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Democracy fails without social & economic  
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## Thus Spake Ambedkar

## Without social & economic equality political democracy will collapse

The reasons for discontent in such countries must obviously be different from those assigned by the dictator countries. There is no time to go into details. But it can be said in general terms that the discontent against Parliamentary Democracy is due to the realization that it has failed to assure to the masses the right to liberty, property or the pursuit of happiness. If this is true, it is important to know the causes which have brought about this failure. The causes for this failure may be found either in wrong ideology or wrong organisation, or in both. I think the causes are to be found in both. As an illustration of wrong ideology which has vitiated Parliamentary Democracy I can only deal with only two. I have no doubt that what has ruined Parliamentary Democracy is the idea of freedom of contract. The idea became sanctified and was upheld in the name of liberty. Parliamentary Democracy took no notice of economic inequalities and did not care to examine the result of freedom of contract on the parties to the contract, should they happen to be unequal. It did not mind if the freedom of contract gave the strong the opportunity to defraud the weak. The result is that Parliamentary Democracy in standing out as protagonist of Liberty has continuously added to the economic wrongs of the poor, the downtrodden and the dis-inherited class. The second wrong ideology which has vitiated Parliamentary Democracy is the failure to realize that political democracy cannot succeed where there is no social and economic democracy. Some may question this proposition. To those who are disposed to question it, I will ask a counter question. Why Parliamentary Democracy collapsed so easily in Italy, Germany and Russia? Why did it not collapse so easily in England and the U.S.A.? To my mind there is only one answer — namely, there was a greater degree of economic and social democracy in the latter countries than it existed in the former. Social and economic democracy are the tissues and the fiber of a Political Democracy. The tougher the tissue and the fiber, the greater the strength of the body. Democracy is another name for equality. Parliamentary Democracy developed a passion for liberty. (p.108)

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**DALIT VOICE**The Voice of the Persecuted Nationalities  
Denied Human Rights**Brahminism defeats us not because of its philosophy but a deadly strategy & tactics**

India's ruling class or the brahminical social order continues to rule and ride roughshod over 85% of the country's 850-million population not because it has justice and truth on its side or the strength of numbers. Both are on our side, the non-Hindu ruled – the Scheduled Castes (20%), Tribals (10%), Backward Castes (35%), and Muslims (15%), Christians and Sikhs 5% — a total of over 85%.

This 85% is the deprived, dehumanised population which not only deserves justice but also possesses the strength of numbers. But the less than 15% rulers rule India by denying justice and the human rights of the over 85% who are the indigenous population of India. The 15% ruling upper castes are alien Aryans. This point was elaborately explained in our Jan. 16 1991 edit: "Hindu Unity Aims at Destroying Indian Unity".

This ruling class is not only in a miniscule minority but more so, it is awfully divided – one section fighting against the other – because of its cursed caste system. One Hindu *jati* not only hates the other but will go to any extent to annihilate the other. How could such a feeble, a house divided against itself offer a solid front against the massive non-Hindu majority who are outside the caste system (*varnashram dharma*) and hence non-Hindus?

*In this we discuss the secrets of the Hindu minority mastery over the non-Hindu massive majority.*

**Reddy-Khamma Warfare:** In Andhra Pradesh, the Reddys and Khammas (both shudras) are on an, eternal warfare, cutting each others throat. In Maharashtra, the fight has been between Brahmins and

Shudra Marathas. Lately, the Brahmin-dominated RSS-BJP cut its own sister nazi party chief, Bal Thackeray, to size just because he challenged the Brahmins (DV, Dec. 1 1991 p. 11 and Jan. 16 '92). In Gujarat, it is an endless fight between the Patidar Patels and Brahmins.

Robbers jointly rob but the problem begins while sharing the loot. The robbers at least have a code of conduct and some ethics in robbing but our ruling class robbers have neither ethics nor conduct.

**COLLAPSE OF BUSH IN TOKYO**  
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**A race of cowards:** Not only the ruling upper castes/Hindus/Aryans/*savarnas* are a house divided against itself but they are not even a virile race. Barring perhaps Marathas, even the Indian Army does not consider any of those belonging to the four-folded caste system as a martial race. *The grass-eating Brahmins and Baniyas are noted for their cowardice.*

As for the so-called brave Kshatriyas, the dwarf Brahmin Parasuram has claimed that he has already killed them wholesale. In the present *Kaliyuga*, there are no Kshatriyas at all and if at all anybody claims that he is a Kshatriya it is false. *Therefore, Brahmins say there are no more Kshatriyas in India and what the Brahmins say is the last word.*

*To sum up: (1) Those belonging to the brahminical social order are in a small minority (less than 15%) and (2) they are deeply divided and*

*that (3) they are also cowards.*

**The brave non-Hindus:** As against this, the non-Hindu Indian races, meaning those outside the brahminical social order, are (1) in a big majority (over 85%). (2) As most of them are indigenous population (including the converts to Islam, Christianity and Sikhism), they are more cohesive and united. If there have been some clashes and conflicts between these non-Hindus, it is mostly engineered by the hindus only. (3) Lastly, the non-Hindus (or Dravidians) are a virile race, forming the bulk of those recognised as martial races in India.

The ordinary Jawans in the Army and the lowly constables in the police and the para-military forces are all our own sturdy SC/ST/BCs and Muslim/Christian/Sikhs.

That is not the end of the story.

**Aryans don't love India:** Over and above this world of difference between the two - the Aryans and the Indians (non-Aryans) – there is yet another very striking distinction. The alien Aryans, even being citizens of India, do not love the land of their birth. And this is evident from the fact that every foreign invasion – Greek, Muslim, Hun, Mongol, Christian invasion – took place at the invitation of the feuding Aryan kings. In contrast, the Indians – meaning the SC/ST/BCs as the indigenous peoples – love this land, love their languages, their culture, and they are always ready to die for the unity and integrity of their motherland.

*If India got divided in 1947 it was because of the machinations of alien Aryans but not Indians like Muslims or other non-Hindus.*

**Producers of wealth:** When this is the act why this less than 15% of the miniscule minority of alien Aryans have the ability to be always on the offensive and keep this massive majority of 85% virile non-Hindu martial population on the defensive ?

#### MYSTERY OF ARYAN POWER

This 15% aliens have neither justice on their side nor truth. Both are on the side of the Indians because despite being the producers of the country's entire wealth they are kept deprived and dehumanised. The Constitution of India itself is on their side and has devised several steps in defence of this non-Hindu majority.

*That means the 15% Hindu minority must be possessing something extraordinary to keep this 85% in perpetual bondage as slaves and serfs. What is this extraordinary power?*

This editorial seeks to unravel the mystery behind this Aryan power.

**Defeat of Buddhism:** From the day the brahminical social order (BSO) defeated Buddhism, it has been trying to keep the 85% of the country's non-Hindu Indian races enslaved. To escape from the brahminical oppression quite a number of SC/ST/BCs escaped from the Hindu gas chamber and sought liberation in the egalitarian religions of Islam, Christianity and Sikhism. After Babasaheb Ambedkar embraced Buddhism many millions of Dalits followed their saviour.

**Majority can't fight minority?:** If the Muslim, Christian and Sikh population of India has swelled to 20% or even more, it is entirely because of the brahminical oppression. In other words, the indigenous peoples despite their massive majority, instead of resisting the oppression they are seeking refuge somewhere else. No doubt, these egalitarian religions have liberated them but that is a different thing from resisting the oppression and waging a just war

to defeat the oppressors.

**Babasaheb's efforts:** The only opportunity to challenge the oppressor was when Babasaheb Ambedkar sought to shake the "Hindu world" through mass conversion. Here again the BSO averted the danger to itself. Babasaheb was "finished" within three months of embracing Buddhism.

#### COCKROACHES & ARYANS

How could the BSO avert dangers after dangers and yet survive?

We are examining the mystery behind the longevity of the BSO.

It is true that these upper castes are only "existing" but not "living". Cockroaches also exist. Existing is different from living. Worms also exist. Not only these Hindus are just existing but they are not even allowing the non-Hindus to exist.

**Bluffs & blackmail:** It is also true that the upper castes/Hindus are riding roughshod over our shoulders through bluffs and blackmail. It is also true that through flashoods and downright deceits like the *Ramajanambhoomi* stunts they ride over us.

All this is true. But even to exist (not live) through deceit and deception and thereby rule such a big population of over 85% of the 850 million, it needs a knack.

**Hindu knack:** What is this knack?

*This knack is nothing but the brahminical strategies and tactics. The Aryans don't possess any philosophy. Nor an ideology. They have nothing. The only thing they possess and use it with deadly precision is the strategy and tactics devoid of any ethics that aim at cold-blooded murder of anything opposed to Aryan interests.*

#### ZIONISTS

This editorial aims at dealing with these Hindu strategies and tactics.

**We have not come across any ruling class in the whole of the world having a better or superior**

**strategy and tactics of destruction than the BSO.**

The Jews are oppressing the Muslims and have forcibly occupied their land in Palestine. Because of this the Muslims hate the zionists and say the zionists possess the world's best strategy and tactics.

**Jews & Brahmins:** We beg to differ with this view. Jews were always hated and killed all over the world. In Russia, Germany, all over Europe, Jews were hated and killed. Hitler put millions of Jews into gas chamber. Nowhere the Jews had killed others. The zionist intolerance is a recent phenomenon and this too because of the encouragement it got from white racism. ("Jews Join Hands with Jews of India", DV, Jan. 16, p.16).

**Babasaheb on Brahmins:** Jews have produced eminent scholars, thinkers, scientists and philosophers. Karl Marx, Einstein, Freud to name only a few were world famous in their field. But have the Brahmins of India produced any such scholars, scientists, thinkers, or philosophers?

Babasaheb Ambedkar has answered this question so beautifully and effectively that nobody can improve upon it. *Brahmins of India, he said, have produced any number of learned people but not a single intellectual. All those considered the greatest revolutionaries in India did not belong to the Brahmin jati. Buddha, Mahavira, Guru Nanak, Vivekananda, Mahatma Phule, Periyar, Dr. Ambedkar, R.M. Lohia, Sri Narayana Guru - were all non-Brahmins. Even M.K. Gandhi. The Brahmins could not produce thinkers, philosophers and revolutionaries because their jati takes no interest in social change. They are status quoists if not counter-revolutionaries who thrive on mere strategies and tactics.*

#### ISRAEL A WORLD POWER

So, there is no point in comparing the Jews with the Brahmins. The Jews no doubt illegally occupied the

Palestine territory but having occupied they have converted a desert into a blooming, smiling land. Israel is a world power, a nuclear power.

**The brahminical social order, on the other hand, after directly taking over the rule of India in 1947, converted this country of milk and honey into a beggar nation within 45 years — bankrupt, filthy, stinking.**

The distinguished French historian and a Jew, Leon Poliakov, found fault with us for describing the Brahmins as the "Jews of India". He said Aryans were the very oppressors of Jews (*Aryan Myth*).

**Hitler's Swastik from Vedas:** He said it was the Aryan Brahmins who supplied their dangerous Aryan racist philosophy to the German philosophers of fascism which produced Hitler who later borrowed the Swastika from the vedas. The Jews were the victims of Hitler's nazism.

*This may be true then but today the very Jews and India's brahminical forces have joined hands in India to unitedly crush the Muslims.*

### JEW'S OF INDIA

We don't know when the brahminical social order had oppressed the Jews. We don't know when the BSO had opposed the Jews. Be that as it may, even if we accept Leon Poliakov's argument as true, today he stands disproved and we have proved right. And our comparison of Jews and "Jews of India" also has proved right.

