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Linguistic states will lead to division of India into many independent nations

Secularism:

Participating in the debate on Hindu Code Bill in Parliament in 1951 he explained the concept of secularism as follows:— "It (secular state) does not mean that we shall not take into consideration the religious sentiments of the people. All that a secular state means is that this Parliament shall not be competent to impose any particular religion upon the rest of the people. That is the only limitation that the Constitution recognises." — *Parliamentary Debates, Vol. III, Part II, p. 2466.*

The state should guarantee to its citizen the liberty of conscience and the free exercise of his religion including the right to profess, to preach and to convert within limits compatible with public order and morality. — *States and Minorities, p.11.*

Linguistic States

According to Ambedkar, linguistic province meant a province which by the social composition of its population would be homogeneous and therefore more suited for the realization of those social ends which a democratic government must fulfil. In his view, a linguistic province had nothing to do with the language of the province. He remarked, "The Constitution should provide that the official language of every province shall be the same as the official language of the Central Government." He said that the constituents in a federal state should not be on linguistic principles. The danger lies in creating linguistic provinces with the language of each province as its official language. Ambedkar stated: "To allow this is to allow the provinces to become independent nations". He was of opinion that linguistic provinces would work democracy better, because they would produce social homogeneity. He felt the necessity of emotional harmony or national integration through one common language, Hindi. He asked — "What is the use of the precious books? (of poet-saints of Dnyaneshwar and Tukaram)". He favoured "one language, many states" formula.

Ambedkar was in favour of the formation of multi-lingual states. In order to safeguard the interests of minorities he suggested establishment of committees of members belonging to different linguistic states, with the right of appeal to the governor. After the death of Potti Shriramalu he prophesied that some other uni-lingual provinces might come into existence. He opposed unification of Maharashtra. The struggle for a United Maharashtra was carried on through a one non-party body. Eminent persons like D.R. Gadgil, D.V. Potdar, S.A. Dange, Shankar Rao Deo and M.R. Jayakar, comprising all shades of opinion, participated in the formation of Samyukta Maharashtra Parishad. This Parishad submitted its evidence before the States Reorganisation Commission (S.R.C.); but Ambedkar submitted his own evidence before the Commission. The protagonists of United Maharashtra established Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti and carried on agitation against the bilingual Bombay State. The Scheduled Caste Federation (S.C.F.) led by Ambedkar was a constituent Party of the Samiti. He said that bilingual Bombay State must be ended. He remarked that he was opposed to United Maharashtra, and to bilingual Bombay State also.

According to him, linguism in the country was only another name for communalism. In Maharashtra, the Marathas formed the majority community. He stated, 'Those who are going to rule are not Marathas by speech, but Marathas by caste'. He was aware that 'the minorities especially the Scheduled Castes and Tribes would not get justice at the hands of the Marathas.' He remarked, "There is no man of eminence among them (Marathas) such as Tilak, Gokhale, or Ranade".

He warned about the communal majority which is born. He emphasized small states. According to him, as the area increases the proportion of the majority to minority decreases. To protect the minorities, he suggested, the Constitution must be amended, and the provision must be made for a system of plural-member constituencies (2 or 3) with cumulative voting.

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Muslim leadership is warned: Ameena case is the most cunning Hindu nazi device to destroy Muslim identity

In the all-round battle against Muslims in the Shah Banu case, Hindu nazis had committed a mistake: they made a direct attack on the Muslims. The first attack was so pre-emptive that the Muslim leadership was benumbed like the animal sent to the slaughter house. But the Muslim masses came out on the streets for a terrible, retaliatory counter-attack. Seeing this the Muslim leadership mustered courage and the nazis ultimately met with a disastrous defeat which in turn benumbed them only.

But the Hindu nazi mind is ingenious. (*Know the Hindu Mind*, Dalit Sahitya Academy, 1990). It opened its old bag of tricks. It changed the strategy. It started eulogising the Muslim generals of the Shah Banu war, invited them to preside over their seminars, called them great scholars, made them sit on the dais and hear their nonsense for hours, presented

them with mementoes and in turn heard very little from them. Slowly the 'great generals' were brainwashed. Such treatment of enslavement is called SAAMA treatment in Sanskrit.

Muslim Elite brainwashed: Along with this brahminical brainwashing of Muslims intelligentsia, they prepared Hindu officials, Hindu media men and Hindu women's organisations to be ready and wait for the chance and the green signal with directions to carry on slow, systematic and continuous attacks so that there is no mass upsurge. They know that Muslim elites can be brainwashed, but the masses can never be and the latter should not be touched.

And their chance came in the recent Ameena's marriage with Yahya, a Saudi national, followed by Rukhsana's marriage. Thousands of such marriages had taken place all these years but none took notice of it. But this became a suitable time in view of the

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WANTED RESOLUTIONS: DALITS ARE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF INDIA

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We have set up a non-profit human rights organisation devoted to the cause of Dalits (Untouchables) of India, Ontario, registration number 931114.

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I shall appreciate if you could inform all Dalit brothers and sisters that I need a resolution passed from all parts of India saying that "*Dalits are the indigenous peoples of India*" and they support wholeheartedly the stand taken on their behalf by Ambedkar Centre for Justice & Peace Inc., Canada.

I feel very happy to inform you that finally we, the Dalit people of India, succeeded in re-

claiming our *indigenous people's status* before the United Nations "Working Group on Indigenous Peoples" by submitting a testimony on behalf of our Dalit brothers and sisters on July 30 1991 at Geneva, Switzerland. (DV Oct. 1 1991 p.8)

Now, we have to proceed with the second phase in fulfilling our goal. We have to officially pass resolutions at all provincial levels of Dalit organizations that "*we are the indigenous peoples of India*" and the alien Aryan invaders brought us into this present-day socio-economic religious slavery to destroy our indigenous identity similar to the plight of indigenous peoples in the rest of the world.

Now, we have to tell the United Nations to recognize us as the

Indigenous peoples of India and to bring us under the jurisdiction of this Committee for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of our identity, culture, and civilization of this vast mass of 200 million Dalits of India.

So, please pass the resolution that we wholeheartedly support the testimony submitted by Ambedkar Centre for Justice and Peace Inc. of Canada and urge the UN to add us, the Dalit People of India, to the list of the *Indigenous Peoples of the world*. Also please publish this testimony along with your resolution in all newspapers and magazines, as far as possible.

And send me the copy of your resolution.

hostile feelings of the oppressed Muslim masses for the Saudi regime because of its role in the Gulf War. The most suitable time was not to be missed.

The nazis gave the signal and an Indian Airlines airhostesses suddenly fell in love with a young Muslim girl accompanying her elderly husband, dramatised the issue and prosecuted the old man, Arab national, subjecting them and their relatives to great mental and physical torture, continuously harassed. Even the *qazis* who performed the *nikah* tortured and disgraced and of course the nazi media systematically expressing its glee in the form of concern.

Common people did not take this news seriously. Thousands of such marriages between elderly men and young and even minor girls to take place in India every day and relatives and friends of both sides join and celebrate the occasion. The only people making fuss are the nazi-writers who dug out a few more (not even a dozen) old cases and pleased themselves.

What is worrying us? : But what really worried us is the feeling of shame, disgust and helplessness shown by our submissive, frightened and brainwashed Muslim intellectuals and the stoney silence of the torch-bearers of Islam—the Muslim organisations. With the exception of Salahuddin Owaisi, MP of Hyderabad, one of those few Muslim politicians who studied the Hindu mind. He could see deep into the affair and brushed aside the entire rubbish saying "the cultural and historical affinity between local (Hyderabad) Muslims and Gulf brethren cannot be undermined. Indeed such cultural amity is fostered through marriages. If Rajiv Gandhi could marry an Italian, all the fuss about these Gulf marriage was incomprehensible. Besides, the number of girls from Hyderabad who had benefitted by marriage to Arabs far exceeded those who became victims of exploitation", he said.

Tahir Mahamood apologies: But the ex-generals of the Shah Banu war like Tahir Mahmood, and Sattar Yusuf Shaikh, who were subjected to brahminic SAAMA treatment, came out with startling apologies saying that "such marriages are a sin and have no legal validity under Islamic law. They further said that the Child Marriage Restraint Act of 1929 is totally binding on the Muslims as well. Such marriages are an abuse of *Shariat* and only give handle to parties like BJP in denigrating Muslim culture". (*Deccan Herald* 22.9.1991).

Jamate-Islami silence: What the nazis call as "second Jinnah", Syed Shahabuddin, came out with a wonderful suggestion that such marriages should be compulsorily registered. *What the nazis wanted to suggest was suggested by Shahabuddin himself. And the leading Islamic organisation, Jamate-Islami, took shelter behind these statements and silently prayed that no embarrassing question is put to it. so*

also the Muslim Personal Law Board. They do not see this as an interference in Muslim Law. We have all pity for them for their helplessness.

Child marriage not unislamic: Child marriage has been a widespread practice among Hindus, but an exception among Muslims. To prevent child marriages among Hindus Child Marriages Restraint Act was enacted in 1929, under which a girl below 14 years and boy below 18 years was declared to be child and their marriage though valid, was punishable, if one of the parties was a minor. Those who helped and performed the marriage were also punishable. The punishment was very mild ranging from one month to three months, that was all. Now of course the age is further declared as 18 and 21 years for girls and boys respectively. This Act was brought to curb the rampant child marriage practices among Hindus – but not Muslims.

When a demand was made by certain "progressive" Hindus to restrain the rampant practice of child marriages, there were apprehension in Muslim minds which were sought to be removed on the ground that provisions of Muslim Law were not be interfered with as Muslim Law was a written and well established code.

Girls' puberty age: The Muslim contention was that a particular age cannot be fixed to declare majority age as under the Islamic Law, attaining of puberty was the factor to decide majority, and puberty is attained by girls in hot countries like Arabia at 11/12 years and in cold regions like Scandinavian countries at an age as late as 21 years. And Islam being a universal religion cannot fix a foolish arithmetic age as 14, 16 or 18.

Muslim noble thoughts: Further, under the Islamic law, marriage is not just a personal affair but a social necessity and considered as a rewardable act. The provision of polygamy (men marrying more than one woman) limited to four in Islamic law is to meet social needs like rehabilitating widows, orphan girls, cripples, elderly single woman, having crossed marriageable age, unattractive, uncared for destitutes. Islamic Law instead of encouraging starting of organised orphanages, homes for the aged and homeless, beggar relief camps etc. wanted every Muslim home to be a place of refuge and shelter for such hapless persons with definite rights, protection, dignity, honour and status. Do not make an orphan, widow and destitute feel humble and humiliated. Accommodate them in your house as wife (with all rights) or as adopted children with limited rights. Such noble thoughts are associated perhaps only with Muslim law.

The child marriage also come under this category. Even before becoming a wife, a girl gets her *mehar* fixed, paid or deposited, with not only right for maintenance during the period of married life of her own and that of the husband but also 1/8th of the

property of the husband both moveable and immoveable is fixed as an irrevocable share after the husband's death. It is with these protection and assurance that the father, grandfather and uncle of a young girl are given the right and authority to give a major girl in marriage as 'wali'. This is an inalienable right, given right from the days of Prophet Mohammed and recognised, practiced and encouraged by all schools of Muslim law everywhere. All books on Muslim law do carry this article of the right of guardians to marry minors.

