been exposed and the ghost of "Arab unity" has been finally buried because it is these very Arab Sheikhs and kings who had given billions of dollars to Saddam to fight Iran. The monster created by these monarchs has eaten up its own creators. Saddam, who was supplied with deadliest weapons by the Western white arms dealers to fight Iran, is today using them against its very makers. What a tragedy?

What are the stakes?: The 1.5 million Kuwaitis are living under Shaikh Sabah — separated by their 20 million Iraqi brothers by a pencil line drawn on the map by the white imperialists in their own interest — with income a million times more than that of their 20 million brothers living in Iraq. No difference whatsoever exists between those living on either side of the border line except the unearned prosperity and its effects and a name given to them as 'Kuwaitis' by the common enemies of both, namely the white Western Britain and United States govts. - two most faithful servants of zionists. This great wealth corrupted the Kuwaiti rulers to such an extent that, while the Iraqi army was marching into Kuwait, the Al Sabah ruling family boarded planes with all the possible gold it could lift. They dared not even bear the sound of the Iraqi guns. This was followed by their leasing of Kuwait to the US, which while being recruited for service the Shaikh's son arrogantly said: "Why should we fight? Our white slaves will fight for us".

White slaves: The "white slaves" prostrated before the Kuwaiti ruler and made him pump all his wealth into Western capitals - Washington, New York, London, Paris and a host of others to build factories, run banks, five star brothels and drinking-gambling casinos. The "white slaves" provided him the fairest of their women as secretaries, air-hostesses, artists, models, actresses and nurses. And to prevent his brothers on the other side of the border in Iraq from caliming their rights, the Shaikh of Kuwait threw some crumbs now and then.

Historical role of Iraq: The barely 300 year-old USA does not understand that Iraq has a history and civilisation as old as 10,000 years. Iraq's contribution to humanity is one of the greatest. The earliest civilisation — the Mesopotamia civilisation — was born here. Abraham, the forefather of the founders of three great religions of the world — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — was born here. During the Roman-Persian wars of the 6th and 7th centuries, Iraq was the major battlefield and Iraqis suffered most and became the most sturdy, forbearing and the difficult-to-be crushed people. After conversion to Islam in the 7th century, Iraqis supplied the best of soldiers to Islamic armies and later, the Iraqi intellectuals, scientists and scholars brightened the world with such brilliant ideas, investigations and discoveries borrowing

which from Baghdad, Europe entered into the modern age. It was in this territory where Shahabuddin Ayubi (Saladin of the West), the protector of Islam during the Crusades in the 11th century, was born in the town of Tikreet. Incidentally, Saddam Hussain was also born in the same town. The Iraqis suffered the greatest miseries during the Mongol invasions in the 12th and 13th centuries and it is here only that the victorious ruling Mongols embraced Islam under the teachings and influence of Iraqi scholars to become the future propagators and protectors of Islam, Islamic values and Muslims. Even in this century, some of the greatest decisive battles were fought on the Iraqi soil during the First World War.

Triple Tranny: *The Iraqis have thereby acquired all the abilities. What they needed was a capable leader which they got in Saddam Hussain, and he is towering over everybody else in the world today as we write with his army of soldiers, technicians, scientists and disciplined citizens to whom the nature has given the*

responsibility to liberate the world in general and Muslim masses in particular from the triple tyranny of imperialism, racism and zionism. So these masses have rightly hailed the 1991 Gulf War as a creative and welcome war. A war to end all other wars?

Slaves of zionists: Arrayed against such a sturdy foe is the "White Slave" - Bush, the "greatest democrat" of the world's richest country US — hailed as the leader of all democracies. But are Bush and the white racist rulers of America really free? Bush is a slave of the world zionism which controls the money, banks, industries, transport, communication, media, defence etc. This is exactly like the total control of everything in India by the brahminical social order. That was why the entire ruling upper castes of India were so overjoyed when Bush bombed Iraq but later got dejected when Iraq refused to be crushed.

Anybody attempting to escape from the zionist clutches or expose it just cannot escape death. Former President Nixon tried, and had to face the Watergate scandal and he was out. Still earlier, Kennedy tried and faced bullets and went away to the other world. The zionist media can make and unmake everything in USA and common American Christians are virtual slaves in the hands of this less than 1% population. The current war is a zionist war fought by American govt. on behalf of world zionism. The common masses of Americans and particularly the Blacks are totally opposed to this war, and many democrats in the West

side with Saddam.

Britain - camp follower of USA: After its pseudo victory on Germany at the end of the Second World War, Britain's position became that of a lord owning a dilapidated palace having no money to repair and rebuild, with no means of livelihood but secretly financed by wellwishers. The wounds that were inflicted on this world's largest imperialist power by Hitler were so grievous that as the English tiger was busy licking its wound, : all colonies under the British rule — India, Pakistan, Malaya, Burma, Ceylone and a host of others in Africa — gradually slipped out of its grips. Had not Hitler wounded this tiger, these countries perhaps would have been still British colonies. Having lost these countries and the millions of customers therein, the British trade and industry collapsed. It is living today on trade marks, patent and design and copy rights like the old lords living on rentals, borrowings and clandestine gifts from well-wishers. Here the clandestine well-wisher is USA under

Pro-US Muslims in trouble

Bombay: The morcha taken out by some Muslim organisations through central Bombay in support of the Iraqi president, Saddam Hussain, two days ago had an unfortunate side-effect. The offices of the Urdu daily, *Urdu Times*, were stoned, over 100 copies of the newspaper were burnt, and jouranalists working there were threatened by some youths participating in the procession. *Urdu Times* is the only Urdu that has consistently taken pro-American and pro-Saudi Arabia stand. During the same public gathering, Bashir Patel, the Muslim League MLA from Umerkhadi, was hooted out because of the failure of his party to take a firm stand on the Gulf issue. (*Times of India, Jan. 24*).

instructions of the zionist lobby. Britain has no independent policy of its own. It is a campfollower of US.

Palestinians: The problem became serious when some of the rich Arab monarchies started adopting all zionist malpractices — usury — silencing opponents by aids and grants, and controlling revolutionaries by intrigues, murders and counter-revolutions, brain-washing through propaganda, press and media monopoly and putting on a mask of false fatherly smiles on their faces. These oil-rich Arabs have no sympathy for Palestinians.

They are with Palestinians so long as they are silent, peaceful routine protestors. Once the Palestinians resort to actual fighting, they interfere with their soothing hands and advise them to have patience and reliance upon God's wish.

The feeling of Arabism that Nasser put into the hearts of the Arab masses was considered as the most dangerous element by their patriarchs. Since Egyptians were the first to be influenced by Nasserism or Arabism, they were considered to be the most dangerous and received the earliest attention of the patriarchs, and through aids and grants direct and indirect through USA, they were soothed. The Egyptian masses did not yield but their leader, Hosni Mubarak, yielded to US and world zionism and that is why hated by his own people.

Brain washing: Zionism like its Indian counterpart, brahminism, is based upon racial superiority and arrogance — both believe in the inalienable mastery

over the non-white races. The weapons of both brahminism and zionism consist of brain control, money power, bribery, falsehood, media control, intrigues and use of agent - provocateurs to control and mislead the masses. Lavish grants are given to some "Islamic organisations" (not Muslim organisations) to project some oil-rich Arab monarchs as the greatest protectors and propagators of Islam. *The result is that while in all Muslim countries Muslim masses are with Saddam Hussain in this most crucial stage in the history of Islam, these "Islamic organisations" are busy distributing pro-American and anti-Saddam literature. This is so in India which contains the largest Muslim population in the world.*

China under test: As we write this, one single poor Muslim country, Iraq, is subjected to the worst kind of barbarous attacks by a combination of worlds richest countries under the command of Bush. Bush has played all the well known tricks to mislead the world opinion and bully the Third World. United Nations has virtually acted as a wing of the US State Department. The UN Secretary-General has acted like a clerk of the US. All super powers with veto in the UN Security Council have fallen in line with Bush out of fear. Even China which was the last hope for the Third World felt frightened by the US in spite of its having recently faced a terrible US - inspired Tianamen Square student agitation. No effort was lost to unnerve Saddam. There was a battle of nerves between the zionists, Bush, Britain and France along with the dumb and silent Third World countries on one side and one single Saddam Hussain standing alone on the other side. But despite all this mighty forces Saddam scored his first victory on Jan. 15, 1991 when he did not yield to the attack on nerves.

Then followed the wildest and the most bestial attack on Baghdad after the UN deadline expired. Still Saddam and his people showed their mettle and frustrated tens of thousands of soldiers in the first five days and stood rock like to show to the world how the "Mother of all Wars" goes on. Uptil now, (Jan. 25, 1991) the zionists and their allies are on the losing side. Saddam has successfully challenged and defied the world's mightiest power.

Instead of condemning the brutal killings, the ruling class in India and the world have been enjoying the TV scene of bombing of Baghdad as if they were witnessing the Diwali crackers and sparklers. To that extent our rulers are brutalised. But the Iraqis resisted and are still resisting (as we write this) proving to the world that wars cannot be won by pushing buttons in air-conditioned rooms and that it is the man and his will that sustains and turns the pages of history - and not the machine.

What is the future?: It is impossible to forecast the result of this war though the Western whites are nervous but we can certainly forecast the future of political, social and economic developments after the

war.

What if Saddam wins?: If Saddam wins, US will be doomed for ever. Asia, Africa and Latin America, all consisting of the non-white races, will emerge as dominant factors. The Western economic imperialism will end. *Arab Sheikhs and Sultans will be compelled to abdicate their thrones.* Kuwait will be recognised as a province of Iraq and Kuwaiti oil revenues will find investment in Asian and African countries. Zionist interest-based economy will collapse resulting in small scale production by small investors. Monopoly trade will be wiped off. The threats of machine - based war and bullying by electronic weaponry will come to an end. People will fight for higher principles and not for money. American Christians, American Indians and American Blacks will get justice. World will be freed from zionist exploitation. The theatre of prosperity would shift to the South and East. A new UN would come up without veto powers to big powers.

What if Saddam loses?: Saddam's defeat will bring the most horrible changes in the Arab world. *Many Sheikhs and Sultans will be brutally killed inside their safe palaces and their corpses will be pulled along open roads and thrown to vultures for the greatest sin committed against Muslims in Islamic history.* The US will refuse to vacate the bases in its possession and help in the expansion of Israeli territories. The Arab world will suffer such horrors which the world has not witnessed so far.

The US troops and civilians would face the most hostile treatment. They would be dragged into the deserts by Arab guerillas and given the most painful death, without food and water. In retaliation more Arabs would be killed. Arab nomads and villagers, who have not so far been attracted by the evils of modern civilisation (?), who love their guns more than their children, who have never been kept under control by anybody so far, would take revenge against American and the British, that their leaders in their capitals would only feel sorry for, until every outsider leaves the Arab soil. This will go on for a decade.

The only person who can control their fury today is Saddam Hussain. Once Saddam was no more, there would be no leader to control the mob fury. *A dead Saddam would be a hundred times more dangerous than a Saddam alive. Islam would turn much more revolutionary and Iran would then be the natural choice for leadership.* Having been misinformed about Arab psyche and history by zionist and zionism-sponsored historians, Bush and John Major are living in a fool's paradise. Nobody can make them understand the Arab psyche. Only Arab masses will do - in future and after the loss of many American and British lives. Americans will meet the same fate in the Arabian dry deserts as the Russians met in the mountains of Afghanistan.

Saddam has already won the war: By resisting the allied attacks till now 25.1.91 Saddam has already

won the political battle. The different countries out of fear are siding Bush. But the masses all over the world are awakened and see the American/zionists as bullies.

The millions of masses raising slogans against Bush all over the world have not purchased the Bush theory of Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. They have not forgotten the recent American aggression on Panama and Granada. American support to Israeli aggression on Arab lands stands as a big question mark before the world masses. No living person has become such a darling of masses as Saddam Hussain.

