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BIG BUSINESS FUNDS TO HINDUISE TRIBALS

The Delhi elections have given yet another fitting rebuff to the RSS policies for communalising the Indian politics. Just as the voters of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka (only in one dt. most of the BJP got elected) have rejected this Hindu fascist party, the Delhi voters have also necked out the RSS despite the capital's high caste journalists predicting a handsome victory for the BJP. The problem with our Press, out of touch with people, is that it wants to make its wish appear as political predictions. A. B. Vajpayee, the RSS leader heading the BJP, might have played the stunt of resigning and the Press would again make it appear as if it was an expression of his differences with the RSS. We are not going to be fooled by these cheap tricks of Vajpayee whom the RSS is grooming to be the next Prime Minister. The Delhi debacle of the RSS is the result of a series of anti-Muslim riots engineered by it and also its anti-Sikh anti-dalit policies. The dangerous policies pursued by the RSS resulting in Cong. I victory in Delhi make us doubt whether RSS is having a secret pact with Indira Gandhi. Be that as it may, we have been able to unravel the mystery behind the RSS love towards tribals. Aryans who invaded India tried to subju-

gate the natives. Those Indians, the original owners of this land, to escape from the tyranny of the foreigners fled to forests and hills and thus came to be called tribals. They are animists and never Hindus. As these tribals are fully armed and do not suffer from the disease of Hinduism, they are posing a big danger to India's Ruling Class. RSS, in collaboration with the Indian Big Business and American capitalists, has therefore prepared a massive 30-year plan to combat tribal militancy. This multi-million rupee secret plan is a double-edged weapon to kill two birds with one stone :- (1) to combat the Christian missionaries, negate the good work done by them in tribal areas, (2) to bring the tribals into Hindu fold. Such a two pronged attack would also help make tribals turn against Christians. To hit this target RSS has prepared a plan with huge funds from the House of Birlas, Thapars, Bangurs, Mafatlals, Jains, Goenkas etc., according to RSS literature itself. The Tatas are also being wooed but being

Parsees, they have not shown much interest. Three districts in the States of UP, Bihar and Orissa - all tribal areas - have been selected for this experiment. Our investigation has revealed a fairly big success for the plan. Govt. officials, mostly high caste Hindus, are fully cooperating. The Press has given a blooming picture of these projects. A top RSS leader and a Maharashtra Brahmin, Nanaji Deshmukh, handpicked by the RSS has been selected for this big job. The districts selected are Singhbhum (Bihar), Sundergarh (Orissa) and Gonda (UP). Jamshedpur and Rourekela, the two major steel towns coming under these districts, provide an industrial base also. RSS had engineered a major anti-Muslim riot at Jamshedpur by making use of the tribals. The plan is to use tribals and dalits against Muslims and Christians. So much so, RSS got elected to the Assembly from Jamshedpur. The plan to start an anti-Muslim riot at Rourekela is underway. Singhbhum is 33% forest and Marwaris and other Hindu businessmen are being brought to this district to settle down and cut the trees - the main source of living of the tribals. They call these outside exploiters as *dikhus* and have launched an armed struggle against the *dikhus*. Ranchi being the main tribal centre, RSS is concentrating all its energy on this area. The Jharkhand movement for a separate tribal state comprising over a dozen districts in Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa and MP is mostly led by Christian tribals who happened to be the most conscious lot thanks to the Christian missionary work. RSS is, therefore, all-out to blunt this movement. Over 65% of the population of this area is living below the poverty line and hence RSS finds