Jinnah's initiative: Ten years after the enactment of the Child Marriage Restraint Act 1929, the Qaide Azam, M.A. Jinnah, piloted the Muslim Personal Law (*Shariat*) Application Act enacted in 1939, to get formal, legal and universal recognition to all the provisions of Muslim Law of marriage, divorce, inheritance, etc. so that any intrusions and misconceptions and mischiefs in present and future are permanently blocked for all times to come. The Act also brought many Muslims like the Moplahs of Malabar, the Labbais of Coimbatore, the Memons of Gujarat, the Kanchans of Punjab etc., who were following Hindu law of inheritance, under this Act. It also eliminated certain obnoxious

Hindu customs which Muslims were following as a result of old habits and Hindu influences. The preamble of the Act itself recognises that "Muslim Personal Law (*Shariat*) exists in the form of a veritable code and too well known to admit of any doubt or to entail any great labour in the shape of research".

Question to Tahir Mahmood: Thus, all provisions of the MPL (*Shariat*) existed and exist as a veritable code including the provisions of child marriage. Then, how can Prof. Tahir Mohamood and S.Y. Shaikh say that the Child Marriage Restraint Act applies to Muslims as well and children's marriage is unislamic and sinful? Why should anybody care for anti-Muslim parties like BJP?

Marriage & sex: The entire nazi agitation on the Ameena case starts on the presumption that an old man will have sex with his 11-year-old wife and it is a horrible thing. Why should anybody presume that

there will be sexual relationship upon such a marriage? Are marriages for sex alone? Is there no other purpose other than sex in marriages? The following examples will explain that marriage is not for sex alone but for other purposes too.

GAY COUPLES

1. Thousands of non-Americans pay huge sums to "marriage brokers" and get married on paper only to American men or women, whom they have neither seen earlier nor later. The only object of this marriage is to secure American citizenship. Immediately after securing American citizenship they also get "divorced" – also a paper "divorce". The purpose was to secure

citizenship (by non-Americans and earn money by Americans).

2. In Britain & US many men live with men under one roof and declare themselves as husband and wife. There is no element of sex involved here. Such couples are praised and paraded as "Gay".

3. Similarly there are cases of girls living together as husband and wife particularly in France.

4. Recently, the 59-year-old Elizabeth Taylor married a 39-year-old rich businessman – not for sex but for worldwide publicity for the groom, and for

promoting the sales of a particular brand of perfume. Definitely the element of sex is the least or not at all with a 59-year-old eighth time wife.

5. The Iraqi Govt. recently declared a gift of three and four thousand dollars to every war widow and the groom who would marry. The purpose is to accommodate the widows and give them homes. The attraction for the men is the gift and the lack of financial burden to look after the wives as the widows are family pension-holders and Islam encourages widow remarriage.

GANDHI SLEEPING WITH NAKED GIRLS

6. After a short period of sex life, M.K. Gandhi, took a "vow" not to have sex with his wife for a major part of married life and lived the life of celibacy with his wife even though he slept naked with other young unmarried naked women to conduct his

American Dalit Leader's appeal

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Dear Friends,

It is high time for all of us to realise that *Dalit Voice* is going through serious financial crisis. It is the duty of all people of weaker sections and minorities to rescue it. It is the only voice of the oppressed in India. It will be a great tragedy if the *Dalit Voice* is closed down. And it means that our Voice will be shut down too.

Dalit Voice has played such a great role to voice our concerns, unite all the oppressed peoples of India and the world that no politician, political party, religious or social group has done in India or abroad.

It is my sincere *appeal* to all my friends who are victims of discrimination and oppression to come to the rescue of *Dalit Voice* – particularly our friends in America, England and abroad.

Thank you for your kind attention. ■

"experiments", after the wife's death. He said there was no sex with wife and there were sex experiments with non-wives. Why the Hindus did not protest the sex experiments of the "Father of their Nation?"

7. The Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act 1956 provides an age gap of at least 21 years for the adoptive father and adoptive mother if they have to adopt a child of the opposite sex. This is obviously to avoid any sex relationship between the adopting parents and children in the name of adoption.

FREE SEX IN AMERICA

8. The prescription of a particular age (above 18 years) for girls is to avoid sexual abuse by husbands after marriage. The Indian Penal Code goes to the extent of considering sex with the minor wife as rape. Thus husbands are controlled and punished. But what about free sex without marriage between teenage boys and girls which is as large as 33% in USA? The minds of the law-makers are baffled. Both the parties are too young to come within the grip of law. That is to say, a grown up having sex with his minor wife, can be traced and penalised, but a young fellow makes the law-maker helpless even if he has sex with his classmate, neighbour or cousin of his age and less. The only solution the US authorities could think of was to compel private gynecologists to perform free abortions of such girls and later to teach birth control methods to these children and further later to provide condoms free of cost and making them easily available in the high school book shops. This shows that law-makers want to encourage free, irresponsible sex between young children without marriage, and the same act with the consent of their elders through marriage is prohibited and punishable. It is against this foolish perverse thinking and practice, Islam provides marriage of children with the consent of the parents or elders.

MAID SERVANTS

9. The husbands of Ameena and Rukhsana could as well have taken these girls as adopted daughters or as maid servants and still had sex with them as lakhs of Indian pot-bellied rich Aryan bullies do. But they dare not because Saudi law is clear on the point and given them the right to marry minor girls with the consent of their parents. Sex out of marriage is the greatest crime in Saudi Arabia, the punishment for which is death by severance of the head in the public market place. Sex out of marriage is a capital offence in Islam.

Bombay Red Light area prostitutes: Such sexual abuses are a common affair all over the world. Young girls have the highest demand in the Red Light areas of all Indian cities. Sympathisers of Ameena and Rukhsana have no concern for girls of their age rotting in Bombay Red Light areas who within 5/10 years

are thrown out in the streets with all venereal diseases. But when an elderly Arab marries a young girl and takes her as his wife providing all comforts during his life and an assured share out of his property under Islamic law after his death, the Nazis cough, mock and shed crocodile tears and the so-called Muslim intellectuals and leaders find no slapping answer to these foolish mockers and go about hanging their heads down in shame. The Nazi toilet papers only highlight, prop up and project such 'intellectuals' and throw them into the dust bin after their purpose is served.

Challenge to women libbers: We challenge these Hindu women's organisations like Saheli and Janwadi Mahila Samiti to stop jerking crocodile tears on Ameena and Rukhsana and go to the brothels in all Indian cities and find thousands of girls of their age and rescue them.

The Bombay Red Light area is growing and more and more Dalit girls are recruited daily to this world's biggest flesh market. Not one Hindu organisation cares a penny. But one Ameena brought gallons and gallons of tears in Hindu eyes. Why? Please read the book, *Know the Hindu mind*.

But we know that such challenges to women libbers are no challenges at all for them. Their purpose is different from what is shown. We know their mind: the Hindu mind.

Some years back when about a hundred people died after drinking illicit liquor in Bangalore and the name of the liquor baron was shown as Sultan (a Muslim name), hundreds of Bangalore nazis had declared in the local papers that they would adopt a child of each of the victims. But after 3/4 days when the names of the victims were announced and it was found out that they were Tamil Dalits, suddenly the milk of kindness dried up, their bloated livers shrank, their crocodile tears disappeared, and not a single child was adopted. Those who *Know the Hindu Mind* always stand firm like rock against any oddity, publicity and pestering.

Some years back when a Saudi princess was beheaded along with her paramour, Indian papers carried headlines on front pages telling that she was beheaded for marrying a commoner. After a week when the Saudi embassy clarified that she was beheaded not for marrying a commoner, but for sex before marriage, the rebuttal went into inside papers as small item. Some papers even ignored the news. The recent chastisement of prominent newspapers by the Press Council for publishing false figures about the Ayodhya killings in October 1990 is a standing proof of the poison in our Hindu press

Muslims have no press: Yes. The Hindu press is publishing falsehood to tarnish the Muslims. But have the Muslims any press to publish the truth? None. the Hindus are doing their duty, are the

Muslims doing their duty? No.

The long-range motive behind these falsehoods is very sinister and mischievous and highly dangerous to Islamic culture and values.

In Muslim marriages, the bride does not come in the open. Her consent is obtained through her *vakils* (advocates) and witnesses who are her close relatives. The entire gathering and the *qazis* believe the version given by the *vakils* and witnesses. But if the *qazis*, *vakils* and witnesses are harassed for abetting a child marriage, as those involved in the Ameena and Rukhsana affairs are harassed, the *qazi* and the gathering will be compelled to call the girl in their presence, look at her face in the open to ascertain her age and even in some cases to look at her bosom to be fully satisfied out of fear of prosecution. What a horrible impact upon Islamic culture and values. To obviate this, perhaps Muslims will be compelled to go to the Marriage Registrars instead of calling the *qazis*.

Spanish experiment to exterminate Muslims: That means the end of the Islamic *shariat*. That means the end of the Islamic identity. That means the end of Islam in India.

This is what we had warned long back about the Hindu nazi bid for Spanish experiment to exterminate Muslims in India ("How to Exterminate Muslims in India?" DV edit. May 16 1985) *And the DV prophecy is coming true.*

And worse than that, in any marriage function, the Hindu officials may dash in and demand exhibition of the girl, and proof of her age through school certificate, medical certificate and suspecting still may resort to their own methods of satisfying the girls age just as Indian women in Heathrow Airport, London, are subjected to pregnancy test.

What could not be achieved through amendment to Muslim Personal Law, through the Shah Banu campaign, will be achieved through this slow poisoning tactics.

The Spanish formula of Isabella and Ferdinand in the 16th century to destroy Muslim Law and Muslim culture was the same.

No Muslim woman is safe: The way in which the Hindu air hostesses took law into her own hand to lift the veil of Ameena to satisfy herself will be repeated everywhere. Railway guards, bus conductors, policemen, civil right heroes, Hindu women libbers in every street and every town may demand and lift the veil of any Muslim woman in *burqa* going with her father, uncle and grandfather on suspicion of being a wife, with the onus of proving otherwise upon the parent and girl.

To avoid these risks, Muslims may be compelled to give up *burqa* itself which is one of the objects of nazis.

The Ameena case, therefore, proves to be the most

cunning and treacherous Hindu nazi bid to penetrate deep into Muslim private, personal lives. It is more serious than Shah Banu, more dangerous than Babri Masjid. Muslims are warned.

Suspend the airhostess: We call upon the Muslim intellectuals and Islamic scholars and the govt. to seriously think over such danger potentials, and nip the mischief in the bud. The first in the series should be to suspend the airhostess who lifted the veils of Ameena, and departmentally proceed against her as she is not authorised to do that since she is not appointed as Child Marriage Prevention Officer as contemplated under Section 13 of the Act. We also call upon the govt. to withdraw all cases connected with these marriages and other similar marriages and put an end to interference in Muslim Laws.

We want to warn all those Hindu "lovers of young Muslim brides", that parents have always been and are the greatest protectors, promoters and lovers of the interests of their children. No sovereign leader, organisation or society can replace them. Parents know the merits and defects of their children and their solution better than anybody. The world is full of poor, ugly, crippled, handicapped, diseased foulsmelling, dirty, hungry children whose sight is hated by the society. But their parents hug them, tender and protect them. And there are hawks around them to exploit and use them. Parents would not marry their children unless they are sure that their life would be better. One meal a day, a pair of clothes in a year and sex life for a few days in life is a sufficiently better life and great luxury to millions of Indians and parents themselves cannot provide such "comforts".

Black lies of the Hindu press: Some parents want their children to be married at any cost to prevent them from going astray, others do not care for marriage even if their daughters go on prostituting, some parents lose their everything to marry their daughters to earn by whatever means and provide luxuries to them. These depend upon their own individual perceptions, family traditions, influences of their elders, individual likes and dislikes, which cannot be snatched away or replaced by law. Law cannot penetrate so deep into people's homes, hearts and beds.