Indian perspective: The Hindu Nazis were the happiest in India after hearing the Bush first - day boasts of killing 1,50,000 Iraqis. They danced in the streets beating their hips. Later, seeing Iraqi resistance they fell silent. In their hatred against Muslims they forgot that the zionist elements settled very near to India would bully India also. A dragged on modern war in Iraq would upset ecology and environment which would upset Indian climate and destroy our economy. They forgot that Indians have always had the best of relations with Arabs and Iraq in particular from ancient times even prior to Islam. They forgot the huge investments made by the India in Iraq construction projects and its profits. They forgot even the recent return of lakhs of Indians from the Gulf and consequent loss of foreign exchange and its immediate and future repercussions. The Hindu Nazis forgot that India is the greatest beneficiary of Arab prosperity and stability in Asia and will also be the worst affected, if the changes take place for the worse in the Gulf.

Solution: The Arab problem needs a final solution. All Govts. impressing upon Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait out of American fear and the UN error must know that people cannot be divided by lines drawn on maps by their former imperialists and present - day economic vested interests. The struggle of the nationalities in Soviet Russia for redrawing boundary lines and wiping off of the lines drawn in Germany are the indicators.

The Gulf countries should be also saved from the lines drawn by the imperialists and held sacred by the Shaikhs, emirs and kings. The Gulf war has given an opportunity to Muslim masses to free themselves from their oppressions. Any settlement of the Gulf war should take all these artificial divisions into account. We suggest the following points for a permanent settlement of the Gulf problem.

1. Allied forces should immediately vacate West Asia.
2. Israel should simultaneously withdraw from occupied Arab territories.
3. Status quo should continue in Kuwait only for three years.
4. There should be a plebiscite in all sheikhdoms on the question whether the masses want monarchy or Islamic democracy.
5. People of Kuwait and other small sheikhdoms and emirates should get academic freedom for three years, after which they will decide

whatever they want - to merge with neighbouring countries or live in isolation. 6. All these should be done under the auspices of the non-aligned nations - not the UN, since it has become a wing of the US.

The arrogant, intoxicated Hindu Nazis may gloat that they could use the Gulf War to crush the "Muslim fundamentalists" of India. *But on the very first day of the war the Hindu Nazis and "Muslim fundamentalists" were surprisingly seen together in American company. The Hindu Nazi nightmare, Pakistan, was also in the same company along with Saudi Arabia.* While all fundamentalists, Nazis, zionists, racists were seen together in the unholy company of America, it was the poor masses who had the courage to speak out the truth and fight for justice.

So we conclude this piece eagerly waiting for the outcome of this "Mother of all Wars", hoping that the world in general and India in particular will be better off after getting this serious drubbing (Jan. 25, 1991).

Gandhi statue disfigured

Chandigarh: A statue of Gandhi was disfigured in Ludhiana on Jan.25. The statue at the Kusht Ashram in Ludhiana district was found disfigured. Police said it a handiwork of militants. A letterpad of the "Khalistan Liberation Force" was found near the statue.

Church admits mistake

(Our correspondent)

Bangalore: Jesuit priests in charge of running the St. Joseph's College institutions in Karnataka have started realising their mistake in educating the upper caste/class boys and girls and may soon change their admission policies. This assurance was given to the editor of *Dalit Voice*, V.T. Rajshekar, who was invited to address them here on Jan.26. The Editor said the church had a duty to serve the oppressed. And in India the oppressed are none but the Dalits. But in all the educational institutions run by the Church there was no reservation to scheduled castes or tribes. The church by educating the children of the upper caste/class is committing two crimes. First, the upper caste students educated in these institutions turn against the church. Secondly, the church by educating them is actually arming these upper castes to attack Dalits. So the church is actually harming not only Dalits but the church itself. The Jesuit priests admitted the mistakes and the Rector has promised to call a meeting of Dalits. The Editor said it is not enough if mere admission is given. That is no use. The Dalit students should be given free hostel facilities apart from free education and trained in the revolutionary philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar.

M.N. Roy on Islam's contribution to Indian civilisation & culture

We are reproducing the entire chapter VII - Islam and India - from M.N. Roy's famous book, *The Historical Role of Islam* (1939, pp.100, Ajanta Book, IUB, Jawahar Nagar, Bungalow Road, Delhi 110 007) which was written by the father of the Indian communist movement in jail. Narendranath Bhattacharya, a kuleen Bengali Brahmin who later became famous as M.N. Roy, he became such a great world figure that Lenin selected him to go to China to assist Mao in launching the Chinese revolution. That would sum up his greatness and his competence to pass a verdict on Islam in India. But our Hindu Nazis, who do not represent even 3% of our country's population, and their anti-national "national press" has so much corrupted the public life that every issue is now being judged with prejudice as the sole guide. As far back as the 30s M.N. Roy had spoken in glowing terms about the contribution of Islam to Indian culture and civilisation but the Nazis capturing vital mind-manipulating positions in society have distorted history, forcing the govt., judiciary and even the Constitution to yield to their threats. Babri Masjid is the latest example of their anti-national deeds. Muslims comprising about 15% of our population are being called anti-national and a non-stop campaign is going on to rewrite Indian history on that line. The country's intellectuals having been corrupted we found the only way out is to reproduce the verdict of history. We wish this entire book of M.N. Roy is translated to all Indian languages so that the younger minds are cleared of this Nazi contamination. We also draw the attention of our readers to the book of B.N. Pande, a Bihari Brahmin Member of Parliament and a former Governor of Orissa, *Islam and Indian Culture*, so that this country's unity and integrity is saved from the Nazi misdeeds. —EDITOR.

Although Islam came to India after it had played out its progressive role, and its leadership had been wrested from the learned and cultured Arabs, the revolutionary principles of the days of its origin and ascendancy were still inscribed on its flag; and a critical study of history might reveal that the Muslim conquest of India was facilitated by similar native factors as in the case of Persia and the Christian countries. No great people, with a long history and old civilisation, can ever succumb easily to a foreign invasion, unless the invaders command the sympathy and acquiescence, if not active support, of the masses of the conquered people. *Brahmanical orthodoxy having overwhelmed the Buddhist revolution, India of the eleventh and twelfth centuries must have been infested with multitudes of persecuted heretics who would eagerly welcome the message of Islam.*

Mohammad Ibn Kassim conquered Sindh with the active assistance of the Jats and other agricultural communities *oppressed by the Brahman rulers*. Having conquered the country, he followed the policy of the early Arab conquerors. "He employed the Brahmans in pacifying the country by taking them into confidence. He allowed them to repair their temples and to follow their own religion as before, placed the collection of revenue in their hands, and employed them in continuing the traditional system of local administration."* Elliot, History of India. When even the Brahmans, some of them at any rate, were prepared to go over to the side of the *mlechha* conquerors, the social conditions of the country could not be very normal. Evidently, society was in such a disintegrated and chaotic state as to make the position even of the most privileged class insecure. That is usually the result of counter-revolution. A revolution may be defeated by a combination of forces; but that does not enable the triumphant forces of reaction to remove the causes of social disintegration which brought about the revolution. *In India, the Buddhist revolution was not defeated; it was miscarried owing to its internal weakness. Social forces were not sufficiently mature to carry the revolution to victory. Consequently, after*

the downfall of Buddhism, the country found itself in a worse state of economic ruin, political oppression, intellectual anarchy and spiritual chaos. Practically, the entire society was involved in that tragic process of decay and decomposition. That is why not only the oppressed masses readily rallied under the banner of Islam which offered them social equality if not political equality; even the upper classes offered their services to the foreign aggressor out of selfish motives. That shows that, while the masses were in a state of despair, the upper classes were thoroughly demoralised.

Why Islam spread?:As regards the spread of Islam in India, an ardent admirer of ancient Hindu culture like Havell, who cannot be suspected of any sympathy or even fairness to the Muslims, gives the following highly interesting testimony:

"Those who did so (embraced Islam) acquired all the rights of a Mussalman citizen in the law courts, where the Quran and not Aryan law and custom decided dispute in all cases. This method of proselytism was very effective among the lower castes of Hindus, specially among those who suffered from the severity of Brahmanical law with regard to the 'impure' classes." Havell, Aryan Rule in India.

This is certainly not a very complimentary remark wrung from a firm believer in the perfection of Brahmanical law. In any case, it is clear that in the time of Mohammedan conquest, there lived in India multitudes of people who had little reason to be faithful to Hindu laws and the traditions of Brahman orthodoxy, and were ready to forsake that heritage for the more equitable laws of Islam which offered them protection against the tyranny of triumphant Hindu reaction.

In another place, Havell chooses to deprecate the spiritual values of the teachings of the Arabian Prophet, but at the same time makes a very significant statement regarding the spread of those teachings in India. "It was not the philosophy of Islam, but its sociological programme, which won so many converts for it in India." Of course, for the masses philosophy has no appeal. They are always attracted by a "sociological programme" which offers them something better than the given conditions of their life. And a bad

philosophy, that is to say, a reactionary outlook of life, cannot be associated with a sociological programme which secures the support of the downtrodden masses. *If the sociological programme of Islam found support of the Indian masses, it was because the philosophy behind that programme was better than the Hindu philosophy which had been responsible for the social chaos from which Islam showed a way out for the masses of the Indian people.* By the above statement, Havell admits that even in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, when Islam was winning adherence in India, it had not altogether played out its social-revolutionary role, and that it was by virtue of its social-revolutionary character that it struck so deep a root in India. That is to say, even in its days of degeneration and decay. *Islam represented spiritual, ideological and social progress in relation to Hindu conservatism.*

Havell is a famous eulogist of Indo-European culture which he considers to be the noblest product of the creative genius of man. On the other hand, he has bitter antipathy for the Muslims. His opinion cannot be dismissed as biased against the Hindus. As a matter of fact, his bias is entirely on the side of the Hindus. *So, if even a historian like him found distasteful things happening in India in the past, conditions were very deplorable indeed. He writes:*

But the victorious progress of Islam in India is not to be accounted for by external reasons. It was mainly due to the political degeneration of Aryavarta which set in after the death of Harsha.... The social programme of the Prophet... gave every true believer an equal spiritual status.... made Islam a political and social synthesis and gave it an imperial mission.... Islam was a rule of life sufficient for the happiness of average humanity content to take the world as it is.... Islam reached the zenith of its political strength at the critical period when the conflict between Buddhist philosophy and that of orthodox Brahminism was a potent cause of political dissension in northern India.**(Ibid)

King Harshavardhan died in the middle of the seventh century. Thus, the political disintegration of India was a process parallel to the rise of Islam. The death of a king, however great, does not mark the turning point of history. The process had been going on for many centuries. The Buddhist revolution arrested it for a time, only to be aggravated, accentuated and accelerated on its defeat. Indeed, the monastic degeneration of Buddhism and its disintegrating influence on the entire Indian society greatly helped the Muslim conquest just as Christian monasticism had done elsewhere.

Guzni's invasion: Commenting on Mahmud of Guzni's invasions, Havell further writes:

"The almost invariable success of his arms added immensely to his prestige and brought Islam many adherents among the uncultured warrior classes of the North-Western Provinces to whom fighting was a religion and victory in the field the highest proof of inspiration.**(Ibid)

Mahmud's exploit could not but deal a staggering blow to the faith in the divinity of the shrines where the Indians had brought their offerings from times immemorial. Consequently, the religious feeling which

found expression in the worship at the shrines, and the faith in their presiding deities were rudely shocked and inevitably shaken. In such circumstances, "religious feelings and spiritual instincts" induced the masses to transfer their devotion from the gods of demonstrated impotence to the more mighty one, the belief in, and worship for whom, incidentally, was rewarded so magnificently. *For ages, millions had believed in the supernatural power of the gods worshipped at the famous temples of Thaneshwar, Muttra, Somnath etc. The priests of those temples had amassed fabulous riches at the expense of the believing multitude by virtue of their pretensions to the ability of invoking the protection of the powerful divinities.* Suddenly, the whole venerable structure of belief and tradition collapsed like a house of cards under the cruel blow of the invading infidel. When Mahmud's hosts approached, the priests told the people that the invaders would be devoured by the fiery wrath of the gods. The people confidently expected a miracle which failed to happen. Indeed, it was performed by the God of the invader. Being based upon miracle, faith necessarily is transferred to the most miraculous. Judged by all the traditional standards of religion, those who embraced Islam at that crisis were the most religious.

