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Separate settlement is Dalit's most important demand

The Committee said: "Although we have recommended various remedies to secure to the Depressed Classes their rights to all public utilities we fear that there will be difficulties in the way of their exercising them for a long time to come. The first difficulty is the fear of open violence against them by the orthodox classes. It must be noted that the Depressed Classes form a small minority in every village, opposed to which is a great majority of the orthodox who are bent on protecting their interests and dignity from any supposed invasion by the Depressed Classes at any cost. The danger of prosecution by the Police has put a limitation upon the use of violence by the orthodox classes and consequently such cases are rare.

"The second difficulty arises from the economic position in which the Depressed Classes are found today. The Depressed Classes have no economic independence in most parts of the Presidency. Some cultivate the lands of the orthodox classes as their tenants at will. Others live on their earnings as farm labourers employed by the orthodox classes and the rest subsist on the food or grain given to them by the orthodox classes in lieu of service rendered to them as village servants. We have heard of numerous instances where the orthodox classes have used their economic power as a weapon against those Depressed Classes in their villages, when the latter have dared to exercise their rights, and have evicted them from their land, and stopped their employment and discontinued their remuneration as village servants. This boycott is often planned on such an extensive scale as to include the prevention of the Depressed Classes from using the commonly used paths and the stoppage of sale of the necessaries of life by the village Bania. According to the evidence, sometimes small cause suffice for the proclamation of a social boycott against the Depressed Classes. Frequently it follows on the exercise by the Depressed Classes of their right to the use of the common well, but cases have been by no means rare where a stringent boycott has been proclaimed simply because a Depressed Class man has put on the sacred thread, has bought a piece of land, has put on good clothes or ornaments, or has carried a marriage procession with the bridegroom on the horse through the public street".

This demand for separate settlements is a new demand which has been put forth by the Untouchables for the first time. It is not possible to say as yet as to what attitude the Hindus will take to this demand. But there is no doubt that **this is the most vital demand made by the Untouchables**, and I am sure that whatever may happen with regard to the other demands they are not likely to yield on this. The Hindus are prone to think that they and the Untouchables are joined together by the will of God as the Bible says the husband is joined to his wife and they will say in the language of the Bible that those whom God is pleased to join let no man put asunder. The Untouchables are determined to repudiate any such view of their relations with the Hindus. **They want the link to be broken and a complete divorce from the Hindus effected without delay.**

The only questions that arise are those of the cost it will involve and the time it will take. As to cost, the Untouchables say it should be financed by the Government. It will no doubt fall for the most part on the Hindus. But there is no reason why the Hindus should not bear the same. **The Hindus own everything. They own the land in this country. They control trade, and they also own the State.** Every source of revenue and profit is controlled by them. Other communities and particularly the Untouchables are just hewers of wood and drawers of water. The social system helps the Hindus to have a monopoly of everything. There is no reason why they should not be asked to pay the cost of this scheme when they practically own the country. As to time, it matters very little even if the transplantations of the Untouchables to new settlements takes 20 years. Those who have been the bounden slaves of the Hindus for a thousand years may well be happy with the prospect of getting their freedom by the end of 20 years.

(Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings & Speeches, Volume IX, Rs.50 1991, Govt., of Maharashtra, Bombay). The book may be had from Director, Government Printing, Stationery and Publications, Netaji Subhash Road, Bombay - 400 004.

India is the only country in the world having full of slaves enjoying their slavery

Who scuttled the Govt. of India's privatisation drive? Did we, meaning the over 85% of India's population comprising SC/ST/BCs and Muslims/Christians/Sikhs, oppose it? No. We had already predicted (DV edit March 1, 1992) that the country's ruling upper castes/Aryans, who live on others sweat and blood, would sabotage the American-dictated privatisation because they are notorious for their laziness. Why are they lazy? Because their holy scriptures have told them to be lazy.

Has anybody seen a woman of the four-fold caste (Brahman, Kshatriya, Vaishya, and Shudra) ever working on the field? Their own field? No. Nb. Never. It is below their dignity. Barring perhaps Kerala, where you may find some stray cases of Nair women getting into the fields, Hindus are prohibited from working in the field. It is the women of the non-Hindu SC/ST/BCs who work in the fields belonging to the upper castes/Hindus/Aryans.

That means their *jati dharma* is opposed to working even in their own farms.

How can anybody earn without working? All over the world people earn by working but in India we have a small section (15%) of the people whose religion tells them not to work. If they don't work, how do they have such enormous income? The country's entire property (with minor exceptions) belong to them only. How did they acquire such big properties without working?

Harshad Mehta proves it : This is the beauty of the brahminical Hinduism. That is why we say that Hinduism is not a religion but an ideology.

Every religion has a code of conduct, a set of ethics. But in this religion called brahminism there is no place for ethics. Liberty, equality, fraternity are unknown. It tells its members to resort to any means to see that they don't work and at the same time get all the pleasures and profits without working. Does it mean, then, that what the brahminical forces (BSO) possess

WARNING TO KERALA NAZIS

One - legged Madani will prove more dangerous

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore : The hate-mongering Hindu nazis - the Aryan anti-national, anti-Indian, cowardly force of brahminical boys trying to destroy India's unity and integrity - have managed to break the leg of the brave Abdul Nasser Madani, the rising hope of Kerala's oppressed Muslims. They did this in a bomb attack early in Aug. 92. The Editor of DV visited Madani at the Trivandrum Medical College Hospital along with V. Prabhakaran, DV's Kerala

representative, and other Dalits on Aug. 17. The **chaddi chores** will be mistaken if they think that they have immobilised Madani, who is bound to be more determined now to root out the nazis than ever before.

This much we can tell the nazis that the one-legged Madani will now prove more deadly and dangerous than the two-legged chief of the dreaded Islamic Sevak Sangh, the self-defence force of the persecuted Malayali Muslims. We thank the nazis for making Madani famous and giving

him a certificate of sincerity to his cause.

The nazi bid to kill Madani might have resulted in his just losing a (right) leg but what actually happened was the nazis had killed all the chances of Hindu-Muslim unity in the sharply polarised caste-ridden coastal Kerala. Nazis and their godfather, Karunakaran, must note that without the support of the Muslims, no govt. can last. The real battle begins now.

is unearned income? Robbery? Yes. Harshad and his scam have revealed this.

Their scriptures, Vedas, Upanishads, Smritis and all the Shastras direct them not to work particularly physical work. That is why all over India, throughout its length and breadth, we cannot find any Brahmin doing any manual work, which their scriptures have said is strictly reserved to those other than Brahmins.

Take the example of agricultural operations : sowing, seeding, transplantation, manuring, crop-cutting, watering, etc. All these are done by the SC/ST/BCs.

Brahminism is racism : How such a clear-cut demarcation has taken place? Who divided this work between mental and manual work? The "higher" mental work or non-manual work is done by the upper castes, and the "degrading" physical work by our people. The shastras did this trick by appropriately manufacturing an ideology. This ideology has several do's and don'ts and the pity is that SC/ST/BCs, though not part of the BSO but outside the *varna* system, have agreed to obey this *varna* rule. *Varna* means colour which in other words means racism.

If the SC/ST/BCs are non-Hindus, non-caste, non-*varna* people - the original inhabitants of this land - then why should they obey the caste rules of the *jati* people? Why should the *adi*-people (ancient) or original people (children of the soil) obey the rule of the *jati* people?

Muslims don't obey the *jati* rules of the Hindus. Nor do the non-Hindu Dalits follow the *varna vyavastha* of the Hindus. If this is so, why those outside the BSO, who are not only the owners of this country but also form a big majority (65%), obey the rules of those outside their society?

Not religion but ideology : *That is why we say brahminism is not a religion but an ideology.* The brahminical forces having manufactured their gods have instilled so much of fear in the hearts of everybody not only Hindus but also the non-Hindu SC/ST/BCs that they have created a miracle by which everybody is made to fall in line.

Does the BSO/Hindus use force to make non-Hindus obey their Hindu *jati* dharma? No. Nowhere force is used. It is only in very exceptional cases force is used and when such a force is used, it results in what is described as "caste war". Very rarely the non-Hindu SC/ST/BCs defy and disobey the Hindu orders.

The so-called "atrocities" on Dalits take place only when the Dalits defy the Hindu caste rules. (See Gopinath article p8)

Jati rules above Constitution: How did the Hindus

achieve this great miracle by which everyone from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and Saurashtra coast to Assam obeys the Hindus? Are these *jati* rules a written code of conduct? Are they like the Indian Penal Code or Criminal Procedure Code, the laws of the land? No?

The Hindu caste rules are not only not like our set of laws but they are not even a written rules. But these unwritten Hindu codes - do's and don'ts - are followed by everybody more meticulously, more scrupulously than the laws of the land. Nay, the laws of the land can be flouted. They can be disobeyed but not the Hindu laws.

That is why we say that the Hindu jati rules are above the law, above Parliament, above the Constitution, above the people, above god and above everything. There is no appeal against this law.

Babri Masjid: One latest example will convince the truth of our statement. That Babri Masjid belongs to Muslims is a historically accepted fact. Every history book, archaeological finding says it. The law of the land, Parliament, the Supreme Court, the Constitution of India are all supporting this view.

But the Hindu nazis say they will not obey the law, the courts, the Constitution or the history or archeological verdict because what they say is right and everybody else is wrong.

Dr. Ambedkar verdict: With what confidence the Hindu nazis say this? From where does their courage and confidence flow? The Hindu *jati dharma* cannot be questioned because it has the sanction of the *Vedas* and *shastras*. And if anything comes in conflict with this Hindu Dharma, what comes in the way must go but Hindu dharma cannot be compromised.

That is why Babasaheb Ambedkar had said India cannot have democracy as long as the brahminical dharma exists. The two cannot co-exist. Democracy is foreign to BSO.

The Prime Minister of India, a devout *dwija*, knows it and that is why he refused to either dismiss the UP nazi govt. or even use force to throw out those alleged "saints and sadhus" who were indulging a temple building process endangering the Babri Masjid (DV edit Aug. 16 1992). Because, the Neogi Brahmin knows that he will lose his prime ministership if he interferes with the Hindu activity.

Bhopal Brahmin: Remember, VP Singh lost his prime ministership the moment the Hindu nazi leader (Advani) was arrested on his *Rath Yatra*? Remember, that 125 SC/ST MPs who unanimously demanded a SC/ST President, had no courage to vote against the BSO decision to impose a Brahmin President? The

SC/ST/MPs are not part of the Hindu religion. Still why they went against their own decision, their own interest and voted for the Bhopal Brahmin? This is because they have no courage to defy the Hindu law. Does this Hindu law say that India must not have a SC/ST President? No. There is no law like that. In fact, the SC/ST/BCs (65%) and Muslims/Christians Sikhs (20%) being in an overwhelming majority, they can do what they want in their interests. The Constitution has supported the majority rule. And yet we have the rule of a microscopic minorities of less than 5%. Even such a brute majority of 85% have no courage to defy the BSO despite the Constitution behind them. We can very well imagine the power behind the brahminical laws. What a terror it must be.