**Zionists will be fooled:** And we can assure the zionists that the brahminical social order, which has fooled everybody in the world and stabbed everybody in the back, will not hesitate to exploit the Jews and fool them also. Jews may control the American economy, its media. Jews may control the whole world but you can take it from us that in India Jews will be fooled and exploited by India's brahminical forces. This is because the BSO's

strategies and tactics are far more superior even to that of zionists.

**All Jews not zionists:** We do admit that all Jews are not zionists. We know this.

*The Jews have even today many among them who not only disapprove the zionists but also support the Palestine claim on Israel.* There are ever so many great liberal thinkers and those actively working against racism, zionism and nazism. We are aware of the great contributions made by Jews. It is to such good-hearted Jews that we are appealing and requesting not to play into the hands of brahminical forces and then get fooled. *Jews might have proved to be the "brainiest of the people" but in India their brain will be blasted to pieces.* The Jews will realise the truth of our statement only after getting fooled.

**None to excel Aryans:** As of today there is none in the whole world who can excel India's Aryan brahminical forces in their Machiavellian strategy and tactics.

It is only through its super-strategy and tactics — used at the most appropriate time — it defeats India's original inhabitants.

**The Aryans may be small in size and even in this many belonging to the Hindu religion itself may not agree with their own BSO methods. But the Aryan strategy and tactics are so ingenious that even those Hindus who disagree with their brahminical *jatwalas* just silently surrender at the crucial time.**

**Election strategies:** No better proof can be given than the latest mini-general election which effectively tested the efficacy as well as the superiority of this brahminical strategy and tactics.

A philosophy is different and strategies and tactics are different. *A philosophy may be really great, liberating and ennobling. But unless this philosophy is accompanied by a suitable strategy and tactics, it will not have the desired effect.*

Karl Marx wrote his philosophy and

had produced volumes and volumes of books sitting in London Museum.

**Strategy more important:** Marx was just a philosopher. But philosophy itself is no use. A philosophy needs suitable strategies and tactics so that this philosophy is transformed into a tool of action. Ideas will remain as ideas unless accompanied by suitable strategies and tactics which in turn will create a revolutionary situation. And a revolution will not come about without a revolutionary situation. (*Karl Marx and Babasaheb Ambedkar, Dalit Sahitya Akademy, 1988*).

Karl Marx wrote his philosophy. But this philosophy would have remained as a mere heap of printed words if Lenin had not infused fire into these words through his strategies and tactics. Only then the words of Marx started burning and fire started at many places. But for Lenin, there would have been no Russian Revolution and the spread of communism. So, who is more important, Marx or Lenin?

### TRUCKLOAD OF TRICKS

Marxists at least had a philosopher in Karl Marx. But India's brahminical ruling class had neither a philosophy nor a philosopher. All its so-called philosophers from Veda Vyasa to Adi Shankara and down to "Modern Shankara" had only produced truckloads of tricks, strategies and tactics.

**Manu & Chanakya:** The Bhagawad Gita, Manu Dharma Shastra, Chanakya's Arthashastra and every bit of brahminical writings can never be called a philosophy.

Hinduism or *sanatana dharma*, therefore, is not a religion. It is a set of do's and don'ts. It is a set of rules for those from BSO to enslave those outside it. Such a piece of literature cannot be called a philosophy. A religion to be called a religion must have a founder, a holy text, a name, a god or goddess.

The religion of BSO has no founder. It has no holy text. It has no single

god. Nor this religion of BSO has a name. The so-called "Hindu" religion has not even a name. The name was given to it by the Muslims.

**War on Asuras/Rakshasas:** So, Hinduism is a religion of dogmas. The Vedas, the holiest book of the Hindus, is nothing but the Aryan invocation to their gods to kill the indigenous peoples called in different names like Rakshasas, Asuras, Dasyus, Daityas, Vanaras etc.

Jews have a religion. They possess a philosophy. A holy book. But the Aryans/Hindus/*savarnas* have neither a religion nor a philosophy. *It survives only through its unscrupulous strategies and tactics.* What are these strategies and tactics?

**Breast-feeding:** They are not such a complicated set of things which others cannot understand and follow. Rather they are very simple. They are so simple that even an uneducated man can master it.

It is true that out of India's 30% literates most of them belong to the four Hindu "upper castes" and the 1% English-educated also belong to these four sections. The strategies and tactics, of which they are the masters, have not come to them because of their "high education". These strategies and tactics are injected to them as the Brahmin mother breast-feeds the child.

**Unity of thinking:** One example would suffice to impress how the brahminical social order thinks alike and acts alike. Six totally strange men may be together in a running train. Of this three may be Brahmin and the rest belonging to other sections of Indians. But one does not know the other's *jati* or religion. Nor can they make out the other's identity. Despite all this handicap, the three Brahmins will be unanimous and united on any subject affecting the brahminical social order. There is so much unanimity in both thinking and action among Brahmins because

each one has undergone an elaborate mental exercise as part of his *jati dharma*, which includes the *Gayatri Mantra*.

**Periyar's prophecy:** It is this common sacred thread that kinds the brahminical forces that made the great Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy to say that **when it rains in Kashmir, the Kanyakumari Brahmin will open the umbrella. When a snake bites the Saurashtra Brahmin, the Assam Brahmin will feel the pain.** Such is the unity in thinking and action which we cannot find among the Jews or for that matter among any section of the society in the whole world.

Jews have produced many revolutionary thinkers who have worked and died for social transformation. But the brahminical social order, which stands and works for counter-revolution, spends all its time, energy and money on fortifying the status quo and fighting those it fears are working against its interests.

All this is because of the mental makeup of these brahminical forces whose thought process is moulded at the very birth and further strengthened as it grows up. We have elaborated this point in our book *Know the Hindu Mind* (Dalit Sahitya Akademy, 1990).

**Law of Contradictions:** What gives such a cohesion, such a precision, such a force, such unity of thought, purpose and action to brahminical strategy and tactics? It is their mastery over the "Law of Contradictions" (Mao Tse-Tung: *On Contradictions*, Foreign Languages Press, Beijing).

#### HINDU UNITY

The points made in our editorial on "Hindu unity" (Jan. 1 1991) is an essential part of this brahminical strategies and tactics based on the law of contradictions.

**That is why we have very often called upon the leaders of the oppressed peoples, the victims**

**of the Aryan forces, to study the law of contradictions and master them.** The tiny 80-page booklet of Mao must be translated to all languages and if possible re-written with reference to Indian conditions.

The L.K. Advani Toyota *rath yatra* was meant to defeat the Mandal by directing the attention and energies of the SC/ST/BCs from the Mandal to Mandir. Of course, with the aid of the country's "Brahmin Press".

Later they applied the law of contradictions during the mini-general election. And now as this is being written another nazi leader, M.M. Joshi, is on yet another Toyota *rath yatra* using the same strategy and tactics to whip up anti-Muslim violence so that his party is unanimously condemned by everybody and the ruling Congress shines out as a "secular" party standing by the oppressed. *The latest Rath yatra is to promote the interests of the Congress and particularly its PM, P.V. Narasimha Rao.*

**How BSO defeats non-Hindus:** The BSO divides itself into two broad sections - "socialist brahmins" and "sacred brahmins". A first systematic study of this very ingenious brahminical strategy was made in our book, *Why Godse Killed Gandhi?* (second revised edition, DSA, 1986).

Hindu nazi parties (since there are so many varieties of nazi parties, we have given one common name of nazi) are all headed by "sacred brahmins". *These parties are all the children of the Congress Party, the original brahminical party of India.* And this Congress Party of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi is normally described in their press as a "Left of the centre party". Then there are the other "Left" parties like the Communist Party of India (CPI), the Communist Party Marxist (CPM) and a variety of "naxalite" parties. Earlier, we had some "socialist" parties led by Jayaprakash Narayan and others.

**"Socialist Brahmins":** All those heading these "leftist" parties are

"socialist brahmins". And Gandhi's Congress Party is the mother of both "sacred brahmins" in the nazi parties as well as "socialist brahmins" in the "Left" parties.

### CONGRESS IS THE MOTHER

The Congress is thus the mother of both the "Left" and "Right" parties.

In the last mini-general election – the country's noisiest and also the most violent election which climaxed in the murder of Rajiv Gandhi – the contending candidates can be broadly divided into four categories:

(1) The Congress, (2) Bharatiya Janata Party, the political arm of a nazi party, (3) Janata Dal (4) and the National Front (NF) comprising the CPI, CPM, Telugu Desam, DMK etc.

The Janata Dal and NF were outwardly together. And that reduced the principal contending parties to three.

Of this three, it was the BJP which raised the loudest noise spending the largest amount of money.

**Mandal factor:** The mid-term election was caused because of one single factor – the Mandal Commission which sought to restore the human rights of the 85% of the non-Hindus. The Janata Dal went to the polls on this one-point programme.

All other parties, including the "socialist brahmins" in the Left parties were opposed to Mandal. BJP was openly opposed to it.

The Congress Party, the mother of both Left and Right, was also opposed to Mandal. *That means on the issue of the human rights of 85% India's population, every party is opposed to us. Both "sacred" and "socialist brahmins" are united on this issue. In other words, all these names are mere brand names. The content is the same.*

When that was the case why did the BJP make so much of noise and made it appear to the public through its upper caste-controlled

press that the fight in the mid-term election was between the BJP and the Congress? Not only that. The nazis made it appear (nay, they convinced the people) that BJP would win hands down and capture Delhi.

**Media monopoly:** This is how brahminical forces excel in their strategy and tactics and succeed, mainly because they have the media in their pocket. This media can frighten the non-Hindu lambs and create havoc in their minds.

### PUNJAB ELECTIONS

The BJP strategy was simple. To frighten the Muslims and others – SC/ST/BCs – and convince them that BJP would surely come to power in Delhi. And after frightening (or confusing) these lambs, they would arrange some "socialist brahmins", including some of the willing slaves among Muslims, to advise that the only party that could check the nazis from coming to power in Delhi and thereby avert the danger to the Muslims and Dalits was the Congress.

The "socialist brahmins" and their stooges among Muslims would sing and dance and do all sorts of cajoling to fool the lambs and trick them into voting for the Congress. And the Muslims and Dalits did vote for the Congress and the Congress came to power in Delhi. *The Congress was put to power in Delhi by the nazi party.*

**Congress-BJP alliance:** And there is a move for coalition between the two. The RSS is promoting this idea which will be experimented in the coming Punjab elections first.

This was the strategy in the last mid-term election and it worked. The Hindu nazis knew it would work because these nazis were masters of the laws of contradictions.

The strategy was like this: the 'sacred brahmins' would criticise Muslims, Christians, Sikhs. And then they would engineer violent clashes. They would oppose reservations to SC/ST/BCs and

engineer caste wars. They opposed the Mandal Commission, staged fake self-immolations and engineered anti-Mandal agitations. When the "sacred brahmins" in the nazi parties took up such anti-people, anti-national, anti-human postures the "socialist brahmins" in the Congress and other "Left" parties would criticise the "sacred brahmins". Soon there will be all-round condemnation of the nazi actions and the brahminical press will give wide coverage to such attacks on nazi parties.

But only condemnations but no step would be taken to stop the nazis from the war and violence. The "socialist brahmins" in the Congress and Left Parties would see to it that the damage was done to the SC/ST/BCs and minorities because both were Hindus and shared the same Hindu values. But the "socialist brahmins" would appear on the scene as saviours only after the damage was done and the caste and communal war took its full toll. As they had the press, they could pose as saviours of the lambs and win their votes.

**Ekta yatra:** Take the strategy of the "socialist brahmins" in the Congress and other parties during the latest *Ekta Yatra* launched by BJP from Kanyakumari. Every party has no doubt condemned it but at the all-party meeting called by the Prime Minister in Delhi no party had offered any concrete suggestion and hence the meeting ended in a deadlock. This is what the Congress also wanted. **It means all the Hindus in every party is in silent sympathy with the nazi yatra.** They will loudly condemn it without taking any steps to nip it in the bud.