A critical investigation of the internal as well as the external causes of the Muslim conquest of India is of practical value to-day. It will remove the prejudice that makes the orthodox Hindu look upon his Muslim neighbour as an inferior being. Freed from preconceived ideas, the Hindus will be in position to appreciate the constructive consequences of the Muslim conquest of India. That will enable them to live down the hatred of the conquered for the conquerors. Unless a radical change of attitude is brought about by a sober sense of history, the communal question will never be solved. The Hindus will never be able to look upon the Muslims as integral parts of the Indian nation until they come to appreciate the contribution they made towards the emergence of Indian society out of the chaos caused by the breakdown of the antique civilisation. Besides, a proper understanding of history derived from a correct understanding of the successful advent of the Muslims in India, will enable us to ascertain and stamp out the deeper causes of our present misfortune.

Buddhist revolution: On the other hand, few Muslims of our days may be conscious of the glorious role played on the stage of history by the faith they profess. Many may disown and repudiate the rationalism and scepticism of the Arabs as deviations from the teachings of the Koran. But Islam occupies a memorable place in history thanks to its original unorthodoxy and irreligiosity made evident by the Arab philosophers, than to the later growth of a reactionary priesthood or to the barbarous fanaticism of the Tartar converts. Islam had played out its progressive role before it penetrated India. Its flag

Nazis help forge Dalit-Muslim unity at Agra

(M.L. Dohray, Agra, UP)

was planted on the banks of the Indus and the Ganges not by revolutionary Saracen heroes, but by Persians demoralised by luxury and the barbarians of Central Asia who had embraced Islam. Both had subverted the Arab Empire — that magnificent monument to the memory of Mohammad. Still, *it was welcomed as a message of hope and freedom by the multitudinous victims of the Brahmanical reaction which had overthrown the Buddhist revolution and had consequently thrown the Indian society in a state of chaos.* Neither the Persians nor the Mogul conquerors of India were entirely devoid of the traditional nobility, toleration and liberalism of the Saracen heroes. The very fact that comparatively small bands of predatory invaders from distant lands could make themselves the rulers of a vast country for such a long time, and their alien faith found millions of converts, proves that they did satisfy certain objective requirements of the Indian society. Even when much of its original revolutionary fervour had been overwhelmed by reaction, Islam still exercised certain revolutionary influence on the Hindu society. *The Mohammedan power was consolidated in India not so much by the valour of the invaders' arms as owing to the propagation of the Islamic faith and the progressive significance of Islamic laws.*

Even the fiercer fanatical anti-Muslim Havell grudgingly admits:

"The effect of the Mussalman political creed upon Hindu social life was two-fold: It increased the rigour of the caste system and aroused a revolt against it. The alluring prospect which it held out to the lower strata of Hindu society was as tempting as it was to the Beduins of the desert (It) made the Sudra a free man and potentially a Lord of the Brahmans. Like the Renaissance of Europe, it stirred up the intellectual waters, produced many strong men, and some men of striking originality of genius. Like the Renaissance also, it was essentially a city cult; it made the nomad leave his tent and the Sudra abandon his village. It developed a type of humanity full of *joie de vivre*...." (Ibid)

To the above highly illuminating statement, it may only be added that the rise of reformers like Kabir, Nanak, Tukaram, Chaitanya, etc. who evidenced a popular revolt against Brahmanical orthodoxy, was to a great extent promoted by the social effects of Mohammedan conquest.

In view of this realistic reading of history, Hindu superciliousness towards the religion and culture of the Muslims is absurd. It insults history and injures the political future of our country. *Learning from the Muslims, Europe became the leader of modern civilisation. Even to-day, her best sons are not ashamed of the past indebtedness. Unfortunately, India could not be fully benefited by the heritage of Islamic culture, because she did not deserve the distinction.* Now, in the throes of a belated Renaissance, Indians, both Hindus and Muslims, could profitably draw inspiration from that memorable chapter of human history. Knowledge of Islam's contribution to human culture and proper appreciation of the historical value of that contribution would shock the Hindus out of their arrogant self-satisfaction, and cure the narrow-mindedness of the Muslims of our day by bringing them face to face with the true spirit of the faith they profess.

The Dec. 14, 1990 mass murder of Muslims here by the Nazis and their Hindu police brought about a miracle: the unity of Dalits and Muslims — both victims of Hindu Nazism. Like Aligarh, Moradabad and Ganjdunduara also witnessed mass murder of Muslims by Hindu Nazis who were shocked by the mass conversion of Untouchables into Buddhism in Agra. Nazis are angry with Jatavs (Untouchables) of Agra where the Muslims and Jatavas are living in peace as brothers. Some backward castes are brainwashed by the Nazis and it is these BCs who helped the Nazis in the Ramjanambhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute. The Dec. 14 mass murder of Muslims followed the provocative speech by Mrs. Uma Bharati, a BJP woman MP. The Nazi slogan said: *Babar ke santano Pakistan Jao, Hindustan Hinduaon ka hai.* They forced the Muslims to close their shops near the Jama Masjid area and told the shop keepers not to come out. That was a Juma day when the Nazis attack took place. Some Muslims were seriously injured. An indefinite curfew was imposed under eight police station areas specially Taj Ganj, Lohamandi, Chaatta, Rakabganj and Madan Mohan Gate etc. Curfew continued for 15 days. No one had seen a riot like this in Agra. Hundreds of Muslims were shot dead by the bullets of PAC and other police forces. Hundreds of Muslims shops, houses and industries like shoe factories and other sources of livelihood were burnt to ashes. Specially the Shahabuddin shoe factory and shop in Kamala nagar. Wahabuddin and brothers were seriously beaten, costly jewels and cash were looted.

However, in the Jatav-majority areas, Muslims remained safe. They gave Muslims shelter in their houses until the riot was over. In the Jatava-majority areas where upper castes are in minority, Nazis had no courage to touch the Muslims. Jatavs kept awake whole night to protect the Muslims. Some of the Nazi attempts to kill Muslims were foiled. Nazi leaders pleaded with Jatavs not to give shelter to Muslims but the Jatavs said they had nothing against Muslims and they were our brothers. "If anybody touches any Muslim in this area, no Hindu would stay alive," Jatavs warned. In Agra, upper castes are in minority. They are very much afraid of Jatavs. That is why they managed to bring the notorious PAC to kill Muslims. PAC invaded the Muslim areas and shot them dead. Nazis are now angry with Jatavs and waiting for an opportunity to "punish" them. The transfer of SSP, Karmaveer Singh is still a mystery. The District Magistrate of Agra, Amal Kumar Verma, was alleged to have permitted the Nazi procession. When Girraj Singh, the new SSP, took over the mass murder of Muslims by PAC came to a sudden stop. When Chief minister Mualyam Singh Yadav visited Agra, he was shown only the unaffected areas so that no Muslim complained.

Manu Smriti burnt in JNU: Dalit reaction to Mandal madness

(Pro-Reservation Forum, JNU, New Delhi)

The Manu Smriti, the Bible of brahminism, was publicly burnt at the Jhelum lawns of India's most prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru University here. This epoch-making event of Dec.25, 1990 was witnessed by a large crowd of cheering students and others. The public burning of the "holiest constitution" of the brahminical social order was made in memory of Babasaheb Ambedkar, the messiah of the oppressed, who worked ceaselessly throughout his life to destroy the menace of brahminism that derives legitimacy from the laws of Manu. As the pamphlet brought out on the occasion by us — the pro-reservation Forum (JNU) stated, "on Dec.25, 1927, Babasaheb Dr.B.R. Ambedkar burnt the Manusmriti. In his birth centenary year, we pay tribute to this great leader, philosopher and teacher. As a mark of respect to him, we will burn the Manusmriti today.

This event stands as a landmark in the history of the JNU which is regarded as the veritable haunt of the Indian intelligentsia. JNU has always been considered to be the bastion of revolutionary ideas though, for the most part, much of what passes off as "revolutionary thought of JNU intellectuals" are but the ramblings of frustrated arm-chair pseudo-intellectuals. Blindly accepting Western Marxism without relating it to the peculiar racist social context of India, the "JNU intelligentsia" hardly cares to take up the crucial issues of caste and untouchability. One cannot really expect them to do so, as the vast majority of them and nearly all the teaching staff hail from the upper castes only.

Reaction to Mandal Mania: Yet the Dec.25 public burning of the Manu Smriti has taken the process of JNU's intellectual development and maturation miles ahead. Perhaps this development could be traced to the furore created on the campus during the anti-Mandal agitation. A reign of terror was unleashed by the upper caste students from Bihar against the SC/ST/BC/Muslim students who are a majority in JNU. This, however, had a positive side to it as the SC/BC/minority progressives alliance began to take root and the "Pro-Reservation Forum (PRF) JNU" was formed as a result. The culmination of this development was, of course, the decision by the PRF to burn the Manu Smriti. The PRF had put up a large number of posters all over the campus with quotations from the Manu Smriti revealing its cruelly inhuman nature and inviting students to join the funeral ceremony of the corpse of Manu. Two pamphlets were also released on the occasion. One pamphlet said: "Caste as an institution is there. In every house, in every village, in every town... the countryside upper caste gentry feels extremely uncomfortable if an erstwhile shudra acquires a little prosperity. Or else, why should 14 Dalits have met with death when their marriage party

hired a mare and a band at Kalpatha village in Almora district (UP)? In metrocities, when an erstwhile Dalit acquires a good house, a whisper campaign begins... or else, why should Delhi University have only 2 Dalit teachers out of a total strength of 691? To deny the existence of caste as the most decisive social institution is to deny Indian social reality itself."

Threat to Burn Quran: It goes on to speak about the hypocrisy of the upper caste press. It says "Why don't newspapers report oppression of Dalits? Their death and destruction.... is based on upper caste hegemony. For how long will this continue? The institution of caste should be demolished. It should be fought at every level. The very ideology of caste should be fought. Its material basis should be eliminated. Burning of Manu Smriti is only a small beginning. The values "enshrined" in the Manu Smriti are practised even today. On a mass scale. Demystify the "religiosity" of the Manu Smriti. Reject it. Come and participate (in its public burning).

After the Manu Smriti was burnt posters prepared by some upper caste students appeared on the university walls denouncing the burning of their Manu Smriti. *According to these upper caste students threatened to burn the Quran in retaliation.* As Himakar Gowda, a BC student who actually set the Manu Smriti ablaze, remarked, "we are not Muslims, so why did they threaten to burn the Quran? I think that what they wanted was to communalise the issue". One finds parallels between this and the anti-Muslim violence in Gujarat when reservations for the BCs of Gujarat were announced. Then the upper castes had attacked innocent Muslims so as to communalise the backward castes so that their attention would be diverted from the issue of reservations. As Himakar asks, "If they felt so strongly about our burning the Manu Smriti, why don't they threaten to burn Babasaheb's books instead of Quran? The Quran had nothing to do with our action."

Himakar states that he was threatened by some upper caste students for having led the PRF stir. He said that for having burnt the Manu Smriti he was threatened that "even his dead body would not find its way back to Karnataka (from where he hails)".

