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PART 1

From Birth to Parivraja

I - HIS KULA

1. Going back to the sixth century B.C., Northern India did not form a single Sovereign State.
2. The country was divided into many States, some large, some small. Of these some were monarchical and some non-monarchical. 3. The monarchical States were altogether sixteen in number. They were known by the name of Anga, Magadha, Kasi, Kosala, Vriji, Malla, Chedi, Vatsa, Kuru, Panchala, Matsya, Sauresena, Asmaka, Avanti, Gandhra and Kambhoja. 4. The non-monarchical States were those of the Sakyas of Kapilvatsu, the Mallas of Pava and Kushinara, the Lichhavis of Vaisali, the Videhas of Mithila, the Koliyas of Ramagam, the Bulis of Allakapa, the Kalingas of Resaputta, the Mauriyas of Pippalvana and the Bhaggas with their capital on Sumsumara Hill. 5. The monarchical States were known as Janapada and the non-monarchical as Sangh or Gana. 6. Not much is known about the nature of the polity of the Sakyas of Kapilavatsu, whether it was republican or oligarchic. 7. This much, however, is definitely known, that there were many ruling families in the Republic of the Sakyas and that they ruled in turns.
8. The head of the ruling family was known as Raja. 9. At the time of birth of Siddharth Gautama it was the turn of Suddhodana to be the Raja. 10. The Sakya State was situated in the north-east corner of India. It was an independent State. But at a later stage the King of Kosala had succeeded in establishing his paramountcy over it. 11. The result of this paramountcy was that the Sakya State could not exercise certain sovereign powers without the sanction of the King of Kosala. 12. Of the kingdoms then in existence, Kosala was a powerful kingdom. So was the kingdom of Magadha. Pasanedi, King of Kosala and Bimbisara, King of Magadha, were the contemporaries of Siddharth Gautama.

II - HIS ANCESTRY

1. The capital of the Sakyas was the city called Kapilavatsu, perhaps after the name of the great Rationalist Kapila. 2. There lived in Kapilavatsu a Sakya by name Jaya Sena. Sinahu was his son. Sinahu was married to Kaccana. Sinahu had five sons, Suddhodana, Dhotodana, Sakkodana and Amitodana. Besides five sons, Sinahu had two daughters, Amita and Pamita. 3. The Gotra of the family was Aditya. 4. Suddhodana was married to Mahamaya. Her father's name was Anjana and mother's Sulakshana. Anjana was a Koliya and was residing in the village called Devadaha. 5. Suddhodana was a man of great military prowess. When Suddhodana had shown his martial powers he was allowed to take a second wife and he chose Mahaprajapati. She was the elder sister of Mahamaya. 6. Suddhodana was a wealthy person. The lands he held were very extensive and the retinue under him was very large. He employed, it is said, one thousand ploughs to till the land he owned. 7. He lived quite a luxurious life and had many palaces.

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DALIT VOICE

The Voice of the Persecuted Nationalities
Denied Human RightsSupreme Court stealthily introduces
"economic criterion" in the guise of
"creamy layer" theory

We don't know if we should weep or laugh. This is our reaction to the latest Supreme Court judgment on the V.P. Singh govt. order on the Mandal Commission Report.

The oppressed Backward Castes who should have actually opposed the judgment are dancing with joy, happily welcoming it. And those upper castes / Aryans who should have jumped with joy are violently protesting it. This is the position as we write this piece.

The Aryan brahminical social order (BSO) which is an expert in managing the contradictions used the court to hypnotise and mesmerise the oppressed BCs and made them laugh and upper castes to go on rampage so that even the conscious BCs are confused and sink into silence.

This is what must have happened. Otherwise, how can the nine-member largest-ever bench give such an abracadabra judgment which has the knack of confusing and confounding everybody?

Killing Act: What made the BCs to fall flat is the court "upholding" the V.P. Singh govt. order on Mandal and also rejecting upper caste demand for "economic criterion". Simple Dravidian folks think everybody is simple. But the Supreme Court is not so simple.

We don't know what prompted the judges to come out with such a bundle of contradictions. We are really at a loss.

In this piece we don't want to go into the other killing acts of the court such as barring reser-

ervations in promotions to SC/STs, upholding the 50% limit and making reservations a one-time affair for BCs. All these are dangerous features with which we don't agree.

Here we want to examine in detail its most devastating effects on the social fabric of the country, namely the "exclusion of the creamy layer". According to us this is the most damaging part of the judgment administering a body blow to the Backward Caste movement which is part of the Dalit movement.

SC/ST reservation in promotions hit

New Delhi: The supreme court's bar on reservations in promotions applies not only to the BCs but also to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

This is because the Mandal judgment delivered on Nov. 16 has with a "finality", laid down the scope of Article 16(4) - the constitutional provision under which lakhs of SC, STs have over the years received the benefit of reservations in recruitment as well as promotion.

Given the gravity of the situation, the apex court has attached two riders to its ruling on the promotion issue. It shall operate only prospectively, and therefore, promotions already made on the basis of reservations will not be revoked. Secondly, the existing reservations in the Central and state services may continue to operate for another five years.

The court has also clarified that if there was inadequate representation of the SCs, St, BCs at higher levels in the services, it was always open to the govt. to provide for direct recruitment on the basis of reservation. It has pointed out that generally a lot of posts were filled partly by promotion and the rest by direct recruitment. (Times of India, Nov.20)

Victory for Aryans: Our judgment on reading press reports is that the court has temporarily killed the reservations and hence it is a big victory for the Aryans. The nine-member bench was packed with members of the same class.

It is only Justice S. Ratnavel Pandian, a BC Thevar from TN, who delivered the most upright judgment. All others supported the Aryan stand.

The court while defining the "creamy layer" has brought in the 'economic criterion' while rejecting the same earlier. It wants to exclude the "economically advanced members of a particular caste". Is it not bringing the discredited "economic criterion" by the backdoor?

Does it not amount to saying that the "advanced"

"Caste" (*jati*) indicates, under the BSO, the status of a particular group. How can the court say that a person (or a group of persons) in that *jati* is socially, educationally or economically advanced, and "forward"?

Does it not amount to saying that the "advanced"

BCs - the "creamy layer" - do not belong to that *jati*?

Cream theory: In every *jati* it is the "creamy layer" that fights for its *jati*. In social engineering, it is called "cream theory".

This cream has its plus and minus points. Minus point is it has become the "cream" by sucking the essence of the whole *jati* (like the cream in the milk). If you eat a small cup of ice cream, it is like drinking a bottle of milk. That is its plus point. Such a "cream" is existing in every *jati*, including the Brahmins. The very fact that the Brahmins very often complain that they are any number of 'poor' among them proves that a section of the *jati* has become the "cream" at the cost of the rest.

It is this "affluent", "powerful", "advanced cream" that always takes the lead in fighting for the human rights of its *jati*. The poverty-stricken, uneducated, unconscious members of a *jati* may be revolutionary but they will rarely be the leaders of a revolution.

Dog doesn't eat dog: It is true that this "cream" while speaking for its *jati*, working for its *jati* may try to advance itself but it will never cheat its less fortunate members of its *jati*.

Dogs does not eat dog. The Supreme Court if it doesn't know this simple thing, it means it doesn't know the Indian society itself.

This point will become clearer with the example of Brahmins.

In every Brahmin *jati* - whether Maithili, Marathi, Chitpavan, Kashmiri Pandit, Tamil Iyengars or Gujarati Nagar Brahmins - there are both "advanced cream" and the less advanced dry bones.

"Poor" Brahmins: Just because a Brahmin is "poor", he does not cease to be a Brahmin. Even the "poorest" of the Brahmin commands the highest of the respect. Social status doesn't depend upon your bank balance. A Yadava even if he becomes the Chief Secretary continues to be a Yadava - a milkman. Hence the reservation (human rights) are given to a whole class of Yadavas. Then only that *jati* can go up the social ladder.

Whether it is the "rich" or the "poor", the Brahmins as a whole are single and united. As Periyar EV Ramaswamy puts it when it rains in Kashmir, the Kanyakumari Brahmin catches cold.

The ruling upper castes (about 15% of the country's population) have advanced and become rulers only on the basis of this "cream theory".

The Supreme Court judgment wants to exclude this "creamy layer". If this section is removed who is going to fight for the human rights of its *jati*?

The V.P. Singh govt. order pertains to reservations only in employment but not in education. The court judgment, therefore, is restricted to job reservation only.

Secret behind upper caste agitation

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The *Hindu*, India's chief brahminical daily, has written two editorials welcoming the Supreme Court verdict on Mandal. It will never welcome a thing if it is against brahminical interests. Hence the current upper caste agitation against the verdict is fake. It is the BCs, harmed by the verdict, who should have protested against it. But, alas, in India everything is topsy-turvy. We suspect that the crooks among upper castes have engineered a fake agitation so that the affected BCs are confused and desist from violent actions. This is the secret.

Mischief of "cream theory": Only those who are educated and having the requisite qualifications can apply to a reserved post. The uneducated among BCs cannot apply.

If the "creamy layer" of a particular jati is excluded, the "affluent", "advanced" BCs, who alone have produced the educated BCs and have the qualification to apply to these reserved posts, cannot apply. If the "advanced BCs" can't apply and if the "backward

BCs" are not educated and hence have not produced the qualified candidates for the reserved posts, it means the posts will remain vacant and the upper castes can simply swallow it under the "merit pool". The Supreme Court "creamy layer" theory has only helped the Aryan upper castes.

This is exactly what the upper castes want and this is exactly what the Supreme Court has given.

What the court gave in right hand, it took away in left hand. In one breath it says "economic criterion" alone is no basis to please the BCs but in another breath it recommends elimination of the "affluent cream" by imposing the very same economic criterion. This is contradictory.

Courts can't decide social issues: Hence the verdict which tries to please every section of the society has to be rejected.

Reservations (meaning human rights) is an essential part of social engineering. It is the people

who have to decide it. The courts are not the proper machinery to conduct social engineering. In a multi-national country where each *jati* is a "nation", no revolution like that in China is possible in India. In such a country, each "nation" can have its own revolution through social engineering alone. Reservation is one of the ways to do it. It is a slow but sure process.

Shudras worse than Brahmins: The well-fed upper castes may get lot of heart burnings but they must know that today's anti-Mandal upper castes like Marathas, Nairs, Reddys, Lingayats, Jats, Kayasths had led a battle against Brahmins, not even 50 years ago.