The whole strategy and tactics of the nazi party is to take up extreme anti-Muslim or anti-Sikh postures and get condemned by all other parties. The innocent SC/ST/BCs believe such stunts and think that to avert the danger of BJP, the only way-out is to support the Congress. **And Congress is a more deadly and more dangerous brahminical party than the nazi parties.**

The Aryans in all parties think alike and feel alike but they only speak differently in different voices. All to fool the non-Aryan innocent SC/ST/BCs and Muslims. The strategy is to make us believe that Congress is better than the BJP. And everytime they have been succeeding and we have been getting fooled in believing that the *Congress Party is better than the BJP* – though in fact *the Congress is implementing the nazi policies through a more painless operation.*

**Brahmins & beef-eating:** To prove our point that the Aryan Brahmins have no philosophy, no ideology but only strategies and tactics which are not only wicked but destructive, we give the following famous example from history, quoted by Babasaheb Ambedkar.

### COW-KILLING BRAHMINIS

The vedic Brahmins were voracious beef-eaters. The Aryans of the Rig Veda days not only killed cows but relished the cow flesh most. We have any number of references in the Rig Veda itself. Cow-killing and beef-eating were common practices.

**Brahmin historian:** The top Brahmin historian from Pune, D.R. Bhandarker, devotes one whole chapter to the Vedic Brahmin habit in his book, *Ancient Indian Culture* (1939): "Cow was killed not only for purposes of (*yagna*) sacrifices but also for food". (p 71). "Beef frequently formed an essential part of *Madhuparka* ceremony". (p. 77). "Manu nowhere prohibits the use of beef....". (p. 77). Manu like Vasishtha sanctions the consumption of flesh of all domestic animals". (p. 77). "Hindu law giver do not consider *go-hatya* as heinous inexpiable as it is today". (p. 78).

**Why then Brahmins gave up beef which was their most delicious dish?**

There was no mystery behind this supreme sacrifice. It was nothing but a super strategy and tactics.

**Asoka's ban order:** Because of the rampant killing of cows which was

the principal bread-earner for the then pastoral Dravidian tribes, there was widespread unrest, specially in the Gangetic belt, and the great Buddhist ruler Asoka prohibited the Aryan Brahmin craze for cow-killing. Brahmins at that time were the most worried people. Because the egalitarian Buddhism, which was diametrically opposite to brahminism, swept the whole country and the oppressed masses took to it wholesale. Brahmins were very much worried because Buddhism not only finished once for all their supremacy but more than that it killed their whole flourishing business.

**Said Dr. Ambedkar: It is to fight Buddhism that Brahmins gave up their most favourite dish.**

"To my mind it was a strategy which made the Brahmins to give up beef eating and start worshipping the cow. The clue to the worship of the cow is to be found in the struggle between Buddhism and brahminism and the means adopted by Brahminism to establish its supremacy over Buddhism". Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: *The Untouchables* (1948)

### 400-YEAR OLD WAR

For 400 years, the Brahmins and Buddhists fought bitter battle which hardly any Brahmin historian has taken note of for obvious reasons. Brahmins were bent upon pulling down Buddhism which was the reigning religion of the day. Brahmins were miserable because it attacked them from all sides and made monkeys out of them. Buddhism impressed the masses so much that they pured into it wholesale from all corners of the country. *Brahmins then had no other go but fight Buddhism by infiltrating into it and themselves becoming Buddhists.*

**Cow-killing sport:** To become Buddhists they were forced to give up their favourite criminal pastime which meant cow-killing sport.

Remember: Brahmins had no superior philosophy to defeat Buddhism and attract the deserting masses. The graded caste system

roasted them alive and Buddhism offered them not only a sound and satisfying philosophy but a religion ideally cut out for the indigenous peoples of India. So the whole country became virtually pulled into it. And the Brahmins were caught in a terrible fix.

So the only way is to resort to a super strategy and tactics and that was to give up *yagna* and cow-killing and altogether become vegetarians. (DV Dec 1, 1989 "Brahmins became vegetarians to destroy Buddhism", Dr. B.R. Ambedkar)

*"Why did the Brahmins become vegetarians. The answer is that without becoming vegetarians the Brahmins could not have recovered the ground they had lost in its revival, namely Buddhism."* (Ibid p. 153).

**Buddhists not vegetarians:** Buddhist Bhikkus were non-vegetarians. Buddhism was only against the *yagna* system which necessitated reckless slaughter of cows.

*"The giving up of yagna system and abandonment of the sacrifice of cow could have had only limited effect. At the most it would have put the Brahmins on the same footing as the Buddhists"*. (Ibid p. 156).

But the Brahmin strategy was not merely to imitate to the Buddhists but to excel them and then exterminate them.

### RECKLESS ADVENTURE

"Brahmins had to adopt the usual tactics of reckless adventures. It is to beat extremism by extremism. It is the strategy which all rightists use to overcome the leftists. The only way to beat Buddhism was to go a step further and be vegetarians". (Ibid, p.156).

The Brahmin historian Bhandarker had also said the same thing even before Babasaheb wrote the above book. *Bhandarker said it was the creed of non-violence of Jainism and Buddhism that forced the Brahmins to stop beef-eating, cow-killings and becoming vegetarians.* Brahminism/Hinduism never spoke of *ahimsa* (non-violence) which was

never a part of its creed. In fact brahminism was the other word for violence and corruption.

It was from this date *go-hatya* was equated with *Brahma hatya* (killing of a Brahmin). Brahmins were thus forced to resort to this strategy and tactics to defeat Buddhism.

**Brahmins did not defeat Buddhism through a superior philosophy or ideology.**

This is the point.

The Brahmins gave up or sacrificed the most essential part of their religion, namely *yagna* (cow-killing), to save their dying, if not dead, religion by defeating Buddhism.

*The credit for the worship of cow and equating the cow with mother therefore goes to Buddhism.*

*"It was a means adopted by Brahmins to regain their lost position". (Ibid, p.155).*

Not only the Brahmins made an extreme sacrifice by this strategy but they carried their strategy and tactics still further. Not only they became vegetarians but made cow-killing an offence. Beef-eating was made a sacrilege. *That means non-Brahmins can be meat-eaters but not beef-eaters.*

All this was part of the super-strategy and tactics to defeat Buddhism.

**To conclude, the Brahmins have nothing to offer. Their only secret weapon to defeat the adversary is their super strategy and tactics.**

And if we, the victims of brahminism, despite having justice and truth on our side, are facing defeat every time it is because we have not mastered the law of contradictions which will teach us how to beat extremism with more extremism.

**As we have no time to lose and the 20th century is coming to a close and the 21st century – Dr. Ambedkar Era – is only eight years away, we have to master the law of contradictions and formulate appropriate strategies and tactics to defeat brahminism, to preserve India's unity and integrity and liberate the oppressed indigenous Indians.** ■

## FALL OF BUSH IS THE BEGINNING OF THE FALL OF US ?

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** The American President Bush collapsed and fell in Tokyo on Jan. 8 after his high-power delegation received a slap on its face from the more aggressive Japanese. Can we say that with This fall of Bush, the fall of America also has begun? And that his New World Order has suffered yet another setback?

All those power-drunk fellows who suffer from excess of arrogance, hegemonist tendencies, will also have to fall like Bush. So, this Jan. 8 fall is not an ordinary fall but can be interpreted as a turning point in US history.

White racists led by US in collaboration with zionists engineered the breakup of Soviet Russia which was willing to be broken up. The willing white Russian Gorbachev collaborated with the conspirators. And for this sin he was rightly punished and Gorbachev today is like a soul without body. "Ethnic Pull and Russian Racism Breaks up Communist Giant" (DV edit, Mar. 16 1990). The process of break-up was hastened because of US defeat in the very first experiment to impose its dictatorship on the world (called New World Order) in the 1991 Gulf War (DV edit Feb.16 '91; "Welcome Gulf War: War of the Rich against Poor"). Suffering a defeat at the hands of Saddam Hussain, these wicked hegemonists cooed and cajoled Gorbachev who obliged the racists and zionists and handed over the Soviet giant to be made into a colony of US. The NWO suffered its second defeat when the US calculations went wrong and Yeltsin, an unpredictable drunkard, took over the Russian Federation and the nuclear button. The entire western plan has gone awry. The initial euphoria about the collapse of communism and death of Soviet super power has faded.

On one side, the Commonwealth (the new name for the Federation of former Soviet Republics) is not prepared to toe the US line and on another side there is a danger of each Republic in the Common-wealth asserting itself and challenging Yeltsin. Ukrain has already done it and soon Yeltsin may declare a war. Georgia is in turmoil. Added to this will be the challenge posed by the Muslim Republics which will naturally get closer to neighbouring West Asian Muslim countries.

That is not the end of the story. Germany and France are refusing to bow before US.

That means total chaos. Adding fuel to fire is the failure of President Bush mission to Japan which flatly refused to be Dictated by US.

Look at the double standards of this Big Satan wanting to be the world's sole dictator. It preaches free enterprise, market economy and survival of the fittest the jungle law. Following this law Japan invaded the American market and captured its electronic and automobile market. This resulted in a serious economic crisis in US.

Bush mission to Japan was to beg Tokyo to save US from economic invasion. But Bush got a well-deserved kick. And its shock resulted in his collapse at a state banquet.

And that means US and Japan are on collision course. Remember, it was the Imperialistic Japan that bombed America (Pearl Harbour) and started the II World War. The current war between the two economic giants for world domination may indeed lead into a shooting war. Meanwhile, the different Republics in the Commonwealth may soon witness several internal struggles by which the existing corrupt, communist-planted leadership will be overthrown and the new leadership will challenge Yeltsin. We expect total confusion and much bloodshed in 1992. US may fish in this troubled water to tame the uncontrollable Yeltsin and this may force Yeltsin to press the nuclear button and that means a Third World War. India's ruling brahminical social order has joined this wicked NWO to further tighten its grip on its over 85% non-Hindu population. And that means chaos in India too. The white racists and zionists in their mad craze for world domination have brought more misery, more tension and more violence. BSO has committed yet another crime by joining hands with such criminals. So, it is for the world's peace-loving Blacks, Muslims and India's Dalits, victims of NWO, to make our own arrangements to establish justice, truth and peace to frustrate the wicked designs of the racists and zionists.

## AP Dalit Christians facing Hindu violence

GODWIN SHIRI, P.O. BOX 4600, BANGALORE - 46

On Nov. 27 1991, I visited Kamavaram village bordering AP. One or two pastors working in the Bellary area of the CSI (Karnataka Northern Diocese) had been asking me to visit Kamavaram as it was facing an explosive situation.

Kamavaram, Adoni Taluk, Kurnool dt., Andhra Pradesh, is 20 km from Adoni and 5 kms from Kuvutalam housing the mandal panchayat office, police station etc. It has about 200 to 300 families of which Dalit Christians (Madigas) are 60 families. The others are Reddys, Lingayats, few Brahmins, Muslims, few Backward Castes like Bedas, Begaru (also SCs) and the rest are Madigas (Dalits).

The local pastor is stationed at Kuvutalam. I met 20 Dalits Christians of Kamavaram in the church and they narrated their long-standing dispute with the Hindus. Their huts were recently torched. A Christian marriage procession was attacked. They filed a case. Still a Dalit Christian leader, Karunappa, was fatally assaulted when he was asleep. The last serious incident was during the Muharram when 12 Dalits Christians who went to join the festival were brutally attacked.