Magical powers of BSO: All this because the Hindu laws have been made part of the country's value system and through the power of their Hindu gods, the Hindu religion, Hindu literature, Hindu education system, Hindu textbooks, the Hindu media. These unwritten Hindu *jati* laws have become part of our life. And everybody willingly surrenders before it.

No other part of this world, no other country in this world has given such unique, unchallenged, magical powers to its ruling class. This is the special feature of only India.

That is why the BSO has reduced the 65% SC/ST/BCs as slaves together with the 20% of Muslims/Christians and Sikhs.

Blacks & Burakumin: All over the world the slaves have identified their oppressors and are protesting, fighting against their slavery. The South African Blacks are violently retaliating against the white racist rule. So also the Palestinians. So also the American Blacks and Japanese Burakumin.

This is because the Blacks, Palestinians, Khurds, Burakumin and such slaves the world over know they are slaves.

But India's slaves not only do not know they are slaves but the slaves are actually enjoying their slavery.

Does it mean that the so-called Hindus, who have produced so many "brilliant people", "great intellectuals", "scientists" etc. do not know this? Yes. They know it. Swami Vivekananda, a Kayasth (shudra) knew it. (*Caste, Culture and Socialism*, Advaita Ashrama, Mayavati, Pithorgarh, Himalayas). M.N. Roy, a Bengali Brahmin, knew it. Jawaharlal Nehru, a Kashmiri Brahmin, knew it. Dr. Radhakrishnan, a Madarasi Brahmin, knew it. The Neogi Brahmin also knows it. All thinking section among the BSO knows it.

Why Madhavan told to quit?: *But they will not speak out a word against it. Because if they do it their jati privileges, by which they get so much unearned income, properties, privileges and pleasures without doing any work, will go. So, no Hindu will consciously or even unconsciously stab his own stomach.*

And it is this conscious and unconscious value system of the BSO that has produced the monster of Harshad Mehta and the scam, the multi-billion rupee fraud of the century which has been a front-page news for the past several months. The poor CBI sleuth, Madhavan, does not know that all the people caught in this scam are not subject to Cr. PC or IPC or any law of the land. The Hindus find nothing wrong in these frauds and that is why all the "eminent people" interviewed on the scam called Harshad Mehta their dearest darling. That is why Madhavan was asked to pack up and get out - given the gatepass. ■

Goenka empire collapsing?

Bombay: Nine months after the death of the "Indian Express" group Chairman, Ramnath Goenka, his heirs are headed for a battle in the Bombay High Court for control of the newspapers and other property he left. His adopted son, Vivek Goenka, has filed a petition seeking "letter of administration", legalese for an authorisation from the court to administer nationwide "the properties and estate" of Goenka.

His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Saroj Goenka, has opposed this, challenged the adoption itself, and said Vivek "has not truly disclosed" that he owes Rs. 27.61 lakhs to the deceased, and thus to his estate now. Her affidavit refers to him in one place as the "alleged son" of Goenka, and charges that he is "out to manipulate the accounts by suppressing various facts". (*Telegraph* July 5). ■

The ruling upper castes (just 15% of the population) are all the while busy fighting over properties which they have illegally acquired. However, they stand united while oppressing us. - EDITOR ■

THE RULERS IN A MESS

OUR CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi: Answering a question in Parliament, Civil Aviation Minister Madhavrao Scindia conceded that Indian Airlines services were in a "mess" and hoped things would improve under the Corporation's new Chairman and Managing Director. (*Hindu* July 28). ■

Who travels by plane? Only those belonging to the ruling class. So, if the carriers of the rulers themselves are "in a mess", then what about those of the 85% of the ruled? This is one question. The second is how can the rulers who are themselves in a mess solve the mess in the whole country? The rulers have no answer. But we have - EDITOR ■

Endless persecution of Dalits under the "papatti" rule

DALIT EZHILMALAI, MADRAS

At least in Indira Gandhi's case some Sikhs were caught, put on trial and hanged but in Rajiv murder (May 21, 1991) over an year has passed, crores and crores of rupees spent but to this day nothing has happened. Except for the Congress Party winning on Rajiv murder "sympathy wave" nothing happened. But the *Bangalore papatti* in her Madurai speech said that her victory was not because of Rajiv. Her boasting and bragging as usual.

But the poor Mrs. Margatam Chandrashekar is out of the Congress Working Committee. She is not even a member of the AICC. She is finished. Except the Lok Sabha seat, her last chance, she is politically dead. And she deserves it. Though a Dalit she is of no use to her community. Despite her long association with Indira Gandhi and her son, enjoying the membership of both the Parliamentary Board and CWC, she did nothing to her people. She will soon meet the fate of Jagjivan Ram who at least revolted and formed his own party before he died. *But this Tamil Aid-Dravida woman will die unsung, unwept.* She married a Brahmin (Chandrashekar Iyer) and her daughter Lata, also married a Lankan upper caste (Priya Kumar). Lata is now an MLA from a reserved constituency though her father was a Brahmin.

Cut-Throat half dead: Meanwhile, the Cut-Throat is half dead holding on to his enormous wealth and many wives. Grooming his son, he will soon disappear. No tears be shed. History has already spit at him.

DV has proved right on TN. Now that the *Bangalore papatti* has completed one year in office, it is

time for us to say what is going to happen in the next one year. In our editorial on Tamil Nadu we had given a two-year time. One year for the *papatti* to play and another year

her but DV has its own way of looking at things. We in DV bring to light what is left out as inconvenient by the toilet papers.

Dalit vote for AIDMK: Ours is particularly a Dalit point of view. Dalits constitute 25% (govt. figure is 20%) of the Tamil Nadu (1/4 of its population). All the 45 reserved constituencies were won by the *Bangalore papatti* party (AIDMK) and her ally, the Congress, the original brahminical party of India. That means the Dalits have solidly supported the *papatti*. Because, the Dalits were so disgusted and disappointed by the Cut-Throat's DMK which was in power after the MGR death.

What the Dalits got in return for voting the *papatti* to power was police bullets beginning from Paramkudi (Aug. 19, 1991), Ramnad dt., killing five in police firing on their way to Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti.

On Dec. 18, 1991 in the heart of Madras city, police opened fire before the Basin Bridge police station to disperse protesting Dalits. In this fire, three Dalits were killed on the spot.

Again on March 15, 1992, four Dalits were butchered in Kurinjankulam village in Tirunelveli dt. Almost simultaneously in a Dalit village, Nulumoolai Kinaru (same dist.), the police opened fire injuring seven Dalits.

PMK agitation: On June 2, 1992, a Dalit, Nandagopal, was tortured to death at the Annamali Nagar police station (Chidambaram) and two inspectors and four constables gang-raped his wife, Padmini, before killing her husband. These are only a few reported cases of Dalits being

PMK TO DISCUSS STATE TERRORISM: SEPT.10-12

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Madras: The postponed third anniversary celebrations of the *Pattali Makkal Katchi* (PMK born on July 19, 1989), the emerging revolutionary party of Tamil Nadu headed by Dr. Ramadoss, will be held in Madras from Sept. 10 to 12. The theme of the conference is the "Tamilians right to live". (*Vazhurimai manadu*). Under the state terrorism of *Bangalore Papatti* the right to life itself is threatened. Every section of the population is living under the *papan* terror. Only the PMK had shown the courage to stand up to the *Bangalore papatti*.

The three-day session will be divided into a conference at Periyar Thidal, open session in Beach and a massive mass rally on the Mount Road. The Editor, *Dalit Voice* will speak on Sept. 12 evening open session.

for the people to react. ("*Aryan fate will be decided on Tamil soil: Dravidians facing do or die battle*", DV Edit Oct. 1, 1991).

The *Bangalore papatti*, the glamour queen of yester year, was crowned at Madurai to mark her one-year rule. The "national" toilet papers came out with their own verdict on

the exclusive targets of oppression under the *papatti* rule. There are several hundreds of unreported cases.

Of all the reported cases only in the last one, the Annamalai Nagar police station incident, the *Bangalore papatti*, the tyrant, yielded and ordered a judicial probe. The incident took such a serious turn that the Madras High Court itself ordered an inquiry by a woman IPS officer, Latika Saran, SP (Crime), Madras. Because of PMK's powerful agitation this much was achieved.

We want the papatti to become more cruel on Dalits and step up her attacks. Dalits have enough population to sacrifice. If two are killed they are capable of producing five.

So, we welcome this oppression and more oppression and finally when the serpent is hurt it will bite.

The criminal acts we expected from the *Bangalore papatti* have not touched even the 25% mark. We hope during the rest of her rule she would complete the target.

DV deadline nearing: Dalits are protected by the best of law and a wonderful Constitution. Over and above this the *papatti* herself holds the Home portfolio. But to this day in spite of such widespread crimes, not even a case has been filed in any court of TN for the crimes against Dalits.

If she goes with the same speed, the two-year period that the DV has fixed will be enough. Of this two years one is over. The angry Tamils say her time is nearing.

The illiterate, village-dwelling Dalits have realised that their educated brothers have betrayed them, political parties have cheated them. They feel helpless.

Meanwhile, the "socialist brahmins" in the *Hindu*, the country's chief brahminical daily, are advising the

papatti to go slow. They are deeply worried. They are asking her not to antagonise the Adi-Dravidas (Untouchables) and Dravidas (BCs). But the power-intoxicated *papatti* will not listen to anybody. She will complete her assigned job before she is finished by the enraged Tamils.

Black cats: She has claimed that the Tamil Tigers have been "wiped out" and the LTTE banned. If the State is free from Tigers why she is protected by 300 Black Cats?

Meanwhile, the Rajiv Gandhi murder is over one year old. The police and investigating agencies have spent billions and billions of rupees but still they could not come to the end of the inquiry.

The *papatti's* only opponent is Cut-Throat but she has claimed that he too has been finished. And that means she is supreme and unchallenged. And yet why she is so heavily guarded? And yet why she is guarded by 300 Black Cats and half the police of TN utilised for her security? She wants to be guarded against whom? Of course, the people. And the people will teach her lesson before the two-year deadline expires.

False reports on Tigers: India's toilet papers are putting out all false reports saying the Tamil Tigers are finished. But they don't know the Lankan Prime Minister Premadasa, a Backward caste Buddhist, and Velupillai Prabhakaran, also a BC, are very close. *The papans in Tamil Nadu are trying to break this unity through such false stories.*

The Indian toilet papers reported that all the Lankan Tigers put together numbered just few thousand boys. But the figures of the "dead" Tigers given by the same India toilet papers came to several lakhs. The very same toilet papers reported that mere 2,500 boys and girls of the LTTE defeated the mighty Indian Army, said to be the fourth largest in

the world. Such contradictions and white lies abound in our toilet papers.

Political sources admit that Tigers have proved that they have none equal in the whole world. They say Tigers remain unparalleled in the revolutionary history of the world. And they say such "brave" Tigers have been humiliated by the Indian Aryan *papans*.

