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THUS SPAKE AMBEDKAR

Thus Spake Ambedkar

Amendments to Article 13

Subsequently, we found that the Committee on Tribal Areas had used the phrase "Scheduled Tribes" and we have used the words "scheduled tribes" in the schedules which accompany this Constitution. In order to keep the language uniform, it is necessary to substitute the word "Scheduled" for the word "aboriginal".

Mr. Vice-President: There is, I understand, an amendment to this amendment, and that is amendment No. 56 of List I, standing in the name of Shri Phool Singh.

(Amendment No. 56 of list I was not moved).

Mr. Vice-President: That means this amendment No. 491 stands as it is.

Then we come to amendment No. 488.

(Amendment No. 488 was not moved).

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: Sir, I move:

"That in clause (6) of article 13, for the words 'public order, morality or health', the words 'the general public' be substituted."

The words 'public order, morality or health' are quite inappropriate in that particular clause.

Shri M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar:...Now, therefore, except the amendments which are acceptable to Dr. Ambedkar, the others should not be accepted. They are objectionable and ought not to find a place in the constitution.

Shri Satyanarayan Sinha (Bihar: General): I move that the question be now put.

Mr. Vice-President: An enquiry was made of me as to how I have tried to conduct the proceedings of this house. I refused to supply the information at that time, because I thought it might be left to my discretion to explain how I conduct the proceedings. I see that I have not been able to satisfy all the members who desire to speak. At the present moment I have here 25 notes from 25 different gentlemen all anxious to speak. There is no doubt that each one of them will be able to contribute something to the discussion. But the discussion cannot be prolonged indefinitely. This does not take into account those other gentlemen equally competent to give their opinion who stand up and who have denied to themselves the opportunity of sending me notes. I have tried to get the views of the house as whole. If Honourable Members will kindly go through the list of speakers who have already addressed the House they will find that every province has been represented and every so-called

minority from every province has been represented. In my view, in spite of what Pandit L.K. Maitra says Bengalees are a majority. In my view therefore the question has been fully discussed. But, as always, I would like to know whether it is the wish of the House that we should close this discussion.

Honourable Members: Yes, yes

Mr. Vice-President: Then I call upon Dr. Ambedkar to reply.

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (Bombay:General): Mr. Vice-President Sir, among the many amendments that have been moved to this article 13, I propose to accept amendment No. 415, No. 453 as amended by amendment No. 86 of Mr. Murnshi, and amendment No. 49 in list I as modified by Mr. Thakur Das Bhargava's amendment to add the word "reasonable".

Mr. Vice-President: Will you kindly tell us how you proposed to accept amendment No. 415?

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: The amendment which seeks to remove the words "subject to the other provisions of this article".

Mr. Vice-President: And then?

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: Then I accept No. 453 as modified by amendment No. 86, and amendment No. 49 in List-I as modified by the amendment of Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava which introduces the word "reasonable".

Now, Sir, coming to the other amendments and the point raised by the speakers in their speeches in moving those amendments, I find that there are just a few points which call for a reply.

With regard to the general attack on article 13 which has centred on the sub-clauses to clause (1), I think I may say that the House now will be in a position to feel that the article with the amendments introduced therein has emerged in a form which is generally satisfactory. My explanation as to the importance of article 8, my amendment to the phrase "existing laws" and the introduction of the word "reasonable" remove, in my judgement, the faults which were pointed out by Honourable members when they spoke on this article, and I think the speeches made by my friends, Professor Shibban Lal Saksena and Mr. T.T. Krishnamachari and Mr. Algu Rai Shastri, will convince the House that the article as it now stands with the amendments should find no difficulty in being accepted and therefore I do not want to add anything to what my friends have said in support of this article. *(To be continued)*

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S.N. Goenka pact with Kanchi Mutt swami to promote Brahminism : Vipassana polluting Buddhism ?

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About 10 years ago, I happened to share the dais with Yashwant Manohar, a noted writer, who identified two things "polluting" India's Buddhism: (1) Osho and (2) Vipassana. At that time the significance of his statement was not fully appreciated.

Now, the ill-effects of Vipassana seem to be evident from the big Debate that is going on in *Dalit Voice* on Vipassana. Many writers including stalwarts like Raju Kamble and Anil Rangari have criticised S.N. Goenka who is engineering the Vipassana (meditation) movement. Dr. Vinod Wanjari is reportedly coming out with a book. I know Raju Kamble and Anil Rangari, both ardent Ambedkarites, and their criticisms do carry weight.