At that time they wanted the support of the SC/ST/BCs and Muslims to fight the Brahmins. Today, these shudra sections after going up the ladder through "cream theory" resent the formation of "cream" among SC/ST/BCs.

If the 'cream' formation among SC/BCs is not allowed and social engineering is scuttled, the suppressed sections may explode in a bloody revolution.

The choice is before the advanced sections. The Supreme Court cannot decide the course of history. History is made by the people. The court does not represent the people. (Nov. 23, 1992)

DV proves right: Supreme Court upholds "caste" is "class"

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: What we had in India when the Aryans invaded was only tribes. In a matriarchal tribal society, every tribe is equal but different.

When the alien Aryans with their perverted philosophy came they invented some dangerous tricks to dominate the innocent tribal society by hierarchically grading them and then re-naming each tribal unit as *jati* (which the Europeans translated as "caste").

After arranging the different tribals on an ascending order of reverence and descending degree of contempt, the crooked Aryans placed themselves at the top of the pyramid with the Brahmin as its apex and then imposed their *varnashram dharma* (meaning racism) on the country of Bali and Buddha.

The country's downfall began with this.

A tribe was renamed "caste".

This is what we have been saying all these years that a "caste" represents a (tribal) "class" and vice versa.

There are no rich or poor in India: Under a tribal society, there is nothing like a "rich" or "poor". Maharaja Pravinchandra Bhanjdeo, the tribal ruler of Bastard, did not exploit his tribal society. The "rich" exploiting the "poor" is a marxian mischief imported into India by the very same Aryans who once imported the caste system.

In fact India has no "rich" people, no "poor" people, except as an urban phenomenon. This statement may shock the ignorant but it is a fact. If some people have become "poor", it is because the human rights of its *jati* (read tribe) have been robbed. You

restore the human rights (reservations) and that particular *jati* will become "rich".

In a particular caste, (*jati*) a person may be "rich" and another "poor". But the rich Yadava employs only a "poor" Yadava as his servant because he can trust only his fellow tribal not the "poor" of another *jati*. No "poor" Brahmin hates a "rich" brahmin.

Class struggle not in India: No "poor section" of a *jati* has so far revolted in India against the "rich" of its own *jati*. The marxian "class struggle" theory has proved false in India (*How Marx Failed in Hindu India*, 1988. DSA)

That is how India has never had a revolution like China. Now, what we have been saying all these years has been upheld at last by the Supreme Court itself in its judgment on the Mandal Commission. DV proves right. "Caste" is "class" and "class" is "caste".

This is what the judgement says:

Caste & class: The judges noted that all the material produced before the court in the Mandal case went to show that in pre-independence India, the expressions "class" and "caste" were used interchangeably and that caste was understood as an enclosed chapter.

They said there were very good reasons why the constitution could not have used the expression caste in Article 16(4) and why the word class was the natural choice.

Caste in Islam: The constitution, they said, was meant for the entire country and for all time to come. Non-Hindu religions like Islam and Christianity did not

recognise caste as such though, castes did exist even among them to a varying degree.

The judges said caste was also an occupational grouping with the difference that its membership was hereditary. One was born into it. Its membership was involuntary and even if one ceased to follow the occupation, he still remained and continued a member of that group.

The court said in rural India, occupation-caste nexus was true even today. A few members may have gone to the cities or abroad but when they returned, they went into the same fold again.

It did not matter if he had earned money. He may not even follow that occupation. Still the label remained and his identity was not changed. (PTI - Deccan Herald Nov.18)

"Chacha Nehru" crying from the dustbin of history

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The *Deccan Herald* (Nov. 16) published a picture of Jawaharlal Nehru's statue standing opposite the Vidhana Soudha, seat of the State govt here, with the following caption: "Not even a garland for this silent spectator of the big bash on Nov. 14".

Nov. 14 was *Chacha* Nehru's birth anniversary and the govt. all over India celebrated it as "Children's day". But his statue attracted no attention. In Delhi, VVIPs went to Nehru's *samadhi* and "paid homage" for the sake of TV and press photographs - not out of any love.

Whole thing is hypocritical. Both the "Father of the nation" and "Uncle of the nation" have been forgotten by their own "nation". How strange? Now, the two poor souls are crying from the dustbin of history for attention. But the ungrateful grandchildren of the Gujarati Bania and the Kashmiri Pandit have sold the country to America via the World Bank.

Father of India: But what about that Untouchable, Dr. Ambedkar's birth anniversary on April 14? Babasaheb's statue standing just opposite "Chacha Nehru" gets cartloads of garlands and gets buried in flowers with thousands paying homage. Babasaheb's children have not forgotten the "Father of India", even the grandchildren of the Bapu and the *Chacha* attend Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti and sing his song.

See the sea change that has taken place in India within half a century.

Wrong sikh convicted for Indira murder?

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: A shocking news. But except one no "national" toilet paper has published it because they "love freedom of the press":

Pune: Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court Y.V. Chandrachud on Nov. 15 charged the judiciary with convicting "a wrong man" in the Indira Gandhi murder case.

Addressing judges at a workshop organised by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies here, he said after the assassination of Indira Gandhi 'there was a sheer lapse of time in booking the culprits'.

'The delay was such ... (and as a result) we found that a wrong man was convicted for the murder of Indira Gandhi. (*Hindu* Nov. 16).

Why such an important PTI report was blacked-out by all the papers? Because "freedom of the press" in India means freedom to publish what is in the interest of the rulers.

Here, the person who pointed out the mistake is no ordinary one, besides being a brahmin. Since what he pointed out is inconvenient, embarrassing to the rulers, "freedom of the press" has vetoed it because India is the world's largest working democracy.

Malcolm X comes back alive

A CORRESPONDENT

New York: *Malcolm X, the most revolutionary American Black leader who embraced Islam and called it a religion of the Blacks, is back alive after three decades of his assassination by a white nazi in New York.*

A powerful 3 1/2 hour-film begins against a backdrop of a burning American flag, with the harsh condemnation of the white man as the "greatest murderer on Earth." The very last words, uttered by Malcolm X "By any means necessary".

This extra-ordinary movie opened through out the US this week. The message of the film detailed in an autobiography written (with Alex Haley) just before Malcolm's 1965 assassination, is that Blacks throughout the world have to claim justice, not merely lobby the power class for piecemeal concessions; that the suppression of Blacks predates American slavery, predates most of recorded history, and that it will take a revolution of thought to bring about true equality.

Western Universities must set up depts. to study Indian racism

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I congratulate DV on its valuable services to 85% oppressed non-Hindus of India. During its 12 years it has awakened them and specially the 20% Dalits of India who were branded as Untouchables by the brahminical social order. (BSO) No system in the world calls human beings as Untouchables except brahminism. The message of the DV reached the US and to all parts of the world about the prevalence of racism in India in the form of *varna* and caste (DV Oct. 16, '92: "*Brahminical bid to rename street after Gandhi defeated*").

The *Eastern Eye*, London Oct. 6 1992, said 'International Dalit Support Group' in US organised a campaign against the proposal to name a street after M.K. Gandhi in Atlanta, US, and convinced its city council to abandon its plan of naming because Gandhi supported caste system and was a violent racist. The city council abandoned the plan". *This is the first time that Gandhi was branded as a racist in the west. Other European countries will soon follow and will gradually learn the Indian caste system and varna system, a sort of racism which Gandhi propagated in his saintly attire.*

Varna means race: Dr. Radhakrishnan said in Chapter IV of his book, *The Hindu View of Life*, that the Sanskrit word *varna*, caste, had originally reference to colour of people. This is obviously racism.

John Hinnells and Eric Sharpe also say in chapter on caste of their book, *Hinduism*, that the Sanskrit word for caste is *varna*, 'colour' and it had to do with skin colour of the invading Aryans as opposed to the indigenous Dravidians. This makes the caste system into a sort of primitive colour bar. It is obvious that the invading pale-skinned Aryans practised discrimination against the dark-skinned 85% originals of India and also practised untouchability against its 20% Dalit population.

Conspiracy with Muslims: Gandhi was a "third class" Aryan in the BSO belonging to Vaishya (Bania) community who decided to practise discrimination against the 20% Dalits (Untouchables) to the extent that he took "vow to resist their human rights (of separate electorate) with his life" and he unsuccessfully attempted this in the second Round Table Conference in London in 1931. He tried to enter into a conspiracy with the Muslim leaders in the RTC persuading them to oppose the Untouchables demands (who refused) and also went on "fast unto death"

against their human rights.

He chided Dr.N.B.Khare, the Brahmin Prime Minister of the Central Provinces of India, for including an educated Untouchable, Agnibhoj, as a minister in Khare's cabinet because, to Gandhi, Khare's act was a sort of misjudgment and indiscipline as it was wrong according to Gandhito raise high ambitions and aspirations among "low caste" Untouchables.

He also discriminated against Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar because, in Gandhi's eyes Dr.Ambedkar was a "low born" Untouchable though he was thousand times intellectually superior to any Aryan including Gandhi.

Varna is hatred: The western world is gaining knowledge on the practice of racism in India in the form of *varna* or caste. How long the upper castes will hide such racism?

Prof.Burghart says in his book,*Hinduism in Great Britain*, that its traditional and privileged spokesmen are: (i) ascetics and (ii) Brahmins. Indian social history reveals that the Brahmins have manufactured the literature of *varna* and spread the poison of social hatred against the "lower classes" and the Untouchables of India. They are now spreading such poison in foreign countries and also demanding equal treatment from the foreigners simultaneously when inequality is their official doctrine.

Ugandan Indians: It was televised on Oct.10, 1992 on BBC in London how the Ugandan Indians practised discrimination against Blacks in that country and how Gen.Amin expelled 50,000 Asians in 1972. Bakul Vyas was the spokesman of the Asians.

The Hindu caste system or varna system are the worst form of racism which Prof. Y.N. Kly says in his book, "International Law and the Dalits in India", that it is sanctified racism. No wonder the International Dalit Support Group has exposed it in US and branded Gandhi a racist because he was a follower of racism. It is irrational on the part of Indians to condemn racism and discrimination in European countries and to propagate it within India. I wish the DV should continue awakening the 85% non-Hindus and also enlighten the world on racism in India in the form of varna and force the western universities to establish a separate department on Indian racism and its impact on the "lower classes" and the Dalits of India on a similar line of racial discrimination in majority of the western universities.