SIKH FEAR

New Delhi: Punjab's topmost Sikh leader Simranjit Singh Mann in his memorandum submitted to Prime Minister Chandra Shekar here on Dec. 28 has expressed the fear that: "today the VHP and BJP are demanding the demolition of the Babri mosque. Tomorrow, they will demand the destruction of the Golden Temple because it is said that Lord Rama buried the casket of nectar from Sri Lanka on the site of the temple."

Letters to Editor

V.G. Jackson, PO Box-164, 6900 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78216, USA: We have decided to form a non-profit corporation to support the Dalit struggle in India and also work to get your impounded passport released so that you may travel freely outside India. We would also like to connect the Dalit cause to universal purpose that non-Dalits may identify and sympathise with: international-level education, food production to free people from hunger, drudgery etc., a citizen development programme to enable people to learn modern culture. If the world-wide peoples could see *Dalit Voice* linked with peace, education and prosperity, non-Dalits would find common cause with Dalits. We must impress that DV speaks not only for Dalits of India but for all the peoples who want a broad-based high standard of living. We want to hear you speak in the US on this soon.

Bhupinder Singh, New Delhi: I read your "letter" in the *World Sikh News* published from the USA (Jan.11) about the need for a media for Sikhs. I have been a great admirer of you from years. I also met you when you were kept in the Chandigarh jail after being arrested under the Terrorists Act (1986) for writing a pro-Sikh editorial. No non-Sikh has written so much and done so much to the Sikh cause as you have done. It is you who bluntly told the Sikh leadership that their religion had got brahminised, corrupted and as a result the Sikhs got alienated from the Dalits. Your meeting with Sant Bhindranwale in Delhi and later your plans to bring about a unity of Dalits, Muslims and Sikhs are a noble idea which is bearing fruit. All revolutionary Sikhs like your thoughts and some derive inspiration from you. But the rich Sikhs have not even heard about you. Instead of the Sikhs starting a media it is better that DV itself is converted into a weekly as the Sikhs cannot find a better organ than DV and a better spokesman for Sikhs than yourself. *Dalit Voice* is the voice of the entire persecuted nationalities denied human rights. Kashmiris, Bodos, Jharkhandis, Tamils are all Dalits. Through DV, I appeal to the Sikh leadership in general and the *World Sikh News* in particular to take steps to implement my suggestion.

Dr. S.P. Sumanakshar, president, Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Akademi, Delhi: We would like to get your latest book, *Ready Reference to Revolutionaries*, released in Delhi by VP Singh.

Dr. Suresh Kumar, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla: After reading few issues of *Dalit Voice*, I feel that I am very much educated. It is truly a new kind of journal.

K.D. Kanyal, Gopeswar, Chamoli, UP: We have

formed a Dalit-Muslim Front along with the Backward Castes. Balu Das presided. The Front criticised B.P. Khandelwal, Director of Education, UP, for violating the human rights (reservations) of SC/ST/BCs. It also decided to take legal steps to prosecute him for acting as the enemy of Dalits.

Krishna Murthy Raju, Bangalore: I heard Justice Krishna Iyer speak on democracy, secularism and human rights here on Jan.18 when you were also present. But in your book, *Merit, My foot*, (DSA) you have also published a text of his judgment on reservations in which Iyer has opposed reservations to Backward Castes. As a member of the BC, I have read Iyer's statement opposing the Mandal Com. He is also opposed to Muslim personal law. Besides, you had also published in DV that Iyer is a devotee of Satya Sai Baba and that he very often inaugurates Brahmin conferences. How can a person with such bundle of contradictions be an advocate of human rights?

(You are right. Every section of the population including Iyer's community of Brahmins must have reservations — but in proportion to their population because reservation means human rights. Those who oppose reservations are enemy's of human rights — EDITOR.)

Ashok Manav, Bajwara Kalan, Hoshiarpur dt., Punjab: The entire Dalit community of India must be grateful to you for publishing the origin of the word "Jai Bhim". (DV Dec. 16, p.8). The moment we greet each other saying "Jai Bhim" it automatically means that we are Untouchables. When we started this slogan people here started laughing. Now all Dalits are following us.

Abhiman S. Azad, Manthurthy, Kerala: After seriously pondering over your historic editorial, "Mass conversion to Buddhism", DV Feb.1 1991, I have decided to get converted first. As a first step I have changed my name and address through a gazette notification. I have started a campaign among our people. "Quite Hinduism and embrace Buddhism." We are badly in need of *pracharaks*. Write to Buddhapalli, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Manthurthy, Kottayam, Kerala - 686 542.

(Language barrier has become a big problem. Untouchables in India as a whole could have embraced Buddhism if only we all had a common language. We have found a capable Buddhist *pracharak* in A.Milind Kamble Guruji, a Karnataka Dalit living on the Maharashtra border, but he can't speak Kannada. He can speak only in Marathi, Hindi and little in Kannada. However, he has agreed to go over to any part to preach Buddhism. He may be contacted at his village Umapur, P.Halli, Taluk: Basavakalyan, Dt. Bidar, Karnataka. He met us here and assured that his life was dedicated to this cause. We also told him that we were interested only in the revolutionary Buddhism as outlined by Babasaheb Ambedkar in his historic book, *Buddha & his Dhamma*. The *pracharaks* should go about with this book in one hand and a sword in another. This is what Mrs. S.Kaur also said when she referred to "Khadgadhari Buddha" — EDITOR.)

Rajendra Kumar Gautam, Vijaya Bank, Moradabad, UP-244 001: I became a subscriber of DV only four months back and within such a short time it has

changed my entire outlook. I want to dedicate my whole life for the DV work.

Raghu Kumar, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh: I read a great news in the *Times of India* (New Delhi) dated Dec. 14. Its Aligarh correspondent, Syed Zubair Ahmed, reported that the police here went on a strike against the Senior Supdt. of Police, B.N. Savle, a Dalit, because "he is pro-Muslim. So he ordered us not to fire on Muslims even as we are being attacked by them every day. Because he is a Scheduled Caste and so he has sympathy for the minority community." I am quoting from the *TOI* report. The Hindu Nazis are instigating the SC/BCs to attack Muslims. This is their usual game. For the past two years armed with your literature we have been working with SCs and to a great extent this neutralised them. Then came the anti-Mandal caste war launched by the upper castes and this fully convinced the truthfulness of your theory. The Jan. 16 DV edit will produce miracles if only it is translated to Hindi and distributed among the Dalits here. Dalit-Muslim unity is the only solution to combat the Nazi caste war.

(AMU is still in the grip of elite Muslims. We visited AMU only once and tried our best to impress these Muslims but the response has not been good. But the Dalit-Muslim unity that took place at Agra, Aligarh and some other places in UP should be an eye opener to our Muslim brothers. There is no need to fight Nazis. Once SC/BCs are convinced that they are not Hindus, our job is done. Muslims must take urgent steps. And if they don't, it is they who will have to suffer — EDITOR.)

Ravi Kumar P., Madras: Stuck by fanatical madness over the Mandal Com., the Hindu Nazis managed to behead VP and achieved a short-term mileage. Drinking the religious blood and getting intoxicated, the monsters lost sight of their primary goal, namely destruction of Babri Masjid and construction of Ram temple. Against such Nazis fanatics, the only answer is Dalit militancy.

Manatody Radhakrishnana, Cochin: The Nazis in my office were rejoicing as the war broke out in the Gulf. They were boasting that within two days the "Satanic Saddam" would be crushed and once this was over the Indian Muslims would be finished. The only one Muslim in my office was shocked but silent. But I fought back and told the Nazis that in this war Dalits of India would be with Saddam.

(We have received many letters on the Gulf War. Some complained that they were getting only false news in TV, press and radio. The media in India is sympathetic to US. We also know that the "national" press is trying to brainwash the people against Saddam. Our editorial in this issue will clear many doubts. Our stand was made clear in our earlier DV. Oct. 16, 90 writeup: "Gulf crisis may shake whole world and cleanse Muslim countries," by Maj. Khaleelur Rahman. This was followed by another: "Global gangup of whites against Blacks and Muslims," DV Nov. 16 — EDITOR.)

T.R. Yadav, Delhi: A friend gave me a copy of DV. I liked it very much. In the Dec. 1 DV I read a report, "When Hindu leaders opposed Common Civil Code". I would like to add that K.R. Malkani, the RSS ideologue, in his book, *The RSS Story*, (Impex India,

New Delhi 1988 p.73) says that "when the Hindu code bill was passed he (Guru Golwalkar, RSS chief) objected.... to its concept. He saw no reason why Hindu Law should break links with the Manu Smriti. "Golwalkar himself confirms this in his book *Bunch of Thoughts* (Vikrama Prakashana, Bangalore, 1966 p.9) when he says" Manu was the first, the greatest and the wisest law giver of mankind." But ironically the RSS/BJP/VHP etc. are now demanding a common civil code (CCC) at the same time wanting the Manu Code. But how to eat the cake and also have it? Manu wanted a separate code for the upper castes/Hindus who are separate from the SC/ST/BCs and even the (Hindu) shudras. How can they reconcile the demand for CCC and Manu code?

(We have divided the brahminical sections into two — "sacred brahmins" and "socialist brahmins." For details read our book, *Why Godse killed Gandhi?* DSA. An honest enemy is any day better than a dishonest foe. Guru Golwalkar belongs to the first category. He was honest in his words and deeds and hence he posed no problem to SC/ST/BCs. The *Bunch of Thoughts* represents the quint essence of Nazi thought. We have said time and again that we are not opposed to Nazi thought. It has a place in India. Nazi thought was not born with the RSS. Adi Shankara gave it teeth. It is a harmless thought. Only the upper castes (15%) are interested in it and if they want to preserve it, we have no objection. The problem came when this pure Nazi thought was sought to be diluted with socialism to dupe the innocent non-Hindu SC/ST/BCs. The Golwalkar, Nathuram Godse, B.G. Tilak brand of Nazism poses no problem to us. Even today those propounding this original, unadulterated brand of Nazism are not in favour of CCC. They are not interested in temple entry stunts. They are not interested in Babri Masjid. Manu was a "sacred brahmin" but M.K. Gandhi was a "socialist brahmin." Between the two we prefer the first. Beware of "socialist brahmins" — DV edit... EDITOR.)

Dr. H.N. Syed, Dasda, Gujarat - 382 750: Please stop sending me DV. My subscription (since 1982) ends in Feb. It was in Feb. 82 that I met you at the Tagore Hall, Ahmedabad, at the Dalit-Muslim conference. Since then I have been a careful and enthusiastic reader and admirer of DV. I appreciate your great efforts. Your contribution to Dalit-Muslim unity is something which no body has done before. Your name will enter history. Your pain, your efforts will bear fruit. I am too old and also ill. I cant read, bed-ridden. Since the past six months I am finding it difficult to read DV. I can't read my own handwriting. However, I wish you all success in your noble, courageous and great cause. I started writing this letter last evening and could complete it only today (Jan. 17, 91). One last point. The upper castes put only Dalits against Muslims. RSS and its units have created so much hatred and violence in India.

(Dr. Syed is one of our very esteemed readers. His letter is definite to bring tears in the eyes of many of our readers. The problem with our people, SC/ST/BCs and Muslims/Christian/Sikhs, is they will not be allowed to develop any consciousness by the ruling class. Until they are well past 55 they will made to be busy with "making money" — meaning serving the ruling class. In the course of doing this each one would get beaten up and exhausted. But the accumulated pain of these beatings they will feel only when they are past 60 and by then they are old and incapacitated. How to rescue innocent and committed

persons like Dr. Syed before they are old is worrying us. Sikhs, Muslims, Dalits and everybody has been told by the ruling class to make money because money alone is the gateway to success. We must break this ruling class philosophy —
EDITOR).