this a fertile ground to breed. Many Hindu temples have been built in this area and tribals made to worship Brahmin gods - all of which are alien to the tribal culture. Hinduising the tribals helps RSS to create anti-Christian hatred. Many missionaries have been assaulted, nuns molested. Thus RSS hopes to reap a rich harvest and finally defeat the "separatist" Jharkhand movement in the name of national unity. RSS with the help of the Arya Samaj, Ramakrishna Mission has published literature in several tribal languages depicting the Christians as anti-national, foreign agents, subversive elements, encouraging separatism. There is a move to ban conversions. Efforts are also being made to destroy the rich culture of tribals, their beautiful language, their dress. Hundreds of full-time Brahmin and other high caste youths are brought as teachers for this purpose. Trained Maharashtra Brahmin women are also working. A major offensive against the tribals is launched by brain-washing the tribals that cow is god and it should be worshipped. Since tribals are beef-eaters, they are made to give up this habit and once this is done they are told that the Christians eat the "mother cow" and hence they are the enemies of Hinduism. In some places the cow worship mania has already led to clashes between tribals and Christians. Several millions of rupees are invested for cow worship and this is undertaken not with the object of developing the cattle wealth but turning them against Muslims and Christians. The Hindu love is confined only to cow and not the ox or the buffalo. Dalmia's have donated several millions of rupees towards mobile hospitals and other health care purposes in Gonda. Nagpur
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LID OFF ARYA SAMAJ STUNT AT MEENAKSHIPURAM

(Our correspondent)

Tirunelveli, TN: *As regards the All-India Arya Samaj Conference at Meenakshipuram on Jan 1, the following are the facts: Those dalits who had voluntarily embraced Islam in Feb. 1981 continue to be Muslims even today. They had learnt the basic tenets of the faith and are very firm in their convictions. They have sent their boys and girls to Muslim institutions for study where they are brought up as equals with other Muslim children. There existed some enmity between dalits who embraced Islam & those who did not at Meenakshipuram. This enmity was engineered by Vishwa Hindu Parishad. It encouraged the quarrel between brothers. Fortunately this enmity came to a grinding halt after the Pullan-gudi riots. When they saw that all other Hindus are united in attacking the dalits, they got united. They realised their folly once for all and both Muslims and non-Muslims who are all brothers again began to live peacefully and amicably. This is the situation even today. RSS and their bandwagon could not tolerate such a cordial atmosphere and began to play their dirty tricks. By organising the All-India Arya Samaj Conference in that tiny, sleepy village, they began to shower favours on non-Muslim 'Harijans'. Money flowed like water. Clothes & other materials followed. Some thatched huts were turned into tiled roof hutments. With all these preliminaries the Arya Samaj convened its All-India conference near Meenakshipuram and the one-day meeting and procession at Kaliaman temple at Meenakshipuram itself. The Arya Samaj tried its best to get hold of at least a few persons among the Muslims there for reconversion into Hinduism. They could not get even a single person. Because, these people did not become Mus-*

*lims for money or any pecuniary benefits. They joined Islam as per their conviction and secured social status. This they are enjoying for the last two years. That is why Arya Samaj people miserably failed in this aspect. Then they switched over to other game. They caught hold of a few people in the surrounding area who are badly in need of money. These persons were asked to proclaim that they joined Islam in 1981 and now they are returning to Hinduism. This is the *tamasha* that took place at Meenakshipuram. Nobody went back from Islam in Meenakshipuram in the course of last two years. This fact can be verified by anybody through any honest means. Not only that. The brotherly relationship between Muslims and non-Muslims among the villagers there could not be broken even after the Arya Samaj conference. Eighty percent of the villagers there are Muslims even now. By the way, one interesting thing came to light. Some people wanted to know why Arya Samaj is very particular about the reconversion here and the publicity about that in the "national press". One amazing truth came to light. These Arya Samajists from Delhi and Hyderabad had collected huge amount of money both from abroad and India, assuring their donors that they will reconvert all the people in Meenakshipuram back to Hinduism. With this false promise they collected money and held the *tamasha*. When they*

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VENOMOUS ATTACK ON CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES BY HINDI PRESS

(By P. A. Augustine, Patna)