Criticising RSS-BJP-VHP helps Congress Party

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"Dalit Voice" Nov. 1, '92 carries an important article by a Muslim journalist, Siraj, about the communal character of the so-called national press in India. Your comments on it are very useful. I have made use of the material in the coming issue, for I am writing some articles on the communal character of the Indian press. You should mobilise journalists all over the country to create public opinion against the BJP-VHP combine on the Ayodhya issue. A powerful section of the Indian capitalist class is financing the Ayodhya campaign to create a communally tense atmosphere throughout

We thank Brother Kolpe for appreciating M.A. Siraj and our comments on it, "*Warning to Muslims on Media*".

We, thank you also for endorsing our criticism of the communal character of the Indian press".

But where we don't agree with you is when you ask us to "mobilise journalists all over India to create public opinion against the BJP-VHP combine". That means you are finding fault with only the BHP-VHP and not anybody. Such a view is not only superficial but also dangerous.

"Socialist" and "scared brahmins: Upper caste rulers of India want exactly this. They want us to criticise the RSS-BJP-VHP etc. so that the people are deceived to think that these are "communal" and the ruling Congress, the original brahminical party of India, is secular. "Communal thought" meaning the Aryan anti-Dravida racist Hindu nazi thought has been in existence in India even before the RSS-BJP-VHP were born.

The RSS/BJP/VHP is a Hindu nazi thought and this racist thought has a place in India. We use the term Hindu nazis for those representing this thought. Not even 5% of the country's population subscribe to this thought and hence they are a small minority.

We have divided the Aryan brahminical social order (BSO) into "sacred brahmins" and "socialist brahmins". This theory was originally propounded by us in our book, *Why Godse Killed Gandhi?* (1986 Dalit Sahitya Akademy).

Gandhi & Godse: Between the two schools, the "socialist brahmins" represented by M.K. Gandhi, Nehru, EMS Namboodiripad, P.V. Narasimha Rao are the more dangerous. Godse, the nazi who killed Gandhi, was really honest. The 'socialist brahmins' use the "sacred brahmins" as their shock absorber. Both are two sides of the same coin. They fight during the day but at night dine together and sleep together.

Babri Masjid: Babri Masjid was engineered by Nehru and later by Arun Nehru. It was vigorously pursued by the "sacred brahmins" through their favourite pastime of war and violence to keep the "socialist brahmins" in power. If the Congress Party is in power today it is because of these Hindu nazi parties like the RSS-BJP-VHP. Those interested may read our above referred book to know why the "socialist" and "sacred brahmins" manage their fake fights to fool the SC/ST/BCs on one side and Muslims/Christians and Sikhs on another side.

India so that they can initiate communal riots to serve the vested interests at the local level in different states.

Friends like Kamleshwar have agreed to join the campaign. It is not only the "national" press that is underplaying communal forces behind Ayodhya but I have a feeling that Narasimha Rao govt. is also dragging its feet in exposing the sinister communal forces behind the temple-mosque controversy to divert the attention of the public from worsening economic problems and scandals like security sam. ■

These six segments put together become 85% of Indian population.

Kolpe is innocent: Your move to attack only the RSS/BJP/VHP is harmful from the point of view of the 85%. Because if we criticise them and find fault only with them, the Dalits will think that the Congress Party is all roses and vote for it. This is exactly what the RSS/BJP/VHP want. The Congress is the party of the country's "socialist brahmins" and the cause for all our ills including the partition of India.

Open enemy is better: If we criticise the "sacred brahmins" it means "socialist brahmins" are better. In fact the latter are more dangerous.

The Congress, the CPM, CPI, naxalite parties are all headed by upper caste "socialist brahmins". They are using innocent journalists like Kolpe to whip up anti RSS/BJP/VHP hysteria so that they will come to power. Any day the "sacred brahmins" are better because they are our enemy not in disguise. RSS/BJP - "sacred brahmins" are our open enemy. Any day the open enemy is better than a disguised enemy. In view of this, we reject Kolpe's suggestion. However, we need his detailed answer on the different points raised here.

-EDITOR

White racists must pay damages for slavery in India

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: There is a strong case to demand damages from the western white racist countries for the slavery inflicted on Africa, and India in particular.

While in Africa the slavery is wholesale, the white racists collaborated with the Indian Aryan racists and together the two racists sucked the blood of the original inhabitants of India, and enslaved them. **History will consider this as the greatest act of slavery.**

For example, why did the British rulers of India enforce slavery on the Untouchables by compelling them to work as sweepers and scavengers in all towns and cities? *Varnashram Dharma* (Hindu sanctified racism) may be the bedrock of the brahminical social order (BSO) but why did the British endorse this brahminical racism and perpetuate it with their official consent?

Bombay red light area: Why did they not disband Bombay's Red Light area where our Untouchable girls are forced to live as prostitutes and the British govt. patronaged it? These girls die young and diseased. Is this not a crime?

Why did the British under pressure from the BSO disband the Mahar Regiment of Marathi Untouchables on complaints from the BSO?

Many more examples of slavery can be given but this much is sufficient to prove that the British, French Portuguese, Dutch practised slavery in India and they prospered on our sweat and blood.

Case for Dr. Y.N. Kly: Now, they must pay for it. Will Dr. Y.N. Kly, the world famous Black lawyer and an

authority on international law, look into it?

Just as US is still paying compensation for its citizens of Japanese origin who were illegally and unjustly detained in concentration camps during the II World War and Iraq being forced by the American - controlled UN to pay reparations not only to Kuwait but also to Israel, Saudi Arabia and others, the African Black and India's Untouchables have a strong case to claim damages. Legal experts among Dalits should immediately examine this aspect and claim damages.

Dr. Y.N. Kly who published our editor, V.T. Rajshekar's book, *DALIT - the Black Untouchables*, should seriously apply his mind to this issue.

Cuban discovery: A noted Cuban historian, Moreno Franginals, unearthed the fearful story of one Spanish vessel, the *Amistad*, which sailed from West Africa in 1820 with 733 captives. Of these, only 188 remained alive when the boat docked in Havana after a crossing of 54 days, revealing that 545 had perished at sea.

Chief Abiola is quick to remind the world that this kind of cruel slave trade went on day in and day out for some 400 years. Some 30 million Africans were enslaved. He asks: "Is that something to sweep under the carpet and forget?"

The British took Untouchables from India as slaves to South Africa, Sri Lanka, Malayasia, Burma etc.

Reparations for slavery is an issue that has already won a wide audience in Africa and will catch up in the coming months. ■

Secret contacts of Jews and Indian Aryans

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: Leon Poliakov might have written the *Aryan Myth* and traced the roots of Europe's racist ideas to Indian Aryans (1974, A Meridian book, New American Library). And Norman Cohn, Director of the Columbus Centre at the University of Sussex, in 1966 might have funded the above book to probe the causes for the Nazi mass murder of Jews which Poliakov finally traced to India's Aryans. But as we have repeatedly said the Indian Aryans whose philosophy inspired the mass murder of Jews - a fact established by the top Jewish intellectual's book, *Aryan Myth* - have become the best friends of Jews (DV edit July 1, 92: *Brahminism*

Enemy no.1 of the whole world). *Telegraph* (Nov.11) has front-paged a story to reveal the secret contacts between the Jews and the Indian Aryan rulers:

New Delhi: Not one but three Israeli foreign ministers visited India secretly in the last 40 years. The exposure of Moshe Dayan's covert visit to Delhi during Morarji Desai's premiership created country - wide furore but it is now known that two of Dayan's predecessors also made undercover visits - once when Jawaharlal Nehru was Prime Minister and then during Mrs. Indira Gandhi's era. The first Israeli foreign minister in India was Moshe Sharet who came for talks with Nehru in 1956. The second was Igal Alon who came in 1969 when Mrs. Gandhi was PM. This was disclosed by the first Israeli ambassador to India, Ephraim Dowek, in an interview. ■

Anti-Aryan agitators must give up gandhian gimmicks

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: We congratulate V.P. Singh for reassuring the country that Mandal will be his no. 1 priority and that a country-wide agitation would be launched from Jan. 26 on this issue. (DV edit, Oct. 16, 92: "VP asked to use Mandal weapon to fight Aryans".)

There is no better weapon to finish these Aryan oppressors than Mandal which can fight Mandir and all the nazis put together.

But the problem with VP is that he has done nothing to educate the Bahujan Samaj (BS) on the Mandal and why the BSO is opposing it. This is the one problem to which he has to apply his mind.

Another thing is the agitation that he announced is gandhian: blocking rail and road transport. Who is going to be hit by this? We must hit where it hurts most.

M.K. Gandhi, as the agent of the ruling upper castes (BSO), did not want any harm to his people whenever he launched an agitation.

Gandhians our enemies: His so-called hunger-strike is the most mischievous. Why should our already hungry people become more hungry? Nonsense. We must eat well and force the over-fed BSO to go hungry. His other weapon, satyagraha, is equally mischievous.

We, the supporters of Mandal, SC/ST/BCs and Muslims comprising over 85% of the population, must never resort to such agitational methods suggested by the gandhians. This BSO in the garb of gandhians are the enemies of Mandal.

These conventional type of agitations like road and rail roko, gherao of Assembly or Parliament, stoning our own govt. buses and trains are gandhian humbugs.

Why "jail bharo?" Why should we go to jail? We must put the anti-Mandal maniacs (BSO) in the jail.

Stop attacking govt. properties: All govt. properties are our properties. We own them. If they are burnt or damaged, the Aryans lose nothing. They will buy new buses diverting funds meant for us. We become paupers. Telephone, telegraph systems are ours. **In other words, damaging govt. properties must stop.**

What is the alternative?

We must hurt the most sensitive spots of the Aryan BSO which is the enemy of Bahujan Samaj (BS). These Aryans are the enemies of Mandal. That is why

the Aryans are opposing individually and collectively all the Dravidas and Adi-Dravidas. *So, our agitation should be aimed at the pillars of BSO not our own properties.*

Conspiratorial centres: Who are the pillars of these anti-Mandalists? Their names appear daily in their own Aryan toilet papers. The Shankaracharyas and all such Aryans, religious leaders like Puri Swami and their religious centres. Hindu Temples are the conspiratorial centres which destroy our human rights. Those who issued statements against Mandal and led agitations against Mandal must be identified and listed. All those who wrote inflammatory editorials, published false reports of fake self-immolations are known to all of us.