Ameena's age was found to be 13 years by bone structure examination, but the Hindu press still went on speaking of 11 years.

Even if these young wives are used for sex, what is wrong? There are sex preverts who satisfy their desires with such young girls in massage parlours, brothels and five-star luxury hotels – all stealthily, taking no responsibility upon themselves. The arms of law cannot go into these safe forts as those involved are highly rich and heavily bribed, straight-forward persons.

Why old marry young girls?: An old man may still

need a young girl to kneed his aching body, to apply medicine on an unreachable parts of his body to give him some other physical and mental comforts. The same could be provided in massage parlours and nursing homes, but he is not rich enough to bear the high costs. So he marries a poor girl and compensates by love, affection, money, comforts and insurance for her future. Is it not preferable for a girl to accept this instead of begging or going to brothels and massage parlours?

If the Indian Muslims refuse to get their girls married, who cares. The world is wide. Bangaladeshi Muslims may give and even if they do not, there are many Afro-Asian countries to meet the demand. Even if everybody refuses, the needy need not worry. Brothels, five-star hotels and massage parlours are in plenty in all "advanced" countries. The only difference is that instead of the girls and their parents, brothel-keepers and hotel-owners will get the major portion of payments, and instead of becoming wives with property rights, and perquisites, the same girls will become prostitutes.

Aligarh movement: Of course, Muslims will not act as pimps and lose everywhere. We warn the Muslim elites. You cannot force the enemies of Muslims by religious/Islamic knowledge alone. **Research organisations consisting of experts on various subjects and also experts on Islamic knowledge are the need of the day to counter the conspiracies against Islam and Muslims.** While starting the Aligarh movement, Sir Syed did not mean that Muslims should learn the modern European sciences and arts to become government servants but to use the European laws, literature, philosophy, sciences and art to counter them, to use the weapons of the enemy against the enemy. The earlier generations of Moulanas and Moulavies were great authorities on secular subjects. Moulana Mohammed Ali was an Oxford MA (ICS), Moulana Hasrath Mohani was a double MA, LLB, Moulana Zafar Ali Khan was an MA, Moulavi Mohammed Ali was an MA LLB – to name a few. Great doctors of secular learning like M.A. Jinnah, Dr. Iqbal, Justice Ameer Ali, Sir Zafarullah Khan, Badruddin Tayabji etc. were great authorities on Quran as can be seen from their writings. The great scholar Moulana Moududi was inspired, guided and encouraged by Dr. Iqbal, who never claimed to be a Moulana inspite of his astounding knowledge of Islam. After Moududi, there is a void which has not been filled up.

Our present-day secular scholars do not have Quranic knowledge and the Moulanas do not have knowledge of secular subjects. *The lack of knowledge has put an end to research and given rise to intellectual anarchy and arrogance among Muslim elites.*

Muslim Personal Law Board faults: The Muslim Personal Law Board dominated by the Moulanas while leading the anti-Common Civil Code agitation

did not think of consulting two ex-Chief Justices of India – Justice H.M. Beg and Justice Hidayatullah. The result is that the Muslim Women's (Right on Divorce) Act, enacted to counter the Shah Banu judgment is differently interpreted by Muslim judges and Hindu judges: the former holding the view that it is to nullify the effect of Shah Banu judgment and the latter say that it is to extend and codify the recommendations of it. A simple preamble to the Act could have sealed the issue for all time to come. What was achieved by the sacrifices of millions of masses was put to jeopardy by the Muslim Personal Law Board.

The Ameena episode should be an eye-opener and make the Muslims rethink on strategy and tactics to counter the slow, systematic and deadly effect of our poisonous Hindu nazi press which has become more powerful than the govt. itself. ■

DV proves right on Kanshi Ram

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: *Dalit Voice* has proved right on Kanshi Ram. After failing to enter the Lok Sabha three times, he has at last succeeded in the fourth Etawah (UP) byelection. (Read: "Why BSP faced defeat? DV Aug. 1, 91 p.9 and the subsequent on it).

He won because he changed his strategy and secured the support of Mulayam Singh Yadav and V.P. Singh leaving the company of anti-reservation racists. BSP is now expected to join the National Front. DV congratulates Ram.

Had he taken the same stand then all his candidates including himself would have won. BSP lost because SC/ST/BCs/Muslim votes got split between JD, BJP, Congress and BSP. The Nazis won in UP because the entire Hindu votes went to them. Nazi agents like Subramanian Swamy were engaged to divide our votes.

Though BSP lost all its candidates this time also, Ram's entry into Parliament with the help of Mulayam and VP is expected to give a new life to BSP.

Meanwhile, VP should kick out all anti-reservation upper castes like Biju Patnaik, N.T. Rama Rao, and the rootless Hegde and bring in more SC/ST/BC/Muslim leaders like Mulayam. Even Bommai as party chief must be removed. ■

8 Sikhs burnt alive in Hindu nonviolence

Chandigarh: Eight Sikh members of a family were burnt to death by Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel in Firozpur district last month. CRPF men disrobed and tortured the victims before torching them by pouring kerosene over their naked bodies. The victims included an 85-year-old woman and a two-year-old child. (*Telegraph* Nov. 11). ■

Stop using the hated Hindu word, "Dalit"

MORESHWAR MAROTRAO SAO, CIVIL & CHARTERED ENGINEER, CHANDRAPUR, MS - 442 402

I have read almost all your books and am a regular reader of *Dalit Voice*. Recently, I read your two books, *DALIT - The Black Untouchables of India*, and *Ready Reference to Revolutionaries*.

I want to point that "untouchability" is 3,000 years old as mentioned in your book, *DALIT*, (p. 37) is contradictory to the date proved by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in his book, *The Untouchables*.

Babasaheb said untouchability was born at about AD 400 (Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 7, p. 379, Maharashtra govt). That is to say 1,600 years back and not 3,000 years back.

If we take your date (3,000 years back it means 500 years before Gautam Buddha i.e. BC 1000. This is absurd and proves your lack of knowledge of Indian history.

Babasaheb said the Untouchables were Buddhists and during the Gupta period, the Brahmins took revenge on Buddhists and degraded them as Untouchables.

So, it is clear that you have written the *DALIT* without reading Babasaheb's masterpiece *The Untouchables*.

"Dalit" signifies Hinduism: No doubt, your book, *Ready Reference to Revolutionaries*, is an excellent one..

Why do you like the word Dalit? Don't you think that this word, "Dalit", is just another name for Untouchables? Don't you think that this word Dalit is related to Hinduism which is a curse? You tell anybody that someone is "Dalit" and the immediate reaction would be "Oh! that untouchable Hindu". Don't you think that the whole philosophy of Babasaheb is to throw away the word "Dalit" and those related to the word "Dalit"? Don't you think that the word 'Buddhist', which Babasaheb gave us, will transform the whole psychology of the rotten minds?

I advice you stop using this word, "Dalit". Sticking to "Dalit" means sticking to Hinduism. You say that you did not invent the word and throw your responsibility on Dalit Panthers. This shows your dilemma. If the Dalit Panthers had made a mistake, it does not mean that you should repeat it.

"I hate Hinduism": Please don't take it otherwise. I respect you. I am a great admirer of you. Your services for the oppressed, depressed, downtrodden have no match. Your work is a *magnum opus* one. Your Voice has become the *vox populi* in true sense. I am using a rather harsh language. That does not mean that I want to discourage you.

My hate for Hinduism and my love for Buddhism are so great that I cannot tolerate the word "Dalit". To say that Buddhism is pessimistic and vague is wrong. According to Babasaheb and also Buddhism (see the *Buddha and His Dhamma* by Dr. Ambedkar, book IV, section III, Ahimsa - true meaning of *ahimsa*, p. 250 para 17/18), it is the individual and not the society who is expected to be consciously awakened. The vice versa is the foundation of marxism.

Islam did not Harm brahminism: Indian history loudly speaks that it is Buddhism that challenged brahminism (renamed as Hinduism). Islam and Christianity sadly remained in minority. Islam, Christianity, Jainism, Sikhism, marxism have done no harm to brahminism.

Only Buddhism can kill brahminism: Therefore, these religions plus marxism are not the answer to brahminism. The only answer to brahminism is Buddhism. Buddhism fights and fights so enthusiastically against brahminism. Any Indian history student knows this.

Hinduism means brahminism. Hinduism is the deadliest poison and Buddhism is the antidote to all poisons.

Quite some opposition is coming to the word "Dalit". What then in the alternative? Words and images are created by the ruling class. They only stuff meanings to it. We need a debate on this - EDITOR.

NEHRU FORGOTTEN

A CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi: Nehru birthday came and gone. Not one soul in the capital took note of it - except when they saw big frontpage reports in the brahminical press. It was not a people's celebration but an entirely "official function" - meaning a brahminical show. But even Aryans outside the top official circles are not grateful to their own Aryan "Chacha Nehru". History is changing. A *Hindu* (Nov. 15) report said: The grateful nation on Nov. 14 remembered the first Prime Minister and architect of modern India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, as a large number of functions - seminars, exhibitions, competitions and other programmes - were held to mark his 102nd birth anniversary. In keeping with the now well-established tradition, the solemn homage-paying ceremony was held at Shanti Van early today under tight security. President, Venkataraman, Vice President Shankar Dayal Sharma, and Prime Minister Narasimha Rao, with some of his cabinet colleagues led the "nation" in paying floral tribute to the "apostle of peace".

If Nehru is the "architect of modern India" why the rulers bid goodbye to Nehru's fake socialism?

DV 10 YEARS AGO

Meenakshipuram Earthquake

1. "The Farce of the Virat Hindu Sammelan", is the headline of the editorial of the DV Vol. 1 No.2 (Nov.1-16 1981) on the just concluded New Delhi Hindu nazi show which Jagjivan Ram, India's most famous Untouchable leader, aptly described as the "joint enterprise of the RSS and the Congress" – presided by Dr. Karan Singh, a Rajput slave of the Hindu nazis and ex-ruler of Kashmir. The massive show was the reaction of the brahminical social order to the Untouchables mass protest at Meenakshipuram, TN where they "quit Hinduism" and embraced Islam. After 10 years the converted Muslims are today so happy and the conversion has put a stop to Hindu atrocities in their villages. Dr. Karan Singh, who was used as a tool by the Hindu nazis, does not know that over 50 years back M.K. Gandhi had also staged such bogus show at the behest of the BSO and finally he only fell a victim to the BSO bullet. Ram calls upon the govt. to prosecute the organisers of the Conference.

2. SC/ST Commission Chairman Rajamallu, a Congress *Harijan* leader, favours trade union status to SC/ST unions while speaking in Madras on Oct. 13, 1981. Ten years later this demand remains unfulfilled because his party is the original brahminical party of India and the cause of all the current war and violence in the country.

3. Dr. N. Srinivas, a Tamil Dalit medico practising in London, says DV is catching up in UK. He also writes about the UK press concern over the Apartheid in India.

4. E.G. Lingam, a Lingayat from Hyderabad who continues to be a DV subscriber even today, writes on the "Rising upper caaste/Hindu aggression on the lives of the over 85% India's population."

5. Prof. V. Thangavelu, Udumalpet, TN, writes about the "muderous attack" on a Dalit medico, Dr. Krishnaswamy of Coimbatore, on 18.8.81 by the Hindu nazis. The doctor has threatened to embrace Islam to protest this Hindu insult.

6. Amarajit Singh from London, who continues to be our subscriber even today, writes on the "Hindu earthquake" that is going on in India over the mass conversion of Untouchables in Meenakshipuram.