Any stick is good enough to beat the Christian missionaries with. This seems to be the policy followed by some Hindi newspapers in India. And the stick may be lies, slander, distortions or insinuations. A Delhi weekly, Dinman, of the Times Group of publications, has frequently indulged in slinging mud at Christian missionaries and institutions. In its issue of Dec. 26, 1982-Jan. 1, 1983, it has let itself go, breaking all bounds of sanity. The issue carries four contributions: 1. 'Clandestine Activities of Christian Missionaries' by Alok Mehta; 2. 'Christian-Muslim-Communist Axis for Disruption' by Manohar Puri; 3. 'Are Adivasis for Sale?' by Satpal Chhabra; 4. 'Who Controls the Church?' (unsigned). After reading these contributions one cannot help wondering if Dinman has been taken over by some rabidly communal elements. One wouldn't be unduly surprised if these contributions appeared in a rag newspaper. But Dinman is owned by one of the largest publishing houses in India. Some of the charges levelled against the Christian missionaries are: 1. Missionaries are in league with capitalist countries bent on weakening & destabilising India. 2. Misusing educational, health, and social welfare services, missionaries are spreading hatred and violence. 3. They may have links with elements inciting communal riots. 4. They are in league with China-sponsored elements and Muslims. 5. Missionaries are aiding the sale of minor Adivasi girls. 6. They may have links with international spy rings. 7. Missionaries are encouraging separatist tendencies. The above charges and insinuations are the products of sick minds. Aaj, multi-edition daily published

simultaneously from Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Kanpur and Patna, celebrated the fourth anniversary of its Patna edition by carrying an anti-missionary article. Its supplement of Dec. 28, 1982 has an article 'Jharkhand and Christian Missionaries and the Helpless Adivasis' by one Gyanvar Dhan Mishra. The author makes repeated references to some of the charges made by the notorious Niyogi Committee Report. When the MP Govt. appointed in 1954 the Niyogi Committee to probe charges against the missionaries, the MP Christians gave it their co-operation in deference to the wishes of the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. For this the Christians were rewarded with a pack of wild and irresponsible charges. The way the Niyogi Committee conducted its work could not bring credit to a democratic government. The author of the Aaj article holds the missionaries guilty for the birth of the Jharkhand movement and for the backwardness of the Adivasis. The truth of the matter could hardly be to the elements that have traditionally exploited the Adivasis. The Hindi communal press can no doubt identify itself with these elements. The truth is that the tribals of Chota Nagpur owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the missionaries. A dispassionate observer will readily concede it. Any visitor to the area can witness the transformation that have taken place in the past one

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THE R.S.S. MIGHTY SHOW AT PUNE

(Our correspondent)

Bangalore : The Maharashtra RSS staged its State-level camp attended by over 36,000 chaddi party boys. According to RSS experts the Pune show of Jan. 14-16 exceeded the Bangalore camp and thus turned out to be biggest show of RSS muscle power. A Swedish journalist who attended the camp said that the scene was indeed frightening. The speeches made and the arms displayed there could be interpreted as a clear warning to Muslims, Christians and even other low castes. Hinduism (Brahminism) was fast turning into fascism. The RSS symbol of Swastika was also the symbol of Hitler's Nazi Party. Both had the identical philosophy. While on one side more and more minorities including even those in the Congress Party were coming out with the statement that the security of the minorities was threatened, RSS was launching all-out attack on minorities. S. V. Shidore's report in the *Times of India* (Jan. 28) headlined "RSS camp, great morale booster", also said that the city of Pune, the Brahmin stronghold, gave a tremendous welcome to the RSS boys. This was the first time RSS was organising such a massive show. As against 25,000 khaki-clad boys armed with lathis, 35,000 turned up and the total attendance crossed 36,000. Govt. servants, school & college teachers and even some military officers without uniform from the nearby Southern Command were said to have cooperated in making the show a success. The camp held in Bangalore had a total attendance of 25,000. At Pune, the camp was not held in city as in Bangalore but on a hill top, 10 kms away. The rostrum covered by a cobra-shaped canopy, was eight metre high. A lift was arranged to reach the top. *Organiser* (Jan. 30) published