Our agitation should be aimed at such anti-human fellows. Not against our own (govt.) properties.

Why kill ourselves? This gandhian humbug must stop. VP will not win the Mandal battle as long as he sticks to such gandhian gimmicks.

At the Nov. 7 Boat Club rally in Delhi, the speakers referred to Dr. Ambedkar, Dr. Lohia, Mahatma Phule, Periyar EVR, Narayana Guru - but not one uttered the name of the Gujarati Bania. Does it not prove that Gandhi is considered the enemy of the Mandal? Then why take to gandhian humbugs?

Christians protest Hindu nazi persecutions

Ahmednagar: Nearly 3,000 Christians took to the streets in Ahmednagar on Nov. 13 in protest against Shiv Sena supremo Bal Thackeray's bid to "reconvert" a number of Christians to Hinduism.

He addressed a big meeting but his "mass conversion" failed as only Balasaheb Gaikwad, author of the controversial Marathi book, *Christi Mahar*, embraced Hinduism. The book has created an uproar in the area for the past few months because of its portrayal of the "plight" of Christians from the Mahar and Mang communities and its criticism of Catholic priests exploiting them. (*Times of India*, Nov. 17).

Untouchables (Mahars and Maangs) are not Hindus, and never Hindus. Because of the upper caste (Hindu) domination in church, the converted Dalits persecuted inside the church have played into Hindu nazi hands. It is a jump from frying pan into fire - EDITOR.

Harshad Mehta, the "Fraud of the Century", is forgotten

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: "Hindus believe what they want to believe".

Our readers must have got this sentence byheart by now. This is an important statement because it sums up the "Hindu Mind" which is the cause of all our current crisis: (Read our booklet: *Hindu Mind* and its Hindi version - DSA).

We had said that the Gujarati Bania, "Harshad Mehta is darling of the ruling class" (DV July 1, 92 p.18) and we had also said since Hindus loved Harshad nothing would happen to him and to the "scam". We have proved right.

Not only Harshad is out of jail and back in his saddle but he is going strong day by day. All other culprits arrested including the notorious Iyer are all freed. The Mangalore Gowda Saraswat Brahmin's Fairgrowth also has crossed all hurdles. It is now as it was an year back.

Now, comes the news that the four senior officers of the Reserve Bank, all belonging to one particular community, who were suspended for involvement in this "Fraud of the Century" are reinstated. The four suspended officers are P. Mukerji, S. Nagarajan, M.T. Pitkar and Mrs. M.R. Kamat. All of them were working in the Public Debt Office of the RBI and just agents of Harshad.

JPC eye-wash: Meanwhile, the JPC probe is proving to be an eyewash. It is prolonging the show so that the "public" forget the whole thing. Except getting lot of publicity in the press nothing concrete seems to be happening.

How can one thief catch another thief? The Iyer heading the Reserve Bank, the kingpin in this "Fraud of the Century", got a certificate from the World Bank chief itself. When the PM and FM are defending the Iyer what can anybody do? Whole thing is farce.

Bangarappa corrupt: But Bangarappa is "corrupt" and he was dismissed. Why, because he doesn't belong to the charmed circle of Aryans. But the *Bangalore papatti* is not. She is an Aryan and hence can never be corrupt.

In a country ruled by such Aryan Harshad Mehtas where the thief, police, persecutor, judge, jailor and hangman are all rolled in one, how can we expect justice? But the people bulldozed by these Aryans are not getting angry. What can we do? ■

Indian Airlines proves failure of ruling class to rule India

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: *If our advice is of any value, we call upon the rulers to close down their own beleaguered Indian Airlines and hand over the skies to Singapore Airlines or any other foreign airlines. The ruling class itself is begging for such a change-over.*

As far back as March 1, '92, we had predicted that the ruling upper caste lazy lots, given to lavish unearned income without doing any work under the benevolent blessing of their Chacha Nehru's fake socialism, will sabotage the neogi brahmin's efforts to "privatise" under American advice: "If privatisation comes on the way of brahminism ruling class will scuttle PVN move?"

We have proved right.

After ten months of writing this edit came the "scam" in which the Gujarati Bania, the "Fraud of the Century", carted away crores and crores of rupees.

The Indian Airlines, the sole monopoly of the ruling class, is the last to defy the privatisation move.

The rulers are not able to manage their own house. How can they manage our home?

So, the best way-out is to close down the IA and hand over the Indian skies to any foreign airlines. They will not only render cheaper and more efficient service to the rulers but also a trouble-free one. The rulers themselves are fed up with the Indian Airlines.

The magnificent failure of the IA, which is exclusively used only by the rulers, once for all proves that not only "privatisation" has failed but even the rulers have failed to satisfy their own members.

The collapse of the IA proves the collapse of the "merited" ruling class to rule India. ■

BSO & the Woman

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The brahminical social order makes much of *Matrudevo bhava* (woman is our god) and after saying it treats the woman as doormat.

Here is the proof:

New Delhi: Over 340 poor widows who were promised a roof over their heads in the International Year for the Homeless in 1987 are still waiting for the govt. to provide them with homes. Twenty of them are reported to be dead waiting in vain. (*Hindustan Times*, Nov. 16). ■

Letters to Editor

Kazuhiro Usul, Ikeda Machi, Japan: Over a month has already passed since your *Samata Sainik Dal's thamate* team's successful tour in Japan. It was a good chance for us to renew our contacts with Dalits of India. We thank you for sending the team. We have finished editing a tape of the *thamate* (drum) which was performed here. The demonstration tape you may please listen. It was produced by Akira Kusuhara, a professional producer of repute. This tape's stereophonic recording is very nice and clear. We hope to sell copies of the tape with an explanation of the *thamate* and the Dalit movement not only in Japan but also in other countries. We hope this tape will introduce the wonderful traditional culture of Indian Dalits all over the world. Matsunaga and his members in Fukuoka are also pleased with the success of the *thamate* performance. They appreciated your hard work in organising this Japanese tour of the *thamate* team. Their Fukuoka-India educational exchange organisation is planning to hold a seminar about the Dalit movement on Dec. 5, and 6. Matsunaga wanted me to attend the seminar and report on the basic strategy of the Dalit movement and its present situation; the historical background of the caste system in India and its present situation. I am preparing the report with the help of the *Dalit Voice*. In DV (Sept. 15), I have read the Chapter IV of Dr. Eleanor Zelliot's new book, *Untouchable to Dalit - Essays on Ambedkar and Dalit movement*. This book is very helpful to understand the historical background of the Dalit movement. The visit of the *thamate* team has encouraged me greatly to continue the Japanese translation of DV. I am preparing to issue a translation of "*Dalit self-determination means separate electorate, separate settlement, religious separation*" by M. Gopinath, husband of Mrs. Laxmi, who was a part of the team. And I am also contacting Mrs. Yumi Tsuji (10-203, 234-1, Kiso machi, Machida city, Tokyo 194).

Prof. Jagatbandhu Biswas, Dept. of Physics, Krishnath College, Berhampore, WB and President, Bangla Dalit Sahitya Sanastha: As senior professor, may be the senior-most in W. Bengal, I have observed and studied for 30 long years the activities of different political parties in India. The ruling upper castes are sucking the juice of the fruit and throwing the waste on the faces of the oppressed of the country. I therefore, have a very soft corner for the Bahujan Samaj Party of Kanshi Ram. *Dalit Voice* is always hammering the brahminical social order (BSO) which is destroying the

unity of 85% of population (SC/ST/BCs and minorities). BSO is trying to purchase our intellectuals with cunning baits like service through reservation, awards, rewards and last of all by offering the post of vice-presidency of India, who is like the 13th player in a cricket team. This is their highest offer but they will never offer prime ministership. Jagjivan Ram sought it but Morarji and Charan Singh foiled it. Paswan is working for V.P. Singh and Kalyan Singh is the puppet of BJP. Buta Singh is with Congress. The Republican Party of Dr. Ambedkar is fragmented. Our oppressed people in Bengal are now under the banner of CPM and under BJP. The tribal people of Jharkhand are divided into different factions. The upper castes are united but they keep our people divided. Kanshi Ram is the only man in India who has challenged the BSO, without aligning with any other political party. The 85% of our people enjoy 10% of the wealth of the country whereas 90% of the property is with 15% of the ruling upper castes. If half of the oppressed (42.5%) people come together under Kanshi Ram our problems are solved.

Madhusadand Rao, Hyderabad: Kanshi Ram's total silence on the latest Supreme Court judgment, which has destroyed the BC movement and their human rights, is causing anxiety among Dalits. The judgment has also affected the SC/ST reservations in promotions. While Ram Vilas has protested this, Kanshi Ram is silent even on his own Dalit privileges.

C. Madhavan, Trivandrum: Ambedkarism can be summed up in one sentence: India is not a nation and it can never be a nation so long as brahminism disguised as Hinduism is there. This is proved from the present turmoil. Indian culture is very deep in history. Aryan invasion of Indus Valley Civilisation destroyed everything paramount with Indian life. The origin of life with civilisation was there only in Indus Valley. It was willfully destroyed. Babasaheb Ambedkar came to the scene with commanding heights. He was the only personality that went deep into the mind of history, unearthing historically the Dalit-minded. The present brahminical social order (BSO) is unjust. Buddhists are the no.1 revolutionaries of all time. Nobody can challenge Buddha to this day. Only Babasaheb Ambedkar brought Buddha back to this land of his birth. Ambedkarites have got the courage to dislodge the robbers who made a disaster of our land.