Y.M. Subramaniam, Hyderabad: Upper castes in my factory were jubilant over the Gulf war. They were boasting that within two days Saddam Husain would be finished. And once that is over, Muslims inside India would be crushed. But on the fifth day of the war (Jan.21) they started sulking once Iraq attacked the Jewish state of Israel. Please guide the readers correctly as the Indian "national" toilet papers have prejudiced everybody's mind against Saddam painting him as a villain.

(As Karim Essack, an African Black scholar whom we met in Libya, says this is a war of the world's rich against the poor — Thackers Ltd., P.O. Box-937, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. All racists, Nazis and Zionists are on the side of the US which has taken over the leadership of all destructive forces in the world. In the face of racism, even communism has collapsed. We have elaborated this in our editorial. Now the only one country left is China which is now under test. This war — "Mother of all wars" as Saddam put it — will clean up the world and particularly the Muslim world — *EDITOR).*

Muhammad Shaikat Ali, Mysore: I just read a copy of DV and found it great.

Arshad Kalliath, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala: Now and then in DV you refer to the "unity and integrity" of India. You may not be oblivious that sooner or later only nations can make up independent geopolitical entities. And nation may be defined as a community of people with a language, culture and territory in common. Then, it is clear what will happen to the unity and integrity of India. And for that matter those of Pakistan, USSR, or Yugoslavia. So even if upper castes are the first to come up with nationalist ideas (may be to sustain their hegemony), the silent majority should not allow themselves to be sidetracked again. DV should not fail to realise the historical necessity of national independence and must act accordingly.

(Arshad is new to DV which fully supports the nationally question. The sub-title in our front page masthead makes this clear —
EDITOR)

When Assamese speakers become a minority in Assam

Guwahati: In Assam, there is a chance of the Assamese speakers turning into a minority if all the national minorities of Assam assert their identity during the current census operations which began on Feb. 7. The census is being conducted in Assam for the first time in two decades. It could not be undertaken in 1981 following stiff opposition from the All-Assam Students' Union which was then spearheading the "anti-foreigner" agitation. Some sections of the population may not list Assamese as their mother tongue, making a break with the past. A senior leader of the United Reservation Movement Council of Assam said that the Assamese-speakers will be reduced to a minority in the coming census as many communities, including the tea tribes, will not identify themselves as Assamese because of

the AGP gov't's failure to deal with their alienation. A number of Bodos, besides many other tribal groups, are bound to assert their identity. Large chunks of the immigrant population, who had always listed themselves as Assamese-speaking, are now said to be wary of doing so, bitter from their experiences over the past few years.

UN recognition to American Black organisation

International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (IHRAAM) has been recognised by the United Nations. In a letter dt. Nov.30, 1990, the UN informed IHRAAM that it has been recognised for association with the UN as an NGO (non-governmental organisation) which gives IHRAAM the right to official representation at the UN, its organs and specialised agencies. IHRAAM's representative(s) may attend NGO weekly briefings as well as open meetings of the General Assembly, its committees, the Economic and Social Council (ECO-SOC) and other bodies. In short, IHRAAM is now ideally placed to serve as a conduit to the American minority community of all deliberations, conferences, diplomatic activity and international legislation concerning internationally - protected minority and human rights. Even more importantly, IHRAAM is now in the position to facilitate the expression of all grievances voiced by American minorities and their organisations to the world community, through the many channels available to it as an NGO with UN recognition. We at IHRAAM look back in amazement at what has been accomplished in the space of three short years, with the devoted effort of many, but with precious little in the way of financial resources. We wish to thank all of you who have participated in the furthering of this historic effort, and to share with you the congratulations due to the triumphant conclusion of this first stage of our efforts. We have achieved UN recognition. We have successfully opened the door for international attention to the grievances of American minorities. IHRAAM, PO Box 4332, Chicago, IL 60680 Tel: 312-939-0111 or IHRAAM Central office FAX: 306-924-1285. Dr. Y.N. Kly will act as Chairman of the Directorate during this transitional stage to NGO status and serve as IHRAAM's representative to the UN. (IHRAAM NEWSLETTER Vol.4 No.1).

Wanted Probe into Amte foreign connections

Anandwan (Maharashtra): The on-going anti-Sardar Sarovar agitation led by Baba Amte is threatening to land the famous Anandwan Ashram here at Warora in Chandrapur district in grave financial crisis. Some of the donors, angered by Baba's anti-Narmada stance, have already stopped sending their donations to the ashram. Anandwan is the home for more than 3,000 people of which over 1,500 are leprosy patients. Others are blind school boys, deaf-mute children, orphans, handicapped and destitutes. Besides, about 5000 people are dependant on this ashram for their livelihood. The ashram, which was set up by Baba Amte in 1949, runs largely on charity. The ashram runs a dairy, a hospital, a school for blind and colleges of arts, commerce, science and agriculture. The school and colleges were built by leprosy patients. It provides free food, housing, clothing and medicines to the inmates. It can hardly generate Rs.30 lakhs per annum from the projects. Its annual expenditure is to the tune of Rs.2 crore. It has to generate over Rs.1.70 crore from government and individuals' charity to cover the deficit. According to Dr. Vikas Amte, elder son of Baba, a sizable amount from individual donations have been affected since his father launched the Punjab March as part of his 'Knit India Movement' and recent agitation against the Narmada Dam. "The amount would be more than Rs.15 lakh per year and the maximum donors are from Gujarat," he said. These individual donors reportedly have stopped sending donations as they resent the negative stance adopted by the Baba on the Sarovar project.

Tips to Supreme Court now hearing anti-Mandal writ petitions

(N.K. Sharma, New Delhi)

Anti-Mandals have several names — higher castes, upper castes, forward castes, Hindus, Vaidiks, Aryans etc. These colonialists and racists hope to win their case in the Supreme Court on two major allegations. That the data is outdated and inadequate. Their arguments against Indian races (SC/ST/BC) make them racists. Their allegations makes them rabid racists. Their monopoly in offices and the non-representation of SC/BC/ST, the original Indian races, makes them colonial powers.

The presumption that the Indian races need get their representation through free, false and fake competition is invalid. This is a colonial, racial proposition. The representation of Indian races should be absolute with no pre-conditions. Pass the fake competition or else remain colonial subjects and victims? Subjects are victims all the time. There is a mountain of evidence of victimisation - pauperisation and atrocities. This violence of the microscopic minority called "Anti-Mandals" is a further proof of their victimisation and their barbaric colonialism. The street violence they manufactured and presented it as evidence to obtain a stay order from the Supreme Court exposes their monopoly colonial grip. If violence dictates the wisdom of the Court even on "pro-rata-temporary basis", the conclusion is inevitable - even justice is coloured by colonialism. This is the truth.

Representatives of Indian races (SC/ST/BC) is not to be qualified by poverty, pauperisation, rape of dignities or atrocities. The state in this 20th century is under an obligation to see that these ethnic or racial identities are present in fair numbers in offices. The Constitution emphasises these obligations and pleads that reservations are better devices than any competition. Representation is our birthright by fair and foul means. Reservations are the most civilised form of representation. Even in wild jungles, you do not find competition — tigers and lions do not compete.

Illiterate constables: The other widely prevalent assumption that they (alien races called upper castes/Aryans/Anti-Mandals) have secured colonial monopoly in offices through "open competition" is totally false. These are fake claims. They have secured this barbaric colonial monopoly through visible and invisible reservations based on caste, hereditary and manipulations. The 10 lakhs illiterate police constables from the upper castes are supposed to have more talents and merits than the matriculates of SC/BC/STs and Muslims outside the offices. How could anyone believe in this mid-summer madness of

illiterates triumphing over matriculates of Indian races? This is called colonialism and racialism.

Visible reservations of the alien races is the caste-based reservations and caste-based regiments in the Army to the Aryan castes and the structural ban on Indian races called SC/BC/ST. How could you recruit Yadavas to a Dogra regiment? How could you recruit a Kurmi to a Jat regiment? No, you cannot. These are 100% reservations to them. Reservation of 100% priest-posts to the Brahmins. Hereditary reservations to the Brahmin and his Aryan castes as village-level officers (revenue collectors) is the third instance of visible reservations. Under these hereditary reservations, over 10 lakh posts are reserved to the alleged upper castes to the total exclusion of Indian races (SC/ST/BC). Thus colonialism has its primary base at the village level and goes right up to the highest office and the Supreme Court. The allegations of "talent-shortages" among the Indian races is barbaric colonialism.

Invisible reservations: The experience and influence gained through visible reservations (50% of total posts) are mixed and manipulated to corner other posts and positions to complete fascist monopoly. These are invisible reservations. The preference shown to the progeny of retiring policemen, army-men and in secret services are other examples of invisible reservations. The 20% posts reserved to the serving employees and their progeny on compassionate grounds. Cent per cent posts in each State are reserved for its residents. These are invisible reservations of alien races styling themselves as upper castes. Upper castes means upper races, meaning colonial powers. The very expression, "upper races", smells racialism and obnoxious in this democratic age. Upper races stand for naked colonialism, fascism and aggression.

Colonial powers need not be outsiders. These colonial races even assert that they were aliens from Asia Minor, Central Asia and Mongolia. The Aryans even try to hide away the truth that they were Indo-Iranians viz. Persians in brief. Of course some of these Aryan races were from Central Asia and Mongolia. True, many eminent personalities of Aryan history were the progeny of Indian races called Untouchables (SCs). Yes, races did mix but did not merge and remained distinct races. The Aryans claiming the "Indian races" as their lower races (lower castes) remain a shameful chapter in the annals of human history.

How India became poorest: This story and history of visible and invisible reservations to the Aryan castes

is an endless story of indignities and humiliations to the Indian races. This is colonialism. Simple, plain and barbaric. The staff selection commission and the various public service commissions recruit only 30% of posts, while the rest (70%) are reserved to be filled elsewhere by their agents to perpetuate the monopoly to pauperise the "Indian races" (SC/ST/BC). As victims of this barbaric colonialism, the "Indian races" making up 85% population of this country are pauperised, dehumanised and degraded. No wonder, this richest country has become the poorest in the world.

V.P. Singh is Aryan: Anti-Mandals are a microscopic minority within the minority called Aryan races or upper castes. A vast majority of the Aryans are pro-Mandals and VP Singh is the leading light. We have VP Singh and all the pro-Mandal Aryans. We do not hate anti-Mandals seeking their fortune before the Supreme Court. We certainly hate anti-Mandals manufacturing street violence and fascism.

Shekar govt. is anti-Mandal: Anti-Mandals are expecting the Supreme Court to reject Mandal report on the wild allegations of insufficient and inadequate data. The court resumed hearing of over 110 petitions as Jan.15. Data based on the 1931 census is supposed to be outdated. Mandal Report recommended in 1979 is supposed to be outdated in 1990. Samples of data collected by Mandal Commission is supposed, to be cursory. These are the main allegations of anti-Mandals. They are sure of getting a judgment in their favour. No doubt these arguments are false. But they hope the court may oblige them.

The present ramshackle partnership govt. at the Centre — another anti-Mandal outfit — also wants the Supreme Court to declare the Report invalid on the basis of alleged or inadequate data. The data is the strong point of the report and yet it can be used for a manipulative verdict. You may even find fault with Hema Malini's face or with the thighs of Sridevi. Pro-Mandals need know this information — this govt. is the govt. of anti-Mandal manipulators.

Stay order: The manner in which the Supreme Court "stayed its implementation" by pointing out at the manufactured street violence of the Anti-Mandals speaks volumes about its verdict. The colonial powers have the monopoly power to manufacture street violence or riots and present the same to the Court to influence its verdict. They often resort to this device to replace CMs and PMs in a colonial style by subverting the Constitution.