a picture of the RSS Fuhrer, Balasaheb Deoras, addressing from the rostrum. The expenditure on the whole show might have been some millions of rupees. And RSS had never suffered for funds. India's corrupt capitalists pour funds as they know full well that RSS alone can protect their ill-gotten wealth. The Brahmin religious leaders, their temples have kept their vast funds at the disposal of the RSS. And Govt itself is feeding the RSS through advertisements to RSS journals and buying its books. A Dalit Panther activist from Pune who got smuggled inside said that the entire top brass of the RSS were Chitpavan Brahmins headed by Prahlad Abhyankar. The Gandhi-killer Godse's entire family attended the show and held an honoured place. The RSS leadership was busy influencing the teachers for a confrontation with the Govt. on the issue of deleting some portions in textbooks offending Muslims and Christians. Already the Govt. teachers had defied the Govt. orders and were teaching the prohibited portions in classrooms. Different political parties were also not taking a firm stand on that as the high caste Hindu leadership of these parties were one with RSS on this issue. On the basis of the secret talks inside the Pune camp our informants could make out that RSS was all set for a big confrontation with the Govt. on this issue. On one side RSS was busy wooing the dalits by worshipping Ambedkar but on

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 century of missionary work. It was the missionaries who rescued the tribals at a time when they were shamefully exploited both by the Govt. and the landlords. The missionaries helped the persecuted tribals to secure justice through the law courts. The work of missionaries has cut at the root of the exploitative forces. That is why landlords were always opposed to the missionaries. The Adivasis call them *dikhus* (outsiders), a term of contempt applied to all those who have traditionally taken advantage of their helplessness. Some outstanding scholars have arisen among the missionaries. J. B. Hoffmann, the widely acknowledged authority on the Mundas, & Camil Bulcke, the well-known Hindi writer and lexicographer, are the best known among them. Many others have rendered signal service to the tribals. In complete mockery of the truth, the author says that the missionaries took undue advantage of the helplessness of the tribals. Why is so much untruth resorted to? Is it conceivable that untruth is necessary to safeguard the interests of any group? Untruth hurts only those who advocate it. □

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 another side it had launched a *bundh* against the change of name of Marathwada University. Our dalit comrade who mingled inside also wrote that the RSS leadership had advance information about Kamalapati Tripathi, the painted Brahmin from the holy city of Banaras who was responsible for many a communal clashes in UP, would be made the chief of the ruling Congress Party. They also said that RSS had a big hand in elevating him to that position. That Tripathi had been since

made the Congress chief confirmed the RSS role, with many of its top agents in the ruling party □

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 could not achieve their object, they gathered some paid agents from neighbouring villages and did the rope-trick. RSS people are not very particular about Hinduism or reconversion but only about the "news" of reconversion. To them Hinduism is a business. They saw to it that this "news" item appeared in all the newspapers. In that they succeed. All correspondents and editors mostly being Brahmins, they readily obliged. These newspaper cuttings were sent to all the donors for their mental satisfaction. This is what happened at Meenakshipuram. But who is there to publish the truth? □

PEOPLE'S UNION FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES

The People's Union for Civil Liberties was formed by the late Jayaprakash Narayan during the Emergency in October 1976. It was inaugurated by Acharya J. B. Kripalani at a conference held in New Delhi. Initially it was not a membership organisation. It was transformed into a membership organisation at an All-India Civil Liberties Conference held in New Delhi on November 22-23, 1980. The Conference adopted the Constitution of the PUCL. Those who subscribe to the aims and objects of the PUCL and agree to abide by its rules and regulations are cordially invited to join the organisation and become its members.