Dr. Ramadoss praises Tigers:

Will the Tigers teach a fitting lesson to these Aryan and restore the Tamil honour? Political sources here are sure the Tigers will pay back in the same coin. While all the political parties proved cowards it was only Dr. Ramadoss and his PMK that publicly praised Prabhakaran and his "brave" Tigers though under the latest Act banning the LTTE, even a mere praise of LTTE would invite jail sentence. But Dr. Ramadoss did not care and thereby he won the hearts of the Tamils, said these sources.

Muslim leaders corrupted:

Meanwhile, the Tamil Muslim leadership is wholly corrupted. The Muslim League got split into two. One section went with the Cut-Throat and another tailed the *papatti*. The 11% Tamil Muslim population is leaderless and they too are looking up to the PMK. There is no hope for the Muslims. It is yet to produce its Tamil counterpart of Kerala ISS.

Periyar movement: The Periyar movement is cool. The "Periyarists" are wasting time on petty things. They are not taken seriously. No DK leader is arrested by the *papatti*. Rather, they are trying their best to butter the *papatti*.

The much-publicised Institute of Vedic Sciences of the *papatti* has not taken off because the *papans* are opposing it on the ground that she proposed reservations to Dalits in the job of temples priests. How could the *papans* tolerate Untouchables entering their temple?

So, even some *papans* have started opposing her. Poor *papatti's* end is nearing.

Though we support the Periyar/ Dravidian movement, we can only shed tears over its slow death which our Editor had long back predicted (Caravan 1978). Periyar started the Backward Caste movement but alas his followers killed it. The BCs betrayed Periyar and cheated the BC movement.

The DMK is headed by a BC. The Congress Party is headed by a BC. All parties except that of the *papatti* are headed by BCs only. Dalits are the only people having no political party or political leadership. And yet the BC movement is so weak.

Looking from every angle, the future of TN is bleak. We don't think the Tamils could fight the Aryans and defeat them on the Dravidian soil unless the Tigers oblige. Right now the only hope is PMK. ■

Violence is part of Hinduism

Tiruchi : Blood was dripping from a pipe in the fist tier of the great south gopuram (tower) of the Srirangam temple on Aug. 12 morning. By noon, there was a big pool of blood at the entrance of the gopuram.

Enquiries showed in the current Tamil month of Adi, as per temple custom, over 100 goats were slain as sacrifice to the deity Muneeswaran. The tradition is that the deity has his abode in the south tower.

The southern tower of the Srirangam temple was built in March 1987. Before this, the goats were sacrificed atop the open first-tier. The stream of blood flowing down the pipeline from the first tier came as a shock for the devout.

It is said that goat sacrifice was in vogue for a long time, and many British Collectors also offered goats at the temple tower. A police station is situated hardly 100 meters from the gopuram. Devotees felt that the custom must be changed in this holiest of holy temples (*Hindu* Aug. 13). ■

Algi proves separate settlement is most urgent need of Dalits

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The unending attacks on Dalits in this State proves that the entire govt. machinery is working as a private army to back up the upper castes/ Hindus to retain their position in the caste hierarchy. The latest Algi (B) village incident is yet another proof of this.

Afzalpur is the most backward and neglected taluk of Gulbarga district and dominated by the Dalits and Muslims. It is named after a famous Moghul King, Afzal Khan, who was treacherously killed by the Maratha ruler Shivaji at a dinner arranged by him. Such a treachery continues even to this day by the Lingayats against Dalits and Muslims.

Lingayats (or Veerashaivas) are not Hindus. Theirs is a protest religion against brahminism, like Sikhism. But just as Sikhism was swallowed by the BSO, Veerashaivism too gradually became a part of it. And in North Karnataka, Lingayats are the oppressors of SC/ST/BCs and Muslims. The State's Hindu nazi party is headed by a Lingayat. Most Chief Ministers of the State were also Lingayats.

Fight against Nizam: Algi (B) is a well awakened village of the district. Bheemsha (68) was the moving spirit behind this awakening. He was a brave freedom fighter who fought for the merger of princely Hyderabad. He led an armed battle against the Razakars of Nizam. He had cut down the toddy trees and burnt the revenue records of the Nizam with the same fighting spirit. He came to this village after "independence". Till his arrival, Dalits of the village were literally the slaves of lingayats. The

well-built Bheemsha put an end to the bonded labour (slave) system and servile jobs. In course of time, including himself, some out of 40 Dalits families became land-owners. Every Dalit child got educated and many became graduates. It is impossible to see such a progress even among the 400 Lingayat families of the village. All these developments caused the short supply of labour. In the surrounding villages the average daily wages varied from Rs. 10 to Rs. 18 whereas in Algi (B) it was Rs. 30 to Rs. 35.

Buffalo slaughter: The village goddess, Lakshmi, till June 1, 1992 was under the control of Dalits. They were also the priests of the temple on rotation. However, the annual festival of the Devi was stopped by Bheemsha as it involved the insulting ritual of buffalo slaughter. Three years ago, the festival was restarted following an agreement between Dalits and Lingayats. Though the Dalits took the lead in the festival, they refused to slaughter the buffalo offered by the Lingayats. This led to a tight police security and the Lingayats failed to force the buffalo slaughter. This was considered by Lingayats as a blow to their caste pride. They determined to teach a lesson to Dalits. Caste rules are above the law of the land and though the law was on the side of the Dalits, the Lingayats had the support of their religion.

In May 1992, Lingayats collected lakhs of rupees and purchased the willing Hindu police officials. They were bent upon eliminating Bheemsha as they found him the sole stumbling block in their bid to enslave the Dalits.

Police side Lingayats: On June 1, the festival started. Lingayats refused

the temple entry to Dalits for refusing to sacrifice the buffalo. Dy. S.P Venkappa Naik (ST) Siddaramappa Sannura (BC) and their van - load of police did not take notice of anything though they were camping right in the centre of the village. They were camping there not to keep the situation under control but to help the Lingayats to execute their criminal plans.

On the same night, the Lingayats rained stones non-stop on the houses of Dalits. Even then they remained silent.

On June 2, some Dalits activists, along with the Tahsildar on their visit to the village, saw the Dy. SP. and the Circle Inspector boozing at a party hosted by Rudra Gowda Patil, the Lingayat leader of the village.

Hearing the grievances of Dalits, the Tahsildar Ramachari Haravalkar (Brahmin) ordered the Dy. SP. to escort the Dalits to Afzalpur the next day to submit their complaint. On the unfortunate day of June 3, about 30 Dalits under the leadership of Bheemsha started to Afzalpur. Police declined to escort them. As planned, over 300 men with deadly weapons circled Bheemsha and his unarmed men in the middle of the road. They could not escape and the attack went on mercilessly on the innocent, helpless unarmed Dalits by the goondas engaged by the Lingayats. **They stabbed three men to death. They cut off his head and kicked it.** More than eight men were injured. The news reached the Tahsildar and he rushed to the spot. He himself witnessed the massacre. He too had to run for his life back to Afzalpur.

Muslims support Dalits: As the news reached Afzalpur, the whole town came to a standstill. Dalits of the taluk got frightened and feared more serious violence. However, Muslims of the town came to their

rescue. All along, the entire police force was silent. Dalit police constables were deliberately kept away from the spot. The news of Algi massacre spread throughout the district.

When the fact-finding team of the SSD reached Afzalpur on June 13, BJP and Raitha Sangha were leading a procession demanding resumption of bus services, cancellation of suspension orders against the Dy. SP. and the Circle Inspector and cancellation of warrants against Rudra Gowda Patil and his brothers. That is why the State Raitha Sangha and BJP are dominated by the Lingayats.

After 3-4 days, Home Minister Dharam Singh, Revenue Minister Kharge and Social Welfare Minister Shivanna, all belonging to the same district, visited the spot. They announced a compensation of Rs. 1 lakh to each deceased. They also expressed that the govt. was thinking of issuing guns to Dalits. These fools have not understood the village structure of India.

Separate settlement: The SSD has been for long demanding separate settlements for Dalits. But the residents of Algi (B), who had escaped death from the hands of the tyrannical Lingayats, demanded on their own that if they had to remain secure they should be resettled in separate villages away from Lingayats - meaning separate settlement.

They demanded such permanent solutions rather than eyewash stunts like throwing some money at them. They are quite certain that this attack is a blow on their pride, self-respect and progress and they are sure that such attacks would continue.

We in the SSD are hopeful that Algi would pave the way for a serious thinking on separate settlement for Dalits for which we need not depend on the govt. If

we decide on moving unsafe Dalits to secure villages, separate settlement is automatically formed. This is the most important task facing all Dalit organisations in the country. (see p.2: Thus Spake Ambedkar). ■

(Read: Three separations: Reprint of DV edit of Jan, 16 '92 Re.1).

Justice Katju to be Impeached

New Delhi : The Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Parliamentary Forum on Aug. 12 decided to move an impeachment motion in Parliament, during the current session itself, against Justice M. Katju of the Allahabad High Court for his judgment on the job-reservation issue. (DV Edit Aug. 1 '92 on Katju verdict). Briefing newsmen after the Forum meeting, Forum Convenor Arvind Netam (Cong-I) and Ram Vilas Paswan (JD) said a three-member committee, comprising Buta Singh and B.P. Maurya (Cong-I) and S.P. Gautam (BJP), had been constituted to draft the motion (*Deccan Herald* Aug. 13).

8 Tamil Brahmins Control Delhi

KULDIP NAYAR

New Delhi : Once anti-Brahmin to the core, Tamil Nadu now takes pride in flaunting that top positions in the central government are held by its eight Brahmin sons-of-the-soil : T.N. Seshan, Chief election commissioner; S. Venkitaraman, the Reserve Bank governor; S. Rajagopalan, Cabinet secretary; Geetha Krishnan, Finance secretary; R. Vasudevan, Steel Secretary; R. Murari, President's secretary; N.R. Krishnan, Industrial Development secretary; and S. Ramamurthy, chairman, Board of Direct Taxes. (*Radiance* Aug. 9)

Hinduism is no religion, says Sri Narayana Guru

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On the occasion of its 100th anniversary, the *Malayala Manorama* held a contest for 100 "great men of yesterday", guided by a committee of three of "today's great men". Announcing the results of the contest, its centenary edition (1988) presented Sri Narayana Guru under the banner "Eternal Light of Human Greatness". After the portrayal of the Guru, the *Manorama* presented 99 other great men, the so-called runners-up in its contest, arranged not in order of greatness but in alphabetical order. Better counsel seems to have prevailed. How could anybody run a contest in greatness?

Be that as it may, the *Manorama* contest awoke memories of an interview with the winner conducted long ago by a runner-up - Narayana Guru - by C.V. Kunjuraman. A report on the interview was carried in the *Kerala Kaumudi* in 1926. Abridged excerpts from that interview, based on a translation by Dr. K. Sreenivasan in his book on Narayana Guru (1989), are given below.