Soon the village people clamped a social boycott. Shops were closed. Even Begaru (like Malas) and Madigas and Muslims joined the Hindus. The police filed cases against 11 and this added fuel to the fire. The police camped in the village for a few days but mostly guarding the upper castes and enjoying their hospitality.

**Chundur news:** Things came back to normalcy but Dalit Christians cannot work freely. The upper castes use the most vulgar and abusive language against them.

When the news of Chunder mass murder came, there was a big excitement in the village (among upper castes) saying that the Dalit Christians in their village will also be butchered in the same way.

The Dalit Christians in Kamavaram are living under terror day and night. As they live in thatched huts they fear that any time they may be burnt-alive. *The Church, they said, never bothered about them. The local pastor also is under the wrath of the upper castes.*

Dalit Christians feel that the jealousy against them is because they have a well-built church and that some of them became literate and that they wear clean dresses and have wrist watches. They possess some land of 2 to 10 acres - mostly dry, and are not totally dependent on Hindus. ■

## COMMUNICATION

### Dalit woman's warning to Hindu Ameena-baiters

MRS. C.V. LAKSHMI, SAMATA SAINIK DAL, 8, NORTH ST. NEELASANDRA, BANGALORE - 560 047

Your editorial on "Ameena case" (DV Dec. 1, 91) is highly educative, timely and revealing. It is also a verdict on the foul play of Hindu nazis to trap Muslims.

We wonder how the breasts of Hindu women get suddenly filled up with the milk of human kindness when it comes to the question of Muslim girls while thousands of our Dalit girls are forced to become Devadasis and prostitutes by their Hindu religion.

Even today, in the districts of North Karnataka, our (Dalit) girls are made to believe that it is a divine service to be a prostitute and serve the Hindu lust.

If such Hindu women's organisations are really concerned about the exploitation of women, why are they gum-lipped against the Devadasi which is nothing but prostitution sanctioned by Hindu religion? Nude worship at Chandragutti of Shimoga is another Hindu festival.

**Sex perversion:** In fact, while we opposed the nude worship in 1987, it was these Hindu women who picked up a quarrel with us saying that we are "destroying a sacred Hindu custom under the *sanatana dharma* in the name of Dalit movement".

Are they not ashamed of sex perversion in the name of religion?

Mrs. Basavarajeshwari, a Lingayat MP, is encouraging this Hindu festival in which Hindu men will be given full religious freedom to seduce and have free sex-play with our Dalit girls. She was the first person to oppose the govt. ban of nude worship.

In the districts of North Kanataka, marriage of minor girls to rich old Hindu men is common. Why the Hindu religious leaders are blind and deaf to these oppressive customs while crying and shedding crocodile tears for Ameena?

**Suspend airhostess:** As you have rightly said the Indian Ariline airhostess, who lifted the veil of Ameena in the plane, should be immediately suspended for the offence of poking her dirty Hindu nose in the personal affairs of a poor Muslim girl.

Hindus must stop finding fault with the egalitarian religions like Buddhism, Islam and Sikhism.

Because their own religion is based on inequality, inhumanity, racism, intolerance and sex perversion, they want to divert the attention of SC/ST/BCs and attack other religions. Hindus must first repair their leaking house.

Your editorial is an eye-opener to our Muslim brothers and sisters. They must understand the truth and the true colour of this enemy, at least now. In the present hostile atmosphere, it is only the *Dalit Voice* that has taken the courage to speak out the truth. ■

# DV 10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 16 1981

**Editorial: "OBCs & the ill-fated Mandal Commission report".**

We have already expressed our fears (DV Sept. 1 1981) about the Mandal Commission report being thrown to wastepaper basket. Developments since then have confirmed this. The ruling class is in no mood even to publish the report let alone implementing it. The report was not even placed on the table of Parliament despite a specific assurance to that effect in the previous session. It is now over an year since the report was submitted to the govt. Therefore, we have every reason to suspect that this report will also meet the fate of its predecessor, Kaka Kalelkar Commission Report. This proves how powerless the OBCs are despite their vast population (over 50%). What is the use of this huge mass? Masses are asses. Who bothers about asses? Untouchables have thrown up some militancy. Dalit movement is a force but the Backward Caste movement is dead and gone. If the BC movement is today what it is, nobody is to be blamed except the BCs. All over India, BCs are being used to commit atrocities on Dalits. Despite this, Dalits have agreed to join the BC agitation for a "black day" on Jan. 26 1981. The BCs position is worse than the SCs. In population, BCs are much larger. Still they are sufferers because they have no ideology, no leadership. SCs have a leader, Dr. Ambedkar. They have an ideology, no leadership. SCs have a leader, Dr. Ambedkar. They have no ideology - Ambedkarism. But BCs have none. The BCs are allowing themselves to be used by the ruling class which thrives on divide and rule. This is because BCs are allowing the Brahmins to be their brain. If the BCs are suffering today it is because they think they are Hindus.

**Justice Krishna Iyer mischief:** The brahminical game is to support the SC/ST reservation but oppose the same to BCs. This mischievous game is evident from Justice Krishna Iyer's last judgment before his retirement on the "Railway Oppressed Employees Union" challenging the reservations in promotions. In this judgement, Iyer played the typical brahminic mischief of opposing BC reservation. If the BCs want to win their battle they can do so only with the support of SCs.

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Drayida Khazhagam chief, K. Veeramani of TN appeals for "Population-wise reservations in his editorial to the Modern Rationalist (Oct. 1981). He also pleads for the publication of the Mandal Report.

The women's wing of the Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society, led by Mrs. Jyotsna Chatterji, gives a shock to the upper caste word by its publication *Devadasi Problem*, first book of its kind (1981).

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The Communist Party Marxist (CPM) central committee comes out with its anti-Christian diatribe by publishing (Oct. 1981) a document criticising the good work done by the Christian missionaries in the tribal areas.

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V. Anaimuthu, a bakward caste Vanniyar from Tiruchy, TN, announces that BCs would observe Republic Day (Jan. 16) as Black Day to protest against non-implementation of Mandal Report.

## Kanshi Ram speeches

AMBETH RAJAN, BSP HEADQUARTERS OFFICE,  
NEW DELHI

We are receiving DV and reading it with great interest. I want to send monthly "BSP newsletters". We are selling cassettes of Kanshi Ram speeches, each Rs. 35 including postage. They are in Hindi and English. There are in all 10 and can be had from me at SQ-133 North Avenue, New Delhi-1.

## CRISIS IN BSP

ATIQU KHAN, LUCKNOW

DV has proved right on BSP. Ref: Mrs. Surinder Kaur's article, "BSP failure to seek poll pact.", DV Oct. 1 91 p.7 and the subsequent debate on BSP (DV Nov. 1 p.15). Political circles here predict that Kanshi Ram, who won the Lok Sabha election with the help of Mulayam Singh Yadav and BJP, will face a crisis and a split is likely. BSP has 12 MLAs in UP. Its popularity is going down because of its compromise with the enemies of SC/ST/BCs and Muslims. A Hindu nazi agent, Prof. Subramaniam Swamy, who is trying to split the Janata Dal, is close to Ram.

## Catholic church plea on Dalit Christians & Mandal

**Pune:** Archbishop Alphonsus Mathias, newly elected President of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of India, on Jan. 10 made a strong plea for extension of reservation and other facilities provided to Dalit Christians. "Dalit Christians have to be treated on par with other Dalits and these people should not be denied any concessions or facilities in the name of religion," he said in an interview to the CBCI's Press Committee. Archbishop Mathias (63) was unanimously re-elected President of this apex body of Indian Catholic Christians for next three years on Jan. 13. Bishop Gratian Mundadan was relected Vice-President of the Conference. The CBCI has extended its strong support to the Mandal Commission's recommendations. (*Deccan Herald* Jan. 12).

## Indian Jews demand

**Bombay:** Chairman of the association of Indian Jews in Israel Benjamin Jacob has urged Prime Minister Narasimha Rao to open an Indian representation in Israel, "preferably an embassy," for the assistance of Indian Jews now settled in Israel and wanting to come to India to visit their relatives. (*Hindustan Times* Jan. 9).

## Letters to Editor

**Prebendary Marcus Braybrooke**, No.2 The Bassetts, Box, Corsham, Wiltshire SN 4 9 ER, UK: This is with ref. to your report, "War-mongers of India Engaged to Hold World Peace Conference" (DV Dec. 1 91 p. 19/20) of which I am convener along with three other international religious organisations. The hope of the International Inter-Faith Organisations is that 1993, which is to be a Year of Inter-Religious Understanding and Cooperation, will be a time "to renew our efforts to remove all prejudice and discrimination, whatever its cause, to end violence and injustice and to remove poverty, so that all members of the human family enjoy a worthwhile life." Those attending the conference will mostly pay for themselves and the conference is open to those who enroll.

*We very much love every word used by Brother Braybrooke to describe the objectives of the 1993 international conference scheduled in Bangalore. In fact, he is speaking our language. India's ruling brahminical social order is steeped in prejudices and lives the life of a drone by enforcing the world's worst kind of discrimination against over 85% of India's persecuted nationalities by denying their human rights. Dalit Voice was founded to fight this prejudice and discrimination. Braybrooke must be aware that India is the original home of racism and Hitler borrowed his Swastika and the "chosen people" theory from India's Aryans. If the main objective of the 1993 conference is "to end violence and injustice and to remove poverty", he cannot engage its very perpetrators but its worst victims, namely the Untouchables of India – EDITOR.*

**Dr. Prakash Dhamshala**, 1159 Harrison Pike, Apt. 1902, Cleveland, TN 37311, USA: I had heard a lot about *Dalit Voice* from Varhade and Dr. Velu Annamalai and also about its recent crisis. DV has made history. You may have a monumental job to educate our new graduates about their legacy and about the way their ancestors lived. I am a professor of Mechanical engg. at the University of Tennessee and teaching since 14 years. You are doing a splendid job. You will go down as a saviour and hero in the history of Dalits struggle for mental and intellectual independence. DV must tell the truth about our glorious past, tracing our ancient roots. DV must pride into Dalit hearts. I am sending my life subscription.

**Dr. Velu Annamalai**, PO Box 842066, Houston, Tx 77284-2066, USA: More people are coming forward to support DV.

**Inderjit**, "World Sikh News", 7720 Lorraine Ave., Apt. 107, Stockton, CA 95210, USA: We are completing seven years of dedicated service to Sikh freedom

struggle. It has championed liberty and equality that have been always dear to American nation. Your sympathy and support for the Sikh struggle for survival will be gratefully remembered for all times to come in the history of our nation. We need a message from you.

*The message, posted on Jan. 2, will be published in DV in the next issue – EDITOR.*

**Dr. H. Francis Sounder Raj**, Principal, Madras Christian College, Madras - 59: This is with ref. to your report, "TN *papan* state terrorism to swallow Madras Christian College" (DV Dec. 16 p.8). Thank you for the support you have extended to our college. We ought to work against wrong prejudices which have divided men in our country. I am sure you will use the powerful media of yours to bring people together transcending all prejudices.

**Vinod Ranjan**, Indian Students Assn., Kala Bhavan, Viswa Bharati University, Santiniketan, WB-731 235: *Dalit Voice* and your books have given us a new vision. And we are coming closer to your thinking. ISA and the CPI (ML) headed by Santosh Rana and Vaskar Nandy also think on these lines.

*W. Bengal under a very oppressive Kayasth Chief Minister, Jyoti Basu, has become an upper caste corrupt monarchy. Muslims, who constitute the single biggest majority, and Tribals, are the worst victims under his rule. The consciousness of SC/ST/BCs and Muslims has been destroyed by the "sacred thread marxists". If your student movement wants to recover their lost consciousness, W. Bengal offers the best scope for you. Our literature will help you in that direction – EDITOR.*

**V. Prabhakaran, Calicut**: At the Bombay Students Islamic Movement convention, our Dalit Sahitya Academy and *Dalit Voice* stall was the biggest attraction. There, we learnt that the Hindu nazi leader, Advani, during his last visit to London had announced at a function that when "BJP comes to power in Delhi, the first thing they will do is to stop publishing the *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches*.