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Mrs. Ambedkar's Joint Venture

(Our correspondent)

Bangalore : Dr. (Mrs.) Savita Ambedkar said here that she was writing a book, *Joint Venture*, on her life with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Why this title? The remark of her late husband that "your intelligence and my work will work wonders", made her give this title. Maisaheb (DV Feb. 1-15) was here on the invitation of the Karnataka Dalit Action Committee. She said she was introduced to Ambedkar by one Brahmin, Subba Rao from Karnataka, who was then working as an executive in a Bombay firm. *The New York Times* commenting on this marriage (Ambedkar's second marriage) said that 'this young lady has forfeited her right to heaven by marrying an Untouchable'. Even her own community did not take this marriage kindly. "Nathuram Godse, a Poona RSS Brahmin, had killed Gandhi just before our marriage. Brahmins were furious with our marriage. Therefore, fearing Brahmin opposition, we avoided public reception. Since my husband did not like my working, I gave up my medical profession and became a housewife", she said in interview to DV. Maisaheb went to Maddur, on her way to Mysore city, to meet Sriniwas, the son of the late Bombay Subbarao who got her married to Ambedkar. She promised to come to Bangalore often overwhelmed by the reception she got. □

RIDDLES OF HINDUISM

Hyderabad : Dalits observed Republic Day as Black Day and also utilised the occasion to release the Telugu translation of Dr. Ambedkar's unpublished English book, *Riddles of Hinduism*. □

Brahmin bid to oust Madras TV Director

Madras : The director of the Madras TV, R. S. Sawdekar, a dalit intellectual and a Maharashtra Ambedkarite, is in deep trouble being made a victim of caste prejudice. Sawdekar who was Dy. Director of the Bombay TV, was shunted to Madras on a punishment transfer ordered by then Information Minister, Vacanth Sathe, a Chitpavan Brahmin and an ex-RSS leader from Nagpur. The Madras Brahmins did not like his coming as the boss of Madras TV centre under which came the Bangalore TV also. The entire communication media being a complete Brahmin monopoly, they were for long planning to get rid of him. So a conspiracy was hatched with the active collaboration of some local Brahmin journalists. They sent a Bangalore Brahmin woman, Shakuntala Devi, a mathematics 'wizard', to his office & made her create a wild scene. The press put out a distorted version of the incident and accused Sawdekar. Both held separate press conferences to explain the position. In press interviews to sympathetic Brahmin reporters, she said Sawdekar hated Brahmins and, therefore, refused to give her a TV programme. But the new Information Minister Salve was a Christian & refused to oblige the Brahmins. □

Arrested Under Conversion Law

A noted Christian author and social worker, Vishal Mangalwadi, serving the rural poor, was arrested on Nov. 4, 1982 under the MP Freedom of Religion Act which allowed for seven years' jail. He was first arrested in May, 1982 when he took up the cause of the victims of a hailstorm in 30 villages. He was fighting for landless dalits. □

PEOPLE'S REVOLT AGAINST INDIRA GANDHI

(B. Parameshwara Rao, Hyderabad)

The recent Assembly elections have proved that dalits are the deciding forces of the fate of leaders, political parties and the nation. The All-India Ambedkarities Conference

and Republican Party of India have extended their support to N.T. Rama Rao to disturb the "monopoly of power". Indira Gandhi has fooled the poor by getting elected by their support but helping the high castes. Her cabinet is full of Brahmins, with nominal representation to SCs, STs, BCs and minorities. The same case with State Govts. The lone dalit Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Jagannatha Pahadia, and BC Chief Minister of AP, T. Anjaiah, were removed like house servants. The same story is in the case of Governors, Ambassadors and other high offices. Her party has hurt crores of dalits by its opposition to renaming the Marathwada University after of Dr. Ambedkar. These elections have proved that the dalits are conscious of their power. They boldly elected the first Chief Minister from a Khamma community defeating all the gimmicks of Mrs. Gandhi and crushing the traditional hold of the Reddys and Brahmins in AP. This is a trend-setter for the coming political revolution in India. NTR's visit to Kuppam, his friendly relations with Ambedkarties and the distribution of portfolios in his Cabinet proves that he will capture dalits totally. The Karnataka Backward Classes want their leader Bangarappa to get the share in the power. Only 20% of SCs in AP have voted in anger against Indira Gandhi. They may go back to her if NTR disappoints them. The delegate Session of AIAC is meeting at Agra in April. □