Dr. N. Joseph, 22/10, Ponniammann Koil St., Kottur, Madras - 85: Your report, "*Reservation for Dalits in Bangalore Catholic Schools*" (DV Aug. 16,92) may have to be taken with a pinch of salt. For the past five years, the Dalit Catholic movement in various States have been mounting pressure on the hierarchy of the religious and educational institutions. But authorities

have been coming up with their false promises through pulpit pronouncements and newspaper announcements that they are committed to the development of Dalits in the church. In reality, all these bold belching are only part of their propaganda stuff posing as protectors of Dalits in public but continue to be their persecutors in private. Though the Catholic Bishops of India have set up a commission on SC/ST it could not turn out any substantial dividends to the Dalit Catholics. Their efforts were only confined to provide some shadow fighting. The net result was that the CBCI became a "paper tiger". Adding insult to injury some Bishops have openly come out to thwart any efforts of Dalits for equal rights in the church. The glaring example is that of Kurnool diocese where the incharge Bishop, Aruliah, has openly challenged the Dalit Catholics and assured the Hindu priests that he would provide any amount of money to put off the Dalit Catholic movement. Though the Indian Catholic church has over 150 Bishops, it could not to date produce one Desmud Tutu. Loyola College here announced (*Indian Express* June 13, 92) saying that it would allot 25% of the seats solely on "merit." Another 25% will be reserved for Dalit Catholics and remaining will go to weaker sections as per govt. directives and to Catholics and low income groups". The statistic given by the Principal of Loyola College, Madras, Rev. Fr. Xavier Alphonse, prove the above statement totally false. The authorities have been cunning enough as not to specify whether 25% in the total seats or in each branch be given to the Dalits. In addition to this, there is no mention of the number of Dalit Catholics who have applied for the above admissions made. Those who have been admitted were not given seats of their choice. Dalit Catholics from neighbouring States viz. AP, Karnataka and Kerala are not considered for this 25% of seats, especially at PG level. In this utter disregard to the assurances, Loyola College does not stand alone. St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, in its prospectus assures 18% of seats are to be given to Dalit Catholics. But it is certain that at no point of time all these seats have been filled by the Dalit Catholics. What is the rationale behind the allotment of 25% or 18% seats for the Dalit Catholics? When in the Catholic church there are over 65 to 70% Dalits, what is the point of allotting 25% or 18% of seats for them? Unless some strong action is taken against these erring authorities nothing can be done to correct the blunders.

R. Arul, E. 122/6, Urja Nagar, Chandrapur, MS - 442 404: Vanniars are not Kshatriyas. During the Tamil king's period, they supported the *papans*. The Tamilians thought that the *papan* culture was good, and adopted the *papan* culture. That is how the Vanniars called

themselves Kshatriyas. We have now discovered that we are not Kshatriyas. But some Vanniyar leaders (A.K. Natarajan etc) think that they are Kshatriyas and this makes them think that Dalits are inferior to Vanniars. But Dr. Ramadoss said that Dalits and Vanniars are not two. They are one. They are the same. They are blood brothers. They are the real children of the Tamil soil. We love Dalits. On Oct. 9 '92, a bloody massacre was carried out by a suspected gang that left over 160 persons dead in four Muslim villages in Polonnarawa dt. in Eastern Sri Lanka. But the Lankan govt. and Indian *papans* and their toilet papers put the blame on LTTE. More and more JVP and Tamil militants are killed by suspected gangs who are none other than govt. forces., which carried out this bloody massacre. LTTE did not do this because they gain nothing through such massacres. Muslims and Tamils are blood brothers. Tamil - speaking Muslims are also Tamilians. LTTE wants support from the whole world Muslims. Inside Tamil Nadu, Muslims are supporting the LTTE. It is the notorious anti-Muslim Isreli Mossad which wants to divide this Tamil - Muslim unity. Indian *papans* also support Mossad in carrying out Muslim massacres. I am a reader of DV, follower of Babasaheb Ambedkar, supporter of Tamil "nation", member of the militant PMK which considers Muslims as our blood brothers. I call upon the Muslims of India and abroad not to mistake the Elam fighters. We are not against Muslims.

V.B. Rawat, 7/29, Nehru Nagar, New Delhi-65: I was staying with a gandhian when I came to Delhi. I told him that I would like to work for the "poor" who are none other than the Untouchables. But, alas, I myself became an Untouchable in that family and was forced to quit. The biggest problem of India is the brahminical media. I have already told you that I am doing my journalism at the New Delhi YMCA. Though a Christian institution, it is also influenced by brahminism. I am sorry to say that the Backward Castes in North may talk about destroying brahminism but they are now trying to be the sole champion of Hinduism. It is time we run a parallel media. You are the only hope. Can you suggest someone in the print media abroad who can give me a life so that I can be trained abroad? I am 24 and MA in English literature doing journalism diploma.

V. Prabhakaran, Calicut: I was nominated to the Senate of Cochin University as the representative of SC/ST/BCs. This recognition came to me as the representative of *Dalit Voice* to which the credit goes. I feel K. Ambujakshan, Dalit Panthers leader, is the most suitable Dalit for this post. Hence I request you to convince the Education Minister so that I can resign for his sake.

Oct 16-31, 1983

Editorial: Untouchability in Indian sub-continent

A testimony submitted by Bhagwan Das, Chairman, All-India Samata Sainik Dal, at the 36th Session of the UN Sub-Commission on Human Rights at Geneva:-

Untouchability is a phenomenon peculiar to Hinduism. It took birth in India and spread to other religions and other countries. No religion in India is free from Untouchability. Sikhism, Christianity and Islam are more progressive and egalitarian religions but not free from caste and Untouchability.

Nepal is a Hindu state, but its Hindus have 59 castes. Several groups are treated as Untouchables. Pakistan with 97% Muslim population is divided into numerous castes. Sweeper, scavengers, cobblers, weavers etc who are termed as scheduled castes under the India Act 1935, are treated as Untouchables by Muslims. Even among the Pakistani Christians, the Christian Punjabi sweepers, the descendants of chuhra community, are kept segregated. In Lanka, the Sinhalese Buddhists do not admit lower castes as Bhikkus. Among the Lankan Tamils, caste is rigidly followed. Many of the Muslims in Bangladesh are Untouchable and Buddhist converts. They are discriminated by Hindus of Bangladesh.

Untouchability, deep rooted in the minds of Hindus, regulates their behaviour. The growing trend towards mass conversion among Untouchables may force Hindus to introduce some changes but without touching their caste system. They want us to believe that caste system is god-made.

A report by V.T. Rajshekar on his visit to Japan. It says that the discrimination against the Burakumin is the result of Hindu influence on Japan.

Rev. M Azariah, Madras, appeals to WCC that caste oppression is as serious an evil as racism and requests a programme to combat it under WCC. It was readily accepted and passed.

Rev. S. Jayamma & Rev. IMN Jyoti, two women, were ordained to priesthood.

The All-India Brahmins Federation warns central Govt not to implement Mandal Commission report.

Ramdas Althavale, Dalit Panther leader inaugurated the Tamilnad unit of Dalit Panthers at Madurai on Sept. 19, 1983.

Hindu resurgence conference at Nagercoil Tamilnad, calls for declaring India a 'Hindu Nation' and enactment of a common civil code for all communities. ■

Arshad Kalliath, Trivandrum: M.K. Raghavan, the senior-most leader of the SNDP Yogam, the sole umbrella organisation of the powerful Ezhava/Thiyya community (BC) in Kerala, has come out in support of the Islamic Sevaka Sangh (ISS). He told the press at Quilon that he fully concurred with the views of Abdul Nasser Madani, chief of the ISS, that at present no political party was inclined to protect the interests of SC/ST/BC/Muslims. Even the Janata Dal has been infiltrated by the upper castes. The "marxists" are even casting aspersions on the reservations accepted the world over. On the Congress, the less said the better and he has cut all his ties with it. ■

Hindu terrorism at Bodh Gaya

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 PAHARGANJ, NEW DELHI

In continuation of our struggle to liberate Bodh Gaya from Hindu hands (DV Nov. 1, p.7), we went on a strike before Parliament House from Dec. 1 and on the 36th death anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar (Dec.6) we submitted a memorandum to the President, Vice-President and Prime Minister on the centuries of suffering of Buddhists.

On Oct. 22, '92 when our procession reached the Bodh Gaya to liberate Mahabodhi Mahavihar, Hindu terrorists forced the people of Bodhgaya to close their shops, water supply was cut. Because of this Buddhists who came from all over India suffered a lot. Hindus closed their temple doors and did not allow any single Buddhist from outside. All these were brutal actions. Is there any church in India under the management of the Muslim? Then why the Hindus are controlling our holiest place? ■

Dalit anger over Hindu mischief

Auragabad: Mobs went on the rampage in different localities on Nov. 29 to protest against the desecration of statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Paithan on Nov. 27. Mobs fanned out indulging in stone-throwing and damaging buses and at the railway station, Jalna Road, Mukundanagar and Ambedkarnagar in the CIDCO area.

Activists of the Republican Party of India both Gavade and Athavale groups - took out processions in various localities to condemn the incident. (Hindu Nov.30)

SIMI repeats DV warning on "Spanish experiment"

STUDENTS ISLAMIC MOVEMENT OF INDIA 151-C, ZAKIR NAGAR, NEW DELHI - 25

New Delhi: The situation in our country is deteriorating fast and with growing uncertainty, injustice and tyranny are also increasing. Muslims especially are the target of injustice. Textbooks are being poisoned. History is being distorted. Muslims are expelled after being branded as Bangla deshi. Students and youth are being arrested under the draconian law of TADA and baseless charges are being framed against them. Anti-Muslim force and the govt. seem to be doing all this with calculated planning. They want to gauge the Muslim response before launching the next offensive. Gradually, they would like to condemn Muslims to a fate like Spain in this effort, the press is actively collaborating. (DV edit on *Spanish Experiment* Aug. '92 p.20).

How are the Muslim youth being terrorised? The simple reality is that hundreds of them have been rounded up under TADA, in Rajasthan, Gujrat, and other parts of the country. They are being subjected to cruelty and torture. This has been going on for quite sometime. They have yet to get justice.

SIM, which is a constructive organization of students and youth, and which wants to replace tyranny with justice, has been a target. The press is trying to club it with extremist movements. ("*Damaging reports on SIMI*" DV Nov.1 '92 p.18). CBI and police are framing baseless charge against its workers. In this connection, our clarifications and press notes are being totally ignored. Some ex-members of SIM were arrested under TADA and implicated in false cases. Press highlighted, these fabricated stories and created a sensation as if SIM was an underground organization. While the reality is that SIM is working solely by constructive means and working openly.

Objective: What do the govt. agencies and anti-Muslim forces plan to achieve by all this?

The answer is that the govt. and its collaborators want to deprive the Muslims of their religious and cultural identity. The youth of Muslim community are aware of this condemnable plan and want to resist. Educated and courageous youth are coming forward to foil these plans. This has upset the anti-Islamic forces

and hence these renewed attacks on SIM.

Warning to elders: After the Iqdam-E-Umid Conference, anti-Islamic forces became nervous. The message of return to Allah and struggle in this way is a message which is fatal to the forces of falsehood. The anti-Islamic forces have become active. Anti SIM offensive began. T.K. Abbo Baker was martyred in Kerala. The Zonal president SIM Gujrat was arrested. This is the beginning of direct attacks on SIM. It is also an important juncture of SIM's history. We have entered the period of test. This trend may grow. After responsible people of SIM may also be arrested all over the country. At this juncture, we wish to point out certain things to the elder of Muslim community and to the SIM workers.