7. J.R. Antwal, chairman of the All-India P&T SC/ST Emp. Federation who also continues to be a DV subscriber, writes on "P&T Dept. getting ready for a fight against the Hindus". ■

Nazi bid to dupe Dalits & swallow Babasaheb

Bombay: Shivalingaiah, a Scheduled Caste retired chief engineer of Karnataka govt. and a prominent Ambedkarite running a network of educational institutions including the country's first Ambedkar Medical College, has joined BJP, P.G. Gavai, IAS, former Chief Secretary to Maharashtra govt. and top BJP leader and convener of the party's SC/ST wing, has said.

The All-India Dalit Front of the party had been activated under the leadership of Bangaru Laxman. The executive includes Kalka Das, MP from Delhi, Hiralal Arya, MLA from Rajasthan, Narayan Kesari, MLA from MP, K. Paswan, MP from Biha,r and P. Sonkar, MP from MP, and Gavai.

Dr. Ambedkar equated with RSS founder: The party had elected two SC activists to the Rajya Sabha. They are Sanghamitra Gautam from Lucknow and K. Paswan from Bihar.

Many senior retired govt. officials from the SC/ST/BCs had joined the BJP. They include Ramlal Berwa of Rajasthan and Shamlal Kamal of UP, both retired directors-general of police. In Karnataka, chairmen of two Backward Class Commissions, L.G. Havanur and T. Venkatswamy, also joined BJP.

The Maharashtra BJP chief, NS Pharande, is from the Mali community. Gopinath Mundhe, a Banjara and Anna Dange is a Dhangar.

The BJP was trying to interpret Dr. Ambedkar's act of conversion as being in conformity with Hinduism rather than acting against it, said Gavai. His party is attempting the convenient comparison of Dr. Ambedkar with Hedgewar, the RSS founder, and Savarkar, the Hindu Mahasabha leader, and are trying to show how all the three tried to create a common Hindu identity by overcoming the bad practices of caste and untouchability, he said. (*Times of India*, Oct. 26). ■

Gavai boasted so many things about the Hindu nazi party devouring Babasaheb and so many other worms like him, but what he did not say is that the nazi party leadership is in the hands of Brahmins. Perhaps, he was ashamed to say that or the Brahmin reporter did not mention it. Be that as it may, these worms sold themselves to their enemies for petty gains and soon they will be insulted, kicked, abused and spat at. And by the time they realise that they must quit the nazis it will be time for them to die. We feel sorry for these worms. Today, their position is they are rejected by their own society and unaccepted by their Aryan masters

— EDITOR.

Shudra Nazi SS Chief gets a taste of Brahmin anger

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The "Brahmin-Shudra Fight within the Nazi parties", (Dv Nov. 16, 91 p.22) has taken a very serious turn with the goons of the Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray allegedly stabbing four Brahmin journalists in Bombay. The Brahmin anger reached such a boiling point that they pressed their entire brahminical "national press" to fight and finish the Shudra SS chief.

The angry Nazi Brahmins in the press, unable to bear their slave Shudra, their own creature, overtaking them in Muslim-baiting, made their current Maharashtra heart-throb, Vijay Tendulkar, to march on the Sena Bhavan in Dadar and even enter it. Such a thing had never happened in the history of SS.

The SS chief got peeved by the Brahmin anger and sulked. Like a coward he denied that the stabbing was not done by his goons.

But the Brahmins know the truth and forced the Shudra govt. run by the Shudra Marathas, but headed by a Lambani (tribal) chief Minister, to prosecute their defiant creature.

And Lo and Behold, the Brahmins succeeded in forcing the Shudra Govt., in silent sympathy with the Shudra SS chief, to file a criminal case. This is just to diffuse the Brahmin anger. The case will not be pursued.

Yet, the Brahmins have given notice that they are the supreme monarchs of the country and Shudras must behave like the Shudras - slaves of Brahmins.

Did they not teach a lesson to their own "Father of the Nation?" for violating the orders of their venerated Lokamanya Tilak that the leadership of the country shall not go out of the hands of Brahmins? After all, the SS chief is a Shudra and the "Father of the nation" was a Vaishya.

The Shudras must know the history and behave properly. Why did Thackeray try to grow above his own creators? They have served a clear notice and Thackeray was not the first victim.

Future violators of the Laws of Manu should take note of this warning.

We are enjoying the fun.

MULTI-CRORE NAZI EDUCATION PLAN

Bhopal: With the BJP governments in the saddle in the four northern states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh, the network of schools setup by the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh - controlled Vidya Bharati, is poised for massive expansion. An elaborate multi-crore five-year plan has been drawn up to have a Vidya Bharati school in every block by the end of the plan.

"We cannot meet the needs of the entire education system, but are confident that we can provide model schools for the country. We propose to establish at least one school in every block of the country", said Lajjaram Tomar, the organising secretary of the Vidya Bharati which has its headquarters at Lucknow.

At the root of the Vidya Bharati's philosophy is the long-held RSS viewpoint that English-medium education was responsible for most of the ills of the country.

Their opposition is not to the teaching of English but to the attitudes and perceptions that are developed because of English-medium education. "As far as the language skills are concerned, we are in favour of teaching English.

Top RSS leaders, Prof Rajendra Singh, Bhaurao Deoras, Sudarshan, and Nanaji Deshmukh chaired the four-day conference attended by over 5,000 teachers from the 5,000 Vidya Bharati schools at a special campus on the outskirts of Bhopal. (*Times of India*, Nov. 1)

Kerala BCs challenge "economic criterion" order

New Delhi: The Central Government's new job reservation policy with an "economic criterion" is being challenged in the Supreme Court by the Sir Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam, Kerala. The SNDP general secretary, Pratap Singh, said here that M.H. Baig, former Advocate-General of Jammu and Kashmir and senior advocate of the Supreme Court, will appear for them. The job reservation for "economically backward in advanced communities" would only increase the share of such classes of people in the bureaucracy. "The poor in the forward communities need financial assistance and not job reservation," he said. Pratap Singh termed the new job reservation policy as a retrograde step defeating the very purpose of reservation for the socially and educationally backward as enshrined in the Constitution (*Statesman* Nov. 11)

IDLERS PARADISE

Chandigarh: Every third day will be a public holiday in Haryana Government offices at the State headquarters here during next year.

An official notification issued here on No.7 said the State Government offices will remain closed for 119 days due to public holidays during the next calendar year. These include 52 Sundays, an equal number of Saturdays and 15 other gazetted holidays.

Besides, the employees will be entitled to avail themselves of two out of eight restricted holiday. (*Indian Express* Nov. 10).

Letters to Editor

U.I. Akpan, Workers Party of Nigeria, 15 Carroun Road., London, SW8 1LJ, UK: I have read some of your books including the *DALIT— The Black Untouchables of India* (Clarity Press, Atlanta, US). After reading these books, we could not hold our tears back. Now, we know what is really going on in India, especially the problem of the Untouchables and their suffering and misery. We discussed all these in our general meeting and most of our people were simply shocked to know the facts from your books. *Dalit Voice* is bringing us the day-to-day happenings in India. We are very much interested in getting introduced to the revolutionaries in India.

Africans must know that if the most horrible form of apartheid is existing anywhere in the universe it is not in S. Africa but in India. But India's ruling class is bluffing the world. Over 85% India's people are its original inhabitants who in the Constitution of India are called Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Castes. Even its "religious minorities" like Muslims, Christians and Sikhs are converts from its SC/ST/BCs. The less than 15% ruling class are alien Aryans who control everything including our brains through the media they own. The ruling class is trying to get a new lease of life by joining hands with the world's western white racists and zionists, welcoming the New World Order to further enslave its over 85% already oppressed population. This fact must be made known to the world because liberation of the Untouchables of India would release so much of energy that will be too willing to heat up the boiling cauldron that is Africa, the cradle of world civilisation. Once Africa wakes up, it will be the beginning of world revolution. So, right now the Africans must consider the Black Untouchables of India, both having a common origin, as your own brothers and sisters and plan out joint strategies — EDITOR.

P.P. Lakshman, New York: It pains me to hear from Dr. Velu Annamalai and Yogesh Varhade that *Dalit Voice* is in serious financial trouble. I have seen no other paper of its kind and quality like DV exposing mass deception and giving vent to the concerns and hardships of the silent majority of the peoples of India. DV gives food to my thoughts and influences my writings. Unfortunately, many other people who should be interested in DV are unaware of or not resourceful enough to be able to subscribe to DV. So I am sending one year subscription for 11 persons in India who are mostly Kerala Thiyyas.

M. Ahmed, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: Glad to inform that some friends here made hundreds of copies of your book, *Know the Hindu Mind*, (DSA 1990) and distributed them here in this country. This book is so important that Dalits in India must read it in their own language. So, we plan to get it translated to Marathi, Hindi and Telugu. It may be printed and distributed

free of cost among Dalits. The book is a masterpiece. Dalit-Muslim unity is very urgent.

The book has been already translated to Urdu and Malayalam and the copies are already sold out. The book is very essential to understand the mind of the oppressor and why it is behaving in that participar way. Not only that. The book is important even to Hindus to understand why they are sick and how their sickness is killing them also — EDITOR.

T.K. Narayanan, Trivandrum: The news that "DV is on the deathbed" is heart-breaking. Is there any chance of saving DV by raising the price of DV from Rs. 4 to Rs. 5 and the annual subscription to Rs. 125? I cannot think of a day passing without DV. Our experience of ten years shows that DV has been very ably and courageously advocating our cause, and our oppressor has understood for the first time our inherent strength. The rich religious minorities must now rush to save DV because it is defending their cause better than they could do. I am prepared to carry out any decision that you take.

V.I. Ittycheria, Telecom. Dept. Miriyalguda, AP-508 207: I was shocked to read that DV is sinking. I am sure all the subscribers will have no objection to pay an increased subscription.

We have received many letters, telegrams, phone calls expressing such a feeling. We are deeply touched by this expression of solidarity. But mere sympathy cannot save DV. Nor by raising the price and annual subscription of DV. Since DV is not getting advt., which is the only income for a paper, it has to survive merely on circulation revenue. Since the circulation is not adequate enough to sustain the publication, other efforts have to be made to keep it going. Only very few persons responded to our appeal for life-membership by paying Rs.1,000. If all our subscribers become life-members that would be a good gesture. But more than that, DV can no longer remain as the efforts of few individuals. It has to put on an institutional foundation. A project report has been prepared but no taker so far. The Aryans are having a total monopoly on the media through which they have been spreading falsehood and poisoning the country. Any amount of our effort to impress this point on the victims of the Aryan blood-suckers have gone waste. Day-by-day brahminism is gaining upper hand. What can we do if the slaves of India want to enjoy their slavery? We have done our job — EDITOR.

Madhukar Pipalayan, Takshila, B-3/315 Paschim Vihar, N.Delhi-63: The literature produced by the Dalit Sahitya Academy and *Dalit Voice* are all very impressive. In your book, *Ready Reference to Revolutionaries*, you have rightly stressed that unity comes out of crisis and if there is no crisis we must create one.

Surendran C., Farook College, Calicut: In response to my letter in DV I received donations — Rs.200 from M.N. Mazumdar, New Delhi, and Rs.50 from Bikash Kumar Roy, Calcutta. From this I could buy some badly needed books and also buy a Malayalam book by Babasaheb published by the Kerala govt.

Mani Gopal Das, Calcutta: I endorse the suggestion made by Brother Sonkavday N.R. (DV May 16 '91 p.13) regarding inter-caste marriages among all Untouchable sects and sub-sects. I had made this suggestion at the All-India Dalit Writers Conference at Hyderabad (1989) and you were also present. For the time being, SCs and STs can be considered as two branches of the same tree. After some time even these two should get merged to acquire further strength. When the 20% plus 10% SC/STs come together, the Hindus will be frightened to submission.