What will the "Dalit slaves of nazis", P.G. Gavai of Bombay, Shivalingaiah of Bangalore, Bangaru Laxman of AP do now? The recent Palghat anti-Muslim riots in which a Muslim girl was killed was nothing but a police handiwork. One UP upper caste/ Aryan, Srivastav, DIG, ordered the police-firing against innocent Muslims. The notorious Nair Chief Minister, Karunakaran, and his MP son are protecting this DIG. The Muslim League, a partner in the Congress Govt., has become a laughing stock.

**K.D. Kanyal**, Gopeshwar, Chamoli UP-246 401: I am worried that despite we being 85% of the country's population, we are feeling helpless in the face of DV's difficulties. Our SC/ST/BC and minority MLAs, MPs and Ministers have plenty of money. If they offer just one day's salary that will meet DV's needs. As a retired principal, I am sending one day's pension. My appeal and example should be followed by the others.

**Dr. Sumanakshar**, president, Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Akademi, Delhi: Former President Zail Singh inaugurated the 7th annual national conference of our Akademi and said the economic and social condition of the depressed classes of India had not improved even to the extent of 30%. Welfare schemes remained only on paper. He presented ten scholars with "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Award: Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, Dr. Jose Kananakil (Jesuit priest, Delhi) Bandhu Madhav, Dalit writer, Maharashtra, B.B. Singh Lohar, Sikkim, Premchand Arya, Dalit writer, UP, A.L. Majumdar, Dalit writer, W Bengal, Hira Lal Parmar, social worker, L.R. Bali, Dalit journalism, Punjab. "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar International Award" was given to Dalai Lama. Union Minister for Welfare Sita Ram Kesari presented awards to 20 scholars and social workers. H.K.L. Bhagat, former Union Minister, released a dozen books written by Dalit writers and scholars.

**Vijaya Raju**, Vijayawada, AP: I went to Delhi and it was waste of time and money. We were insulted and humiliated. We did not worry about the food and accommodation. But the purpose of the call to Delhi was not served. On Dec. 6, the "fellowships" were distributed like sweets by Sumankshar, president of Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Akademy. Even boys of 16 and those who were not in the list were given. But dedicated people were called and insulted. There were no medals to distribute on Dec. 7. So, they brought the medals and certificates of 1986 and threw them on our face. When a respected lecturer from Orissa, Prof. Mihir Sethi, and myself questioned their behaviour we were asked to shut up. The organisers behaved like a bully. Only Zail Singh spoke well. I found the whole thing a racket dominated by Maruti car Dalits. I want to go to court for this insult and humiliation we suffered at the hands of BDSA. This racket must stop.

**S. Sampath Welcome**, 160-Railway Colony, Madurai, TN-625 010: A shocking news. Vallandu is about 15 kms from Tirunelvely. In a Govt. high school (co-education) there my sister is working as a science assistant for the past 10 years. The school is closed from Dec. 5 following a murder of a Dalit student on Dec. 4 in daylight in the school premises. A scheduled caste boy (Pallar) of 10th std. was murdered by a Backward Caste student (Thevar) and this was followed by a clash between these two communities. The news was not published in any daily. The school is closed and the half-yearly examination also could not be conducted due to the violent riots that followed. This is due to the strained relationship between SC/BCs in Tirunelveli, Tuticorin dt. areas.

**A.K.M. Hassan Uzzaman**, All-India Muslim Convention, 2-Ripon Square, Calcutta - 700 016: A historic Eastern Zonal Muslim Convention was held at the Muslim Institute Hall, Calcutta, on Dec. 14.

About 700 delegates came from eastern India – West Bengal, Assam, Bihar and Orissa. For the first time after independence such a galaxy of eminent Muslim personalities from all over the country assembled together. Abdul Muhibb Mazumdar, Ex-Minister of Assam, presided. A.K.A. Abdus Samad, President, IUML, Tamil Nadu, inaugurated it. Ebrahim Sulaiman Sait, MP and President, Indian Union Muslim League, was the chief guest. Syed Shahabuddin, MP, Et. Mohd. Basheer, Education Minister of Kerala. E. Ahmed, MP, Kerala released a book in Bengali.

**Mir Sulaiman Khan**, 31, Karamat Ali Road, Calcutta: Your editorial, "Muslims can stop Nazi bid to divide India" (DV Jan. 1, 92), made interesting reading. Though well-intentioned, the article is capable of being misconstrued by many Muslims because of your stand that ethnic identity is of greater importance than religious identity. In fact, this almost sounds like the die-hard nationalist who demands that we must be Indians first and last. Islam stands for an identity based solely on religious factors and seeks to transcend all narrow ethnic barriers. This being the case, your argument that Muslims ought to stress their ethnic identity over and above their religious identity may be construed as un-Islamic (or even anti-Islamic) by some. However, those who are closely familiar with your writings would know that your article has been written in good spirit and with well-meaning intentions. Please, however, exercise caution when dealing with theological issues henceforth.

*Our editorials on Shah Bano, Babari Masjid, Ameena etc. have proved beyond doubt that we will never compromise with Muslim identity. Muslims themselves have admitted this. So there is no chance of anybody doubting our sincerity – EDITOR.*

**R.G. Rangari**, Executive Engineer, MSEB, Vasai Road, Tane, MS: The DV report about its financial crisis is very shocking. *Dalit Voice* has given a new vision and new interpretation to Ambedkarism. The intellectual battle of over 85% of India's oppressed humanity is being fought by DV since the past ten years in India and abroad. Because of this interpreted Ambedkarism, we could run our trade union in the Maharashtra State Electricity Board with the strength of 10,000 employees from all cadres (technical, GAD and accounts) from SC/ST/BC and minorities. In our Electricity Board, no other trade union run by the 15% Hindus, i.e. BMS, CPI, can dare oppose our human rights i.e. reservation including the Mandal Commission. This could be achieved only because of the inspiration given by the DV, ideology of Ambedkarism and the sacrifices of our cadres. Our hope is that whatever we have achieved in the Electricity Board can be achieved in other fields also. DV has shown us the dream that "the 21st century will be the Ambedkar Era". Therefore, for getting the continuous inspiration for survival of our trade union, DV must survive. We are running a monthly paper of

our union and important articles from DV are translated into Marathi. We are trying DV life membership.

**Mrs. Surinder Kaur**, Calcutta: Fazlul Haq's book, *Gandhi – Saint or Sinner?* is simply shocking. One wonders whether this Gujarati Bania was Mahatma or *Mataam* Gandhi. *Maatam* is an Urdu word for women weeping over the dead bodies of their near and dear ones. Gandhi saw to it that every house in India has *Maatam*. So he should better be known as *Maatam* Gandhi.

**A. Gopal**, gen. secretary, BEML SC/ST Emp. Assn., PB No. 4, KGF-563 115: We bring to your notice the following case of anti-Dalit behaviour of a notorious Brahmin officer who insulted our president, Dorai Subbarayan, a highly respected Dalit leader of KGF. He met N.P. Manjunatha, Director (Personnel) at the BEML Office, Bangalore, on Sept. 8. Our President enquired with him about the arrangements for the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Centenary Year. He shouted at our president without any provocation, saying "Get out from my chamber, you are not entitled to get into my chamber. I do not like to discuss with you people. Due to your presence my chamber got polluted." The words he used were heard by five others. Such derogatory utterances are punishable under the Civil Rights Protection Act which make it a non-bailable criminal offence.

**R. Elumalai**, Madras: The All-India Dalit Action Committee inaugurated by Ram Vilas Paswan, MP, in Bangalore last month will hold its two-day convention in Bombay on Feb. 8 & 9. As the representative of *Dalit Voice*, convener of the Dalit Cultural Front, Madras, and general secretary of the PMK Party, I will be attending the convention with our members. Prof. Arun Kamble, Dalit leader, 10-B/20 Jan Kalyan Nagar, Kharodi, Marve Road, Malad (W), Bombay-95 is in charge of the convention.

**N. Ramu**, gen. sec. Karnataka Dr. Ambedkar Prachar Samiti, Chikkondhalli, Hoskote tk, Bangalore - 22: We have lodged a strong protest against telecasting the wonderful feature film, *Balak Ambedkar* (Hindi) reviewed in DV, on Dec. 6 1991 as a latenight movie without advance and adequate publicity thus depriving crores of Dalits all over the country to see the film. Dalits all over India must protest against the Doordarshan for this stepmotherly treatment meted out to the lone film on Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. We must demand that this film should be telecast between 1.30 PM and 5.30 PM on any Saturday or Sunday with adequate and advance publicity.

**H. Shreyaskar**, Gulbarga: Followers of B. Shyam Sunder Saheb at Bidar celebrated his 83rd birth anniversary there and decided to instal a statue of the late Bhim Sena leader at Bidar. Shivaram Mogha, president of RPI(K), and H. Shreyaskar, Director, Karnataka Land Army Corporation, attended the meeting held on Dec. 30. Quisar Rehman, Muncipal

Councillor, spoke on the greatness of B. Shyam Sunder.

**Faiyaz Alam**, Bhikanpur, Bhagapur, Bihar - 812 002: With referene to Ameena's case, ably put by you (DV Dec.1 '91) and your mention of the US culture, I would like to refer to the decision of Justice Ognall in a rape case at Manchester Crown Court. The judge held that the rape by 16 year-old boys on a girl (15) was "a prank which had not caused her lasting psychiatric harm". Three boys had sexually assaulted her. One raped her as the others held her down. They then left but returned shortly afterwards "for seconds" and indecency occurred again, the report said. The judge told the boiys: "It is not necessary to lock you up in this unusual case" and acquitted them".

**G. Maheswaran**, Dr. Ambedkar Study Circle, Annamalai Nagar, TN - 608 002: I am a Kannadiga (Lingayat) and follower of Dr. Ambedkar and reader of DV. My forefathers had settled down here. I like the Tamils. Both Tamils and Kannadigas are Dravidians. Both fight brahminism, our main enemy, as both are victims of alien Aryans. But the Aryans don't like the Tamil-Kannada unity. They wanted to break this growing Dravidian unity. So, they created this (Thiruvalluvar and Cauvery problem) to divide us. Now, blood brothers are fighting their own blood brothers and *papans* are enjoying the fun. But I want to fight brahminism. That is why I want Dravidian unity.

**Saran Singh**, IAS (retd.), ex-Adviser to Governor of Assam, Calcutta: What makes the *Dalit Voice* so sure that Sikh militants killed Mazhabi Dalit Sikhs in Punjab (DV Oct.1 1991 p.11)? There is every possibility that the victims were gunned down by the police who operate freely in Punjab masquerading as militants – a fact publicly acknowledged by none other than Ribeiro, the then DGP. In Feb. 1988, Chaman Lal, IG CRP, had the shown moral courage to quit rather than carry out the former's directive to "let loose terror" in the countryside. The scenario has scarcely changed since. The intent behind such periodical reports (always traceable to police sources) is obvious: to create a revulsion against Sikhs in general and militants in particular and undermine their struggle for autonomous status.

**S.K. Gautam**, Rudrapur, Nainital, UP: On the Dhamma Deeksha Day, a two-day State-level conference of Dalit writers was organised by the Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Academy, UP, on Oct. 13-14 at Rudrapur. About 200 delegates came from UP, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, MP etc. Dr. Sohan Pal Sumanakshar, president, BDSA, Delhi, inaugurated the conference. Premchand Arya, president. BDSA, UP, Lucknow, presided. Er. S.D. Singh of the Dr. Ambedkar Samajotthan Samithi welcomed. Prem Pathik conducted the deliberation. Naval Vijoyi said the BDSA would write the real history of Dalits in ten volumes. Premchand Arya said the UP Govt. would

publish the Hindi version of *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar: Writings and Speeches*.