We state these truths here to alert the pro-Mandals. They need not accept any challenge of the anti-Mandals for a street brawl. They need only become active in the Court with their arguments. All pro-Mandal organisations may implead themselves as parties in the case. They are not to depend on the govt. advocates. The govt. appointed the anti-Mandal lawyer as the Solicitor-General. Beware of these

dangerous signals. Engage your own lawyers from your races.

Our replies: The data and the samples collected by the Mandal com. are more than adequate for 27% reservations for 52% population of the country. The data is irrefutable. Yet the Court may be persuaded to oblige the anti-Mandals and the anti-Mandal govt. as it has obliged them with a stay order. Such a political decision as in the case of stay order could be tilted in favour of the colonial powers. The stay order itself is an injustice, for the Supreme Court itself refrained from labelling it a stay order. Why? Because the Constitution, the law and justice are all on the side of pro-Mandals. The whole humanity calls for its speedy implementation and the law declared by the Court validates reservations to BCs. *The SC/BC/STs case for reservations is not based on poverty or backwardness, but on the fact that they are distinct and separate identities as Indian races.* They are the sons of the soil. The Indian State is to be Indianised and democratised by 85% representation in offices for SC/ST/BCs races.

Poverty yardstick: The Anti-Mandals have 100% reservations in the Army. The Brahmins have 100% reservations in the priest-posts. These reservations to the Aryan or upper castes are not based on their poverty or backwardness. These monopoly reservations to the Aryan races have transformed Indian races (SC/BC/ST) as poor and backward. No political power and no representation in offices means backward races. This is the meaning of their low social status of Indian races. Their human rights are being usurped by the Aryan castes to become upper castes. How do they become upper castes without looting the powers and posts of Indian races? SC/BC "poverty" is political. These are today's realities. Loot them to call them backward? Reserve everything to your Aryan alien castes and call it merit and competition? Looting SC/BC/ST races even through a fair competition is barbarism. Looting through inbuilt and invisible reservations by labelling it as the merits of Aryan/Hindu castes is nothing but tomfoolery. Colonialism and deceptions go together.

Failure of court: Why the court failed to get Art.16 (4) implemented for the past 43 years? Why the BC reservations are not implemented for the past 43 years? If the Court has no answers, why it has to establish it now? Why the Court or for that matter any one expect SC/BC/STs to be "poor" and victims of atrocities to gain representation through reservations, while no such pre-conditions are applied to the reservations of the upper castes? Why this discrimination against Indian races vis-a-vis the alien Aryans races in the matter of reservations? If the Aryan castes are a number of races or distinct identities why not accept the same truth openly with regard to Indian races? To add insult to injury, why depict the victims of loot as lower castes of Hindus and backward? Could anyone with some sense depict

some races as lower races? How does Hindus become "races" and Indian races become "castes"? These are the tricks of terminology to befool and beguile the common man. If the Rajputs are a distinct race from Jats and if the Brahmin is an entirely another distinct race from Rajputs, Thakurs, Jats, Kapus, Reddys and Nairs, why deny that the Indian races (SC/ST/BCs) are distinct races? Why the court misrepresents the truth regarding Indian races? Is this due to lack of knowledge on the part of the learned judges? Probable.

Impartiality of the court: We do not doubt the impartiality and integrity of the Supreme Court and its judges. The learned judges are all the time open to learn new points of order and knowledge. Mere impartiality is not enough but the Court/Bench also need "seen to be impartial" and "seems to be impartial". Not merely in substance but appearances too are vital in the business of impartiality. Here, the Court and its composition fails in this test. By all standards it lacks the minimum qualifications to satisfy the standards of "seems to be impartial" Why? All the judges are from the upper castes/Aryan castes or anti-Mandal races. Sans SC/ST/BCs judges in the Court, it assumes the image of a colonial outpost as to the case with anti-Mandal monopoly offices. Those agencies of the State and the Constitution without fair representation of SC/BC/ST races are nothing but colonial outposts for them. The Supreme Court by its composition is clearly visible as one such outpost. Here we are merely stating the truths with no intentions to cast aspersions on its reputation. *We have the highest regard and respect for our Supreme Court. We are only pointing out a fact that it has no representation from SC/ST/BC races, who make up 85% population of this country.* The Court and the Bench is not a shared body by the Indian races. Precisely for these reasons, the Court holds no moral right to entertain the case of anti-Mandals. The court has to overcome this shortcoming to hear the case. This is a serious matter for the Court, making in-roads on its impartiality. The Court and the Bench need to be multi-racial with a majority of the judges being drawn from the majority Indian races.

Remedy: The Supreme Court to acquire the minimum qualifications to act as arbiter over intra-racial dispute, it has to be multi-racial in composition. To qualify itself to the high standards, "seems to be impartial," the Court should temporarily co-opt 12 judges from the Indian races or a majority of judges to the bench in this case of anti-Mandals.

Colonialism could be internal and unintentional and need not be by outsiders. If it is unintended, it does not cease to be colonialism. *Generous and sympathetic colonialism is no less an evil. The Court should set right its house, image and impartiality. The Bench should have majority judges from the Indian races as they make up 85% population of this country.* Permanent steps to correct the imbalance in its

composition could be initiated later. If there are no SC/ST/BC judges in the High Courts, they should be co-opted from the bar or from retired judges. The argument that the races have merged away are false. "The Hindus," replied MK Gandhi to Winston Churchill, "have adopted India for thousands of years". And yet he did not claim that the Hindu castes or Aryan castes cease to be alien races. They may be ceased to be aliens, but never ceased to be races and hence alien races.

Public Trust: The structure and the composition of the Court should reflect impartiality. The Court holds no right to appeal to the people to rely on the personality of its judges for impartiality. Such beliefs or trust cannot satisfy the norm of "seems to be impartial". Trust/belief in personalities is an element of colonialism and fascism. It is anti-democratic.

Impartiality is an element of the body as a whole — checks and balances within its composition, its practices and procedures. Precisely for these reasons, the Court does not appeal for public trust in its integrity. Its operative norms to run the public trust are many — open court hearings, right to implead for all parties, substance of arguments and not historicisms of lawyers, open discussions and decisions, and no chamber hearings (except in rare cases) in the presence of lawyers. If any judge is remotely connected to an issue under dispute, such a judge is withdrawn from the particular Bench. This is not done with any doubts on the integrity of the particular judge, but to demonstrate the integrity and impartiality of the Court. Why these elaborate practices and procedures to demonstrate the Court's and judge's integrity? Integrity will not become integrity unless it is demonstrated by tangible means.

Indianisation of the court: Hence the Court is under an obligation to co-opt judges from Indian races, enabling it to demonstrate its impartiality by its composition. Then only it qualifies to meet the high standards of "seems to be impartial". It has no moral or legal right to appeal for our goodwill and trust in its wisdom, unless the Indian races are fairly represented on the Bench and in the Court.

The learned judges have made enough comments about the inadequacies of the judiciary and more so of the Supreme Court in the matter of reservations to Indian races (SC/ST/BCCs). They also confessed their lack of intimate knowledge about the Indian races as evident from the dithering and vacillation on the issues of representation of Indian races. Justice Venugopal of the Madras High Court advocated for the removal of Court's jurisdiction in the matter of reservations (DV Nov. 15 1990 p.15). All these judges merely underline the bias and incompetence of the Supreme Court against Indian races. Here, we do not want to attribute any partiality or bias to the Court and the judges. By this write-up we invite the attention of the Court or the urgent need for Indianisation of the court

to gain its full stature.

As the Court stands today, it is an alien body for the Indian races — its confusing stand on the representation/reservations human rights of Indian races reflect its inefficiency and inadequacies. Often the Court pronounces its verdicts couched in generous and compassionate phrases on the matters of reservations betraying its inadequate knowledge. This article is not aimed to influence the Court verdict but to draw its attention to its lopsided composition.

Mandal Bhajans: Like the American Supreme Court,

our Supreme Court too decides policy decisions coloured by public opinion. Let pro-Mandals change their perceptions and phrases. They should start Bhajan Mandals for Indianisation of the Indian State. They should strongly argue before the Court for its Indianisation. This is an irrefutable argument to rescue and to expand Mandal Report to 52%. Ultimate victory belongs to the Indian races for justice and humanity is on their side. "Indian for Indian races, and Dr. Ambedkar is India". This is the theme for Mandal Bhajan Mandals to convey public opinion to the portals of the Court.

How the ruling class uses education to enslave the masses

(Our correspondent)

Bangalore: Though the Constitution itself has provided for free, universal and compulsory primary education (Article 45) within ten years, the rulers of India neglected this during the past 45 years and went on expanding higher education. Why? There is a method in this madness. If the entire population of India gets educated that will naturally bring awareness and along with awareness comes the desire to assert their human rights. The ruling class thinks that if all the people of India get educated and secure their human rights that will not be in the ruling class interest. The ruling class pig philosophy is everybody else should be deprived, if the ruling class has to remain happy. The rulers do not want anybody to get educated. So they have kept the whole country deprived, poor and hence illiterate. So, India has just 30% name-sake literacy after 45 years of "independence". The literacy among SC/ST is almost half of this. The ruling class does all this in the name of democracy, socialism. This is also done in a non-violent way in the name of the Father of their Nation.

If the primary education is neglected, what about higher education? This is what the "experts" (also belonging to the ruling class) say:

A seminar at the SNDT Women's University in Bombay on Jan. 4 has revealed shocking details. The educationists present "expressed concern" about the rapid growth in the number of students enrolled in institutions of higher education. Their number has grown from 2,65,000 in 19 universities and 400 colleges in 1947 to 3,681,000 students in 155 universities and 6,040 colleges in 1988 representing a growth rate of almost 10%. Several efforts to slow down this growth have failed as the demand for higher education continues to grow. Further more, political realities restrained the Government from taking any steps that would deny any section of society equal access to higher education" (*Hindu* Jan. 5).

That means the country is suffering from excess of higher education. Why the primary education is neglected and higher education pampered? This is because the ruling class wants it so. Not that the ruling class is not conscious of the lopsided growth of the education system in India. It knows it. Yet it

consciously creates this lopsided growth. Because it wants the general mass of people — meaning the SC/ST/BCs and Muslims — to remain deprived and illiterate so that they will continue to serve the upper castes who are also the rulers. It is investing this "poor" country's scarce resources in higher education so that the upper caste children get the best of education that will prepare them to go to Western countries on fat salaries. They get education subsidised by the govt. and after getting educated they run away to Western countries without repaying the debt. We must stop this.

English for the Elite: Besides this, the ruling class is also enforcing a dual education system. The chaotic govt. education system for the "poor" is imparted in their mother tongue. But the ruling class sends its children to expensive and exclusive private education institutions where the medium is English. *That means English for the rulers and Indian languages for the ruled.*

Can we think of such a set of a rulers in any part of the world? And these rulers have been ruling us in the name of Gandhi and all its crimes are done in the name of Gandhi. And they also say their crimes have the blessings of Gandhi. We must stop this.

Basu challenged in Bengal

Calcutta: The frontal labour organisations of the CPI and the RSP and the West Bengal cooperation minister, Bhakti Bhushan Mondal, belonging to the Forward Bloc, have joined ranks with different Naxalite factions, the Jharkhand Party and the Janata Dal to oppose the West Bengal chief minister, Jyoti Basu's stand on the Mandal Commission recommendations. While Basu has said that there are no other Backward Classes in West Bengal and, therefore, there is no question of its implementation in the state, the Mandal commission action committee, of which Bhakti Bhushan Mondal is the president, and the representatives of the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) and the United Trade Union Congress (UTUC) are members, has demanded the total implementation of the recommendations in the state. Basu was trying to create confusion by raising the issue of economic criteria which could not arise as the Mandal commission dealt exclusively with the question of the Backward Classes. (*Times of India*, Jan. 12).