M.V. Gopidasa, Muvattupuzha, Kerala: The article by Iqbal Ahmed Sheriff on the New World Order (DV Nov. 1) was superb and was also topical when the Hindu nazis are hell bent to demolish the Babri Masjid and thereby humiliate the entire Muslim world. Once they are allowed to touch it, then they will put their hand on Taj Mahal, Kutub Minar etc. I think these less than 10% of the brahminical social order must be given a separate "Hindu homeland", so that they can leave the rest of the 85% non-Hindus to live in peace.

S. R. Talukdar, New Delhi: You are pleading for Dalit-Sikh unity but how can that be possible when casteism is so strong among the Sikhs? It is true that there is no discrimination inside the gurdwara but outside, the Sikhs are as bad as the Hindus. I am seeing this daily in our office and locality in Delhi. Some Sikhs are also supporting the Hindu campaign for Ram Mandir. Upper caste Sikhs even today look down upon Dalit-Sikhs.

Dr. Sunilam, Editor, "Nyaya Chakra", Hindi monthly, No.12 Janpath, New Delhi-1: I am a regular reader of DV and I like it very much. Ram Vilas Paswan had just started this new monthly and we two must work in close collaboration.

Dwarika Prasad, ONGC Flats, Mulund, Bombay-81: On Oct. 27 last, a statue of Babasaheb Ambedkar costing Rs.1.15 lakhs was unveiled by our ONGC chairman, S.L. Khosla, in our residential complex at Panvel to commemorate his birth centenary. Panvel has the biggest residential colony with 1,200 quarters. The function was organised by the ONGC management with the cooperation of the All-India SC/ST Emp. Welfare Assn., Bombay.

Rebati Ranjan Roy, All-India SC/ST Rly. Em. Assn., Seldah unit, Calcutta-14: I was a victim of Hindu racism in my office. The culprit is the senior DAO, Seldah, who used caste names to abuse me on 28/3/91 when I was signing the attendance register. The words used are: "I know you are from a Scheduled Caste community. You possess no sense of office work. You are unfit for govt. job. You should be punished." Later, he made his peon to push me out of the room. Hindus practice their racism even in their offices.

Only tame animals are slaughtered in yagnas and yagas. Like lamb, sheep, pig, cow etc. Why no body slaughters

lion and tiger? The Hindu racist insulted you because he knew that you would swallow his insults. Your liberation is in your hands. Under the Indian Penal Code (Sec. 300) even murder is permitted for the sake of self-defence - EDITOR.

A. Elankovan, Shaktinagar, Raichur, Karnataka: For any group of individuals, to weave a net the basic need is communication. The unity of the oppressed in India is suffering only because we have no means of communication. Upper caste rulers are all united only because they have built their communication network through English language which they have monopolised keeping us out. We can overcome this only if we follow Babasaheb, who mastered the English language. English alone can help us inter-weave our unity and help us counter the Hindu oppression.

Miss Nootan Malvi, "Bahujan Sangarsh", Marathi fortnightly, Rahate Colony, Jail Rd., Nagpur - 22: The debate going in the columns of *Dalit Voice* has prompted us to come out with a special issue on Bali Chakravarty. Do you advise the BCs to quit Hinduism and embrace a new religion if the Mandal Com. is not implemented?

Backward Castes like the SC/STs are original inhabitants of India and hence they are also Untouchables. They are neither sudras nor Hindus. Like the SCs, they too should accept Babasaheb Ambedkar as their leader and Ambedkarism as their philosophy. SC/ST/BCs (65%) plus the Muslims/Christians/Sikhs (20%) are all blood relations. The unity of the original inhabitants of India is the urgent need of the hour to counter the Aryan terrorism to further divide India and destroy its unity and integrity - EDITOR.

Ho. Ba. Ravan Bodi Sathva, M. Hosur, Chamarajnagar, Karnataka-571 115: Sanjay Khan, a noted Muslim TV serial producer who became famous through his *Sword of Tipu Sultan* and almost got himself burnt by the Hindu nazis who set fire to the studio itself at Mysore where he was shooting the *Tipu* film, has turned a nazi admirer. He has announced that to appease the nazis he is producing the *Return of the Aryans* based on the novel of Bhagvan Gidwani. In a press statement, Khan said he wanted to prove that Aryans were also original inhabitants of India and that they were not colonials or invaders. That means Sanjay Khan is also a nazi agent if not an Aryan-Muslim himself. I call upon Muslim readers of DV to protest against this and see that Sanjay Khan stops this action which will deeply hurt the over 85% non-Hindu/non-Aryan original inhabitants of India. Sanjay Khan's statement has appeared in the Kannada film journal, *Roopa Thara*.

Shamsuddin Alvi, Madras: I am a great lover of DV, and its Editor is my hero. So, I have a right to warn the Editor: In the past you had been criticising only brahminism which you identified as the "principal contradiction". But lately, you have started attacking, Muslims, Sikhs and even your close friend Veeramani, Dravida Kazagham chief. That means you are

increasing your enemies. That is why DV is dying.

In DV, we are guided solely by the pursuit of justice and truth. In the Gulf War on behalf of the oppressed Muslims, we attacked US for its aggression on Iraq. But at that time, the elite Muslims supported the aggressor, US, which we had to denounce in the interest of upholding justice and truth. We proved right. The elite Muslims, who form not even 5% of the total Muslim population of the country, are mostly with the ruling class. We had never criticised Veeramani whom we always held in high esteem. The Bangalore Papatti launched a state terrorism in Tamil Nadu and all fake Periyarists succumbed to it. We are sure Veeramani will revive Periyarism and fight the Aryans. That is why we said TN will prove to be the graveyard of Aryans in India. It is for Veeramani to take up this challenge that will give him a place in history next only to that of Periyar - EDITOR.

Syed Md.Ibrahim Madani, Inam Kalatur, Tiruchi, TN: I have no words to express the sorrow with which I had to write to you to stop posting DV to me of which I had been a subscriber from its very birth. This is because of my failing eye sight. I fully support DV and its struggles. I am also aware of its financial plight. Supporting DV is my aim. You have held up the flag of justice and truth as none else. Even this letter is written on my dictation which I am not able to read.

Madani Saheb is one of our very first subscribers right from 1981 and also a frequent contributor. As an old veteran member of the Jamate-Islami, he has been one of our very great supporters. Like him quite a number of our subscribers became old, blind, ill. Some like Dr. Donald McGavaran of the Fuller Theological College, Pasadena, California, and Maulana Mohammed Yusuf, the All-India president of the Jamate-Islami, who once wrote us a hand-written 120-page letter, are dead. Moulana Jaffer Ali, principal of the Al-Ameen College here who introduced us to the glories of Islam and was responsible for bringing India's most famous Muslim saint, Moulana Hasan Ali Nadvi of Lucknow to release the very first issue of DV, is also dead. The other great man is Sardar Jagjit Singh Sidhwan, the author of the great book, "Sikh Revolution", also has become too old. When we were in the Chandigarh Jail, this great thinker and scholar, used to daily come to the Jail, sit outside and weep whole day. So great was his love and admiration for our work. We are proud of our family. We remember all these great souls, living and dead, and pay our tributes - EDITOR.

M.K. Khan, Mallapalle, Hyderabad: It was only last month that I had joined the readers and admirers of the lion-hearted DV. But alas the very next month I read the "heart-breaking news" that brought tears in my eyes. Will it not be possible to appeal for donations? How many subscribers are needed to balance the DV? How much money is needed to save DV?

Aboobaker, P.A. Ayurveda College, Kottakkal, Kerala: Adi Sankara was the man who had killed the Buddha, the greatest revolutionary leader ever born in India. Today, the "Modern Sankara" is trying

to kill Babasaheb Ambedkar, the greatest Indian after the Buddha. The first Sankara had chosen a very dirty way to drive out Buddhism and Jainism from their motherland. The Aryan fascist movement in India, which had showed its ugly face in capturing Tirupati temple and Sabarimala temple, was started by Adi Sankara, a Kerala Namboodiri Brahmin. The United Democratic Front, the ruling party of Kerala - which is a water and oil combination of the disciples of Gandhi, the Gujarati Bania who called our people children of *Devadasis* (or bastards), the followers of M.A. Jinnah and some rubber-estate owners of Kottayam district - has decided to give a reward to the murderer of Buddha by starting a Sanskrit University at Kaladi. The Education Minister of the "Muslim" League and "Christian" leaders of the Kerala Congress (M) are hand-in-hand with the Hindu leaders of the Congress (I) party in this act. Alas, the first language university in Kerala, which is part of the Dravida land, will be a Sanskrit university. Not a Malayalam university. Ayurveda, an ancient medical science, which had grown up by using fertilisers given by followers of Buddhism and Jainism like Nagbhata, Ugraditya, etc., is going to be a part of the Sankara University !!! The Hindu nazi govt. of Uttar Pradesh is all ready to assist financially. So, all thinkers and workers of Dalit movement in Kerala should wake up and oppose this attempt to honour the murderer of Buddha. This is an insult to the indigenous peoples of India.

P.K. Abdurrabb, Kanoor, Kerala-670 001: Kuldip Nayar, a noted journalist and ex-Ambassador to UK, very often used to write that India's "Hindu" population is 85%. His articles appear in the *Radiance weekly* and its translation in the Malayalam daily, *Madhyamam*. Why don't you convince him about the real percentage of Hindu population in India? ■

BABASAHEB BOOKS

A CORRESPONDENT

Bombay: This is with reference to your item: "Babasaheb books in danger", DV Oct. 16).

The Vol.9 and 10 of the *Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches* are likely to be released on Dec. 6.

The Vol. 10 is ready. The Vol. 9 was ready long back. The Committee members want these volumes to be released at a function. They are expected to be released on sale by Dec. 6.

Meanwhile, we are glad to inform you that Babasaheb books, all the eight volumes, can be had from **Peoples Book House** No.15, Meher House, Cowasji Patel St., Fort, Bombay - 400 001 - Phone 28 73 768. ■

Warning to Pakistan church on Dalit converts

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There are some 3.5 million Christians in Islam-dominated Pakistan, most of whom live within the rural setting of isolated Christian villages or in largely segregated slums.

The Christian community has its basic origin in conversions from **lower caste Hindus** some 150 years ago, by individuals who hoped that through Christianity they would achieve material fulfilment and advancement. Ironically, Hindu stratification has continued to be practised against Christians even though Islam rejects these prejudices.

Not only do Christians remain socially, economically, and culturally marginalized, but increasing demands for greater Islamization also eroded their political status (*Ecumenical Press Service*). ■

The World Council of Churches and the Indian church leaders must tell the Pakistan church leaders that **Pakistan's 3.5 million Christians are not "lower caste Hindu" converts but they are Untouchables.**

We remember meeting one such dark-looking Christian

at a Karachi hotel and after some conversation we could make out that his forefathers were Untouchables. And **Untouchables are not "lower caste" Hindus but casteless, outcaste people – the original inhabitants of undivided India. They are a separate race, separate nation.**

Untouchables are not Hindus and never Hindus. In India too, millions Untouchables had embraced Christianity and they continue to be discriminated inside the church.