**Miss Sharada**, RBI Staff Qrts. Madras: A 12-year-old Dalit girl of Marachakunta, Prakasam dt (AP), is to be made *Mata*, reports *Indian Express*, Nov. 20. In other words, forcing her to prostitution to satisfy the lust of upper castes. These Hindu landlords butcher the "low caste" male species, throw them into flooded dams but find no caste barrier in the flesh of "low caste" female species!

**C.V. Purushothaman**, Advocate 32/187, Narikuthi, Palakkad-678 001: I was born in a Congress family. Now 47. Unfortunately, I could read your publications only in Jan. 1991. Until then I was ignorant of this literature. I fully agree with your thinking.

**M.D. Johnson**, Narendrapuram, AP: We are working hard to make DV a household name in our area. I belong to the Seventh Day Adventist church having branches all over India. Most of them are SC converts but have forgotten that fact. To use your words they are "slaves enjoying their savery". Some unknown person introduced me to you and since then we have been hooked to you. If other members of our church also get DV, they will also be hooked to DV like us and would work for us with the zeal of new converts. You have often emphasised the importance of the English language for the Dalits. It would be a good idea if you print boldly in each issue of DV: "Every Dalit must learn English for our liberation."

**Dr. S. Madhava Rao**, Forum for Dalit Literature, Cancer Hospital Radium Inst., Red Hills, Hyderabad-4: Our Dec. 16 function of *Jai Bheem* release by Vasant Moon was a big success from Hyderabad standards. Your speech was received well by the audience which comprised intellectuals. The function was covered by TV. As usual, not much coverage was given by the print media.

**P.K. Rajan**, Dy. Accountant-General, Madras: I am hopeful of DV's invaluable service in the years ahead. But am less enthusiastic about the response of the BCs who are still enjoying the slavery under the BSO. So, DV should devote more time and energy to educate the BCs who are less aware of the infinite potential in them if only they determine to be organised. DV should not hesitate going to the extent of changing its name, *Dalit Voice*, if it hurts the pride of BCs. It will be a great loss and tactical blunder for posterity if DV is allowed to die. I am unable to understand your rigid stand that there can be no compromise on principles in running DV as a journal. No magazine could sustain itself without advertisement. Raising per copy price or enhancing circulation is not the answer. DV has to throw open a few of its pages for advertisement; at least cover pages.

*Who said that "no compromise in principles" means not accepting advertisements? What we meant by no*

*compromise was that we will not compromise in our editorial policy. We will certainly accept ads. But who will give us ads? Ads are controlled by Hindus. Ads may not be in our hands but increasing DV readership is certainly within us. In a city like Madras with thousands of "educated" SC/STs, we are sorry to say DV is not sold in news-stands. Will somebody come forward to take up the DV agency in Madras - EDITOR.*

**A.K. Sasikumar**, Ambattumol, Methala, via Kuruppampady, Ernakulam dt., Kerala: I belong to the SC, age 23, and MA having no job. For the past six years, I was a supporter of the Marxist Party (CPM). But I got disillusioned. I was wondering why marxism was not growing in India. Recently, I read few of your books and also DV. I want to read more of your books but I have no money. To get enlightened, I need books. To buy books I need money. But I am a poor and unemployed Dalit. All this is frustrating my dreams.

**Mrs. T.R. Azad**, Jammu: I was pained to read about "DV on death-bed". We will never allow the closure of DV at any cost. We will speed up our work to awaken the Dalits and increase DV circulation. DV is not only your property. It belongs to the entire 85% population of India. I will shortly send my contribution.

**Mrs. P.S. Ambedkar**, Mata Rajpati Home Library, Bahorwa, Parari Bazar, Deoria, UP - 274 701: I need a clarification for the *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches*, Vol. 10, p.412: "Absence of representation in the public services". Under the table, "Communal composition of the ICS" (1942) is total 1,056 ICS, through competition and nomination. There is also only one Scheduled Caste ICS, not through competition but nomination. We want to know the name of that respected gentleman. The day of Babasaheb's birth April 14, 1891 was Monday. Is it correct?

**Laddoo Babu**, Salibasa, PO Birpur, Saharsa, Bihar: I have gone through your article on "Anti-Brahminism" in the Patna *Hindustan Times*. Congratulations for recasting this old viable topic. Please get its translation in Hindi.

**Phool Singh Bodhi**, Bombay: I am sending my life subscription (Rs.1,000). Carry on the caravan of liberating the oppressed Indians. I know you are facing so many difficulties but only persons like you will be remembered for ever.

**M.L. Rao**, Agra: Achal Singh, s/o. Late Ram Prasad Naunar, married his daughter, Indra, with Kishan Singh, son of Shivcharan, Agra, on Nov. 27 under Buddhist rites. Achal Singh had done a lot for DV Hindi and was its representative here.

## China disappoints persecuted peoples of the world

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** *Dalit Voice* has been a great admirer and supporter of China. The Editor of *Dalit Voice* had twice visited China, first as leader of a goodwill delegation as the president of the India-China Friendship Association, Karnataka, and later as representative of the Indian Untouchables. On both the occasions, he had opportunities to meet and discuss with top authorities not only in Beijing but all over the country. On both the occasions the Chinese leaders had expressed deep concern over the persecution of Dalits and even promised support. But nothing came — not even lip sympathy. And ten years are over. When the Americans instigated and engineered a student riot at Tianamen Square in Beijing, we vehemently stood by Beijing and denounced the Americans. "Communism suffers a setback in China", DV. June 16, 1989 and "China Turns Racist", Feb. 1 1989-p.14). We had even supported China's stand on the India-China border question and denounced the Dalai Lama.

**Support to US Gulf War:** But Beijing in turn showed no concern either on Dalit or Muslim persecution in India.

Not only that. During the 1990 Gulf War, China supported the American aggression on Iraq. This gave us our second shock.

China had promised a lot to the African continent. It had assured so many things to Arab countries. But all these remained as mere promises.

So, we never took note of the latest visit of the

Chinese Prime Minister to Delhi. Because China has disappointed us. And, indeed, we never expected this.

**Yellow closer to white skin:** We are now gradually realising that the yellow-skinned mangloid races, if permitted would prefer to go with whites rather than with Blacks or Browns.

US Secretary of State Baker's visit to China on Nov. 15 revealed that China is also getting closer to US and zionists. China will soon have diplomatic exchanges with Israel.

Soviet Russia in its love for racism killed itself, leaving the field free to the US as the sole super power of the world. Even the little chances of China, a mighty Third World power, standing by the Third World countries has disappeared.

Baker's visit has revealed the naked face of China. We are thankful to the *Crescent International* (Dec. 16 91) for this exposure:

The truth is that Peking cooperates in the field of military technology more with Israel than with any Muslim nation, makes huge sums of money out of selling Muslims weapons that are no match to those supplied to Israel by the US free of charge and ruthlessly suppresses Muslims and Islam in China itself.

In Peking, after the Madrid conference and before Baker's visit, the Israeli defence Minister, Moshe Arens, had received red-carpet treatment from Chinese leaders." ■

## DV proves right on Saddam Hussein

**New York:** A year after the United Nations—authorised war against Iraq, an American newspaper on Jan. 6 disclosed how an "almost certainly false" account of human rights abuse by President Saddam Hussein was allowed to influence the United States Congress's decision to back American military involvement.

In an article published by *The New York Times*, an American author described how U.S. Congressmen accepted without questioning "the most sensational" claim about Iraqi soldiers removing hundreds of Kuwaiti babies from incubators and leaving them to die on hospital floors.

Amnesty International, the famed monitor of human rights abuses around the world, validated the charges, albeit it retracted its "ill-considered" support of the talé afterwards, according to John McCarthur. But

before the war, the incubator story seriously distorted the American debate about whether to support military action, said McCarthur, publisher of *Harpers Magazine* and author of the forthcoming "Second Front Censorship and Propaganda in the Gulf war". (*Hindu* Jan. 7).

On Aug. 16 '91 (p.3), we published a *Time Magazine* (Aug. 5) which also proved our reports and editorials on -Saddam Hussein — EDITOR. ■

## KUKILAND DEMAND

**New Delhi :** Even as the authorities grapple with the demand for Bodoland and for an autonomous State comprising the hill districts in Assam, the Kuki National Front (KNF) has raised the slogan of Kukiland comprising parts of Manipur. ■

## By criticising DK & Veeramani DV has harmed Dravidians

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Periyarism is not just anti-brahminism: "Aryan fate will be decided on Tamil Soil: Dravidians facing do or die battle", *Dalit Voice* edit Oct. 1 1991) . It is a capsule of great many valued principles, easy to adopt and understand.

Periyarism is the final answer for our self-respect, human dignity, equal rights and social justice. Periyarism accelerates transformation and reform. The transgression of human dignity can be halted only by periyarism. The ideals of Periyar do not differentiate anyone by birth, caste, creed or religion.

*Periyarism is the only antidote for brahminism and the hated ayanism.*

Right from the days of the Buddha, the fight to control and contain the Aryan element from dominating the Dravidians and their great culture has been continuing relentlessly. The irony is everytime the Dravidian principles emerge to blossom, spreads its fragrance, there is then the same chimera, the enemy from within, spring up to upstage the reversal.

The right-hand chopping off the left-hand is enacted yet again. Will I be wrong, if I describe your article as one such thing?

Periyar as a social scientist fought for social justice. As a political moralist, he prevented his followers from taking up position of power in politics. He lighted the path by denying the god. He called its inventors idiots; its propagators, scoundrels; its worshippers, savages. Strong, but nevertheless, apt words.

**Brahminism, the common enemy:** He was an outstanding economist when he told the middle class, the poor and the toiling masses not to waste the fruits of their very hard labour in meaningless rites and rituals.

The parasitic brahminism looked aghast.

Periyar put all these existential philosophies so succinctly, completely and compactly. To remove even a speck is to accept defeat before brahminism.

There is a saying: to an uninitiated idiot, a camel is a camel. This analogy can best be ascribed to your describing some persons as 'true periyarists'.

Periyar and Babasaheb were contemporaries. They had met, discussed, debated but differed in their own individual ways to combat brahminism and ayanism. But combating brahminism they did.

**Bearing the torch and beating the cymbals, Periyar alone tried to drive the scourge of brahminism away.**

### PERIYAR WEEPING IN HIS GRAVE

E.V. CHINNAIAH, PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN PARTY OF INDIA, AP, HYDERABAD

With the newly worked out compromises of the Dravida Kazhagam with the Bangalore *papatti*, the historic Dravidian movement in TN may soon face its extinction. She branded the hardcore DK supporters as LTTE men and got them arrested. She invited the DK leaders for talks on reforms. The first reform she took up was renovation of all Brahmin temples in TN and appointment of paid *archakas*. DK men are happy because she has introduced reservation for BCs/SCs. Later, she came out with a new scheme of establishing a vedic institute and got quite a few crores of rupees allotted for this project. DK men are again happy for she promised reservation for BCs/SCs.

But the reservation of BCs and SCs in these two projects, renovation of temples and vedic institute is nothing but revival of brahminism in Tamil Nadu. And revival of brahminism means fortifying the hated varna system and strict adherence to untouchability. For this the DK is happy because even in this she has provided reservation for SC/BC.

The latest from TN is that the Brahmins are contemplating to join ADMK in large numbers. Why not? It is their party now.