Guru: Religion has the role of creating in human souls the inspiration to rise. With that inspiration they themselves seek and find the ultimate Truth. Religions are the only guides to help one seek rightly. To those who have attained the Supreme, religion is not all authority; they themselves are authority to religion. Did Lord Buddha preach the path to Nirvana after studying Buddhism? He sought and found the way to Salvation and then preached. It subsequently became Buddhism. Did Buddhism do any good to Lord Buddha? Christ too did not gain anything from Christianity. The same could be said of other religions also. However, Buddhists gained through Buddhism and Christians too by Christianity. Likewise, all religions are of use to those who follow them.

CVK: But Hindus swear by the Vedas. According to them, Vedas are suprahuman creations. They emanated from the lips of Brahma. Hence there could be no authority superior to the Vedas. Likewise, Christians think that their Ten Commandments emanated from God.

At this, Guru asked whether Jehova knew only Hebrew, and Brahma only Vedic Sanskrit. He said that we would not know who wrote the Vedic hymns, and whether the concepts emerging out of them were beyond human inventiveness. CVK said Buddha had denied the authority of the Vedas. Mundakopanishad also pointed out that the philosophy in the Vedas was inferior.

Guru: Don't take any of them (Vedas) as sole authority. All of them may be made handy tools in

the search for Truth. This advice, however, is valid only for those with an inquiring mind, with thirst for knowledge. To the common people, the text which is basic to the religion they believe in, should remain authority. Teachers of religion should take care that mistaken advice in the text are not followed. Swami Dayanand Saraswati accepts the authority of the Vedas. Does he not, however, discard as spurious those portions which are absurd? That is what all teachers of religion ought to do.

Conversion as solution: CVK drew Guru's attention to a burning topic of the day: conversion. Some said Buddhism was good. Others preferred Christianity. Yet others said that Arya Samaj was the right thing.

Guru: Religion has two faces: internal and external. Which of these is sought to be changed? If enthusiasm is for the external, it is not change of religion, only change in the outward manifestations of it. Change in the internal sense manifests itself slowly among those who think. If one who is identified as follower of a religion known by the specific nomenclature of Hinduism or Christianity realises that he has lost faith in his religion, then he should give it up. To carry on with a religion you have no faith in is cowardice as well as hypocrisy. Change of religion will do him good; it will also be good for the religion he has lost faith in. Increase in the number of non-believers is not in the interests of a religion.

CVK: Those who choose to continue as Hindus also say that Hinduism, as it exists today, is not good.

Guru: In that case what they say is that not only Hindus need change but also Hinduism. There is no such religion as Hinduism. Foreigners referred to the inhabitants of Hindustan as Hindus. If the assumption is that the religion of those who live in Hindustan is Hinduism, then the religion of Christians and Muslims living in Hindustan is also Hinduism. None says so nor agrees with it. Hinduism is the general name for those religions, except Christianity and Islam of foreign origin, which took shape in Hindustan itself. That is why some claim that Buddhism and Jainism etc are also part of Hinduism. It would appear that it is not illogical to call so many distinctly different religions like the Vedic, Dvaita, Advaita, Saiva, Vaishnava etc by the common generic name of Hinduism. If that is so, then, why attribute lack of logic in designating all the religions of the world, by the appellation "One Religion" with a single, unambiguous goal?

CVK: Disputes engendered by wrong understanding arise not only among Hindus but also among non-

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Hindus. Bringing under the umbrella of Christianity the teachings of Moses and Solomon who lived before Christ and those of St. Paul who came after him, is what Christians also have done.

Guru: Adherents of all religions have done more or less the same thing. If the religious speculations of many thinkers are put under a particular teacher's name and be called a religion, why not blend so many religions sponsored by different teachers and designate by the general nomenclature of a single religion or One Religion or Human Religion or Dharma of Humanity?

Gandhi's visit: Guru continued on the subject of One Religion, with the force of his conviction. He referred to his discussions with M.K. Gandhi who had visited him in Sivagiri, a few months earlier in 1925. Gandhi was 56 then, and Guru 69. *Gandhi had referred to the differences among human beings pointing out to the leaves and branches of a tree in the Ashram yard, but Guru was quick to draw attention that the juice in all the leaves and branches was the same.* Guru believed that the creeds of all religions had common elements. Listen to his thoughts again, as expressed to C.V. Kunjuraman.

Guru: No religion can survive unless it has a hard core of certain eternal truths, Dharma. *Islam gives primacy to Brotherhood and Christianity to Love.* But ignorant of the fact that Brotherhood is rooted in Love and Love is built on Brotherhood, claims are made that Brotherhood is superior or Love is all in all. Is it not a ridiculous dispute? *Eternal values are of equal significance.* Owing to factors of time and place, it becomes necessary to give priority to one or the other. In a time and place where violence is rampant, world teachers bestow primacy to non-violence over other dharmas. During Lord Budha's times, killing was widespread. Consequently he allotted priority to the principle of non-killing. May be in Arabia during Muhammad Nabi's times, it was incumbent to give pride of place to brotherhood. Hence in his religion the preeminence of brotherhood. What is India's need today? Deliverance from the conflicts between castes and religions. Let us all study and understand all religions with open minds and equal attention and try to lovingly give each other the wisdom so gained. *Thus would we realise that conflict was due not to religion but to pride.* Then the enthusiasm for conversion also will disappear.

Narayana Guru died two years after the above interview. The unanimous decision of the Manorama contest committee and the centenary edition's conclusions were as expected. Would there be an equal or even a second, in a greatness contest conducted in Kerala or elsewhere?

Listen to what poet Rabindranath Tagore had to say:

"Never have I met a great man equal to Narayana Guru. I can never forget his eyes looking into infinity or his face glowing with divinity."

(Vistors' Diary, Sivagiri Ashram, 1922).

Editorial: Tamil Nadu shows the way: SSS against RSS

A UNI report from Pullangudi (June 13), where the latest Hindu-Dalit clashes occurred killing ten people, takes us into an altogether refreshing social scenario that is taking shape in India. The report speaks of the sharp polarisation of caste and communal forces in South TN. Muslims and Dalits have come under the banner of Samuthva Sahodaratva Sangham (SSS) which took out a joint procession of Muslims, Dalits and Christians at Nagercoil following the RSS attack on Christian fishermen. SSS is a self-defence force and the Hindus have determined to break it. That the communists have supported the Hindu did not surprise us. In the unity of the three persecuted communities, TN has shown the way. RSS wants to impose its **Vamashram dharma** through a brahminical class-caste dictatorship. Against this the formation of SSS is a historic necessity because when the govt. fails to provide protection to the weaker sections, they have to form their own self-defence. The M.G. Ramachandran govt. in TN being a puppet in the hands of the RSS, the Muslims, Dalits and Christians have no other alternative but to form this organisation. Therefore, we welcome the SSS. TN has become the laboratory for all sociological experiments. SSS is one such. Dr. Ambedkar's research has shown that Tamil was once the all-India language before the Aryan invasion. TN was therefore first in everything. The Pullangudi attack on Dalits has come from Backward Caste Thevars who are as poor as Dalits. If the BC leaders are interested in implementation of Mandal Commission Report, they can do so only if they join hands with Dalits and Muslims. The BC leaders should choose their allies - whether they want to go with the exploiters or the exploited.

A riot a day keeps the revolution away: The Yadav-Muslim clashes at Phulwari Shariff (Bihar) in June has resulted in seven deaths, and three killed on the June 3 riot in Hyderabad.

Kanchi Shankarachari praises RSS, asks parents to send their children to RSS.

Population-wise reservation to all - OBC conference resolution: Salem, The All-India Backward Classes Govt. Employees Conference held here on May 30 demanded reservation to each and every section of the population in proportion to its population. The Editor of **Dalit Voice** addressing the conference said he had no hopes of the Mandal Com. Report being implemented. Without the support of the Dalits, the BCs can never hope for Mandal because the upper castes would use the BCs to attack Dalits in villages.

Marxist attacks on Tribals in the Thane dt. of Maharashtra is reaching a crisis point. Some radical Jesuit priests supporting the tribals are also attacked.

Dravidian show of strength at Trichy (TN): Dravida Kazhagam held its State-level convention at Trichy on June 12.

The 4 immediate needs of 12 crores suppressed human beings in India

*The following document, published almost 30 years ago, was passed as a resolution under the presidentship of B. Shyam Sunder of the militant Bheem Sena and author of the famous book, **They Bum** (DSA... 1987). This should make the Untouchables, tribals and for that matter even the Backward Castes and every other segment of this multi-national country think that India will have no peace, not to speak of development or anything else, unless we fulfill the wishes of Babasaheb Ambedkar: separate electorate, separate settlement leading to self-determination for each segment. India's upper caste rulers engage in endless quarrel, confuse all of us and divert our attention from serious issues confronting us. How can any society develop when its rulers indulge in fighting because they can afford to spend time in fighting. But can we the deprived, dehumanised people join this quarrel and afford to waste our time? We have in India thousands of SC/ST associations but they must know that they will just be rubber stamp associations unless they seriously think of the following resolutions and take steps to get it implemented. Dalit organisations cannot be called Ambedkarite unless they seriously think and work on these lines. - EDITOR*

B. SHYAM SUNDAR

Resolutions passed unanimously by the all-India Schedules Castes Pratinidhi Sabha held at Nanded. Ganpat Rao Waghmare, ex. MLA, Chairman, Reception Committee Bheemanna (Bidar, Karnataka), Prabhakar MORE (Nanded, Maharashtra), Krishna Rao Kamle (Udgir). The following resolutions were adopted by Scheduled Castes Parishad at its meeting on 1st January, 1965 at Nanded later ratified at the All India Scheduled Castes Conference held at Nanded on 26th January, 1968 under the presidentship of Shri B. Shyam Sunder.

INHUMAN RELIGION

A convention under the auspices of the All-India Depressed Classes Association, of the Scheduled Castes Workers and Organizers drawn from various States was held on 1st January 1965 at "Kalamandir", Nanded (Maharashtra) with Mr. B. Shyam Sunder in the Chair. Nearly 250 delegates attended the session. Mr. Sham Sunder in his presidential address said the chief weapon in the armory of the Hindus is economic power which they possess over the poor

"Untouchables" living in the village. The Hindus live in the village and the "Untouchables" live in the Ghettoes. This system provides an easy method of marking out and identifying the "Untouchables". The "Untouchable" has no escape from untouchability. Moreover, the Hindu has a code of life, which is part of his religion. This code of life gives him many privileges and heaps upon the untouchable many indignities. *In fact, he said, the untouchables all over India are fighting against the indignities and injustices which the Hindus in the name of their religion have heaped upon them.* In the villages in which they live, the untouchables cannot engage in any trade or occupation, for owing to untouchability no Hindu will deal with them.

Mr. Sham Sunder said, so long as the present arrangement continues, it is impossible for the untouchables either to free themselves from the yoke of the Hindus or to get rid of their untouchability.