Dr. Tulsiram, a JNU scholar and editor of the *Vishwa Ashvaghosha*, said about three years ago:

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad has organised a number of "World Hindu Buddhist Conferences", at Haridwar, Modi Puram, Sarnath, Rajgir, Bodhi Gaya and Lumbini. At these conferences it was falsely claimed that since Buddhism is an essential part of Hinduism, those who want to embrace Buddhism should embrace Hinduism directly. At these meetings Vipassana Guruji Goenka is also reported to have participated.

3-point pact: We do not know what was Goenka's stand but it was reported that Bhikkhu Vinayarakkhita Dharmayatana, Maharagama of Sri Lanka, disclosed an agreement between Goenka and the Kanchi Shankarachari. Asoka the Great had constructed 84,000 stupas over the remains of the Budha and keeping alive the same tradition, S.N. Goenka was building a pagoda at Bombay. He also disclosed a pact between the Kanchi Shankarachari and Goenka. He also disclosed that on Nov.11, 1999 at the Mahabodhi Society office, Sarnath, Jayendra Saraswati of Kanchi Kamakoti and Satyanarayana Goenka met and issued a joint communique agreeing on the following three points:

1. Due to whatever reason some literature was written in India in the past in which the Budha was declared to be a reincarnation of Vishnu and other various false things about him, this was very unpleasant. In order to foster friendlier ties between Hindus and Buddhists we decide that whatever has happened in the past should be forgotten and such belief should not be propagated.
2. To for ever remove this misconception, we declare that both *Vedic* and *Samana* are ancient traditions of India (Vishnu belongs to the *Vedic* tradition and Budha belongs to the *Samana* tradition). Any attempt by one tradition to show it higher than the other will only generate hatred and ill-will between the two. Hence such a thing should not be done in future and both traditions should be accorded equal respect and esteem.
3. Anybody can attain high position in the society by doing good

deeds. One becomes a low person in society if one does evil deeds. Hence anybody by doing good deeds and removing the defilement, such as passion, anger, arrogance, ignorance, greed, jealousy and ego, can attain a high position in society and enjoy peace and happiness.

Goenka ranked with Babasaheb: The agreement ranked Goenka among the three great Buddhist revivalist leaders along with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

(1) "The first visible revival of Buddhism in India started with Anagarika Dharmapala, who founded the Mahabodhi Society of India in 1891, which located the historic sacred sites sanctified by Buddha's presence and protected these places for the benefit of people. This society maintains those places of Buddhist worship with deep devotion.

(2) "Then it was Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of Indian Constitution, who along with more than 6,00,000 of his followers embraced Buddhism at Nagpur in India on 14th of October (Ashoka Vijaya Dashmi) in the year 1956.

(3) "Again it was in the year 1955 that Shri Satyanarayana Goenka took his first Vipassana meditation course in Yangon (Burma) and unknowingly got committed to work for the spread of Buddha's *Dhamma* throughout India and the world through his ten-day Vipassana meditation courses with its secular flavour, non-sectarian ingredients and universal appeal, which is unique to the Buddha's teaching".

In Aug. 2002, when I saw this article on International Dalit Forum, I lodged a strong protest. I do not think many people in India know about this pact between the Kanchi Shankarachari and Goenka on Buddhism.

Bodh Gaya conspiracy: I do not know how many Buddhists in India would accept Goenka as their representative in the talks with the leaders of Brahminism. As a matter of fact I had warned three years back about the Brahminical Social Order (BSO) attempting to depict the Buddha as a Hindu. I had also requested people like Jaysuriya to warn foreign tourists and pilgrims not to fall a prey to such propaganda.

The above-mentioned pact appears to be a part of the same conspiracy. We cannot forget the Brahminical conspiracy at Bodh Gaya.

I agree that the relations between Hindus and Buddhists should be friendly. But the above pact is no solution. The Bodh Gaya temple should be handed back to Buddhists before any pact. The Buddhists have raised this question in the UNO forum also.

Coming to the pact itself (clause-1), I am happy that the Kanchi Shankarachari has realized that it is wrong that "some literature was written in India in the past in

which the Buddha was declared to be a reincarnation of Vishnu and other various false things about him". But he does not condemn such books. Just saying "such belief should not be propagated" is not enough. How to know that the Kanchi Shankarachari does not consider the Buddha as an *avatar* of Vishnu unless this is done? Goenka must also condemn all such ancient Brahminic literature which depict the Buddha as an *avatar* of Vishnu.

About clause 2 of the pact, the Kanchi Shankarachari has said all religious traditions are equal. Such traditions under Hinduism are represented by castes. If the Shankarachari declares all the castes as equal, that would be in keeping with the ancient tradition. We are given to understand that the Adi-Shankara had declared that *atma* in all human beings is same.

So, Goenka should ask the Shankarachari that all temples in India should have priests of all castes in proportion to the population of each caste.