We don't know if the problem is the same in Pakistan. The Pakistan church leadership will be adding to the misery of these original inhabitants of Pakistan, if it goes on saying they are "lower caste converts", an argument that is likely to prejudice the Muslims of Pakistan and its Islamic govt. which suffered so much at the hands of Hindus. The Indian church leaders and World Council of Churches must take up this case with the Pakistan church. Pakistan has no such thing as untouchability (racism) which is so rampant in India. The Pakistan govt. also must recognise the Untouchable converts as a distinct "ethnic minority" and accord all privileges due to a minority – EDITOR.

Why rulers worship communist cow?

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: Just as religion is a business to those from the brahminical social order (BSO), Marxism is also a business. Communism might have collapsed in the land of its birth but to India's BSO, the communist cow is still yielding milk.

A big gathering of "Leftist intellectuals" was held in Calcutta on Sept. 4, '91 in front of the Lenin statue at Esplanade "to denounce" the Indian Hindu nazi stand against Lenin. But the fun is India's Hindu nazis and our India's "sacred thread marxists" are cousins.

In West Bengal, only three BSO *jatis* – Brahmins, Baidyas and Kayasths – are ruling whichever party comes to power. All the top "marxists" leaders of WB hitherto were from these three. All the Congress leaders, Forward Bloc, Backward Bloc, Naxal, Faxal leaders, Nazi leaders like Shyam Prasad Mukherji are all from these three. The WB Congress chief, S.S. Ray, is a Kayasth, and WB Chief Minister, Jyoti Basu, is his *jatwala*. It is all conspiracy.

If that is so, why the "marxists" of Bengal marshalled such a big force of "intellectuals" to line up behind Lenin? Who are these "intellectuals". The *Telegraph* (Sept. 5) carried their picture and gave their names:

Uttam Mahanta, Prof. Hiren Mukjerji, Pandit Gauri Nath Shastri, Atish Das Gupta, Ashim Chatterji.

You can make out their *jati* from their caste surname. All these Chatterjies, Mukjerjees, Battacherjees and Gutterjis are Brahmins.

The rest are Shudra Baidyas and Kayasths. Not one single SC/ST/BC or Muslim can join these closed circle of "Leftist intellectuals". These "intellectuals" of Bengal have raised lot of dust but not the level of human beings of Calcutta which has become the country's biggest slum. Who is responsible?

Yet the three *jatis* stick on to communism because it has paid them heavy dividends, helped them to enslave SC/ST/BCs and Muslims, and rule without doing any work.

The communist cow is not yet dry. It is still yielding milk. So why give up the magic milch cow?

In Russia, the communist cow was discarded because it dried up. In Bengal, Kerala and different parts of India, this cow will be kept and worshipped – only as long as it yields milk. ■

Jamate-Islami is champion of Dalits

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Recently in the DV, I have found a lot of writeups about Jamate-Islami (Hind). I am pained to see this sort of controversy. I am writing this neither in support of JI nor against it. Whether we agree or not, the ideology or the message of JI is documented in its literature. Its methodology is also clearly indicated. Under the prevailing circumstances, if some people feel that there should be another approach for solving the problems of Muslims and the Dalits let them come forward and form another organisation, militant or otherwise, and bear it fruits good or bad.

My only contention is why try to alienate the people who are otherwise sympathetic to the cause DV is very painstakingly championing.

Introduced to DV through Jamat: *I can tell you*

from my personal knowledge that JI people are not only sympathetic to the cause of Dalits but more than that. You know that I am a DV subscriber for the last 10 years. I learnt about the DV through JI and its organ, Radiance.

I know Muslims, by and large, are very much fond of creating differences rather than doing any constructive job. If some people really very sincerely and seriously feel that a revolutionary approach is needed to solve the problems let them advertise, collect like-minded people, let them make a party, knowing fully well the pros and cons of it, rather than sitting in their drawing rooms and having mud slinging at each other.

I really feel hurt to see this sort of tirade against the Jamate-Islami or Tablighi Jamaat in DV. ■

The Prophet was white, asserts Jamate Islami

SYED YUSUF JAMATE-ISLAMI, 1353-CHITLI QABAR, DELHI-6.

The DV reproduction of an excerpt from Wayne B. Chandler's *The Moor : The Light of Europe's Dark Age* with an interrogation whether Prophet Mohammad was a Black or white is *highly objectionable and mischievous, besides being a crude attempt on your part to discriminate the human race on the basis of colour* (DV Oct. 16, 91 p.7).

Though himself a white, the holy prophet of Islam emphatically denied claims of superiority over race or colour. "An Arab is not superior to a non-Arab nor a white to a black", he exhorted. Superiority in Islam is linked solely with piety and godliness. All human beings irrespective of race, sex, colour or language, are equals and constitute the progeny of a single parent - Adam and Eve.

Please spare Islam in your anxiety to establish the superiority of the Blacks over the whites or vice versa. ■

While announcing the

different important books sent to us by our American Black brothers and sisters as part of their current Black revival movement, we had published excerpts from these books including the one about Prophet Mohammad. American Blacks, particularly the angry militant ones, take great pride in Prophet Mohammad for his colour,

just like all Muslims of the world take pride for the Prophet's exceptionally super-human and spiritual qualities. Muslim scholars should read these books and point out the merits and demerits therein. That Islam is the one and the only religion in the whole world that does not speak of race and colour discrimination is one of its highest points. This should be pointed out to the Black activists and win them to the side of Islam. We have neither said that the Prophet was Black or white but it is our brother Syed Yusuf who is now asserting that the Prophet was White thereby alienating the sympathies of the Black- EDITOR.

Stop debate on Jamat

ABDUL GHAFFAR SHAH, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR

I am totally at variance with the Jamate-Islami so far as their religious beliefs are concerned and have collected enough literature against the Jamat. Yet, I advise you to cut short the discourse because the Jamat does not claim to be a political organisation but a cultural and religious body. The Jamat does not fall into a category which could be criticised on its role with regard to its upliftment of Muslims politically.

The Jamate-Islam of Kashmir State has not acceded to the Jamat in India. But the ideology is one and same for both.

However, I request you to kindly overlook the ideological aspect of the Jamat for the present because Muslims require unity along with other Dalits and not disunity in view of the Hindu fundamentalist's stance on Babri Masjid episode which is an agony to us all at present. ■

Jamat blind to brahminism: Toeing RSS line?

MURAD ALI YUSUFZAI, JAIPUR

The debate over Jamate-Islami and its ideology and political practice is a very welcome initiative indeed. (DV edit Aug. 16, 91: "When will Jamate-Islami learn to face Hindu nazi tricks?"). It is only through a clash of conflicting views that a consensus can emerge which would enable organisations like the Jamat to reassess their policies so as to make them relevant to the existential problems of the Muslims and other oppressed communities of India. The Jamat, as a dedicated organisation, should welcome such a frank debate.

To being with, it must be acknowledged that the Jamat, at least in North India, has concerned itself almost exclusively with purely theological issues totally divorced from the present living social realities. For instance, the Jamat's main activity is to bring out a large number of books on Islam and related themes which, by themselves, are of a good standard. Yet, unfortunately, the Jamat makes no attempt to assess how far (if at all) its lofty pronouncements and its prodigious literature have led to any meaningful change in Muslim society.

Lepers outside Jama Masjid: Thus, just outside the Jamat headquarters at Chitli Qabar (near Old Delhi's Jama Masjid), hundreds of deformed beggars and leprosy patients subsist in the most intolerably miserable conditions. No amount of books on 'Islamic hygiene' or 'Islamic economics' or 'Islamic sociology' churned out by the Jamat has helped improve the lives of these people at all.

I saw a tragic scene : a woman Muslim beggar died on the steps of the Jama Masjid out of starvation

and disease. Her body was literally blanketed by a vast swarm of flies until some kind soul covered it with an old bedsheet.

Curing symptoms, not disease: One may genuinely question the relevance of the Jamat in that it does not appear to be concerned with such sufferings even in its own neighbourhood (leave alone the whole country).

The Jamat might rush relief and render assistance to victims of anti-Muslim riots (and for this it deserves to be appreciated). But one cannot be blind to the fact that by doing so it merely seeks to cure the symptoms rather than the disease itself. And in serving as a "quack", it only hastens the death of the patient. *If the disease is diagnosed as brahminical hegemony (which oppresses not only Muslims but also the SC/ST/BCs and women), logic demands that the cure can only be through a grand alliance of the 'Bahujan Samaj' which the "Dalit Voice" has been so painstakingly doing with great success for the past over ten years. This the Jamat refuses to consider.*

Serving the elite: The very strategies that the Jamat adopts in its *dawah* or 'propagation' suggest that it is attuned not towards the oppressed masses but towards the elite. As has been mentioned, its prime means of propaganda is the large number of books it has brought out on Islam. Now, these books can only be read by the elite Muslims and Hindus who have an almost complete monopoly over education and resources.

Strategies to influence the oppressed masses and to win them over (eg. plays, songs, cultural groups, theatre, etc) are consciously avoided by the Jamat

for fear of being labelled as too "subaltern" or too "plebian". *As a result, the Jamat has little or no real influence among the oppressed masses. Its activists are essentially from the lower-middle class and the Ulema.*

Islam stands for revolution: In addition, the curious misinterpretation of Islam sought to be propagated by the Jamat is so abstract and abstruse that it has no relation whatsoever with the gruelling poverty and social oppression of the Muslim masses. *What the Jamat ignores is the fact that Islam is not merely a set of dogmas, creeds and rituals. Islam is, above all, a programme for radical social action, indeed, for Social Revolution.*

This includes a programme for a radical reconstruction of society, the economy, the polity and popular culture.

Preserving status quo: But the Jamat pays no attention to this integral part of the Islamic Revolution and prefers to concern itself only with the single, narrow issue of the relationship between an individual and god. Thus, the Jamat reduces Islam from a programme for Social Revolution to another mere "ism" for the preservation of the status quo.

The Jamat has divorced itself completely from the social oppression of the Muslims and has chosen to enmesh itself in a web of theological puzzles. Thus, it does not see the socio-political causes of the oppression of the Muslims.

Instead, it diagnoses the cause of this malaise as a manifestation of the divine wrath of the Muslims for having "strayed" from the ways of their ancestors. It therefore suggests that the Muslims can free themselves from oppression only by becoming more pious as individuals and not by attempting to change the social, political and economic structures which are really responsible for their oppression.

Identify the enemy: While, theologically speaking, it may be valid (for a believer) to maintain that suffering is to an extent a manifestation of divine wrath, *the Jamat's total blindness to the brahminical menace smacks of a fatalism that is absolutely antagonistic to the spirit of Islam.* Thus, for example, the Prophet Mohammed and the early Muslims did face a great deal of persecution. He did not advocate mere piety, fasting or more fervent prayers as a solution (as the Jamat does today). Instead, he strove to radically transform the oppressive social, economic, political and cultural structures that were the determining causes of the oppression of the masses when he started his mission. The Jamat, therefore, ought to learn from the example of the Prophet.

Failure on Babri Masjid: Compare the strategies of the Jamat with those employed by the BJP-VHP-RSS with regard to the Babri Masjid issue which have grave implications for the Muslims of India. *The Jamat has brought out only one small booklet less than ten pages on the subject.* The rest of its books are wholly theological and do not deal at all with any social, political, or economic issues concerning the contemporary Indian Muslim society.

On the other hand, the situation in the Hindu communal camp is quite the opposite. Very little, if any, literature has been brought out by them on purely theological issues. Most of their publications now are on the so-called "Ramjanambhoomi Mandir", though all of them are of course, mere weapons of false, poisonous propaganda. Yet, this immense amount of literature on political issues brought out by the Hindu nazis is one of the major reasons for their apparent success in influencing mass opinion. ***But the Jamat's total failure in influencing public opinion with regard to the truth of the Babri Masjid affair, can be traced, in large measure to its total neglect of publishing books and***

conducting propaganda on social economic and political issues.