He demanded that the nexus should be broken in a way in which the distinction of the High and the Low and to Touchable and Untouchable will find no place. He said then alone

we will be able to achieve our aim of national integration. He said the Constitution has failed to help the Untouchables.

Mr. Ganpath Rao Waghmare, Ex-MLA, Chairman of the Reception Committee, welcomed the delegates. With a note from the President, the texts of the resolution passed unanimously are published.

Ratna Swamy, Secretary, Publicity Committee, Secunderabad, (Andhra).

Nanded Resolution on the Immediate Demands of the Scheduled Castes: In the course of my tours in different States of India, I have had long and serious discussions with Scheduled Castes Workers, Leaders, MLAs, MPs, Members of Zilla Parishads, Panchayat Samities and intellectuals who are pursuing different liberal professions about the future of this unfortunate community.

As a result of these talks the following resolutions were drafted through a consensus of opinion and placed for approval at the convention of Scheduled Caste Workers drawn from different States held at Nanded on January 1, 1965 which approved them unanimously.

The text of the Resolution is reproduced in extenso in the following pages:- The alternatives before the Scheduled Castes are:- untie or face a lingering death.

sd/- B.Sham Sunder, President Scheduled Castes Parishad, Nanded

RESOLUTION NO.1

Let Us Turn a New Leaf

It is in the interest of our country that the history and technique of oppression of the Scheduled Castes should be forgotten both by the oppressors and the oppressed.

If the new generation of the Scheduled Castes continues to live in their traditional surroundings, they will continue to be reminded of their past at every stage. The natural reaction of this will be that feelings of bitterness, revenge and hatred will begin to be nurtured in their hearts and some day the volcano might erupt. This will be bad for the country as a whole and for all concerned.

Sane thinkers among the Scheduled Castes have for long thought over the mischievous possibilities of "Untouchable" hamlets existing side by side with prosperous villages inhabited by Caste Hindus and have realised that the most effective remedy forwarding off the continuing mischief is to *resettle the Scheduled Castes in new villages where they can live peacefully and carry on their economic activities unhampered by the course of Untouchability.*

SEPARATE SETTLEMENT

Dr.B.R.Ambedkar, in the course of a brochure entitled the Rights of the minorities in a free India has discussed this question at length. A few extracts are reproduced below which stress the necessity for new settlements:-

"This is a demand justified by circumstances. At present, the Hindus live in the village and Untouchables live in the

Ghettos. The Object is to free the Untouchables from the thralldom of the Hindus. So long as the present arrangement continues, it is impossible for the Untouchables either to free themselves from the yoke of the Hindus or to get rid of their Untouchability. It is the close knit association of the Untouchables with the Hindus living in the same villages which marks them out as Untouchables. India is admittedly a land of villages and so long as the village system provides an easy method of marking out and identifying the Untouchables, the Untouchable has no escape from untouchability. **It is the system of the village plus the Ghetto which perpetuates Untouchability and the Untouchables,** therefore, demand that the nexus should be broken and the **Untouchables who are as a matter of fact socially separate should be made separate geographically and territorially also, and be settled into separate villages exclusively of Untouchables** in which the distinction of the high and the low and of Touchable and Untouchable with find no place.

ECONOMIC POSITION

"The second reason for demanding separate settlement arises out of the economic position of the Untouchables in the villages. That their condition is most pitiable no one will deny. They are a body of landless labourers who are entirely dependent upon such employment as the Hindus may choose to give them and on such wages as the Hindus may find it profitable to pay. In the villages in which they live they cannot engage in any trade or occupation, for owing to Untouchability no Hindu will deal with them. It is, therefore, obvious that there is no way of earning a living which is open to the

Untouchables so long as they live in a Ghetto as a dependent part of the Hindu village.

DALIT FIGHT IS AGAINST HINDUISM

"This economic dependence has also other consequences besides the condition of poverty and degradation which proceeds from it. The Hindu has a code of life, which is part of his religion. This Code of life gives him many privileges and heaps upon the Untouchable many indignities which are incompatible with the dignity and sanctity of human life. **The Untouchables all over India are fighting against the indignities and injustices which the Hindus in the name of their religion have heaped upon them.** A perpetual war is going on every day in every village between the Hindus and the Untouchables. It does not see the light of the day. The Hindu press is not prepared to give it publicity lest it should injure the cause of their freedom in the eyes of the world. The existence of a grim struggle between the Touchable and the Untouchable is, however, a fact. Under the village system the Untouchable has found himself greatly handicapped in this struggle for free and honourable life. It is a contest between the Hindus who are economically and socially strong and the Untouchables who are economically poor and numerically small.

SLAVERY

"That the Hindus most often succeed in suppressing the Untouchables is due to many causes. The Hindus have the Police and the Magistrate on their side. In a quarrel between the Untouchables and the Hindus, the Untouchables will never get protection from the Police and justice from the Magistracy naturally love their class more than their duty. But the chief

weapon in the armoury of the Hindus is economic power which they possess over the poor Untouchables living in the village. The proposal may be dubbed escapism. But the only alternatives is perpetual slavery".

FORGET UGLY PAST

The above quotations from Dr. Ambedkar convincingly prove the need for compact and self-supporting villages for the Scheduled Castes so that their new generation should forget its ugly past and grow up as self-respecting and useful citizens.

Now this plan should be drawn up and executed is a matter that might be entrusted to a committee consisting of one or two members of the Planning Commission, a representative of the Finance Ministry, a representative of the Ministry for Rehabilitation and Resettlement with at least an equal number of leaders of the Scheduled Castes, such as Sri Jagjeevan Ram, Sri B.K. Gaikward, M.P. and Sri. B. Sham Sunder along with a few wellknown international experts such as Baron Von Haimendroff, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche and a representative of the United Nations.

25% SHARE

An easy and practicable alternative to the above demand may be that **25% of the villages in every taluka should be handed over to the Scheduled Caste population of the Taluka** and new Colonies may be set up for the Caste Hindus who will have to vacate their former homes and lands. Government should, of course, compensate the Caste Hindus for the property left by them while adequate finances should be provided to the Scheduled Castes for developing their own economy in the villages freshly occupied by them. *This arrangement presupposes that the Scheduled Caste population of the entire taluka is rehabilitated in the 25% of the villages set apart for*

them.

If this scheme is implemented Taluka wise, things can be managed without much dislocation and with the minimum of cost. It is obvious that the Patels, Patwaries and other officials of the Scheduled Caste villages will be members of their own community. These villages will have their own panchayats and Samities which will train them in the art of local Self-Government and make decentralization of power a reality.

This, in short, is the demand of 120 million Scheduled Castes spread all over India and they will be satisfied with nothing less.

"The Charter of the United Nations has recognised that human rights and fundamental freedoms are a matter of international concern and it has made provision for a commission to deal with these problems. Important as this achievement is, however, it increases rather than lessens our responsibility as citizens to enlighten public opinion on the complicated question of human and minority right and to help in the difficult task of devising effective machinery of supervision and enforcement".

Dr. James Shotwell, Prof. Emeritus, Columbia University & Director of the Division of Economics and History of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Demand of the Scheduled Castes for Rights of Franchise, Representation and Self-expression.

The Hindu religion, as understood and practised for centuries, not merely insists on the observance of Untouchability but glorifies it as a means of spiritual elevation for those who profess to be Hindus.

Politically-minded Hindus began to interpret and twist this religious

injunction when they realised that the only effective weapon for usurping power in India, after the termination of British rule, was the classification of the 'Avarnas' and

DALITS NOT HINDUS

'punchamas' as Hindus. The movement for the so-called abolition of Untouchability owes its origin to this realisation. It cannot, therefore, be repentance for the sins of the previous centuries, as claimed by Gandhiji.

Gandhi's mischief: When the late Mr. Ramsay Macdonald in the early thirties, after assessing and scrutinizing the genuine needs of the various elements in the national life of India, gave his award at the request of their representatives, including Gandhiji and Malviaji, he was cautious enough not to disturb the politically manipulated unity of the Hindus by providing that the Scheduled Castes should have joint electorates with their age-long oppressed, he had also provided that they should have a limited number of representation of their own choosing to speak on their behalf in the Legislatures.

Even this petty concession was resented by the Caste Hindus, whose chief spokesman, Gandhiji, threatened to starve himself to death if the Scheduled Castes were allowed to represent their woes and miseries through their own democratically elected representatives. Socio-economic and political pressure began to mount resulting in the Poona Pact, which was hailed by the Caste Hindus as a great triumph against the efforts of the 'Panchamas' to liberate themselves from the soul-crushing grip of the former.

Poona Pact: The Constituent Assembly (elected not on the basis of adult suffrage) scrapped the Poona Pact, thus proving once again, if further proof was ever

needed, that Congress pledges are merely opportunistic and not meant to be implemented in sincerity.

Scheduled Caste representatives in Parliament and Legislatures, during the last 17 years, have been hand picked by Caste Hindus. Article 325 read with Article 329 has the effect of de-franchising the Scheduled Castes and the other minorities. *Our votes are valuable only if cast in favour of the Caste Hindus or their nominees and useless if cast in favour of our own representatives.* The position today is that the Scheduled Castes have been virtually denied the rights of franchise, representation and self-expression.

Silence in these circumstances would be suicidal on our part. We, therefore, demand **separate electorates** on the basis of our correct population figures in the enumeration, tabulation and classification whereof Scheduled Caste personnel should be effectively associated.

Our chief argument in support our demand is that we claim to be better judges our own interests. **Exploiters cannot be trusted to safeguard the interests of the exploited.** Our rights of franchise, representation and self-expression will be deemed to be granted only if we are allowed to elect our own representatives, untouched by the corrupting influence of Hindu intrigues and wealth.

Sharing Power: If the Caste Hindus had not staked their all in favour of parliamentary democracy, joint electorates and territorial Constituencies - the three features unapplicable in the Indian context - they would have been cut to proper size in the political life of India and not assumed their present role of wholesale domination over all minorities.

Caste Hindus fanatically believe that they alone are the 'rulers' of the country, being direct inheritors of power from the British. They have,

therefore, decided to be sole beneficiaries of the fruits of power. With this mentality, they cannot agree to share power with any other element in India's National life. Retention of joint electorate would mean that Hindus alone have the right to elect representatives of the Scheduled Castes and the other minorities. Giving to the minorities the right to elect their own representatives would mean recognizing their existence in India and sharing power with them. This the Hindus are not prepared to do at present.

Indigenous peoples: We on our part cannot agree to be liquidated so easily to oblige our oppressors. *The Scheduled Castes are the oldest inhabitants of this country and an integral part of its economy.* Our unpaid labour has made this country what it is today, so, therefore, have a right to exist and thrive in this land. We cannot do so unless our existence is recognized and we are given the right to send our own representatives to the Parliament, Legislatures and other elected bodies.