NSFDC Schemes for SC/STs

(Lalfak Zuala, IAS, Managing Director, NSFDC, New Delhi)

National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, was set up on Feb. 1989 with an authorised capital of Rs.75 crores. The Govt. of India has so far released Rs.50 crores, and the balance of Rs.25 crores is expected to be released at the time of approving the Supplementary Demands.

The Corporation is located in Delhi, and is functioning at present from No.8, Balaji Estate, Guru Ravi Das Marg, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110 019.

The Corporation is to function as a Nodal Institution for financing development schemes of the SC/ST all over the country. The Corporation is headed by a Managing Director, assisted by four General Managers who head four distinct and specialised Departments of Finance, Planning, Projects and Personnel & Administration. Since the Corporation is still in its infant level, being a nascent Corporation hardly a year old, and the activities are still in the Planning, Formation & Evolutionary stages, shortfalls could not be quantified. However, during the first year of operation, the Corporation has achieved an excess income over expenditure to the tune of Rs.4.92 crores, with the Income at present coming from the short term investments of the paid-up share capital with nationalised banks & public enterprises.

Schemes sanctioned: Manantoddy Tribal Plantation Cooperative Limited (MTPCL) is formed under Cooperatives Act by the Government of Kerala to rehabilitate 118 (370 adult members) freed bonded tribal families of Manantoddy Taluk in the Wayanad District of Kerala. After freedom these bonded labourers had no assets or economic activities of their own for earning their livelihood. They were mainly involved in agriculture based activities. These people would continue to be exploited by those people who had kept them as bonded labour and skill available especially in the field of agriculture related activities, the Government of Kerala has allotted (526.26 acres) barren hill tract for growing tea plantation as the climate, soil and rain pattern is suitable for tea plantation. Government of Kerala decided to set up a tea processing factory under the control of the cooperative society costing about Rs.75 lakhs. This factory will have annual capacity of processing 5 lakh kg of made tea on single shift basis. On the basis of prevailing prices of green tea leaves and the wholesale price of made tea this factory can start working immediately and earn good profit which would contribute towards the cost of plantation also. The total cost of the project is Rs. 500 lakhs. *Bihar State Tribal Cooperative Development Corporation Ltd.* submitted a scheme for setting up five cooperative societies of stone cutters belonging to STs in Lapunga, Mandur. Mannantoddy Tribal Plantation Cooperative Ltd, is a society designed and created for socio-economic development of 370 adult members of 118 freed bonded tribal families of Mannantoddy Taluk in the Wayanad District of Kerala. For the purpose, the society has taken up work of tea processing factory. The total cost of the project will be 277.35 lakhs. The society applied to NSFDC for sanction of loan of Rs.37.50 lakhs to fill the gap in their sources. NSFDC sanctioned a loan of Rs.37.50 lakhs for helping the society in rehabilitation of 370 tribals.

NSFDC received a proposal from "The land for Tillers Freedom," a voluntary organisation working in Tanjavur districts in Tamil Nadu for purchasing land from the local landlords and distributing it to Scheduled Castes landless families. The total cost of the projects is expected to be Rs.75.51 lakhs and 982 Scheduled Castes families will be benefitted by the project. NSFDC sanctioned a loan of Rs.46.05 lakhs for the project. The loan will be repayable in 10 Years.

Officers of the NSFDC: Lalfak Zuala Managing Director, G.Chakravarthi, General Manager (Finance), Dr SP Ram General Manager (P&A), N Manohara Prasad, General Manager (Planning & Coord), K Jayakumar, Genreal Manager (Projects) Rakesh Dhingra, Co. Secy-cum-Finance Manager.

(Extracted from the NSFDC, July - Sept 1990 first issuing which may be had from the above address of the corporation)

Bihar Dalits get ready for armed struggl *(Our correspondent)*

Sasram (Bihar) : In this former hometown of Jagjivan Ram the desperate Dalits (Chamars) reeling under upper caste (Rajput) oppression have decided to take to armed struggle to protect their human rights. And since killing in self-defence is justified under law they have started accumulating arms and the youths have started taking arms training. This development has brought nightmares to upper castes. The growing militancy of Dalits in this area is impressing other Dalits of the State and soon Bihar may turn out to be a huge armed battle ground, with Dalits and Muslims on one side and upper castes on the other side. Rohtas district is presently witnessing a new phenomenon - the emergence of Dalits as an organised force under the banner of the Bahujan Samaj Party. They are realising the need for a separate political identity and also hit back at the oppressive socio-economic system. This realisation has, in the last one year, created a sharp caste divide and things have come to such a head that a Rajput or a Brahmin considers all Dalits to be criminals, while for the latter all the upper castes are tormentors. The Dalit tolas in some villages have undergone a sea-change. There is no dearth of arms and there are even special hideout. Entering a tola after sunset is a risk, one having to answer a barrage of questions from the youth guarding the tola. The recent killing of ten Rajpurs at Kesari village under Chand police station, though it was a fallout of a feud between Nakhru Chamar and Baidyanath Singh, proves this.

Nazism can't be fought thru parliamentarism

(C. Ravichander, Central Reorganisation Committee, Communist Party of India, Marxist-Leninist)

The assault on the Babri Masjid by the RSS-VHP-BJP combine and the communal violence unleashed by them in various parts of the country brazenly assert Manu's dictum — *brahminism is above law*. It is now clear that this assault was possible partly due to the complicity of the very armed forces assigned to protect the Masjid from the *Hindutva* hooligans. Whatever may be the secular intentions of political leaders who come to power, in this case Mulayam Singh Yadav, the Indian state machinery will display its inherent brahminic bias. It will have no hesitation in storming and destroying the Sikh's Golden Temple or gunning down defenseless Muslims. But it will display the utmost caution in wielding its weapons when it is a case of *savarna* hordes rampaging against reservation for the downtrodden or frenzied *Hindutva-vadis* storming a masjid. The assault on the Babri Masjid by

the RSS-VHP-BJP combine is the open declaration of continuous aggression against the Muslim minority and others for a Hindu fascist rule. In the coming days they will try to intensify this program. Their death dance at Ayodhya should be sufficient to drive home the lesson that timid, liberal pleas for humanism or sanity will be of no use to defeat their plans. The disease must be tackled at its root: the poisonous fangs of brahminism which can flourish only through hate and discrimination must be broken. The broad masses of Hindus are not with these *hindutva-vadis* since they too suffer from its heinous casteist practice. The oppressed national peoples are also opposed to it because they have bitter experience of it through its modern, constitutional form, Indian integration. Neither appeasement nor parliamentary manoeuvres have saved any country from the onslaught of fascism. If Mulayam Singh Yadav and others are genuinely interested in fighting for secular values, they should get out of the parliamentary pigsty, openly accepting that one cannot fight brahminism (*hindutva*) with a machinery steeped in its values, and come to the masses to join in the battle to destroy this monster. (October 31, 1990.)

"Reconversion" of Tribal in Orissa (Our correspondent)

Bhubaneswar: Christians should not convert Untouchables or tribals. Meenakshipuram mass conversion of Untouchables into Islam was publicised by the Nazi Press as "the greatest tragedy suffered by the country after partition." But the converted Tamil untouchables say they are liberated and are happily living. If the Christians, Muslims or Sikhs resort to conversion it is described as a crime but if the Nazis do the same it is called a holy act. Over 17,000 people particularly tribals had been "reconverted" by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad during the last six years. Highlighting the activities of the VHP and the Akhil Bharatiya Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram, the office bearers told reporters here on Jan.11 that the conversions taking place in tribal districts like Phulbani and Koraput had been checked to some extent.

GIC fund for SC/ST Training

Bombay: To mark the Babasaheb Ambedkar centenary year, the General Insurance Corporation of India has announced a trust fund for pre-recruitment training of scheduled caste and scheduled tribe candidates for jobs in public sector undertakings and State and Central govt. services. The trust will have a corpus of Rs.50 lakhs. Candidates who receive pre-recruitment training under the programme need not be bound to sit for GIC Examinations only, but will be free to appear for other examinations. (Times Jan. 15)

Jharkhand Indian rulers violating Tribal human rights

(Mrs. Surinder Kaur, Calcutta)

The most important human right of the tribals (Jharkhandis) was accepted by UN when the General Assembly adopted Resolution 33/40 on Dec.13, 1978. We quote:

"Reaffirming that the natural resources of all Territories under colonial and racist domination are the heritage of the peoples of those Territories and that the exploitation and depletion of those resources by foreign economic interests, in particular southern Africa, in association with the illegal racist minority regimes constitutes a direct violation of the rights of the peoples and of the principles stated in the Charter and all relevant resolutions of the United Nations...."

Condemning the intensified activities of those foreign economic, financial and other interests which continue to exploit the natural and human resources of the colonial Territories and to accumulate and repatriate huge profits to the detriment of the interests of the inhabitants, particularly in southern Africa, thereby impeding the realization by the peoples of the Territories of their legitimate aspirations for self-determination and independence...."

Deeply concerned at the fact that foreign economic, financial and other interests continue to deprive the indigenous populations of other colonial Territories, including those in the Caribbean and Pacific Ocean regions, of their rights over the wealth of their countries, and at the continued loss of ownership of land by the inhabitants of those Territories as a result of the failure of the administering Powers to take effective steps to safeguard such ownership."

This resolution was adopted with India voting in its favour. This resolution was also adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/28 of 1980 and has been repeated every second year since then. All countries, signatories to these resolutions, are bound to incorporate their contents in their respective Constitutions, as per International Law. Following the spirit of this resolution, the Tribals in India must be given exclusive rights over land and other resources falling within tribal areas.

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(V.T. Rajshekar)

A guide for all human rights fighters. The ruling class in every country has met with defeat. Those upholding imperialism, capitalism, feudalism, nazism, racism, zionism are all dead or dying. Even communism is collapsing. But India's ruling class propounding brahminism is reigning supreme. This is because the ruling class in every other society has been identified, fought and eliminated. But India's ruling class has never been identified. Nor it is identifiable. Even a microscope can't spot it. The secret of its success lies in its unique control over the brains of the entire population of India. It confuses everybody, makes one section of the ruled cut the other's throat and in the prevailing confusion loots everybody. This rare gem of a *Ready Reference* is meant to clear this confusion and guide the entire lot of India's persecuted nationalities denied human rights to put up a joint fight. The author is a noted thinker, scholar, writer and journalist of India, and Editor of the *Dalit Voice*.

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"Hindu unity" aims at breaking Indian unity: Minorities are warned

(Our correspondent)

Bangalore: Bharatiya Janata Party, the political arm of India's chief Nazi party, RSS, has a new president, Dr. Murali Manohar Joshi, to succeed the Sindhi, L.K. Advani. One Brahmin goes another Brahmin comes. Nazis don't believe in democracy. So the selection was done by the RSS top brass, and imposed on the party. There was no election. No democracy. The opposition of A.B. Vajpayee to Joshi's selection was brushed aside, because the Nazis consider Vajpayee a soft-liner. RSS has learnt that only a militant, aggressive, blood-red Hindutva riding roughshod over the lives of "religious minorities" (20%) alone can bring about Hindu unity — meaning the enslavement of SC/ST/BCs (65%) and thus annexe them to Hinduism. (DV edit Jan.16: "The meaning of Hindu unity").

So very, hard days are ahead for our "religious minorities"(20%). We have explained this in detail in our editorial and hence there is no need to repeat what we have said. "Religious minorities" — Muslims 15%, Christians 2.5%, Sikhs 2% — belong to an organised religion which stand for justice and equality. Because of this, these sections are an alert lot. That is why nobody can take these sections for granted. They wield enormous influence. Besides, both the Muslims and Christians were the former rulers of India. Sikhs have shaken the entire upper castes. *That means the three religious minorities are the greatest assets for this country. If the country is what it is today, it is because of the contributions of these three sections.* India's rich cultural heritage owes a great deal to them. The "Hindu unity" aims at destroying this cultural heritage contributed by these three sections.