CHALO BARODA

(Vibhuti Patel, Bombay)

The cancerous growth of Hindu communalism has created mutual distrust between Hindus and Muslims. It has created cynicism & a feeling of insecurity among Muslims who have been receiving one after another attacks for the past 15 months at Baroda. To combat communalism among the masses, the Vishmata Nirmulan Samiti and the Left Front of Gujarat have invited all secular minded and Left forces from different parts of India to Baroda and participate in the programme of staying in the poor dalit and Muslim localities for five days. Contact : Bhanubhai Adhvaryu B-5 Kedar Apts. Behind H. L. Commerce College, Ahmedabad-380 009 or Dr. Aswin Patel, 21-Nirman Society, Alkepuri Baroda 390 005. □

Viswa Hindu Parishad Projects

Vijayawada : The Viswa Hindu Parishad will launch a socio-economic project each in all the 400 districts of India by June under its "Sanskriti-Raksha Yojana" plan to protect Hindu culture, M. P. Degvekar, joint-general secretary of the Parishad, said. The Parishad has trained workers to be deployed to run the project. The training programme was undertaken after the Parishad launched a mass awakening programme among the Hindus in the wake of the Meenakshipuram conversions. The project envisages the starting of medical aid and vocational training centres, orphanages, balwadis, creches and libraries. (Hindu, Feb. 3.) □

Letters to Editor :

M. R. Sohpaal, president, The SC Uplift Union, Delhi: DV is doing the very work in which are engaged since 35 years. We want to support DV and see that it reaches all parts of India, particularly to all dalit employees unions. Our Union has 150 branches all over India and they have been instructed to keep in touch with you.

A. Gopal, Gen. Sec., Bharat Earth Movers SC/ST Emp. Welfare Assn., KGF: We thank the Karnataka Dalit Action Committee for bringing Mrs. Savita Ambedkar here to inaugurate our Assn. on Jan. 25. We assure our fullest support to DV.

P. L. Mimroth, Gen. Sec., Society of Depressed People for Justice, Delhi: We have heard about DV and its work for educating the dalits. We want to support it.

K. Thyagaraju, Amalapuram, AP: We congratulate Mrs. Ambedkar for saying that when Akalis with a small population could ask for a separate State, why not we fight for Dalitastan?

Mrs. Devaki. A. R. Kamble, Bombay: Congratulations to our Bengali dalits for fighting Chief Minister Jyoti Basu's anti-dalit policies (DV Vol. 1, No. 23). However lofty the Marxist ideology may be, it can hardly succeed in caste-ridden India. Blind imitation of Soviet or Chinese model will not do. As Marx himself had said the socio-economic peculiarities differing from country to country must not be lost sight of in determining the strategic approach to scientific socialism. Ambedkar was the only one who, with his penetrating vision had fully grasped the devilish peculiarities of the social structure in India, initiated his historic mission to abolish untouchability and caste and laid the

foundation for scientific socialism. If socialism is the first step towards a classless, stateless society under Marxism, under the Indian context Ambedkarism is the first vital and essential step towards Marxism. But the arrogance and high caste birth-consciousness of the Marxist leadership in India, dominated by Brahmins and Kayasthas, far exceeds their intellectual ability to analyse and grasp the elements of social transformation. When the hapless Namasudras (dalits) were forced to abandon the atrociously mismanaged Dandakaranya Project and settled down in the uninhabited, tiger-infested island of Marinjchapi in the Sunderbans, raised a 10ft. high barrier around it to prevent erosion by saline water and started building up the economy with fishing and coconut industry without any govt help but with their hard labour and toil, it was Com. Basu's govt. which could not tolerate dalit refugees marching towards power & prosperity but ordered 2,000 police assisted by 30 launchful of CPM cadres who destroyed their hearths and homes, arrested, tortured their youngmen, raped their women, destroyed drinking water tubewells and bundled out thousands of dalits back to the hell of Dandakaranya. So much for the Hindu Marxist sympathy for the dalits. DV is the only hope of dalits. We appreciate the courage of the president of VISION USA, for moving the Human Rights Commission