RESOLUTION NO.3

Urgent Need for A Scheduled Castes University

It is a sad commentary on the Post independence educational system that its products leave the universities with the impression that Hindu Religion and Culture alone are worth emulating and striving for. In a country inhabited by people professing different religions and having a historical past of their own, it is not right and not proper that they should be thus *indoctrinated with the culture and religion of the majority community.* Such practices are common in totalitarian countries, while India claims to be, in the words of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, "A noncommunal Democratic Socialist Country" and has incorporated two

articles namely 29 and 30 in its constitution. It is unfortunate that in spite of such liberal provision, *practice does not accord with profession.*

Defective education: It cannot be denied that during the last seventeen years hundreds of Scheduled Caste youths have emerged from Indian Universities as Graduates in Arts, Sciences, Commerce, Law, Medicine and Engineering but our hearts bleed when we find that they still suffer from inferiority complex and feel small when they compare themselves with Caste Hindu youths. The reason is not that they are physically, mentally or intellectually weak but the real reason is that the education imparted to the students is such that they consider themselves as nobodies and have been taught that the position allotted to them in the Social, Political and Economic structure is more than they can aspire for.

Separate University: The present system of education, thus, emasculates Non-Hindu students and deprives them of a just pride in their past and a fresh hope as regards their future. *Education which submerges group consciousness and kills one's individuality is not worth having.*

In these tragic circumstance, we demand that a separate University be established whose governing bodies are manned by Scholars drawn from the Scheduled Castes and their sincere sympathisers. The nucleus for such a University already exists in the shape of two colleges started by the late Dr. Ambedkar at Bombay and Aurangabad. More of such Colleges can be started in other States and affiliated to the new University, which may be named after the late Dr. Ambedkar himself.

The Courses of studies, curriculum and syllabus of the new University should be drawn up in a manner that will turn its product into selfrespecting

and useful Indians who will not be ashamed of their past and look towards their future with faith and hope.

A Committee should be set up immediately to draw up the necessary plan.

RESOLUTION NO.4

Need for a Strong Political Organization for the Scheduled Castes

This meeting of Scheduled Caste Workers drawn from various States feels the need for a fully representative Convention of All-India Scheduled Caste Leaders and workers drawn from every State to review the present conditions of the Scheduled Castes and to re-establish a federation of Scheduled Castes Organizations so that it could speak with one voice in matters of common concern. We appeal to the different Scheduled Caste Organizations all over India to come together on a common platform and give a bold lead to their fallen brothers. The need for a separate All-India Organization for Scheduled Caste people will persist as long as the Caste System remains a part and parcel of the Hindu religion. Without such an organization, real leadership from among the Scheduled Castes will not be allowed to emerge.

Such an All-India Organization can issue a world appeal for donations to the proposed All-India Scheduled Castes Welfare Trust, which will utilize its income for the following three objects:

1. Higher Education of Scheduled Caste Boys and Girls.
2. Safeguarding the Constitutional and Human Rights of the Scheduled Castes.
3. Starting English and Vernacular Weeklies for Serving their Cause.

We weep over Muslim plight : We shed tears over Babri Masjid

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: We in the *Dalit Voice* are really worried about Muslims. We are genuinely concerned about the future of Muslims. The Hindu nazis are not allowing them to live in peace.

Islam is the only religion in India which empowers its followers to quickly identify the enemy. Every Muslim knows that the Aryan/brahminical forces are his oppressors. (Read M.N. Roy's book: *Historical Role of Islam*). And yet their silence on the latest Babri Masjid is ominous. During the last week of July 1992, the Aryans in the nazi party and the Congress led by PVN have taken the Muslims for a ride.

And yet the Muslims are silent on the all-round injustice they are daily suffering. The Koran fully sanctions violence in self-defence (DV June 16 '92 p.10). Only the Islamic Sevak Sangh of Kerala has put the Koran into practice. In the process, the ISS chief Abdul Nasser Madani might have lost one leg. But we can assure the nazis that the one-legged Madani will be more deadly and dangerous from the two-legged Madani.

But in States like Assam and West Bengal where the Muslims are in a big majority, they are silently suffering.

Shahabuddin sidelined: On the Babri Masjid, Syed Shahabuddin has been sidelined. Even the Shahi Imam. The Babri Masjid issue from the very beginning has been handled by the Muslim politicians. The Muslim masses had no say.

But the latest developments on Babri Masjid has convinced us that the Muslim leadership is finished. Entire Muslim leadership has become bankrupt, fearing the fascist wrath.

Ali Miya ignored: Even the

venerable saint, Moulana Hasan Ali Nadvi (Ali Miya) who lives in Lucknow, the capital of UP where the Babri Masjid is located, was ignored by the Aryan nazis both in the BJP and the Congress.

That is why we think the time has come for DV to take up the Muslim question.

Muslim-Dalit alliance: From the very beginning we have unconditionally stood by the Muslims. We were the first to very categorically state that only a Muslim-Dalit alliance can liberate masses and protect India's unity.

This is the first time the Muslims are badly let down by the leadership. On every issue they were cheated. That means India is fast following the Spanish experiment (DV Aug. 1, 92, p.20: "Spanish Experiment").

There is no issue greater than the Babri Masjid for Muslims. It is religious, political and cultural. Muslims feel cheated on all the fronts. This is the first time when the Muslims failed to stand as a single community. And if the leadership fails to rise on the Masjid issue, which has a direct bearing on Islam, Koran and their international brotherhood, then no Muslim in the world will trust India. And India world's single largest Muslim country, will go the Spanish way.

Leadership purchased: We feel that the entire Muslim political leadership has been purchased. Some people became leaders in the name of Babri Masjid.

For over 20 days the Babri Masjid hit the headlines. Parliament came to a standstill. In spite of such grave provocations, the Muslims are refusing to be provoked.

Wanted a Khomeni for India : Muslim leadership corrupted

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: As the Aryan/upper castes/Hindus are gradually losing their hegemony over the pre-Aryan non-Hindu SC/ST/BCs and so-called religious minorities like Muslims/Christians/Sikhs, who together comprise over 85% of the India's population, the Aryans have no other go but to mesmerise the masses on the *Hindutva* the philosophy of enslaving the SC/ST/BCs and instigating them against Muslims, Christians and Sikhs. This *Hindutva* philosophy is called "Hindu unity". (DV edit Jan 16, 1991): "*Hindu unity will break India's unity*".

That is why to coincide with the presidential election, the political wing of the Hindu nazi party resorted to its now familiar Muslim-bashing using the Babri Masjid. And all the Hindu parties conspired to see that after one Brahmin (Venkataraman Iyer) goes another Brahmin (Shankar Dayal Sharma) comes. That the country's so-called Marxist parties also conspired in getting the Bhopal Brahmin, an arch enemy of reservation policy (human rights), elected proves our oft-repeated contention that sacred thread Marxists are more dangerous than the nazi threads.

Power of the media: That just less than 15% of the Aryans/Hindus are able to keep the rest of the 85%, not only divided but permanently fooled, only because the Aryans have the exclusive monopoly over the media.

There is hardly any difference between the ideology of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, a Neogi Brahmin, the Kayastha Chief Minister, Jyoti Basu, the boss of the country's Marxist Party, and the Nazi BJP. All are Hindus. And they all want to retain their Hindu hegemony at any cost by opposing the Mandal Commission. These Aryan upper castes have no ideology. They fool us only with their strategies and tactics which we elaborated in our editorial of Feb. 1, 1992: "*Brahminism defeats us because of its deadly strategies and tactics*".

Elam: And to retain this (1) they have given a goodbye to the American - dictated privatisation (DV edit March 1, 92. "*If privatisation comes in the way of brahminism, ruling class will scuttle PVN rule*"), (2) they have conspired to create a Khalistan in Punjab, (3) forced innocent Kashmiris to breakaway, and (4) imposed a *papan* state terrorism on Tamil Nadu to pave way for Elam.

In other words, the handful of Aryans in their anxiety to hold on to the Aryavarta (cowbelt), which is their only stronghold, they don't mind unleashing any amount of violence on the unbending periphery. *That means*

the Aryans/upper castes are bent upon breaking the country into pieces and we as the original inhabitants, who are scattered in every part of India including the Aryavarta, are seriously worried over the megalomaniac Aryan actions. Any division, any further partition of India, will help Aryans but harm us.

Break-up of Bali's land: Every paper, editor, every columnist is hiding these facts. And since the *Dalit Voice* is the only "**Voice of the Persecuted Nationalities Denied Human Rights**" and we constitute the original owners of this country and hence love this land, we are seriously concerned over this shrill siren signaling the impending break-up of our motherland, once ruled by our great ancestor Bali Chakravarti. *Every political party is a humbug because it is headed by a Hindu. The worst criminals are the Congress walas of the original brahminical party of India, headed by the wily Neogi Brahmin who excels the nazis in his Machiavellian machinations.* The way he got Sharma, an enemy of the SC/ST/BC reservations (human rights), elected President and won the no-confidence vote even while secretly asking his nazi allies to whip up anti-Muslim poison through Babri Masjid agitation, proves that PVN has excelled all other Aryan PMs in promoting Aryan interests.

Nazis losing even cowbelt: Our sources say the nazis instead of capturing Delhi are fast heading towards losing their hold even on UP and MP. Here lies the secret of whipping up the anti-Muslim passions over the latest Babri Masjid incident. But inspite of such repeated humiliations our Muslim leadership is refusing to be provoked. The Muslim League did not have the guts to vote against the no-confidence against the PVN govt. That is why its two members resorted to the less harmful step of abstaining. shame, Shame.

The entire Muslim leadership whether religious, political or otherwise has been corrupted and purchased. If it had the slightest guts, as a retaliation to the nazi actions at Babri Masjid, it would have withdrawn support to the nazi Karunakaran govt. in Kerala. But it dare not. *Even after the brave ISS chief, Abdul Nasser Madani's leg was cut by the nazis, the League is hanging on to Nazi Karunakaran. Shame, shame.* So, we have no hope in the existing Muslim leadership. That is why to face the alliance of Congress Aryans and the Hindu Nazi Aryans, we need a Khomeni. ■

DEMORALISED MUSLIM WRITERS BUTTERING HINDU NAZIS

P.S. SRIDHARA MURTHY, ADVOCATE, BANGALORE

Reacting to our box item: "Nazis discover another stooze", (DV Feb. 16-29, '92 p.3), wherein we had criticised Iqbal Ansari for his fake theory on Rama in support of which he had quoted the celebrated poet Iqbal, he wrote to our Editor on 28.2.1992, that we had published the said box item with a malicious intention of damaging his reputation and that we intended to arouse the passions of Muslim masses against him and that if we did not apologise, he would go to court against us. Ansari had stated his theory on Rama in his article in the *Indian Express* (26.1.1992).

The Editor politely replied on 2.3.92 stating the reasons that compelled the DV to criticise him and added with candour, "when we commit a mistake we never hesitate to own it and even apologise for it".

Legal action: Our esteemed Brother, Iqbal Ahmed Sheriff, Advocate, also wrote to Ansari separately explaining the adverse effects that might follow from his misleading theory on Rama. Ansari's subsequent threat of 19-6-92 contains the threat of legal action against us.