To Periyar, entering jails to abolish castes was like resting in a garden of flowers where the songs of cuckoo reverberate. The Constitution of India was a mere scrap for him as it did not extend and enunciate social justice and absolute equality.

**Periyar corrected the constitution:** The very first 'correction' to it was Periyar's singular achievement. Periyar dubbed the "freedom" of India as a change from "British Raj" to "Brahmin Raj". Dr. Ambedkar, as Law Minister under a Brahmin Prime Minister accepted brahminical hegemony. Dr. Ambedkar retired a disappointed man. This is past history. Irrevocable.

This comparison is only to comprehend the contours of history that wound around the lives of these two great personalities, whom we both are proud of.

**Yet, you have shown a desire for the death of periyarism and a special affinity towards brahminism. Please remember, if periyarism dies, the whole humanity will perish and will be consigned as a gift to brahminism.**

The allegation that Periyar did

nothing for the Dalits is borne out of some paranormal belief and illusion steeped in self-deception. Periyar wanted to break the caste shackles of all deprived people, Dalits per se.

**Veeramani was right :** The late Annadurai, after becoming the Chief Minister, rushed to Periyar to symbolically lay on his laps the first ever Dravidian Govt. Similarly, the present govt. of TN might have thought it fit to show its gratitude to Periyar, in its own way, and hence held an official function to honour Periyar on his 113th birth anniversary and the prodigal follower of Periyar and the present chief of the Dravidar Kazhagam was a guest. The donation that followed the tributes to Periyar was an official stamp of recognition to his self-respect movement. What is wrong in it? But your Veerapandian of Tanjore wants you to write to the DK chief Veeramani to stop 'flirting with the Bangalore *papatti*. (*Dalit Voice*: Nov. 16 1991).

If an admirable act of the present DK chief and his mere presence along with the *papatti* in a purely govt. function in honour of our leader Periyar is termed as 'flirting with the Bangalore *papatti*, I am afraid, what would Veerapandian of Tanjore and his likes who write in DV say or comment about the 'wedding' of Dr. Ambedkar with a Brahmin woman?

**Dalits & temple entry:** I think, I can now enter the *sanctum-sanctorum* business. Brahminism is out of

govt. offices – thanks to social justice. Brahminism is away from 'political arena' by the very presence of Dravidian movement. Brahminism has been brushed aside by the 'self-respect' movement. Yet, sadly brahminism is still desperately clinging to the dark walls of the so-called *sanctum-sanctorum* of "Hindu" temples. *Only when that impregnable fort of brahminism is shattered, brahminism can said to be removed completely. Only then the society can said to be cleansed of brahminism thoroughly.*

To remove the last and the lasting traces of brahminism completely and comprehensively, the *sanctum-sanctorum* must be open to all, irrespective of castes, Dalits included. *It is only to remove the last vestige of brahminism from its last refuge, the DK supported the govt. move to appoint priest from among the Dalits.* When that happens, the sanctity of temples and the fear and feelings of god will die a natural death. This can be discerned only by the "Erode microscope".

The DK chief Veeramani's noble nature and stoic stature are as large as our great leader Periyar's and twice as natural. You may not praise. That is understood. But to deride Dravidar Kazhagam and to scorn its dynamic chief is like giving 'tonic' to brahminism and 'swimming' in the gutter. Dear Sir, posterity will blame you. ■

## DK only against Brahmins not brahminism

G. GOPAL, MADRAS

In DV Nov. 16 91 issue, K. Karuppaiah of Tiruchi has criticised the running of educational institutions by the Dravida Kazhagam. This statement comes from a biased mind.

DK only bothers about who is a Brahmin and who is not. Other divisions among non-Brahmins are not of much importance as they all belong to one community – namely non-Brahmins as a whole.

The DK concentrates only on attacking Brahmins. Those who do not understand this fundamentals of periyarism are beating about the bush and are doing a great disservice to our socially degraded brethren.

With ref. to the criticism of P.C. Kandavelu, Madras, I am very sorry to note that he is calling himself "an Untouchable". This status is not of his own volition, but definitely it has been imposed upon him. He has further stated that he had been "frequently visiting Periyar Thidal, reading literature, participating in all DK activities". If this is true, then he must not have any doubts.

Kandavelu should know the difference between Dravida Kazhagam and Dravidar Kazhagam. Dravidar

Kazhagam means those belonging to Dravidar (people). Dravida Kazhagam means that which belongs to Dravidian land.

Dravidar Kazhagam speaks about Dravidar. There is no Brahmin member in the DK. Their entry is banned. If so, there is no sense in levelling the charge that DK is leaning towards Brahmins. ■

## Dravidian surrender in TN

DR. M.S.K. SUNDER RAJAN, 16-SOUNDER  
RAJAN ST., MADRAS - 25

Tamilians (Dravidians) are not bothered about Tamilians. But a non-Tamil man like you is so much concerned about our problem. This is in stark contrast with the total surrender of our Tamil political leadership and the periyarists to the *papatti* rule. Not one "non-Brahmin" paper in TN is protesting against the *papatti* "State terrorism" about which you have written so much (DV Dec. 16 91 p.8). I think the Tamilian backbone has been broken and there is no hope. Even the only hope, Dr. Ramadoss, your friend, is silent. I shudder at the future of Tamil Nadu.

We have been receiving many letters on these lines from TN. If what Brother Sunder Rajan says is true that means it is the end of Dravidian rule in India itself. If the Tamils, India's purest Dravidians and the deadliest enemies of the brahminical social order, also surrender to the BSO, that means it is the end of the Dravidian Era and the beginning of the Aryan nazi rule over India—  
EDITOR. ■

# PMK & DMK must jointly fight Aryan State terrorism in TN

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This has reference to the two articles, "Brahmin - baiting, Periyarism and fall of Dravidian movement" and "DK chief's support to Brahmins shocks TN Dravidians", published as part of the debate in DV (Nov. 16, 1991).

The first article, with the support of DV editorial of Oct 1, tries to establish that Untouchables are not given any worthy post in Dravidar Kazhagam. The truth is *Pallar Katchi* and *Parayar Katchi* in those days meant a party of Untouchables. This is true even to this day. Unlike in other political parties there is no separate wing for Untouchables in DK. *Giving a separate identity to Untouchables within the organisation is against the philosophy of Periyar EVR.* It was M.K. Gandhi who separated and segregated the Untouchables causing their further enslavement. But Periyar promoted free mingling of our people with other non-Brahmins.

**Veeramani reply:** In DK, we cannot make out the caste of its cadres. This is its greatness. Uniformity among Untouchables is easier. Uniformity in the functioning and treatment among the graded non-Brahmins is not so easy. DK has marched over a lot in this direction.

Replying to a reader in his *Viduthalai* daily, DK chief Veeramani said there was no discrimination against Dalits in his organisation. All are Dravidians. Due representation is being given to Dalits. I stand guarantee to the truth of this statement.

Your article says no Dalit is interested in the periyarist movement because Dalits find no wave-length with the Dravidian movement. DK is a down-to-earth practical movement based on a well-studied ideology and not a mere political party. The wave-length of political parties may vary but there is no need for the DK to change its colours because it seeks no votes.

**Periyar & Babasaheb:** It was the DK and Periyar who focussed the attention of the oppressed people on Babasaheb Ambedkar in Tamil Nadu when he was alive. The leadership of the Untouchables in those days went after M.K. Gandhi without caring for Ambedkarism. DK considers the roles of Periyar and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as two sides of the same coin today and holds Babasaheb in great reverence. *The basic ideology and the ultimate goal of both Babasaheb and Periyar is one and the same - humanism.*

**PMK limitations:** Your article speaks about the role of PMK in TN. PMK has got certain limitations. It is a political party. Its main priority is to capture power. No doubt, to some extent it can mobilise the Vanniars and a particular section of Untouchables on the political front. *But the personal and social behaviours of its cadres are anti-Dalit and in support of brahminical social order.*

*Without any work on the social front, mere political work of PMK will not take it anywhere. Already Dalits*

*in PMK are getting disillusioned with the party.*

**Justice Party was brahminical:** Justice party leaders fought for due representation of non-Brahmins in govt. They never fought against brahminism but only Brahmins in their personal and social life. The Justice Party leaders were brahminical. Only a simultaneous fight against brahminism both on social and political fronts will only take us to the desired destination. *Mere political power will not take us anywhere. This is proved by the collapse of DMK.*

*Our past experience about the Justice Party and our present experience about DMK should make the PMK leadership to seriously think and plan its future tactics and strategies. I support the statement of the author of the article on the need for principled cadre-formation in PMK. Dr. Ramadoss must know that without liberating the oppressed Vanniars, Dalits and others, he cannot gain anything by winning political power.*

The role of DK and PMK are not opposed to each other. They are supplemental to each other. DK is non-political but it has political interest. Its political interest is of objective nature but not a subjective one. Because of the objective political nature of DK, it can easily and effectively express its opinion on any issue affecting the oppressed Dravidians.

Support of DK to some actions of the Bangalore *papatti* is dubbed as support to Brahmins now-a-days. This is the burden of the article, "DK chief's support to Brahmins shocks TN Dravidians".

**Dalit temple priests:** A proper study of Periyar thoughts will make us understand the stand of Veeramani on representation to Untouchables in the temple priest course because that will pave the way for their appointment as priest in govt.-managed temples. *Periyar supported the rights of all sections for equal representation and this made him support Dalit appointments as temple priests.*

DK, however, is an atheistic organisation. It believes in no god. Supporting reservation for SCs in the temple priest course should not be confused as its deviation from the no-god ideology.

**Brahmins angry with papatti:** Brahmins of TN have been claiming the Bangalore *papatti* as their *jati* representative. They even want to the extent of saying they have succeeded in re-establishing in TN the rule of Aryans. After her announcement of reservation for SCs in vedic institute, the Brahmins of TN are revising their opinion on her. When Brahmins are opposing the Bangalore *papatti* is it not Veeramani's duty to support her? The law of contradictions says oppose what the enemy supports and support what our enemy opposes. The DK chief has supported the Bangalore *papatti* because our enemy is opposing her. So the DK chief is rightly marching on the right path laid down by Periyar.

## "Washington Post" exposes India's fake "Harijan welfare"

DR. LAXMI N. BERWA, CLINTON, MARYLAND, USA

The *Washington Post* (Nov. 30 1991) has published a front-page article on atrocities on our Dalit brothers and sisters in India.

Since the *Washington Post* is a premier newspaper in America, lot of my American friends and patients expressed great shock. It was an eye-opener for urbanite Indians in America.

Until and unless the Dalit community retaliates against such ghastly crimes, the usurpers will continue to take advantage and continue to oppress our people.

Do not expect M.K. Gandhi-lovers or Hindutva-lovers coming to rescue us.

They are searching ways to keep our people as slaves. Will our educated class help these millions of poor, uneducated sisters and brothers? Let them get out of the warmth of the city comforts and go to villages, give evidence and counselling to our Dalit brothers.

**Hellish path:** The *Washington Post* reporter, Steve Coll, ought to be congratulated for his story, "Revolt by Untouchables augurs change in India". His penetrating exposure of Hindu caste system and the Indian social structure was an eye-opener. It was a story of human rights interest of the downtrodden who have been suffering like Parmar for centuries.

The murder of Ramesh Parmar is not an isolated incident at the hands of a Hindu. There are thousands of Untouchables who are gutted down this hellish path to death. The report by the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Tribes has plenty of documentation of incidents like these. This is only the tip of the iceberg.

**Press controlled by Hindus:** Innumerable accounts like these go unreported because the press is

controlled by the Hindus.

*What happens in India is no less cruel or appalling than the apartheid in South Africa.* Over the years, I have seen all these Hindu politicians shed their crocodile tears for a day or two, go to these afflicted villages and then they return to New Delhi with business as usual.