The Jamat in ignoring these crucial issues, refuses to understand the fact that *Islam can survive in India only if Muslim society itself can survive.* And since the fiercest challenge to the very existence of Muslim society is brahminical fascism, (DV calls it Hindu nazism) it is obvious that Islam or any other progressive ideology (including, of course, Ambedkarism, Sikhism, Christianity, Marxism etc.) can survive only if brahminism is defeated.

Moududi's words: Advocate Iqbal Ahmed Sheriff (DV Aug. 16 1991 p. 3) has quite rightly pointed out that the Jamat today is only serving as a means for vested forces in maintaining the status quo. Not only that, it appears that the Jamat is even prepared to dump the Muslims of India in its misguided obsession to project itself as the only upholder of Islam.

The following revelation by none other than the late Moulana Maududi, the founder of the Jamat, will no doubt come as a rude shock to the Muslim masses. Maududi said:

"I have no objection if the Muslims in India are treated like *Sudras* and *Mlecchas* and Manu's laws are applied to them depriving them of all share in govt. and rights as citizens".

(quoted in Rafiq Zakaria, *The Struggle Within Islam*, Penguin Books, Calcutta, 1988, p. 13. See also Mohd. Munir, *From Jinnah to Zia*, Lahore, 1980, p.65).

Golwalkar says the same: Surprising though it may appear, the late Golwalkar, the RSS philosopher, had much the same to say about the status of Muslims in a Hindu Rashtra.

"The non-Hindu peoples in Hindustan must either adopt the Hindu culture and language, must learn to respect and hold in reverence the Hindu religion, and must entertain no ideas but those of the glorification of the Hindu race and religion., or may stay in the country, wholly subordinate to the Hindu nation, claiming nothing, deserving no

privileges, far less any preferential treatment - not even citizens rights". (MS Golwalkar, *We or Our Nationhood Defined* pp. 53-56).

DV congratulated: The Jamat ought to declare its position on Moulana Maududi's pronouncements regarding the treating of Muslims as *Shudras* and *Mlecchas* and their subjection to the abominable rules of Manu. *By legitimising the Manu Smriti, Maududi appeared to be accepting the brahminical hegemony over the Muslims and the SC/ST/BC/ women.* Does this therefore suggest that the Jamat is toeing the RSS line?

The need of the hour is for the Muslims to develop a radical theology of Islamic liberation true to the teaching of the Prophet that the goal of religion is not mere contemplation but the bringing about of the social, political, economic and cultural liberation of all mankind.

Dalit Voice needs to be congratulated for having taken the bold step of initiating in its columns a debate over the Jamate-Islami. It is hoped that the well-meaning members of the Jamat would strive to make their activities more relevant to the needs of today's Muslims and other oppressed groups in India.

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War-mongers of India engaged to hold world peace conference

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: War-mongers of India have been engaged by four respected international organisations to host a world peace conference here. The four-day multi-million dollar event, called "Vishwa Dharma Sammelan" to be held here from Aug. 19 1993, has been already hijacked by India's tiny ruling upper caste rulers convicted of every human right violations inside the country.

The Bangalore gala will be followed by a festival in Delhi (Aug. 27). This will be preceded by visits to Brahmin temples.

The fear expressed by India's original inhabitants, comprising over 65% of its 850-million population plus its 20% religious minorities (Muslims, Christians, Sikhs & Buddhists), is that this ruling class (15%) is likely to exploit the innocence of the four Western Christian organisations sponsoring the conference, swallow the enormous funds earmarked for the big-budget conference and use the international forum to advertise to the world its big lie that its Arya dharma, sanatana dharma, called Hinduism is the country's "majority religion". They also fear that this ruling class, which is oppressing and enslaving on one side its 65% indigenous peoples and on the other the 20% religious minorities, may use the conference to mislead the world.

Apartheid in India: To reinforce their argument they quote the complaint voiced the country's noted Dalit leader, Bhagwan Das, a Supreme Court Advocate,

an Ambedkarite and Buddhist leader of Delhi, who was shouted down by these Hindu communal nazi elements when he raised the issue of Hindu sanctified racism that has inflicted the world's worst form of apartheid on its 20% Untouchables while he was speaking at the World Council of Religion and Peace(WCRP) at its conference in Australia, a few years back.

Veerendra Hegde, closely associated with the Hindu nazi organisation, and other Hindu nazi delegates ganged up at the conference of the WCRP - one of the four international organisations sponsoring the Bangalore meet - and pounced on Das and uttered the big lie that "there is nothing like Untouchables (or racism) in India as the Constitution has abolished it". Das held a press conference in Delhi on his return and cautioned the WCRP and other international peace organisations about the Hindu nazis who were taking them for a ride.

Attack on Mother Teresa: These sources said if India is today the world's most violent country it is because of these Hindu nazis. Dalit circles here are simply shocked that the western Christian leaders, who claim to be so well informed, are not able to understand such a simple truth of the war and violence caused by this upper caste/Hindu rulers. When Mother Teresa was conferred a national title

Mother Teresa and Hindu Nazis

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: Poor Mother Teresa, serving the Aryans by cleaning their garbage and getting publicity in their brahminical press for this service, very often gets bitten by the Aryans whom she is serving so loyally without getting angry even for a moment.

When she was conferred the Bharata Ratna, the country's nazi mother party, opposed it and called her anti-national. But the same nazis have never hesitated to make use of her services. Of course, they are very happy that she is cleaning the Hindu garbage, not the Christian garbage - though she is a Christian.

Here is the latest assault on her by this ungrateful Aryan nation which she is so sincerely serving.

Calcutta: Mother Teresa has expressed deep shock over reports in a section of the press which made strong allegations about the functioning of her organization - the Missionaries of Charity. In a statement she said: "I am deeply shocked to see this report which I feel is harmful to our work of love".

She said "the report maintains that the main aim of the Missionaries of Charity is to convert people of other religions to Christianity and to give these girls in marriage to Christian boys. This is not true." She regretted that the report had been published without verify allegations - *Statesman* Nov. 12).

Once bitten twice shy. But poor Teresa is not. Because she too is an Aryan. And both Teresa and the Aryans are together fooling us. ■

(Bharat Ratna), these nazi forces opposed it dubbing her "a christian conspirator". Christians in India are called anti-national.

The Bangalore conference is supposed to be the centenary celebrations of Swami Vivekananda's historic address to the Parliament of Religions at Chicago. A preparatory meeting was held here in October presided over by Dr. Karan Singh, a former ruler of princely Kashmir and the founder-president of the "Virat Hindu Sammelan" which is also an outfit of the Hindu nazi organisation that killed their own 'Father of the nation' M.K. Gandhi. A person close to the Hindu nazi organisation – and notoriously anti-Western and anti-Christian – has been appointed convener of the Bangalore conference charged with the task of keeping out representation to over 85% of India's population and religions. This is the biggest shock. What is the use of entrusting such a peace conference to those who have no faith in peace and justice, they ask.

Representation to Dalits: However, the conference organisers after seeing through the game of these Hindu nazi, who wanted to monopolise the show, are understood to have realised the need to give representation to India's peace-loving indigenous peoples represented by the Dalits. *All the four organisations are noted for their sincere drive for world peace and justice. But their sincerity and concern will be a total waste if they trust the war-mongering ruling class of India, they said.*

Perhaps, it may be news to these four innocent Western Christian international organisations sponsoring the Bangalore conference that Vivekananda was not a Brahmin but a Bengali Kayasth. He had made several speeches bitterly criticising the Brahmin priestly class (*Caste, Culture, and Socialism* by Swami Vivekananda, published by Swami Ananyananda, President, Adwaita Ashram, Mayavati, Pithorgarh, Himalayas, India, 6th edition, 1978).

Vivekananda's attack on Brahmins: For passing such severe strictures against the Brahmin priestcraft, they became so furious that the Ramakrishna Mission, of which he was the most famous monk, refused to pay for his trip to Chicago. It was the non-Brahmin Maharajas of Tanjore and Mysore who paid for his Chicago trip.

Dalit organisations point out that those who tormented Vivekananda then are today monopolising Vivekananda and are trying to take the organisers of the Bangalore conference for a ride.

The four Western international organisations jointly organising the conference are : (1) International Association for Religious Freedom, (2) World Congress of Faiths, (3) Temple of Understanding and (4) World Conference on Religion and Peace.

Its Bangalore convener is Ramesh Vardya, No. 62,

Cunningham Road Cross, Bangalore - 560 052.

The Chairman of the Conference is Prebendary Marcus Braybrook, No. 2, The Bassetts, Box, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN 14 GER, UK.

The Secretaries are David and Cecelia Storey, Rawmere, Rew Lane, Chichester, W. Sussex, PO 194 QH, UK.

Chairman Braybrook's another address is:

(1) Dreiechs - 59, D-6000 Frankfurt - 70, FR Germany. The other addresses are: (2) WCF: 28-Powis Gardens, London-WII JG, UK. (3) TU:- Cathedral of St. John, No.1047, Amsterdam Avenue at 112th St., New York, NY 10025, USA and (4) WCRP: No.14 - Chemin August-Vilbert, Ch-1218 Grand, Soconnex, Geneva, - Switzerland.

The World Council of Churches, Amnesty International, Minority Rights Group, London, and all Christian, Dalit, Blacks and human rights groups all over the world should send protests to the above addresses on behalf of India's peace-loving Dalits – daily persecuted by the upper caste oppressors who are entrusted with this peace conference. ■

Mysore Dalits retaliate : 8 dead in caste war

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: A happy news has come from Mysore dt. Untouchables of a village, Sargur, persecuted for years by the Lingayats (Hindus), have very ably and effectively organised self-defence under the inspiration of Babasaheb. They launched their self-defence in which some Hindus were killed though the Untouchables also had to pay some price in saving their honour. In all, eight people were killed in the on-going Hindu-Dalit caste war that made front page story in the Karnataka press.

Entire Dalit world and even self-respecting Hindus bowed their heads to the Sargur Dalits and their bravery.

On Nov. 11, about 200 armed Dalits of Sargur village pulled out Hindus from a State Road Transport Corporation bus they were travelling in, attacked them with reapers and sickles, smashed some with boulders and pushed them into a nearby canal. While two Hindus were killed and four of them were severely injured, by Nov. 12 the death toll rose to five with three dalits falling victims to reprisal attacks. The attack on Hindus and the retaliatory attack was the culmination of a long-standing dispute between the Hindus of Anchipura and Dalits of Sargur. The dispute came to fore again a few days ago after the two groups clashed over a cinema ticket. Two days ago, haystacks belonging to Dalits were torched. This led to the attack and the killing of Hindus in the bus, followed by the retaliation. ■

Why Zionists hate Muslims & Blacks?

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The West is morally finished, sex is encouraged in schools and colleges and condoms etc. are provided in schools. The result is that the disease of AID is spreading.

This is in response to your request "Wanted a Probe into Zionist hatred of Blacks and Muslims", in the issue of *Dalit Voice* of (Oct. 1-15, 1991 p.16).

Please get a copy of the *Protocols of the Elders of the Zion*, from the Iranian Embassy in Delhi to understand the Zionist hatred against Blacks and Muslims.

Prophet Moses was commissioned to liberate Jews from the bondage of Egyptians. After crossing the river Nile with his people, the Prophet retired to pray and receive the Ten Commandments. People left behind ignored the teachings of the Prophet and made a statue of cow from golden ornaments and started worshipping.