Since we never make comments or criticisms without fully applying our mind, we have decided not to apologise.

First, Ansari fails to notice that the *Indian Express* known for its pro-Hindu nazi leanings, published his article since in the ultimate analysis it helps the upper castes/Hindus and harms Muslims and Dalits.

Secondly, the language of Ansari in the impugned article is recondite. What does he mean by "Ram as a

human person and prince"? Every being with a human form is a human being. He can't be a god. This sort of description is meant to please the upper castes and confuse the Muslims.

WHY NO RAMA TEMPLE?

Thirdly, who is Ansari to bind all Muslims in the country to his view by stating that "the learned and the laity among Muslims, all express respect for him (Rama)"?

Fourthly, in his letter to the Editor, Ansari says, "Hundreds of millions of Hindus of all castes including the Untouchables revere the name of Rama and ..." If Rama is a god, why there are hardly any Rama temples in India?

Like most UP Muslim elites, Ansari too is ignorant of the views of a large majority of Indians who are not Hindus, but wrongly counted as Hindus. **The UP Muslim elites, are the worst victims of the well-known phenomena called media distortion, the best example of which is the Indian Express.** This nazi daily will publish views on Rama only if they are in conformity with the brahminical views and interests. The views of Periyar EV Ramaswamy, whose followers had won elections and ruled Tamil Nadu, had cogently criticised Rama and the Ramayana and had defiled Rama idols will never be published by the pro-Aryan Express wrongly called *Indian Express*.

IQBAL ON BRAHMINISM

Fifthly, the views of poet Iqbal too will not be published in that daily even if they are quoted by Ansari, however cogent and valid those

views may be. For example poet Iqbal wrote about brahminism:

I tell you the truth, O Brahmin, if you do not mind
Idols of your temple have all grown old.

He further sings:

You learnt to hate your people through idols.

He concludes with brahminic jargons:

Shakti (power) and shanti (peace) come through the songs of Bhaktas

Mukti (deliverance) of the masses in love.

In his poem on Guru Nanak, he says:

Ah, India is a torture chamber for the Sudras.

Ansari should know that English dailies will publish poet Iqbal's views only if it serves the interests of upper castes: Hindus/Aryans. Again, if his views were to expose them, these dailies will condemn Iqbal too.

Sixthly, Ansari should know that in most parts of India, Islam and Muslims have influenced the local people, their food habits, life styles, manners, celebrations and festivities. Ansari has failed to give a full picture by emphasising that Muslims have adopted local manners and indigenised themselves.

The suppressed truth: *The present Indian culture is neither Hindu nor Muslim exclusively. It is a composite culture shaped by pre-Aryan, non-Aryan original Indian ingredients, Aryan influences and Muslim contributions.* This truth is suppressed by Hindu nazis and publications like the *Indian Express*. They present only one side of the coin, a game in which innocent

persons like Ansari are taken for a ride.

MUSLIMS NOT MINORITY

Seventhly, the Hindu nazi plans and schemes against Islam and Muslims are well served by the most repeatedly dished out falsehood that Muslims are a minority in Hindu India. The Hindu nazis want Muslim writers also to emphasise this. The truth is Indian society is a segmented society where there is no majority community and every segment is a minority.

Of all these minority communities, Muslims constitute the single biggest majority. Is Ansari shocked? Gandhi's commitment to truth was praiseworthy when he wrote "The Hindus are really not the majority community if you put the rest together. (*Harijan*, March 13, 1937, See also DV Sept, 1-15, 1988).

Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs, Lingayats and Dalits are not Hindus but the Hindu - controlled English. "national" toilet papers will not tell this truth even if Gandhi is quoted. That is why when a Muslim sings the Aryan or Hindu nazi song, we painfully describe such Muslims as Aryan stooges.

Eightly, there are several deities and temples to which Hindus throng in thousands daily and in lakhs on special occasions. They are Tirupati, Srisailem, Sabarimalai, Guruvayur, Kashi (Varanasi), Puri, Kali Rishikesh, Badri, Gaya etc.

BRAHMINS HATE KSHATRIYAS

There is not a single Rama temple anywhere to which the masses throng in thousands. Rama is a god worshiped only by the some upper castes and not by the poor and backward castes who form the majority. Besides, Rama is a Kshatriya and Brahmins hate Kshatriyas whom the Brahmin Parasurama had killed in thousands. That is why the Rama wave strenuously built up by Hindu nazis

was destined to fail as could be seen in the recent by - elections.

Ansari took pains to dig out poet Iqbal's poem on Rama to justify his make-believe theory on Rama that the poet's view represents the view of all Muslims on Rama. Why the same Ansari did not take pains to find out the representative Muslim view on the presiding deities listed above to which the majority of Hindus are devoted?

Dr. Ambedkar on Rama: Ansari's acrobatics to show that all Muslims have reverence to Rama alone, especially in the present context of Hindu nazi efforts to project Rama as the national hero, conclusively proves that he is out to placate the upper castes/Hindus and that he is even ready to earn the wrath of the majority of Hindus and particulars Dalits whose views on Rama is well represented by Dr. Ambedkar's treatise, *Riddles of Rama and Krishna* (DSA 1988) which Muslim stooges of Hindu nazis would do well to study.

Ninthly, in the impugned article Ansari quotes an episode from Sir Syed Ahmed Khan's life and concludes by stating that there was a "lesson" to both Muslims and Hindus. What have Muslims done to be told that they should learn "lessons"? Here, he equates the oppressor and the oppressed, the wicked and the victim. Has he got any instance where the Muslims harmed the nazis?

Beef-eating: The episode relates to Sir Syed's appeal to Muslims to avoid cow slaughter in Bijnor town and his warning to Hindus not to create fuss by agitating for ban on cow slaughter. There is no Hindu scriptural authority to abstain from beef-eating. On the other hand, according to some texts guests should be honoured by offering them *Madhuparka* - a preparation of cow's beef. Even Rama had taken cow's meat.

Tenthly, Ansari's fear that our

comment "amounts to arousing the passions of Muslim masses" against him, is an indirect admission of the fact that a little enlightenment may turn Muslim masses against him. We have said on many occasions that the elite Muslims by their efforts to curry the favour of Hindu nazis are gradually losing the right to represent Muslim masses. All that we have done is a forewarning.

Muslim anger: *If by their perverse stances, Muslim intellectuals become vulnerable to Muslim anger, how can DV be held responsible?* The letters of the Editor and of Brother Iqbal Ahmed Sheriff actually contain tips to Ansari to build up reputation while Ansari has maintained that we suffer from malicious intention of damaging his reputation. Much of what is said here is known to the masses of people but the "national" toilet papers stand like a wall between truth and their readers. Dalits and DV are used to oppression at the hands of Hindus and their stooges.

Dalits workshop Ravana: To condemn Rama, who symbolises male arrogance and cruelty to his own wife Sita but obedience to the cruel social order called brahminism, is our right as well as our duty if we have to be true Ambedkarities. We also condemn those who glorify Rama, be they Hindus or Muslims because Rama killed our great Dravidian hero Ravana whom we worship. Dalits are emerging as the third force in India. And may soon become the first force. If Ansari takes legal action, we will have one more opportunity to vindicate our stand. Justice, truth cannot be defeated as easily as Ansari thinks.

A second part of this rejoinder detailing facts about Hindu god Rama as against the majority of the Indians, who are the victims of Rama, will be published in the next issue for the information of Muslim elites from UP. EDITOR.

Anti-Muslim brainwashing of young minds in UP

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Lucknow: The Hindu nazi govt. has started rewriting textbooks and specially history to indoctrinate students on the anti-human brahminic ideas.

The purpose of such nazification of young minds is to turn them against Muslims. Pro-nazi teachers from upper castes are being recruited for this purpose. And the nazi party is supplying well-trained nazis as teachers.

These teachers openly teach students that Muslims got Pakistan and hence they must go to their country. "Why should they marry four wives, produce scores of children? They want to outnumber the Hindu population".

Taj Mahal Hindu temple: In another school, nazi teachers tell students that "a Muslim eats 50 cows during his life time and if we kill one Muslim, we can save 50 cows". Such brainwashing will help inject poison into the young minds who have been already told that "cow is our mother. And that is why they kill the cows". Nazi teachers read out passages from P.N.Oak's book stating that the Taj Mahal is a Hindu temple.

Such dangerous poison is put into young minds adding fuel to the growing anti-Muslim feelings. Textbooks of mathematics, history and even Hindi now have new chapters glorifying "vedic heritage".

In the recognised maths textbook for class IX, the

preliminary principles and practices of vedic mathematics, dating back to 1000 BC have been integrated into the book for the first time to be taught from the current session (which began in July).

Vedic maths: The objective of this integration, says the director of education in his preface to the book, is to apprise students of the glorious traditions of mathematics teaching and study.

A 296-page tabloid size guide has been specially produced to teach the teachers how to teach vedic maths to high school classes.

In April, a "special workshop" was held by the UP State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) in Allahabad on the development of vedic maths syllabus wherein the vedic approach of *Bindu main sindhu* was explained.

A five-page-long poem eulogising the "bravery" of King Maharana Pratap in the Battle of Haldighati written by Shyam Narayan Pande has been included in the recognised book *Kavya Sankalan* for high school.

The back covers of all the recognised textbooks carry *Vande Matram*, the "national anthem" of Bankim Chandra Chatterji, the Bengali Brahmin. The new changes also include total integration of Sanskrit in the Hindi third paper.

Jamat not interested in non-Hindu majority

SHAHZAD ALI, SHER MANZIL, BALLIMARAN, DELHI

I have been closely following the debate on the Jamate-Islam in *Dalit Voice*. I recently came across a book, *Dialogue between Hindus and Muslims*, by the Jamate-Islam and edited by the then editor of the *Radiance*, S. Ameenu'l Hasan Rizvi. The 'dialogue' that this book claims to contain is essentially an exchange of polemical views between hard core Hindu nazi men like K.R. Malkani and activists of the Jamat. There is absolutely no mention of a dialogue between Muslims and Dalits/BCs. Does this not show that the Jamat is willing to enter into a dialogue with only the brahminical fascists and chooses to completely neglect the Dalits, BCs and other such oppressed non-

Muslim social groups?

Please continue the debate on the Jamat so that the truth may finally triumph.

The debate has been going on for over an year and even non-Muslims have started participating in it. We would like to conclude the debate with a final reply - EDITOR.

BUDDHIST PAST OF KARNATAKA

Raichur : Research has thrown light on the pre-eminence of Karnataka in regard with the spread of Buddhism during and after the reign of Emperor Ashoka, Dr. K.V. Ramesh, Joint Director - General of the Archaeological Survey of India, said here. The unearthing of voluminous epigraphic and other historical material in the State on a scale unparalleled anywhere in the country, was a noteworthy development. (*Deccan Herald* July 14).