Divide & Rule: In our Jan.16 editorial, we have explained that the Hindus have nothing against these three sections of non-Hindu religious minorities. And yet they are being slaughtered in the name of "Hindu unity" painting them as the evil incarnate. They are being held responsible for every problem India is facing. The "national" media is geared against them so that the 65% non-Hindu SC/ST/BCs are brainwashed and after getting convinced that the religious minorities are the cause of India's disintegration, the blood hounds are let loose against the minorities. *Once the SC/ST/BCs turn against Muslims/Sikhs/Christians, the upper caste bread slips into ghee. SC/ST/BCs can be enslaved only by annexing them into Hinduism, and this annexation is possible only if the 65% non-Hindu original inhabitants of India are on an eternal warfare against the 20% religious minorities.* By keeping the two sections divided, the 15% upper castes can rule this country. They have mastered the divide and rule theory. The name of the game is Hindu unity. Murali Manohar Joshi, a hard-boiled RSS man, is selected exactly for this purpose. The minorities are hereby warned.

They should understand the meaning of the "Hindu unity." Why this unity? And this unity is against whom? *Actually, this "Hindu unity" is intended to break the country's unity —* And this is what the Hindutva heroes want. And that is why this harboiled RSS man from the cowbelt was selected.

Hardboiled Nazi: Born in Delhi in 1934, Dr. Joshi belongs to Almora in Kumaon Hills of Uttar Pradesh. Having had his early schooling in Delhi, Bijnore and Almora he graduated from Meerut. For his higher education he moved to Allahabad university from where he obtained his MSc. and PhD. degrees in physics. Later he accepted a teaching job in his alma mater. Dr. Joshi joined RSS in his teens, started his political career in 1952 with the Vidyarthi Parishad.

Dalits demand probe into death of Dr. Ambedkar

(I.K. Ayyappan, chairman, Dalit Liberation Front, Kerala, Trissur - 680 004)

We urge the Govt of India to conduct a judicial inquiry into the death of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the Father of our Nation, as we strongly suspect that his death was not natural. Various attempts were made by some upper castes to finish Babasaheb from the day of his entry into politics and the social emancipation movement.

1. The first attempt to murder Babasaheb was made when he started the Mahad Chowdar tank entry satyagraha in 1927. After this nonviolent satyagraha he was taking rest in the Govt. Guest House when hooligans inspired by upper castes planned to murder him. (2) The second incident was in 1928. He was leading a nonviolent temple entry satyagraha before the Mumbadevi temple when he was attacked by upper caste goondas and he was saved by a British police inspector. (3) While he was leading the Kalaram temple entry satyagraha at Nasik, he was attacked by the upper caste miscreants. (4) When the British Govt. declared the Communal Award on Aug. 17, 1932 MK Gandhi went on "fast unto death" when Babasaheb was attacked from several quarters. (5) The Independent Labour Party established by Babasaheb in 1937 won 16 seats in the Bombay Legislative Assembly. This was rejoiced by the followers of Dr. Ambedkar. It was a huge and mammoth 4-mile-long procession led by Dr. Ambedkar in a car. The goondas of S.K. Patil, the then President of Bombay Pradesh Congress Committee, attacked Dr. Ambedkar to kill him. Fortunately, he was saved by his loyal driver who lost his left hand. (6) The younger brother of V.D. Savarkar, one of the founders of Nazi party, bribed a cook to poison Babasaheb by offering Rs.500. Since the money was not paid on time he was saved.

Marriage conspiracy: (7) Many attempts on his life were made when he was piloting the Hindu Code Bill in Parliament. (8) Due to the timely intervention of volunteers and police his life was saved while he was addressing a conference in Gokhale Hall, Poona, on Jan.18, 1943 in connection with the Centenary Celebration of Justice Ranade. (9) In March 1951, a Brahmin from Nagpur disguised himself as a Mahar, entered the residence of Dr. Ambedkar and attempted to murder him.

As part of many murder attempts, the brahminical conspirators succeeded in getting him married to a Brahmin woman. Probably this was the last conspiracy to finish him forever.

He was a diabetic patient taking insulin himself. This Brahmin woman was also a doctor and the person responsible to administer injections to him. We are not

sure whether this woman was an innocent tool in the hands of the conspirators.

To prevent Buddhist conversion: Babasaheb embraced Buddhism on Oct. 14, 1956 at Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur, with lakhs of followers. Thus he brought back Lord Buddha to his birth place after, 1000 years. Thereafter the masses are following him into Buddhism in large numbers. We strongly doubt that the death of Babasaheb was due to the brahminical conspiracy to prevent the entire Untouchable community going over to Buddhism, resulting in the death of brahminism.

No post-mortem was conducted either in Delhi or in Bombay or any inquiry was ordered. The unexplained sudden death of Babasaheb on Dec.6, 1956 is a mystery because he was perfectly well on the Dec.5.

Dr. Mavlankar and Kabir, brother of the Brahmin wife, had left a day earlier to Bombay with plenty of luggage from the residence of Dr. Ambedkar in Delhi.

In the above circumstances our doubts get confirmed that the death of Babasaheb was not natural. We, therefore, that a judicial probe be conducted into the death of Babasaheb Ambedkar to unravel the mystery as plenty of records are still with the govt. and intelligence authorities. The centenary year of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar is the apt time to go into this serious matter. ■

Mahatma Phule house to be Made national monument

Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, India's one and the only genuine Mahatma, is not only a household name in Maharashtra but being acknowledged as one of the gurus of Babasaheb Ambedkar, he is now known all over the country as a great revolutionary. But unfortunately the upper caste rulers of Maharashtra have neglected this great Backward Caste (Mali community) leader. At least bending to pressures, Chief Minister Sharad Pawar, a Maratha, has announced a Rs.2-crore grant to convert the little home of Mahatma Phule in the Chitpavan stronghold of Pune, into a national monument. The SC/ST/BCs and minorities of Maharashtra, to whom the Mahatma did so much, must be vigilant and see that this fund is not swallowed by the enemies of the Mahatma. For further reading on the Mahatma, we recommend two books, *Conflict & Ideology* by Rosalind O' Hanlon, 1985, Orient Longman, and *Mahatma Jotirao Phoolley*, by Dhananjay Keer, Popular Prakashana, Bombay -- EDITOR

Pune: But for the Maharashtra archeology department's board at 408, Ganj Peth and a spruced up structure enclosed by a freshly painted fence, one would not take a second look at the house that Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, among the greatest social reformers in the country, lived in. It is in one of the congested bylanes of Pune's Ganj Peth, amidst dirt

and squalor, that the Phule house is located. In fact, it is because of the narrow lanes, pedestrian traffic and the dirt that the municipal corporation has dropped a visit to the historic house from its 'Pune darshan' itinerary for tourists. Nevertheless, thanks to the Mahatma Phule centenary year and the recent visit by the Maharashtra chief minister, Sharad Pawar, considerable interest has been generated in the Phule Wada. It is literally on the concluding day of the centenary year, on Wednesday last, that Pawar announced a grant of Rs.2 crore for the conversion of the house into a national monument. Given the practical difficulties and the situation in which the house finds itself today, the task of converting the house into a national monument does appear daunting. This is mainly because, apart from the narrow lanes, the house is surrounded on two sides

by congested residential quarters. Converting the house into a national monument would require the acquisition of surrounding properties and the satisfactory rehabilitation of its residents. As the former principal of the agriculture college, Dr K.S. Farande, closely associated with the Phule house, told this correspondent, "This task of raising the national monument should be taken up by social workers and community leaders and not be left to the government alone". This was the house in which, Phule explored and implemented the idea of educating women amidst still opposition from a conservative society. It was also in this house that Phule, by advertising through posters put up in villages, dissuaded women from committing suicide for bearing illegitimate children. (Sunday Observer Dec.2)

BRAHMINISM, NAZISM, FASCISM, RACISM

(N.K. Sharma, New Delhi)

Brahminism is Nazism, fascism and racism. What does fascism mean or nazism stand for? Nazism also stands for racism, the alleged superiority of a race, worship of the superman, denial of individual and family freedoms, graded inequality, dictatorship. Communal/racial weapons are used against other races and nationalities. These are the main elements of fascism. Fascism is a danger to humanity and every political scientist and statesman has said this. Brahminism or upper casteism exhibits all these features of fascism. It stands for racial superiority of the Aryans. It used big bluffs to say that SC/ST/BCs are Aryans and Hindus and belong to this or that caste, higher or lower, superior or inferior. This is called graded inequality. It preaches the worship of the superman. It is against all individual types of freedom, against representative govt. and against democracy. And, its only surviving mantra is "the nation-in-danger" syndrome. Whenever this upper caste/savarna nation is threatened the "foreign hand" theory appears on the front pages of "national newspapers". For modesty sake, instead of saying that brahminism, which is the scientific name for Hinduism, is racism we say that brahminism is fascism. (DV edit Jan 1, 1991: "India heading towards fascism". The brahminical social order never repudiated the fascist philosophy of its religion. It did not repudiate the graded inequality, castes or varnas of their social order. It did not repudiate its main fascist plank of worship of the superman - the priestcraft. Nor did it officially repudiate the slavery of the sudras even in theory by amending its *smritis* and scriptures. Officially, it encourages class (caste/varna) consciousness, class violence and class war. Every caste in every varna is pre-occupied with the fascist notion of upgrading its status against the other. This fascism endangers not only the human rights of Hindus, but also that of non-Hindus like SC/ST/BCs and Muslims/Christians/Sikhs — over 85% of the Indian population. In short, the whole of humanity. Like nazism and fascism, brahminism is sanctified racism by consecrating the entire social order. Under brahminism, the individual (man) is not an end in himself, but an instrument of fascism. As in a fascist state, the status of the individual and his class are fixed for ever. A man born in a caste has neither a promotion or demotion. If you are a born Bania, you have to die a Bania. Merit goes by birth. Charity is confined to your *jati*. It stults the growth of individual personality. It is against liberty, equality and fraternity. It is against socialism, secularism and democracy. It is non-social and anti-social. It appeals to baser instincts of man viz. to emotions and discourages his instincts and intelligence. It disarms the Hindu masses, mentally as well as physically by denying them arms (for self-protection), education for enlightenment, knowledge and freedoms. By this disarmament, it killed the manliness among the Hindus and stopped any chance of revolt, rebellion and revolution against the inhuman and inequitable social order. Marxism failed in India because it fell into the brahminical trap and the savarnas used it as yet another ideological instrument to enslave the people. All lovers of justice including those born Brahmins owe a duty to humanity to criticise such a sanctified racism/facism. When we criticise such an ideology our aim is not the destruction of brahminism but to educate the public and forewarn them against such a fascist doctrine. Voltaire said that unless the last king is killed by strangulating him with the entrails of the last priest, the earth will not come into its own and the man shall not be liberated. Brahminism, which stands for all that fascism, cannot escape its share of damnation and condemnation until it repudiates its fascist sanctimonial nonsense. If some Brahmins say they have left brahminism long ago, (we do not care to inquire into this), we are entitled to criticise the priestcraft or their sacred literature until they are officially repudiated. The reality shows that these fascist advocates are alive and kicking. Some pundits styling themselves as doctors or doctorates, recently claimed that their brahminism and varnas and castes are based on genetic code. Thus, fascist doctrines are alive and kicking and it is coming out with shameless hocus-pocus justifications to fool the ignorant and gullible public. Some of the preachings of brahminism might have died as creeds or beliefs but they continue as habits, and hence we cannot but criticise brahminism and damn it. Here there is no misrepresentation of facts and no insinuations. The ideal is bad. This is what Dr.Ambedkar also said. And every sane Brahmin will have to agree with it if India has to survive. ■

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