SIM is a student body which is the representative of the Muslim community. Its objectives methodology and meager services are there, for everybody to see. This is a living force in the new generation. It has always spoken with clarity and boldness. Its activities are well known. The anti-Islamic forces are giving it a bad image so that your support to it may disappear. It is their plan to demoralize the whole community and silence those who will resist the un-islamic onslaught most. You should realise your responsibility. If you wake up late, that may not serve any purpose. Only tears of repentance will remain.

Another Satan indicted

New Delhi: Prof Mushir-ul-Hasan, pro vice-chancellor of the Jamia Millia Islamia, whose remarks on Salman Rushdie's book, *The Satanic Verses*, had led to angry protests by a large section of the university community in April, has been indicted by the high-powered committee, constituted by the Union govt. to probe the controversy.

However, the committee has recommended no action against him in view of an unconditional regret submitted to it by Prof Hasan. (*Times of India* Nov. 24).

Muslim journal on India's false claim of non-violence

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India has been highly successful in projecting its image as a 'non-violent' State. This is quite remarkable given India's grisly record of massacring its minorities, be they Muslim or Sikh. Even the persecution of Dalits, the oppressed, indigenous people of India, has not aroused any international approbation. In a country where the caste system, the ultimate indignity that can be heaped upon a human being, is rigidly enforced, India has literally got away with murder.

Among its numerous minorities, Muslims have been the target of a specially brutal campaign. The Hindu majority views them with suspicion and subjects them to frequent attacks, often in connivance with the law enforcement agencies. There are several reasons for this. The Hindus have not reconciled themselves to the creation of Pakistan even 45 years after partition. They use this to blackmail the Muslims, accusing them of still harbouring pro-Pakistani sentiment. This latter charge has led Muslims into the trap of being more Indian than the Hindus despite suffering untold misery at the hands of their tormentors. ■

How to exterminate Muslims? thru "Spanish experiment"

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The ruling Aryans, imposing their alien culture on the children of this soil, are resorting to desperate steps. Having taken over the power from the departing British, the Aryan brahminical social order (BSO) is bent upon retaining it at any cost. As **fascism survives only on falsehood**, it has started using its brahminical press to publish bundles and bundles of bullshit. Their biggest stumbling block, however, are the Muslims and to cut them to size they have resorted to "Spanish experiment" (DV Aug. 1 '92 p.20) Imposing the hated *Vande Mataram* is one such. (DV Sept. 1 '92: "*Vande Mataram will divide India*". To meet Muslim opposition they have adopted two methods. Purchase the willing elite Muslims and kill the poor unwilling revolutionary Muslim masses.

Muslims switching to Hindi: The Muslim masses have responded to our call but the elite Muslims are slow if not deaf. Already top Urdu Muslim journals have started publishing in Hindi indicating that Urdu is dying, if not dead. Many more shocks are in waiting. ■

COMMUNICATION

Islam, untouchability, Black Bilal's marriage

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This is to inform readers of DV that I just came across a very interesting and informative booklet entitled *Islam on Untouchability* at the Nehru Memorial Library, Teen Murti Bhavan, New Delhi.

This book was published by the Inter-collegiate Muslim Brotherhood, Lahore, in 1936. It begins with an Urdu couplet full of intense meaning and significance, written by the philosopher-poet Iqbal. The couplet is as follows:

Ah! Shudra Ke liye Hindostan Gham Khan Hain
Dard -e - Insani Sahr Isi Basti Ka Dil Begana Hain

(Ah! India is the land of woes for the shudra. This land is without concern for humanity).

It has a preface by the famous Hindu convert to Islam, the lawyer Khalid Latif Gauba. It stresses that Islam alone can effectively solve the problem of caste in India.

The booklet has much information that would today be of immense interest to Dalits, Muslims and Backward Castes. It notes that the Prophet Mohammad, "realised that inter-marriages between 'high-castes' and 'low-castes' was the most potent weapon in establishing the equality of status between man and man. Therefore, Hazrat Bilal, the Negro., was married to the daughter of the Quraish nobility of Arabia, the proudest and most stiff-necked people at that time. The proposal was made by the Prophet in an assembly of the Quraish at Madina" (p.36).

This booklet ought to be reprinted and translated into various local languages for wide circulation. Please bring this issue to the notice of the readers of *Dalit Voice*. ■

Nazis attack convent in MP

Bhopal: Nuns, priests and students of Deepti Convent at Shujalpur were beaten and verbally abused during the Bharatiya Janata Party-sponsored Bharat bandh on Nov.3.

Father Augustine said that more than 24 miscreants had entered the school premises at 9.45 a.m. that day and beat him up. They also misbehaved with the nuns. (*Times of India* Nov. 20)

Maratha muscle cut to size

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Bangalore: The neogi brahmin, an expert Aryan schemer, is levelling different forces opposed to the BSO and also joining hands with the Hindu nazis to strengthen the Aryan rule. His targets are Bangarappa, Arjun Singh, and Sharad Pawar. Lambani Sudhakar Naik will come next. But alas all these fellows bitten by the BSO are not putting up a united fight. He has succeeded in using the Lambani tribal leader to cut the Maratha leader Sharad Pawar to size for daring to challenge the BSO. And Pawar deserved it. It was Pawar who was responsible for going back on his promise to rename the Marathawada university after Babasaheb and launching 11 - day caste war (1978) against Dalits in Maharashtra. It was he who was responsible for using the nazi leader, Bal Thackeray, against Dalits. Today, the same nazi leader has joined Naik to finish Pawar.

Hate Brahmins but love brahminism: But the problem with the mighty Marathas is that they hate Brahmins from the bottom of their heart. They have never forgiven that Brahmins made a monkey out of their hero, Shivaji. But they don't know that their Shivaji, the arch foe of Aryans, is today the property of Hindu nazis. **The Marathas may hate Brahmins but they hate only until they kick them (Brahmins) out and occupy their chair. Once they occupy the Brahmin bastion, they become worse than Brahmins. Not only that. They join hands with Brahmins to collectively oppress the Dalits.**

Today, the Maharashtra Dalits consider Marathas as their enemy No.1. Not the Brahmins. Because the Brahmins hide their cruelty with the power of the press in their hands. *The Marathas hate Brahmins not because they hate brahminism.* Marathas are more dangerous and more brahminical than Brahmins and Sharad Pawar has proved it. If that is the case why should the Dalits support Pawar in his fight with Naik who is a tribal? If Naik has cut Pawar to size at the behest of the neogi brahmin, we welcome it.

When will the Marathas learn? They will never learn. And this is the tragedy of India. Coming to Karnataka, the neogi brahmin has used the Backward Caste Moili to stab Bangarappa (DV edit Dec 1 '92: "*Bangarappa, victim of brahminical conspiracy*"). Brother fighting brothers. Brahminical forces in Karnataka are so happy over the choice of Moili. Neogi brahmin will aryanise/brahminise/hinduisse India quicker than all Aryan leaders put together.

Govt. of India mischief on Babasaheb books

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The news item, "Notakers for Ambedkar's Voluminous Works" (*Times of India* - Sept. 11, Bombay 1992) is painful and shocking to many scholars and the crores of disciples of Dr. Ambedkar. It seems that the Government of India especially the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) is unfair and unjust to the Chief Architect of the Indian Constitution.

Though Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebration is not earmarked by any concrete scheme either by Centre or any State in the country, many political parties, including that of the Centre, have gained a lot by beating the drums in the name of Dr. Ambedkar. The Government of India's project on the publication and translation of Dr. AMbedkar's works is the best way of offering a tribute to the world renowned scholastic personality. However, I do not understand why the PMO has directed the Publication Division of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry to act merely as a co-ordinator, when normally the Division undertakes and executes such projects for the govt. It is equally disgraceful and disgusting that the Sahitya Academies and the universities approached are either disinclined or have not replied.

The Education Dept. of the Government of Maharashtra has already published Dr. Ambedkar's writings and speeches in English in ten volumes and the remaining are eagerly awaited. The Govt. of Karnataka is publishing 12 volumes of Dr. Ambedkar's works, then why the Govt. of India is unable to execute the project on its own? As it is reported in a letter to the Welfare Ministry by the Director of the Publications Division, Dr. S.S Shashi, the Publications Division for the first time has been asked to get the entire work done from an outside agency, and that too sans guidelines and marketing parameters. It reveals that the direction of PMO to the Division is just directionless.

Dr. Ambedkar's life and work is a searchlight for the crores of the oppressed and exploited throughout the globe. Besides, there is no scarcity of demand for his works. On the contrary, although the Maharashtra govt. publications are in English, they are in great demand. The Govt. of India, therefore, must honour the builder of modern equalitarian India either by executing the entire project by its Publications Division, or by finalising a deal with anybody.

Suppressed Mahatma Phule re-conquers Maharashtra

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Nov. 28 was the 102th death anniversary of Mahatma Phule. Mahatma Phule's centenary was not celebrated with the fervor that Dr. Ambedkar's birth centenary was, yet it saw both mass rallies and a renewed realization of the importance of this earliest great social radical, especially among the awakening Dalit and "lowcaste" masses.

In Maharashtra, Mahatma Phule's memory has never been erased, though brahminical forces suppressed his works for a long time and he was stigmatized (with Dr. Ambedkar) as pro-British by the upper castes. Only a few years ago a pandit of a Bombay Sanskrit institute tried to attack him as a British puppet and vulgar casteist; a wave of mass protest throughout the state was the result.

Bali Raja : The publication of a new volume of his Marathi collected writings saw people storming its Bombay distribution center to finish off, in one day, the first 10,000 copies published. And Mahatma Phule's symbol of the peasant masses, Bali Raja (Mahabali to Keralites), is the strongest contender to the Aryan Rama for popular identity.

The women's movement, the farmer's movement, peasant-based environmental movements and the anti-caste movement in Maharashtra all view him as a forerunner; as one of the most popular Marathi women's songs has it in a way that would make Bombay/Delhi fashionable feminists wince, "My first salute to Jotiba, who gave birth to women's liberation". Yet this heritage has become fragmented today.