VANDE MATARAM WILL DIVIDE INDIA

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: We are shocked to learn that the rabidly Anti-Muslim song composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterji, a Bengali Brahmin who inspired terrorism will be sung in parliament. Muslims and all secularists must protest.

A report said from the next session the Lok Sabha will begin its proceedings with a rendering of **Vande mataram** and end with the national anthem.

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha L.K. Advani told reporters here that the decision was taken by the General Purposes Committee of the House on Wednesday.

BJP member-Ram Naik raised the issue in the House saying the practice is being followed by the Maharashtra Assembly.

Vande Mataram will lead to brahminisation of India.

Nazis forcing Muslim Conversion

ZAFAR UL-ISLAM KHAN, NEW DELHI

Fascist Hindu organizations, led by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), have been actively engaged in influencing weak and illiterate Muslims into conversion to Hinduism for more than a decade. They have pinpointed for this purpose far-off places where poverty and illiteracy reign supreme. Muslims here are told, in effect, that 'your ancestors were Hindus who were forced into Islam by Muslim rulers; now, after the independence of India and the establishment of a Hindu State there is no reason why you should remain Muslims. Instead you should hurry up to join the Hindu ranks and shun alien (ie, Muslim) traditions'.

Employment and other benefits are provided to such converts, while other Indian Muslims pay little attention to the plight of their brothers in such remote places. Muslims should not only strengthen their relations with these brothers-in-faith by opening schools and clinics, digging wells and the like, but they should also work hard on those lured away by financial incentives, and work to win over Hindus of lower classes. The present campaign can only be stopped by a similar Muslim campaign, which should be conducted with wisdom, perseverance and quiet. (*Crescent - International* July '92)

Bosnia - latest victim of West's anti - Muslim hatred

FRED HALLIDAY

Bosnia has become a victim of the West's anti-Islamic conspiracy.

Certainly, the Muslims who comprise around 44 per cent of Bosnia had not shown much interest, until recently, in their Islamic identity and stressed instead their European, Slav, connection.

There is, nonetheless, a considerable amount of validity in the concern some Islamic countries are now expressing. First, it is not Muslims but Christians who have defined the conflict in religious terms: it is the Serbs and Croats, Orthodox and Catholic respectively, who have invaded the sovereign state of Bosnia and deliberately forced hundreds and thousands of Muslims from their homes, killing and incarcerating on the way. The rhetoric of these two sides, when not directed at each other, stresses their "Christian" ancestry and supposed legitimacy.

Second, exaggeration about a worldwide anti-Islamic conspiracy aside, Bosnia is part of a broader picture of indulgence to oppression of Muslims.

Even the historically Europe-oriented identity of the Bosnian Muslims may change as a result of recent weeks - if the world that they are supposed to be of rejects them, then they may feel more part of the world that accepts them, not least if it provides some oil to get them through the coming winter months.

If political leaders in the Islamic world manage to convince their own populations that the Bosnia crisis is yet another example of Western disparagement of Muslim people, then it will be the populations, as much as the leaders, of the West who must bear the blame. (*The Guardian Telegraph* Aug. 17).

DALIT OFFICERS WIN BATTLE

New Delhi: The Union Government has decided to restore the promotion of 90 section officers of the Central Secretariat belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who had been reverted from the post of Under Secretaries in January this year. This follows a directive by the Supreme Court on Aug. 18 permitting the Government to pass appropriate orders. The Department of Personnel and Training will issue orders to this effect shortly. The officers had been reverted on Jan.30 (*Hindu* Aug.21).

HINDUISM A "FALSE RELIGION"?

Johannes burg: The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) has labelled "Hinduism as a false religion" in one of its programmes in September last year. The (SABC) is not a private commercial enterprise but a State-created and Public funded body (*The Telegraph* Aug. 3).

Sikh scholar exposes the rascality of Aryan mind

MRS. A.S. SANGAT, MADRAS

Freedom Struggle of India by Sikhs to Sikhs in India: The Facts World Must Know.

By Principal Gurdial Singh Grewal,
pages 373, Rs. 300.

Published by Sant I.S. Rarewala Education Trust,
179, Model Gram, Ludhiana, Punjab.

Dalit Voice has been calling the Congress as the original brahminical party of India and the cause for all its problems. When we read this book we find how truthful is the above statement.

The author, a 79-year-old Sikh scholar, has devoted more pages for the past and tried to prove with documents that Sikhs have taken more pain in freedom struggles and sacrificed nearly 90% of the human lives in freeing India from the tyranny of the foreigners - Moghals and the British. The Congress Party was founded only in 1885 but the idea of freedom and to achieve it was inspired by Guru Nanak, Guru Arjan Dev, Guru Govind Singh etc. But the Congress has taken all the credit.

Bhai Maharaj Singh followed by Bhai Ram Singh adopting non-violent methods had sacrificed their lives for freedom struggle of India. Namadharis, a Sikh sect, in fact were the first to wear and launch a *khadi* movement to use indigenous goods, boycott of foreign items, English schools, service, boycott of alcohol etc.

Gandhi's deception: Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi only copied a few strategies of the Namadharis and made the people believe with the help of the powerful brahminical organisation, money power etc. that the Congress and Pt. Nehru and Gandhi have brought freedom to India and called them "Uncle and Father" of the "nation" respectively.

The author says Bhai Ram Singh and Bhai Maharaj Singh are the real 'Father and Uncle of the nation'. But those fellows were either neutral or pro-British and even those who were hostile to freedom fighters later came to be declared as freedom-fighters and given awards and rewards. Whereas those who really suffered, specially the Sikhs have been not only totally ignored but now declared anti-national, traitor, terrorist, etc. by these very Congress crooks for merely asking for their basic human rights (through the Anandpur Sahib resolution). This state terrorism engineered by the Congress to eliminate youths,

raping of women etc. is being appreciated by a few Namadharis and even brahminised Sikhs.

Lack of media for Sikhs: The tricolour, Jai Hind, national anthem, *vande mataram* etc. have been adopted/composed/compiled by the Gaddar Party, INA and Bankim Chandra respectively. The Congress has nothing to do with these things. Yet it claimed everything.

Most of the queries raised in this book will get answered if Gurdial Singh reads the book, *Know The Hindu Mind* (Dalit Sahitya Academy).

The Kooka movement, Gaddar Party Akali, Babbar Akali, INA mutinies and revolts by military units had a psychological effect on the British and all this forced them to quit India, offering the seat of power to the brahminical rulers.

The author has projected mostly the past agitational aspect of the Sikhs in his book. Nobody doubts their martial spirit or fighting qualities. But the author has not thrown any light on the organisational, media, economic aspects which are mostly responsible for the situation the Sikhs are facing today. The Sikhs have suffered in the past due to their internal weaknesses, disunity, lack of leadership and diplomacy etc. Even today they are weak mainly due to the very same reasons.

Strategies and tactics: Agitation, however powerful it is, when not coordinated and supported by media coverage will suffer setback. Guru Govind Singh organised the Sikhs in 699 AD politically/militarily to fight for their rights, under the following strategies:

To **Educate**-media-Nirmalas (intelligentsia)

To **Agitate**-Khalsa-Panji Kakkar (5 outwardly symbols to show uneness and martial spirit).

To **Organise**-democracy-Panji Payarrees (5 elected people).

And this led to victory, (fateh). Alas, the Nirmalas and the Panji Payrrees have not risen to the occasion as expected. Everybody worships the rising sun. The Aryan ruling class follows its shastras: Manusmriti, Gita etc. that recommends denial of our human rights. The Congress is dominated by the "socialist brahmins" who are more dangerous than the "sacred brahmins".

Aryans are foreigners: The author has described the Moghals and British as foreigners and also tyrants but

what has he to say about the Aryans, the first foreigners to invade India? Sikhism like Islam, Christianity is a revolutionary mission to liberate the Dalits, women and all the oppressed forces under the brahminical tyranny.

In fact, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism (Naga/Dravidian culture) are closer to each other but diametrically opposed to brahminism.

In brief, the *sanatan* system, in principle, is to eliminate or weaken Sikhism from the very first day of its inception just as it did to Buddhists, Jains, Yadavs etc. Consequently, the decline of Sikhism had started during Banda Bahadur. The present-day leaders/intellectuals, irrespective of their political inclinations are bent upon burying it deep.

Tagore praise of British: The Sikh psyche believes in the power of the sword or gun which it considers mightier than the pen. Contrary to this, the Aryans using their craftiness defeated the Moghals (Muslims), Sikhs etc. using the British and then organised everybody including the Muslims and Sikhs to drive out the British. *Now the Aryans are in power in Delhi sidelining everyone who really struggled for its independence. Most of the time the Aryans made the Sikhs to fight Moghals or the British. They have even incited the Sikh Gurus against Moghals.*

All the non-Hindu 85% of SC/ST/BC plus "minorities" are a martial race whereas the 15% Aryan parasites are mostly non-martial. The shameful song, *Jana gana mana*, was written by Ravindranath Tagore to welcome and flatter British monarch George when he came to India in 1911. This is made a national anthem of "Independent" India. To understand the rascality of the perverted Aryan mind, every student of history must read this book. ■

OUR UPPER CASTE FRAUDS

New Delhi : The latest CBI findings suggest that the massive fraud involving forged letterheads of foreign banks and bankers' receipts had the active approval of some of the top boss of the Fairgrowth and was not a one man job as has been sought to be made out by the FFSL management.

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Fresh investigations have revealed that the FFSL had purchased units worth about Rs. 33,000 and through a fraud enhanced their value to over Rs. 150 crore. (*Hindustan Times* Aug. 12) ■

Vasant Moon continued

A CORRESPONDENT

Bombay: With reference to the DV report, "Vasant Moon out"...Aug. 16, '92 p7) it is true that the *Times* report did spread a gloom among Ambedkarites. The Chief Minister has okayed Moon's extension. He will now continue till May 1993 by which time maximum work will be finished. The *Times* news is correct. Old guards are out. Notorious Hindu nazis like Vijaya Rajadhykasha, Prabha Gaonkar and Vishwas Patil have been included in the Dr. Ambedkar Book Publishing Committee of the State Govt. It is unfortunate that those who helped provide manuscript like S.S. Rege, Borale, Bhole, Talwatkar, S. Dani etc. are no longer in the Committee. ■

The removal of Moon and other Ambedkarites proves the weakness of Dalit leadership in Maharashtra, the birth place of Dalit movement. Minister Ramadas Athavale has married a Brahmin girl and that is the end of his career. Many more Dalit leaders have taken to politics. That is why the CM had the courage to turn down the Dalit demand to rename Marathwada University after Dr. Ambedkar - EDITOR. ■

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New Delhi : The Government on Aug. 3 admitted in the Rajya Sabha that 34.2 per cent of the poor of the world are in India. Minister of State for Planning and Programme Implementation Sukh Ram said the UNDP in its latest human development report has also mentioned that 410 million people in India are poor according to the poverty data of 1990 (*Deccan Herald*, Aug.4). ■

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