The new market policy of the Indian govt. is good for the Hindus. Unless the govt. dedicates itself to a strong and firm affirmative action programme, the private sector is certain to pull down its shutters to Untouchables.

Whatever progress the Untouchables have made have been in the public sectors. The Indian govt. has some of the best laws on the books, but their enforcement and implementation is the biggest problem. Since the police and judiciary are controlled by the Hindus, the Untouchables cannot get a fair hearing. No new laws are needed. What is needed, is the strong will of the govt. at all levels to implement the existing programmes and policies.

**Gandhi's false promise:** Steve Coll says: Today, 40 years after independence leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi promised to build a casteless society through socialism, only about 5 percent of India's Untouchables can boast of a secondary education. Many of these have jobs as govt. clerks and typists through affirmative-action programs, and a few have risen to high-status positions in the vast, *upper-caste-dominated Indian bureaucracy.*

But most Untouchables seeking a better life have had to sweat it on their own, migrating from villages to city slums in search of factory jobs in India's belching, state-owned industries.

## London remembers Babasaheb

C. GAUTAM, LONDON

On behalf of the Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Organisations, UK, Roy Hattersley, MP, on Dec. 6 unveiled the commemorative plaque, which reads: "Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar 1891 - 1956, Indian Crusader for Social Justice, lived here 1921-1922", 10 years ago at No. 10 King Henry's Road, Hampstead, London.

Ms Glenda Jackson, world-famous actress and now the prospective Labour candidate for the Hampstead constituency, said she was delighted to be associated with the great man. She said that she used to live in King Henry's Road but was not aware that Dr. Ambedkar had resided there during his study in London.

The Acting High Commissioner for India, Krishna V. Rajan, spoke. Gautam spoke about the painstaking task of getting the plaque installed. The President of the Federation, Chanan Chahal, opened the meeting and introduced Paul Green, Chief Superintendent, Metropolitan Police. Talwar, an Indian poet from Gloucester, recited a poem which he had composed in homage to Babasaheb. Secularism was something that Babasaheb brought to India from the West, he said. Among the distinguished guests are: Ben Whittaker, former minister in Harold Wilson's Cabinet and now a director of the Gulbenkian Trust. Meanwhile, we are approaching Indian business community in UK with a scheme that would provide scholarships for selected individual students from India to study in this country, for a one-year post-doctoral fellowship.

## Hindu converts to Sikhism hanging on to caste

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We read with great interest the article, "Sikh heart with Dalits and DV", by Gurbhajan Singh Gill of Sikh Vichar Manch. (DV Nov. 15 1991 p.16). The article describes the exact situation. According to Sikh teachings and also those who live according to these teachings, there is no room for discrimination on the basis of caste.

In fact, after the *Amrit* ceremony all Sikhs become the children of the Khalsa Guru Gobind Singh and they are not supposed to use their caste name except Singh and Kaur behind their first names.

Many of the Sikhs claim to accept the Guru's teachings but are not *Amritdhari*. Specially those who got converted to Sikhism from Hinduism do not let go their old Hindu baggage. They are in fact Hindus in half Sikh uniform. They go for all the fake rituals and superstitions that the Hindus used to exploit the masses to this day.

**Dilemma:** Some Sikhs here were discussing supporting *Dalit Voice*, but they are in a Catch 22 situation. They do want to help DV but at the same time they do not want to help India's Hindu rulers who are hungry for foreign exchange dollars.

Besides, there is also a great obligation on the part of Sikhs to support those whose loved ones have been brutally tortured and killed in Punjab and do not have any other support.

*Looking at the numerous deaths of Sikhs by torture*

*and fake police encounters, a total genocide of the Sikh community is taking place. We have to resist this genocide at all costs according to the Guru's teachings which said that one must keep his honour and self-respect at all costs and at all times. Life without self-respect is a curse and greed can never be satisfied. A victim that tolerates oppression is equally guilty of oppression as the one who commits oppression.*

**Hindu oath on cow:** It is sad that the elders of Ramesh Parmar of Chitrobipura, Bihar (Ref. front page report in the *Washington Post* and *Ottawa Citizen* Dec. 3 1991) are not the kind of people that will help root out the evil of torture in India.

There is a saying "once burnt twice shy". And the Sikhs have been burnt many times now right from Guru Gobind Singh's time when Hindus took false oaths on cow and betrayed them.

Even now many of the Dalits do associate themselves with Hindus. This does not bother us, but when they join the Hindu machine of torture and oppression against their own kind, we have to be careful. *Buta Singh, the last Home Minister, is just one example, and so is Zail Singh, the ex-President.* They are worse than the Hindus in betraying the community. They pretend themselves belonging to. If we are to be equal, we have to discard our Hindu baggage altogether, because that is where the Manu's code originated. ■

### DV proves right in exposing Nazi naxalites

SHYAM SUNDER, VIJAYAWADA

With ref. to DV editorial, "DV serves 3-month notice to nazi naxalite natak companies" (Nov. 1 91), I have to state the following:

The Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Mysoora Reddy said (*Eenadu*, Vijayawada, Dec. 21 91) that the total number of those killed by the naxals in the year 1991 was 145. And out of that 19 SCs, 24 STs and 64 BCs.

They were killed in the name of surrenders, police informers and counter-revolutionaries.

If we take into account the number of police killed by the naxals, we find many more SC/ST/BCs among the policemen.

The upper-caste led APCLC has so far not given the caste-wise details of the Naxals killed by the AP

police in fake encounters. If it publishes the caste of the naxals, definitely we will find many SC/ST/BCs among dead naxals.

The police top brass are sending mostly Dalit cops to face naxals and the naxal leadership is also offering their dedicated SC/ST/BC youth to the police.

These upper caste police officials and the naxal leadership enjoy the game of brothers fighting brothers. This is the greatness of brahminism.

Is there an end to this game of massacre? ■

### Nazis divide Ladakhis

**New Delhi:** The Central Government, which appears keen on providing a popular governing mechanism in Ladakh, has been hampered in its efforts by the continuing divisions between the Buddhist and Muslim communities in the region which forms part of Kashmir. A social boycott of Muslims has been in force in the area for over a year following communal disturbances in the remote region. (*Hindu Jan. 2*). ■

## Will Indian Muslims meet the fate of Muslims of Spain ?

K.S NURUL ZAMAN, DELHI

The debate on the Jamate-Islami has gone on too long. I am a supporter and great admirer of Imam Khomeini of Iran and so naturally find the Jamate-Islami too mild to rouse the Muslim masses to action. You have been warning about the dangers of brahminical forces and in recent issues you have also said about the zionists joining brahminism. So, the Muslims have to now face two enemies. ("Zionist ghosts are coming to the very doorsteps of Muslims in India", DV Jan 1, 92 p. 19).

I am a student of history and philosophy. Yet, I have not found anybody offering such a sound advice to Muslims. *Your Dec. 1 editorial on Ameena is a masterpiece that should make the Jamate-Islami bend its head in shame.*

I am now convinced that unless the Muslims follow your advice and prepare themselves, they will meet the fate of Muslims of Spain who were wiped out by a similar conspiracy. (DV edit May 16, 1995. "How to exterminate Muslims in India — Spanish experiment").

Will the dedicated but innocent leadership of the Jamate-Islami invite you for a frank discussion?

Meanwhile, please stop the 'debate' on Jamate-Islami as the enemies of Muslims are likely to exploit it.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

*We want to assure Brother Zaman that we continue to be friends of the Jamate-Islami which is the country's best cadre-based Muslim socio-cultural organisation. Many of its members are also subscribers and admirers of DV. On Dec. 16, when we were in Hyderabad, the Jamate-Islami office secretary invited us to their office and we had a cordial meeting with the senior leaders of the State unit — including Syed Waheedul Hasan Hashmi, its office secretary (DV, Dec. 16, 91 p.15) and the editor of the Geeturai, Telugu weekly of the Jamat. They all welcomed the DV debate and a frank criticism of their work. Those who stand for justice and truth can never oppose frank criticism which are necessary to eliminate internal contradictions. Without eliminating the internal contradictions, which are more dangerous, we cannot fight and eliminate the external contradictions.*

*Never before the Muslims of India had faced such a serious threat to their very identity, the very existence.*

*Even non-Muslims like us are scenting the dangers. In the name of New World Order, the white racists and zionists have joined hands with India's brahminical (Aryan) forces to crush the Muslims first and then enslave us — Dalits.*

*Formerly, at least, Soviet Russia was there to fight the Big Satan, US. But today under the American sole super power, the process of crushing the Muslims of India has*

*become much easier.*

*India's rulers have simply surrendered to the New World Order. ("Secrets of upper caste admiration for New World Order", DV edit Aug. 1, 91). We have no hope even from China. The Muslim world outside is badly divided and that was how the US was able to invade Iraq then and fool the Palestinians at Madrid and Washington now.*

**TAHIR MOHAMMED BLASPHEMY:** *We are really worried about the future of Muslims in India. The English-educated Muslims have become so desperate, they seem to have simply surrendered and resigned to the fate of eventually getting assimilated to the brahminical social order. Example: Tahir Mohammed, hailed by the Aryans as an "eminent authority on Muslim personal law, saying Rama & Krishna, the two notorious Aryan gods, are prophets of Islam. This is the limit to blasphemy. But we are confident that the Muslim masses would fight and but not surrender.*

*The Hindu Nazi strategy is to corrupt the elite Muslims first and crush the Muslim masses next. They had this plan immediately after partition but they failed. This time they are bent upon castrating the Muslims — come what may.*

*You can take it from us — all political parties having Hindu leadership are behind P.V. Narasimha Rao, Prime Minister, in taking India into the New World Order.*

*When this is the case, the Jamate-Islami should fully understand the seriousness of the problem and support us. If they don't we have no objection. But the Muslim masses who are the genuine revolutionaries, will never follow them. They will fight and fight but never surrender. And that means wholesale bloodbath. The Dalits will be with the Muslim masses - but not the classes.*

## DV & Muslims

J. FARID AHMED, 325/4, TRIPPLICANE, MADRAS - 5

Your editorial on the Muslim leadership (DV Dec. 1 91) is excellent. DV is the only paper to express the right view about the "Ameena case". The Hindu nazi defeat in the Shah Banu case had made them to step up their attack on Muslims and Islamic law. You have rightly mentioned the *saama* treatment of Muslim scholars by the nazis.

The stand of the Jamate-Islami and other Muslim leaders is not helpful to the Muslims. Their stand is favourable to the nazis.

The Muslims are not having any media to voice their human rights except DV which is doing more to Muslims than any Muslim paper.

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On the other, we are growing weaker because the educated and intellectuals among SC/ST/BCs and Muslims are not inculcating the vision to see beyond what is projected by the media. We are not able to understand and interpret our opponents' moves and that is why we are suffering on all fronts.

That is why we are studying the various events, occasions and analysing them from the vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Mahatma Jyotiba Phule.

**to know truth?** This could also be, in other words, called the R&D wing of the society.

er words, we are essentially seekers of truth — which Mahatma Phule started over 100 years in the form of Satya Shodhak Samaj.

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The first such function was organised on the eve of 112th Birth anniversary of Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy. S.S. Gill, Secretary, Mandal Commission, then spoke on the "Relevance of Mandal Commission".

**Principal contradiction:** We are now trying to organise a similar function during the birth anniversary of Mahatma Phule on Feb. 20. *The theme proposed is "All the problems faced by our country are due to brahminism only."*

All the problems of Muslims, Kashmir, Punjab, Assam, Bodo, Jharkhand, Tamil though called differently are the outcome of one single factor and that is brahminism. We plan to invite one spokesperson from each of the problems.

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