Brahm Perakash, president, National Union of Backward Classes, New Delhi: The All-India Backward Classes conference on Dec. 6-7, 1981 formed the NUBC. The first meeting of the ad hoc national executive of the NUBC was held during the Backward Classes Conference in Ma-

dras on Dec. 11-12 which you also addressed. You have been nominated to the executive. We need your support for the *Buniyadi Sangharsh*, a monthly in English and Hindi. The executive has included in the NUBC both SC/STs and minorites. Address : F-8- Vandana bldg., Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-110 001.

Dr. Zakir Hussain Library, Jamia Millia, New Delhi : The vice-chancellor has sent us a copy of DV and we found it as a very useful journal for our students and the faculty members.

D. P. Kanjiram, joint convener, Kerala Harijan Students Federation, Calicut : We are holding the silver jubilee celebrations here from March 12. We were waiting all these days to invite you to Kerala after reading the DV which is doing a great service. KHSF is the agitational wing of the depressed classes of the State. During this conference we want to call a meeting of leaders of the dalit students from all over India. Through DV we want to invite them to the Calicut meet. The aim of the meet is to form an all-India dalit students federation. Contact P. Bharatham, treasurer : D-57 NGO qrts., Calicut 673012.

S. H. Galiyal, Vadodara, Gujarat : DV is giving us the best available and timely information about the problems of the dalits and helps them not to get misguided. I am a reader of DV since one year & found it serving our cause very faithfully. We are all with you and wish you all success.

Syed Iqbal Zaher, Damman, Saudi Arabia : On seeing DV after a year, it took me by surprise & grief also as it reminded me the link between you and me— which is no more (the late Prof. Mir Jaffer Ali). He was eager to unite the dalits and Mus-

lims. I carry the desire in me and back home, I shall offer my services in that cause.

Jamil Ahemed Qureshi, Bombay : I am a short-story writer and also a Urdu poet. Interested in translating dalit literature into Urdu and publish it in *Shair* monthly. I seek your guidance.

V. Sunderajan, Nagapattinam, TN : I chanced to read DV and found it very informative. It is indeed the Voice of the downtrodden. I want to spread its message to other dalits.

H. Punja, London : I am thrilled at your work. DV is impressive and informative. Given our struggle here against racism, we would like to extend our solidarity with your fight against caste & Hinduism.

Raju Thomas, Madras : Can Christian religion or any religion bring ideological or radical revolution ? I believe no. Ideology is something entirely different from orgies. I am losing faith in god, democracy etc.

Brother Jarlath D' Souza, Decca, Bangladesh : I am continuing to give wide circulation to DV here.

D. Stephen, Advocate, Nagercoil, TN : We thank you for your yeoman services to the dalits. Your bold and courageous writings have woken us up. I was told that you were the only person to speak about the dalits at the Trichy conference of the Dravida Kazaghram.

H. Shreyaskar, Bheem Sena, Gulbarga : The Times of India publications' Hindi weekly, *Dinman*, (Dec. 26, 1982) has published a nasty article on you by one Aloha Mehta branding you as a Christian agent inspiring the demand for Dalitastan. It has extensively quoted from your books and speeches. □