Blocking Bahujans: Clause-3 of the pact is also highly commendable. The Shankarachari has realized that "anybody can attain a high position in the society by doing good deeds. One becomes a low person in society if one does evil deeds". So, he should declare that the worth of a man depends on his deeds and not on his birth.

Goenka must now ask the Kanchi Shankarachari to make a non-Brahmin as the Shankarachari.

If these things are accepted the entire Bahujan Samaj of India would appreciate Goenka and the Shankarachari. The pact between them would be then meaningful. Or else, the Bahujans would feel the pact as part of the attempts by the BSO to block the Bahujan awakening and thus maintain the status quo with Brahminic hegemony.

This is urgent and important as leaders of Bahujan Samaj have declared conversion of 30 million Bahujans to Buddhism in 2006 on the golden jubilee of Dr. Ambedkar's conversion.

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Vipassana critics in minority

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For quite some time now the DV Debate on Buddhism is going on. An acrimonious campaign is going on against the Buddhist meditation practice in particular. But it is only a few individuals who are indulging in this criticism. DV has been kind enough to publish both sides of the case. (ubale@mah.nic.in)

Fall of Baghdad or fall of America ?

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A day before the start of the second phase of the US war on Iraq, US drum-beater, CNN, made a newsline: "Rumoured: Tariq Aziz killed or escaped Iraq". Mark the word **rumoured**. This was accompanied by a dossier on Tariq Aziz - "Chaldean Catholic, original name: Hannan something. Later changed name as Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq". Mark the words "Chaldean, Catholic. Hannan, later changing the name".

CRADLE OF CIVILISATION

These words speak of the foundation upon which the war was programmed — rumours, lies, creating religious strife. This was a very well done announcement.

This provided an opportunity to Tariq Aziz to come before the TV screens on live channels and show up himself. He concluded:

"Americans are powerful. They have no brains. They do not know the history of Iraqis. The geography of this region. They do not know human nature."

These few words are so meaningful that volumes can be written on each. These words also speak of the foundation, programmes, strategy upon which the Iraqi defence and offence are based.

Had the CNN rumour-monger or the provider of this rumour just tried to know the meaning of the word, Chaldean, he would have known that the US was stepping into its graveyard.

We will explain: The geographical area now abounding Iraq is the cradle of civilization, wherein such warrior communities lived including the Chaldeans, who fought internal

Wars against each other and also with others on all sides. The other peoples are Assyrians, Akkadians, Sumerians, Medes, Persians. They all have fought for centuries, winning and losing wars, killing and getting killed, running, chasing, attacking, retreating, laying sieges, traps, and planning strategies. Fighting, killing and getting killed has been their pleasurable sport like hunting game animals. Life without fighting was not worth living for them. They felt so pleased on sighting an enemy like hunters upon spotting game animals. The present-day Iraqis are the descendants of all these brave warriors including Saddam Hussein, Tariq Aziz and other members of the Iraqi regime.

ENEMY WORTH OF FIGHTING

They have found in the US an enemy worth fighting with, a game animal, which can be chased, made to run, exhausted, given rest, again woken up and made to run and ultimately get killed when it is totally exhausted or the hunters themselves are satisfied or disgusted. That is why, they have enjoyed the threats given by the elder Bush in 1991 and the younger Bush for six months each and the actual fights of 1991 and the current ongoing fight. In both the bouts they have fought, retreated, used stratagems and ruses, chased the enemy, got chased, and this process will go on.

Look at the trap they laid for the allied troops. Instead of fighting at Um Qasar, the gateway to Iraq, they surrendered it and made mock battles far away on the Um Qasar-Baghdad highway which

was swept clean for the allies to move fast. There was no traffic from the opposite side. Cities after cities were allowed to be captured, but token resistance continued both inside and the suburbs of the cities — Basra, Najaf, Karbala upto Nasiriyah — to convince the invaders of a genuine resistance which was falling short. They put up stiffer resistance between Nasiriyah and Baghdad to impress that the resistance is hard and crushing here.

STRANGEST EVENT OF HISTORY

A warning was given by the Iraqi Information Minister three days before the US entry into Baghdad that the enemy will be buried or forced to surrender in an "unconventional resistance".

The US took it as mere boasting. Yet the invader fearing weapons of mass destruction (WMD) entered Baghdad very cautiously and slowly and stopped. Iraqis themselves encouraged the Enemy, welcomed it and took it deep inside to the central place and advised and encouraged it to pull down the statue of Saddam Hussein, thus reaching the climax of the war. No expected "unconventional weapon or resistance" was seen. The Enemy expected a hand-to-hand fight in every street, house and square as was seen at the fall of Berlin in 1945. But there was none. The Enemy was surprised to see the strangest event of history: the capital of the most powerful Arab state had no army, and none to defend it. Common people stood by gazing as if they were witnessing a match. America