Dalit and "lowcaste" radicals can quote his scathing attacks on brahminism without dealing with his analysis of peasant exploitation; Sharad Joshi can focus on peasants but avoid stressing the caste aspects of *gulamgiri*; Madhav Gadgil and Ram Guha can cite his description of the interdependence of forests, grasslands and cultivation in traditional village society without worrying if Mahatma Phule's total vision contradicts their thesis of the ecological functions of caste. The fragmentation of vision reflects the disconnected, inchoate, conflicting state of the movements themselves.

Mahatma Phule, in his own way, anticipated this and had his own answer to it: the core of his philosophy,

seeking truth.

Vidya, science, knowledge, education was central to his thinking and was the opposite of the *shastra* of the brahmins. Education was not to be a gateway to employment, an acquisition of the "information base" of modernity, an indoctrination that would upgrade clerks and wives according to the needs of a patriarchal elite. Rather it was to be a road to human liberation, which would help those who acquired it to question authority, to overthrow the *puranas* and sacred books, to constitute themselves as full human beings and the foundation of all authority.

Nehru platitudes: Mahatma Phule would have been as appalled at the rote character of learning today (whether it is Hindu nazi mantras or Nehruvian platitudes students are taught to memorize) as he would be by the fact that only 30% of the education budget is spent on primary and secondary education. *Seek truth* was his theme; the *satyashodhak samaj* was his organization (a fitting contrast to "brahmo", "arya" and "prarthana" samajes!) and his call for this has an almost postmodern ring to it:

All ideologies have decayed;
No one views comprehensively;
What is trivial, what is great
Cannot be understood.
Philosophies fill the market
Gods have become a cacophony,
To the enticements of desire
People fall prey...
All, everywhere has decayed,
Truth and untruth cannot be assayed
This is how people have become one,
Everywhere.
There is a cacophony of opinions,
No one heeds another
Each one thinks the opinion
he has caught is great.
Pride in untruth
Dooms them to destruction
So the wise people say,
Seek Truth

(*Samagra Wangway*, p. 440).

India can't be a "nation" until human rights assured to all

The following excerpts are taken from the just published Maharashtra Govt. book, Selections - Vol.2 of Mahatma Phule works, with a foreword by Defence Minister Sharad Pawar. The book may be had from the manager, Netaji Subhas Rd., Bombay - 400 004, 1992 Rs.29.

MAHATMA JOTIRAO PHULE

Please listen to me carefully. The cunning Aryan Brahmins who follow the mischievous, cunning and treacherous religion of their Aryan ancestors - look down upon (treat contemptuously) all the ignorant Shudras. (It is an ironical fact) that the ignorant Shudras treat the Mahars as contemptibles, while the ignorant Mahars treat the Mangs equally contemptuously. The taboo-ridden ultra-orthodox cunning Aryan Brahmins not only treat the Shudras and Ati-Shudras contemptuously, but they refuse to inter-dine and inter-marry with them. They have gone one step further and have totally forbidden the Shudras and Ati-Shudras to inter-dine and inter-marry among even themselves. (p.26)

Because of these mischievous taboos and restrictions (imposed by the Aryan Brahmins upon the Shudras and Ati-Shudras), they are seen following diverse ways of behavior, diverse habits regarding food and drink, diverse etiquettes etc., which are at variance with one another. If the mass of the people are so riven and divided among themselves, they form a veritable hotch-potch.

How can such a hotch-potch ever form a 'Nation'? (be ever called a 'Nation'?)

Dear friend, note that these cunning Aryan Brahmins invariably treat all other sections of the population in our land (in the world?) contemptuously and they regard all others with jealousy and hatred from the bottom

of their hearts. I venture to state that these Brahmins will surely not hesitate to condemn these ignorant and foolish Shudras and Ati-Shudras to the depths of perdition (hell) to serve their own selfish interests

Mischief of Congress party: So I declare confidently that if these cunning Aryan Brahmins were to masquerade (pretend to be) as the Americans or the French professing one religion - i.e. Christianity and were to found not one but hundreds of such "National Congresses" in our country, no reasonable, discriminating or wise Shudra or Ati-Shudra will (be so foolish as to) ever join the Brahmins' 'National Congress'. - Should they do so (foolishly), the English Government will surely be fed up with them (will not take kindly to such a move on the part of the Shudras and Ati-Shudras). (p.27).

Land of Ball Chakravarti: There can not be a 'Nation' worth the name until and unless all the people (nationals, inhabitants) of the land of King Bali - such as the Shudras and Ati-Shudras, Bhils (tribals) and fishermen etc. become truly educated, are able to think independently for themselves and are uniformly unified and emotionally integrated. If a tiny section of the population like the upstart Aryan Brahmins alone were to found the 'National Congress' who will take any notice of it? (p.29).

Priests exposed: The Aryan Brahmins came to India from Iran as

marauders and they fought with the original inhabitants of this land and subjugated them. An attempt is made, in the following ballad, to describe the various kings and satraps (and other authorities) in India who were reduced to the status of thralls and helots. Their commander - Parashuram - exiled some of the brave warriors and condemned some other influential ones to the (ignominious) nether world. The following ballad describes how the Aryan (Brahmins) are persecuting and torturing these intrepid, valiant Kshatriyas even to-day. (p.72).

Gods on Earth: The Brahmin's natural (instinctive) temperament is mischievous and cantankerous, and it is so inveterate that it can never be eradicated.

The Brahmins forbade the Shudras even to hear (the recitation of) the Vedas but (they did not think it a pollution) and they taught (Sanskrit and vernacular languages to) the Englishmen readily.

They style themselves as the earth-gods and compel the Shudras to prostrate themselves at their feet, but (how ironical it is that) they do not think it below their dignity to prostrate themselves at the feet of cheap prostitutes.

They serve food to the Shudra from a distance (to avoid his polluting contact) but do not hesitate to drink wine under the pretext that it is required as a ritual of the Shakta sect (which permitted its followers to eat flesh, imbibe wine and have free

sex).

Muslim concubines: They force the Shudras to wash their (the Brahmins') feet and further compel them to drink the (dirty) water as 'sanctified water' (from a holy place), while they kiss and fondle the Mohammedan (foreign) concubines.

Being deprived of education, the Shudra lost all his dignity (was condemned to a low status), and he was forced to take care of (carry, look after) the Brahmin's shoes.

O Shudras, now do not throw away the Brahmins' shoes that you have been carrying in your hands all these years, but now you should belabour your tormentors with the self-same shoes and search for the Truth diligently, says Joti. (p.73).

English education: The English Government desired that the cunning Aryan Brahmins should be convinced of the villainy practised by their distant ancestors upon the Shudras and Ati-Shudras (for centuries), that they should repent for it, and they should cease forthwith their attitude of regarding the Shudras and Ati-Shudras as contemptible and mean, and should stop persecuting them in any way. So the English Government expended huge amounts of money collected by way of different taxes levied upon all the Shudras and Ati-Shudras in this land of King Bali - and established (English) Schools at a number of places where tuition-free education was imparted to the children of the cunning Aryan Brahmins, hoping that these children will acquire real knowledge and enlightenment (about the true state of affairs).

I have (reports to the effect) that among the Societies established by the sons of the cunning Aryan Brahmins, two are noteworthy - namely the Public (Social) Organisation (the Sarvajanic Sabha) in Poona, and the (Indian) National Congress. (p.24). ■

How "marxism" is used in India to promote brahminism

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: We have said enough about India's crosstread "marxists" who successfully used "marxism" to promote brahminism.

We have also written about EMS Namboodiripad, "India's top-most marxist leader", calling Kerala "Vedangalude Nadu" (land of vedas). On the last Vijaydashami day, (Oct. 5) the Malayala Manorama, India's largest circulated daily, published a front-page picture of EMS writing "Hari Sri" on the tongue of his two grandchildren. This typical brahmin custom denotes teaching the child its first alphabets.

We had also written how SA Dange, the chairman of the undivided communist party and India's only "Lenin Order winner", writing a foreword to his son-in-law, Bani Deshpande's book saying that "all the wisdom of Karl Marx flowed from the vedas". For making this anti-marxist monstrous statement the party expelled its own chairman. But the cross-thread Dange did not challenge the expulsion because to him his *jati* was more important than marxism and his *jati* believed what he had said. To the cross-thread "marxists", marxism, communism, socialism are all a sort of business to promote their *jati*.

Nazi tribute to a "marxist": Now, we have the confirmation for all that we have said from the Hindu nazi official journal itself.

The *Organiser* Diwali special (Oct. 25, 92) has published the 'marxist' Bani Deshpande's article, "Ram Janam Bhoomi and Communists", with the following editorial note:

Prof. Bani Deshpande comes from a well known liberal nationalist family of Betul, MP. His three great grand-fa-

thers were hanged by the British 150 years ago.

Bani is married to the former Marxist MP Roza, daughter of the veteran communist leader SA Dange. In Mumbai, he worked as the editor of the *Soviet Land* and also edited *National Democracy*. His research in vedic and marxist philosophy led him to discover that the doctrine of dialectics is the basis of all vedic schools from the very ancient times and claims that yoga represents the highest development of scientific thought even in our times.

Bani Deshpande, the cross-thread "marxist", fully defends Hindu nazis' illegal seizure of the Babri Masjid and says in his *Organiser* article:

"Asking for historians proof and archeological evidences to prove that a temple existed there is ridiculous. He quotes the German Nazi philosopher Schopenhauer saying "in the whole world there is no study so beneficial and elevating as that of Upanishads."

Another cross-thread "marxist", Nilakant Khadilkar, Editor, *Nav Kal*, Bombay, has written a book, "Practical Socialism" (1983-No.13, Shenevadi, Girgaum, Bombay-4) saying marxism could be usefully exploited to promote brahminism (DV edit: June 1, 1985: "*Marxism to the rescue of brahminism*").

These "socialist brahmins" have proved more dangerous than "sacred brahmins". (Read: *How Marx Failed in Hindu India*, DSA, 1988).

SIKH LEADER ARRESTED

Amritsar: Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Secretary and former Ambassador Harinder Singh Khalsa was arrested by police on Nov. 26 on charges of sedition. SGPC President Gurcharan Singh Tohra said this was a direct interference in religious affairs of the Sikhs. SGPC is a life-subscriber of DV. ■

Caste prejudice forces judges to defy Constitution

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Babasaheb Ambedkar said, "The Hindu has the will to equality. His inclination and his attitude are opposed to democratic doctrine of one man one value". (*Writings and Speeches*, Vo. IX). The Bombay High Court recently proved that the Constitution, laws, rules and regulations cannot change this basic "Hindu Mind".