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city, housing the RSS headquarters, is one of the places selected for child development. Such a project enables the RSS to establish contacts with young mothers and through them the children. The project also impresses upon the young dalits, who are mostly neo-Buddhists, that Buddhism is nothing but Hinduism. Some dalits who visited this child development project found the RSS workers impressing the dalit women that Ambedkar selected Buddhism for his conversion because it was part of Hinduism & not a 'foreign religion' like Islam or Christianity. They were also seen distributing Hindu religious literature in Marathi. Many Brahmin lady doctors are employed for this purpose. Through story-telling in these camps, RSS workers are instilling anti-Christian & anti-Muslim hatred, and also distorting history. The Gonda project is considered the most prestigious project of the three. Touring USA (when the Janata Govt. was in power) Nanaji Deshmukh announced that he went there to collect funds and received a good response from Americans. A speciality of the Gonda project in eastern UP is that it is receiving funds from the Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture. Many pro-RSS journalists were taken there and made to write juicy success stories of this project. B. G. Verghese, now Editor-in-Chief of the *Indian Express*, a Kerala Christian formerly associated with the Gandhi Peace Foundation, was one such journalist who paid high tributes to this project. The notoriously anti-dalit President of India, N. Sanjiva Reddy, was taken there to inaugurate this RSS venture. The *Indian Express*, whose boss Ramanath Goenka, a Marwari Jain, instructed that this report

be made a front-page story in all its editions. RSS has always had the Press with it. Since the Press in India is owned by the corrupt capitalists and manned by high caste journalists, they have been always great admirers of the RSS. Therefore, RSS has plenty of funds and publicity. The only thing that it lacks is the support of the people. Indra Gandhi's love for "glorious cultural heritage" made her value system one with that of RSS. Hence RSS and Indra Gandhi had hardly any ideological difference. Brahmins to whichever party they belong think alike and act alike. The Marxist leader, E. M. S. Namboodiripad, is no exception. The total cost of the Gonda project under the direct supervision of Nanaji Deshmukh is estimated at several millions of rupees. Big Business to whichever country it belongs has one common interest: to promote such interests that helps promote its business and fight anything that disturbs the status quo. The tribal development financed by the Indian Big Business should be viewed in this context. As tribals are born revolutionaries, the Big Business will do anything to destroy Revolution. The most dangerous of the RSS project is the cow development. The plan has nothing on the lines launched by the Danish Govt. in India. To the Hindu, cow is a business. To rouse anti-Muslim and anti-Christian feelings, the cow is used. But we must know that Brahmins were beef-eaters during the Vedic period. The RSS cow worship plan is to destroy efforts at modernisation and development of scientific temper among the people. Another RSS plan is develop villages in these tribal areas. Costing Rs. 15 million, it aims at providing jobs to married Brahmin couples. Such a plan

KERALA DALITS EXPOSE HUMBUG OF HINDU TEMPLES

(Our correspondent)

Bangalore : *The famed Guruvayur temple in Kerala has become the centre of a controversy exposing the Hindu humbug that untouchability is not part of their religion.* Kerala Harijan Federation led by a top dalit leader of the State, Kallara Sukumaran, has launched an agitation against this temple, with 101 dalit youths beginning a protest 350-km walk from Trivandrum reaching Guruvayur on Feb. 13. The protest was sparked off by the nasty behaviour of the Brahmins controlling this famous temple having millions of rupees income. Swami Ramnanda Thirtha, born a Brahmin but now working amid dalits in North Kerala, had gone to Guruvayur along with a band of dalit youths to join the free-feeding of Brahmins in that temple. Free-feeding of Brahmins is done in every Hindu temple although its income comes from all the communities. It was to protest this open untouchability being practised in that temple (and every temple), they have started on this protest march. The dalit protest has exposed the deception of Hindu religious leaders, the Govt. and the different political parties including the Marxists. □

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helps solve the problem of unemployment among Brahmins and helps spread Brahminism. The entire project is given income-

tax exemption by the Govt. British-made vans are found taking volunteers to villages. Apart from such village work, RSS has also established research institutions taking the help of many educated high caste Hindus. Journals are published in many Indian languages. The Govt. is giving lot of advt. support to these journals and also buying them in a big way. The RSS has a separate plan to combat tribals and the Christians in North-Eastern India where Mangloid tribes reside. They have also a separate plan to tackle the dalits. Here we have confined ourselves to the RSS tribal plans for the Hindi belt.

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