When Moses came and saw this deviation, he destroyed the cow and scolded the idol-worshippers. He taught the believers the golden rules of the Ten Commandments. These golden rules taught by Moses were to be just and love their fellowmen. After the death of the Prophet, the deviated people forgot the golden rules of God and started killing even the Prophets of God like John the Baptist.

The people who are now ruling Israel are these deviated people and they have a different Torah called the *Protocols of the Elders of the Zion*. In this book they have stated their aim to destroy the moral fibre of all nations and their economy and then conquer the world. As one can see, the Zionists are not interested in dialogue with Arabs or sign a peace treaty.

They always want war with its neighbours. With each war they annex more Arab territory. What the Jews say they suffered at the hands of Hitler, Arabs are suffering more at the hands of Zionists with full American backing. Arab homes are bulldozed and in its place new Jewish settlements are built for the Russian Jews. Arabs are shot indiscriminately by troops as well as Israeli settlers but not a single Jew is hanged, but only after a light sentence of imprisonment the Jew is set free to commit more crimes against the Palestinians.

Mossad trained Indians: According to the *Protocols of the Elders of the Zion*, Jews are superior to all nations and that God has destined the Jews to be the Rulers of the World. According to this book it is not a sin for Jews to do wrong to non-Jews.

According to Victor Ostrovsky, an ex-Mossad agent, the State of Israel has no moral scruples in dealing with other people. He writes in his book, *By Way of Deception*, Israelis train and sell arms to different governments and their opponents i.e. he writes in his book that *Israelis trained the SWAT team from India, Tamil Tigers and Sri Lankan army and each is not aware that others are also trained to kill them.*

Israelis receive money from the victors and also the vanquished. They even made money during the Iraq-Iran War by supplying to both parties. *CIA and Mossad are International terrorists trained to kill both Blacks and Muslims of the world.*

Until yesterday, communism was a dirty word in the vocabulary of the West but now all the Whites are embracing each other to keep Muslims and Blacks as slaves. Even Japan which was attacked by atom bombs and its two cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, destroyed is licking the white boots and providing Russia with thousands of billions of dollars of aid.

New Palestinian Star

Madird: The public face of the Palestinian struggle no longer is the gesticulating and bug-eyed Yasser Arafat.

Instead, the top star of the Palestinian cause is now the telegenic Ms Hanan Ashrawi, (45) a West Bank university professor with clipped English, stylishly short hair and an impish smile. As the spokeswoman of the Palestinian delegation to the Madrid talks, she has become the most sought-after interview at the conference.

While Arafat remains the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the image and status of the Palestinian leadership have undergone a dramatic change. (*Telegraph* Oct. 30).

Nazis expel MP missionaries

Raipur: The Madhya Pradesh govt. has finally directed two American missionaries, Rev B.E. Getter and Mrs. S. J. Getter, working in the Surguja district, to leave India within one week (*Times of India* Nov. 12).

Earlier, the state government had ordered five foreign missionaries to leave the country on charges of "inciting" tribals. The supreme court had rejected their appeal against the department orders. They had sought the permission from the state to remain in the country till some cases which were pending against them were disposed of. ("Nazis expel Jesuit priest", *DV* Sept. 16, '91 p.6)

A 3-point agenda to take church closer to the oppressed

V.T. RAJSHEKAR

The Christian church in India, captured by the upper caste converts, is taking hardly any interest in the liberation of the country's indigenous peoples oppressed by its alien Aryan colonials. At least the Protestant church is slightly better because it is not so much in the hands of the Aryan converts.

But the catholic church is fully in the grip of brahminical converts. Syrian Christians of Kerala, Goan and Mangalorean Catholics unashamedly claim that they had Brahmin origin. Caste (racism) continues to rock the catholic church much worse than the Protestant one.

Not that the church leadership doesn't understand the problem of the Dalit Christians, it doesn't want to understand it ("Catholic church's three crimes against Christ, *Dalit Voice*, June 16 1991, p.7).

Recently, a rich Syrian Catholic institution in Bangalore organised a series of programmes during Aug-Oct. 1991. We also received an invitation from the Director of its well-founded Centre for Study of World Religions, Dr. Thomas Manninezhaath.

We wrote a letter to him on July 29 91 pointing out certain "grave lapses in their perception of Indian reality". The Dharmaram College, a double-distilled brahminical catholic church, thinks exactly on the lines of India's Hindu nazis who claim India is a Hindu country while the fact is that its Scheduled Castes (20%), Scheduled Tribes (10%) and Backward Castes (35%) are not Hindus and never Hindus. "Hinduism" itself is not the name of the religion of the Aryans. They don't call their religion by that name. No Shankaracharya talks of Hinduism. Over 85% India's 850 million population are not Hindus. This is a sociological fact and historical truth.

Dharmaram College: Yet the Dharmaram College authorities did not invite any of the non-Hindu religionists belonging to the SC/ST/BC order for "dialogue". *The church thus lives in a fool's paradise.* SC/ST/BCs are not Hindus. They are only "called" Hindus, so that they could add to the strength of 'Hindus', and rule India.

But Dr. Thomas did not even reply to our letter of July 29. A reminder was posted on Aug. 21 and even to this no reply came. A student of the college came to meet us and he said the college library subscribed to *Dalit Voice* and the journal was popular among the students but the college leadership being brahminical, our suggestion would never be accepted.

What is the use of such a religion and its church which is working against the interests of the country's over 85% of the peoples including its own followers? *A religion must aim at social transformation and liberate its followers from all forms of oppression.* But the Blacks in America say that christianity is a whiteman's religion and they are steadily leaving the church. And the more militant among them are going over to Islam. Racism is so strong in the catholic church that during the latest visit of the Pope, the CBCI warned him "not to talk of caste in Indian church". When Dalit christians, who formed 80% of the country's christian population, wanted to meet the Pope in Madras, they were lathi-charged by the police and the church leaders enjoyed the scene.

So, we will not be surprised if the oppressed followers of the church desert this brahminical church.

Revolt in Kerala: Against this brahminised church some priests have started revolting and it is a happy sign. More and more such priests are coming to us. They defied the church rule and started working for the liberation of the oppressed. The catholic church and its bishops started persecuting such priests who have now formed an organisation of their own, called the Catholic Priests Conference of India (CPCI) as against the authoritarian CBCI, the country's apex catholic umbrella organisation. It has 500 diocesan priests as members. *Its secretary is Fr. K. Jose Sebastian of Palai, Madhya Kerala, whose suspension for alleged Naxalite connection was revoked through papal intervention.* The official church is naturally not happy with it because these 500 priests are working for the "poor and the oppressed".

Poverty not our problem: This is another problem with our christian priests and particularly the catholics. Because, most of them being brahmin converts, while they revolted against the church they committed yet another blunder – they fell from the frying pan into the fire. *In trying to defy the authoritarian brahminised church, they fell prey to the more dangerous and more mischievous marxists. This is specially so in the marxist-dominated Kerala.*

(V.T. Rajshekar: *How Marx Failed in Hindu India*, Dalit Sahitya Academy, 1988). In Kerala and West Bengal, the upper castes took to marxism as they found it a more effective tool to oppress the SC/ST/BCs and minorities.

That is why the rebel priests in their genuine desire

started working for the "poor and the oppressed" influenced by the marxian mischief. Earlier the church took them for a ride and now the "marxists" are taking them for a ride.

Rebel priests studying Dr. Ambedkar : Only lately they have started realising that their innocence is being exploited by the "sacred thread marxists". Wisdom started dawning on these innocent priests as they studied Babasaheb Ambedkar's revolutionary literature. And that is how for the first time, the annual convention of the CPCI at Trivandrum (Oct. 15- 17) adopted the theme : "Dalits and Backward Castes" – a Christian response". This is an important development. That the Dalit Sahitya Akademy books and *Dalit Voice* and its language editions have been kept for sale and exhibition proves that the protesting priests are trying to get out of the brahminical clutches and the more dangerous marxist mischief and trying to understand the realities of India through Ambedkarism.

The christian church leaders are suffering from too much marxism. And this meaningless marxism rejected by the very country of its birth – very well suited the cross-thread marxists. *And that is how even such prestigious catholic institutions like the Indian Social Institute are serving the brahminical interests, particularly its Bangalore branch.*

Not only most of the christian educational institutions are serving upper caste children but in many respects they are working against the interests of the SC/ST/BCs – the indigenous peoples of India.

But this problem arises only when it comes to the question of SCs and BCs. The tribal church is free from both brahminical and marxist contamination. In fact, the tribal converts to christianity are in the forefront of tribal liberation struggle. The church liberated the North-Eastern mongoloid tribals.

Foreign missionaries misled: But the church failed when it came to non-tribals like SC/BCs. Tribals are not Hindus and so also SC/BCs. All the three, SC/ST/BCs, are pre-Aryan tribes. Since the STs lived away from "Hindus", in jungles and hills, they remained uncontaminated by the Hindus. But since SCs and BCs lived amid Hindus but separate, the "Hindu" converts to christianity played into the brahminical hands and believed the brahminical version that SCs and BCs were also castes and that Brahmins were "upper castes" and SCs and BCs were "lower castes" of the Hindu order. Foreign christian missionaries were the first to believe this version and that was how the SCs and BCs were "called" Hindus although the Hindus never accepted them as part of them.

Indianisation: Yet another problem facing the catholic church is its craze for "indianisation". Its obsession

with "indianisation" is part of the brahminical game. *In Bangalore, the CPCI has set up well-funded massive institution called NBCLC to preach and propagate "indianisation" of church and many brahminised church priests are having a gala time there.* Here the church is built to resemble a temple. Inside, the catholic priests dispense *kumkum, thirtha*. The priest looks like a painted animal. He chants bible in sanskritised verse form and gives flowers. He dresses in *kavi*. All sorts of nonsense. And this is widely publicised as Indianisation while the fact is it is brahminisation and the Brahmins are very happy with this church.

Full support to CPCI assured: SC/ST/BCs are pre-Aryan original Indians. Brahminisation, sanskritisation means aryanisation. Not indianisation. *By imitating the Brahmins, the church is distancing itself from the original Indians.* Some thinking sections in the catholic church have defied the church and have set up the CPCI and we wish it all success. *But the CPCI must revolt not only against brahminism but also its more dangerous incarnation, marxism. It must make a serious study of the Babasaheb literature.*

CPCI has a small office in Bangalore at No.16, Harris Road, PB No. 4637, Benson Town, Bangalore-560 046. It is getting inquiries from all parts of the country and its secretary, Fr. Jose Sebastian, is trying to take the CPCI towards the Indian realities. *As Ambedkarites it is our duty to extend our full support to CPCI provided they are sincere in their thinking and approach.*

Class struggle a myth: India has no "classes" but only castes. And each caste is a nation by itself – a distinct ethnic identity. India itself is sub-continent of several nations. *Marxism, which has no solution to racism, cannot solve the Indian brand of sanctified racism called varnashrama dharma.* Reservations are the human rights of each jati (tribe) and reservation is the road to self-determination.

The CPCI will be able to attract the entire church to its fold if it makes a serious study of the Ambedkar literature which alone can open them to Indian realities.

The *strategy* is this. (1) They must fully support and fight for constitutional reservations to SC/STs – plus the Mandal Commission recommendations without any dilution (2) It must recognise every jati (tribe) as a separate ethnic identity and work for strengthening its identity which is being delayed through Aryan aggression. (3) Lastly, it must recognise and work for the nationality question.

This three-part agenda is of immediate importance and the rest of the problems will find their own solutions as the revolution takes shape through Babasaheb's time-tested Three Commandments: "Educate, Agitate and Organise". ■

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