From this it is clear that as long as this "Hindu Mind" is what it is no social transformation is possible in India. Upper caste judges in charge of implementing the Constitution have themselves proved it.

Reservation in employment and promotions is a constitutional directive. Officials working in the judiciary are all govt. servants and as such the policy should extend to the employees of the Bombay High Court. Unfortunately the so-called "merit and efficiency" scuttled this reservation policy even when the SC/ST candidates fought for its implementation through a batch of writ petitions and had won the battle.

Bold and blunt judge: After extensive hearings of the petitions a division bench comprising Justice K. Sukumaran and Justice V.V. Kamat wrote the judgment and order on Dec. 18, 1991. This judgment had been written by Justice Sukumaran on his behalf and Justice Kamat, and both signed it on May 1, 1992.

Judgments and orders have no effect unless and until they are pronounced in the open court. However, the court officials issued a certified copy of the judgment and order to one of the petitioners, though it had not been pronounced.

After a lapse of six months the court officials realised the mistake. So the judgment was pronounced at the Aurangabad bench of the High Court by another division bench comprising Justice Kamat and Justice S.G. Mutalik on June 8, 1992. There is no explanation as to why the author of the judgment, the senior-most judge, Justice Sukumaran, did not take part in pronouncing the order.

Sukumaran had used hard and blunt language in upholding the reservation policy and had allowed the writ petitions.

In their order (Kamat and Mutalik) sought to explain the delay and stated that the court office erred in issuing the certified copy and directed that it should be withdrawn, since the certified copy bore the date Dec. 18, 1991, while they (Kamat and Mutalik) had

"corrected" the date as June 8, 1992. The date of any judicial order is not only very important but sacrosanct.

Chief Justice role: The next part of the story is the judgment was not acceptable to Chief Justice P.D. Desai. Though it was open to him to file an appeal before the Supreme Court, he asked the same judges (Kamat and Mutalik) to reconsider the judgment by filing a review petition. Such a petition has to be filed within 30 days of the date of the order and for this purpose, the date of the order is taken as June 8, 1992 and not Dec. 18, 1991.

The review petitions have to be heard by the same judges whose judgment is sought to be reviewed. With the retirement of the senior-most judge, Sukumaran in July 1992, the review petition was heard by a new bench comprising a senior judge, Justice M.L. Pendse, and Justice V.V. Kamat. They admitted the petition of the Chief Justice on Aug. 14, 1992 and stayed the operation of the order that had been made by Justice Sukumaran and Justice Kamat on the ground that it reflected "errors apparent on the face of the record" and that the judgment contained "glaring omissions and patent mistakes or grave errors". The order further said that these writ petitions should be heard all over again by another division bench selected by the Chief Justice. Here again Justice Kamat is a signatory to the order written by Justice Pendse.

Crucial questions: While the net result of these protracted proceedings is that the reservation policy need not be followed by the judiciary in Maharashtra, some interesting crucial questions have cropped up.

Firstly, are not judges like Justice Kamat who have taken contradictory and conflicting positions accountable to anybody?

Secondly, should the callousness of the court officials, who managed to see that the original judgment and order remained unpronounced, go unpunished?

Thirdly, where are the "merit and efficiency" which we are told would perish if reservation policy is implemented?

Lastly, would it be proper for the chief justice who is also the petitioner now, to constitute or select the bench which will hear the petitions?

Aryan were invaders and they came from Iran

The following portion is reproduced from the *Advanced History of India* (1980 Allied Publishers) which is prescribed as a textbook. In this the authors, Nilakanta Shastri and Srinivasachari - both Brahmins and noted historians - say that Aryans are invaders and the dark-skinned Dravidas are indigenous peoples. They also say that the historic Indus Valley Civilisation of Dravidas was destroyed by Aryans. The following piece is part of the Chapter I of the book, "Pre-historic India", p.31 to 33 and is a slap on the face of today's Aryan mischievous move to re-write history saying they too are indigenous. The Aryans today are resorting to falsification of history because of the fear that the awakened indigenous Indians may one day threaten their very existence in India after coming to know the Aryan treachery.

NILAKANTA SHASTRI & SRINIVACHARI

Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa were destroyed some time about 1500 B.C. The Aryans may have sacked the cities, but one should like to have more definite evidence than has come in. The movement of peoples who sacked ancient cities is something not confined to India in the centuries immediately after 2000 B.C.

The period 2000 B.C. - 1500 B.C. witness a political upheaval throughout the Ancient Orient and its periphery. This is the time when the people of the desert waste along with those of the mountains enter into competition on equal terms with the river-valley powers.

We are here concerned with the three mountainous peoples that emerge into power. They are the Kassites in southern Mesopotamia, the Hurrians in northern Mesopotamia and the Hittites in Anatolia. The origins of these peoples may be traced back to the third millennium B.C. All the peoples of the mountains include an Indo-European element ethnically varying in extent and purity. The languages they speak belong to the Indo-European group.

Sanskrit not Indian: The word 'Indo-European' has been found to be a convenient term for languages allied to Sanskrit and their presumed original. It is suggested that the area in which that original gave birth to Sanskrit and other languages

having close affinities with it, may be somewhere on the outer boundaries of the kingdom of Sumer and Akkad, between South Russia and Turkistan. Philologists have shown that verbal equations can be made through Sanskrit, Greek, Latin, Irish, Germanic, Tocharian and Armenian languages representing ideas or objects which are fundamental to a society and do not ordinarily change with environment.

Based on a comparative study of languages, scholars have constructed broad outlines of the structure of the Indo-European society, which have stood the test of the archaeological knowledge of the second millennium B.C., in Western Asia and Eastern Europe.

Aryans were patriarchal: The patriarchal family was the unit of society. They believed in luminous gods (devas), Jupiter being the most important, who were immortal and givers of the good things of life. The animals best known to them were the ox and cow, the sheep, the horse, the dog, the pig and probably also some kind of deer. The wolf and the bear were known to them but not the lion or tiger. Among the birds known to them were the goose, the duck and the eagle.

Aryans were beef-eaters: They were familiar with corn and must have led a settled life. Probably those that lived by the riverside had acquired the knowledge and

practice of regular irrigation. Cattle-breeding provided their chief sustenance of milk and flesh as also their clothing of wool and skins. Of the metals, copper and bronze were known to them, while iron is rarely mentioned. Besides bow and arrow their offensive weapons included the club, the axe, the sword, and the spear.

The close connection of Sanskrit with most of the ancient and modern languages of Europe made scholars in the early half of the nineteenth century believe that peoples connected by the tie of language might easily be conceived as connected by the tie of blood. Soon the supposition that the primitive tribe from whom the Indo-Europeans descended lived on the Asiatic steppes became an article of faith, which continued to maintain its ground for some time. In more recent times philological and anthropological evidence has led investigators to place the common origin of all these peoples in one or another part of Europe. That these peoples descended from a common tribe has been discredited on the ground that community of language is no proof of community of blood. **There is as yet no real consensus on the place of the common origin of the Indo-Europeans.** The latest edition of *The Oxford History of India* has 'purposely' omitted discussion concerning the original home of the 'Aryans,' because no hypothesis on

the subject seems to be finally established!

Tilak on Aryan origin : In Europe nationalistic feelings have sometimes vitiated the quest; for example, the German school headed by Kossina placed the original home of the Indo-Europeans in the North-European plain people with blond Nordics. *In India, Tilak argued that the Aryans came from the North Pole in about 5000 B.C., but he took care to caution against relying on astronomical references in the Rigveda.* 'But responsible linguists and archaeologists have agreed in regarding the possible region of origin as relatively limited, and lying somewhere between the Danube and the Oxus'.

There is good archaeological evidence for the arrival in North-West India of invaders from the West in the centuries following 2000 B.C., whether they were Indo-Europeans or not cannot be said with any certainty. About the same time there seems to have been a loose confederacy of tribes, stretching from South Russia to Turkistan, who shared certain elements of culture. Inscriptions and documents of the Hittite empire relating to the beginning of the second millennium B.C., support this view. The connection of the Indo-Aryans with that confederacy has not so far been established.

From the point of view of political history 1500 B.C., may be taken as the beginning of a new era in the Ancient Orient. About this time the Kassites take over power in Babylonia, remaining there for nearly four hundred years and assimilating the language and culture of the local civilization so completely that they come to form part of it. Further to the north in the Hurri region arose the great state of Mitanni, which expands almost to the Mediterranean, only to collapse abruptly after less than 150 years. The Hittites from Anatolia enter the field of

international politics with a raid that reaches as far as Babylon and remain in power for three hundred years. Thus the three centuries from 1500-1200 B.C. delimit the period to which the peoples of the mountains give their character and name.

Aryans are invaders: The Aryans invasion of India seems to synchronize with the destruction of Harappa about 1500 B.C. *There are some experts who hold the view that the penetration of the Aryans into India may well have been about 2500 B.C.* but the internal evidence of the *Rigveda* relating to destruction of fortified cities is brought in to reject the view. This is one of those problems which future research alone can settle.

The Aryans brought with them their patrilineal tribal organization, their worship of sky-gods and their horses and chariots, important elements of the culture of the Indo-Europeans. **It should be noted that the Aryan invasion of India was not a single concerted action, but one covering a long period and involving many tribes.**

Aryans come from Iran: There is clear evidence to show that Aryan tribes held a great influence over a wide area, stretching from northern Asia Minor over north-western Babylonia to Media about the fifteenth century B.C. The Tellel Amarna letters provide extensive information concerning the rulers of Mitanni who are on good political terms with Egypt. King Tushratta, the author of a long letter written to Amenophis III, has to wage war against a certain Artatama, king of Hurrians who had friendly relations with the Hittites (about 1365 B.C). *Thushratta and Artatama are decidedly Aryan names. The Hurrian pantheon includes Aryan gods such as Indra, Varuna and Mithras.* Inscriptions discovered at Hattusas (the present day

Boghazkoy), capital of the Hittite empire, contain the words *aika* (one), *panza* (five), and *na* (nine-*na*). Among the Kassites occur Aryan names of princes and gods. 'The numbers and the names of deities appear in forms earlier than those which they assumed later in Persia and India and nearer to those found in the *Rigveda*. In particular the change of the Aryan *s* into the Iranian *h* had not yet occurred'.

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