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Dalits fooled private sector reservation

Gandhi can't represent Untouchables :

THUS SPAKE AMBEDKAR

Thus Spake Ambedkar

Gandhi can't represent Untouchables

In the course of his speech Sir Akbar Hydari, while replying to Dr. Ambedkar, said: "Speeches like those of Dr. Ambedkar, if I may say so, do not sufficiently appreciate the realities of the situation". Upon this Dr. Ambedkar answered back: "I have never been guilty of not appreciating realities".

While discussing the formation of the Federal Constitution, nobody referred to the time-limit for initiation of Federation. It was Dr. Ambedkar who lifted the veil by saying: "I do not know that there would be any British Indian who would like to put the establishment of responsible Government in cold storage until the Princes make up their minds to enter into the Federal Government of India."

During these discussions in the Federal Structure Committee there were flashes, exchanges of views, reviews of the constitutional history of the world and ideas about Free India. Dr. Ambedkar's speeches on those topics were full of information, interest and valuable suggestions. The politician, the barrister, the constitutionalist, the professor, the defender of the downtrodden millions and the friend of the States people profoundly impressed the Conference with different facets of his erudition.

By now the third week of September 1931 was over. The Minorities Committee was to commence its work on September 28. On the eve of this session, Gandhi's son, Devdas Gandhi, saw Dr. Ambedkar at his residence, and an interview was fixed between Gandhi and Dr. Ambedkar at the residence of Sarojini Naidu between 9 and 12 p.m. Accordingly, Dr. Ambedkar saw Gandhi and placed his cards on the table. But Gandhi did not open his mind and said that he would consent to Dr. Ambedkar's demands if others agreed.

The Minorities Committee met for the first time on September 28, 1931. The Premier admitted that the problem of minorities in India had baffled them all. He observed that some of the delegates had suggested that Government should arbitrate as the delegates themselves had failed to agree, but he opined that the arbitration would probably be unacceptable to some of them. Upon this the Aga Khan said that Mahatma Gandhi was going to see the Muslim delegates that night and so he asked for an adjournment. Seconding the Aga Khan, Malaviya wished that the general discussion might stand over.

Dr. Ambedkar was in the know of the secret talk that were going on between the Muslim leaders and Gandhi regarding the Hindu-Muslim agreement. So referring to the motion for adjournment, he said: "As far as the Depressed Classes are concerned, we have already presented our case to the Minorities Sub-Committee last time. The only thing which remains for me to do is to put before this Committee a short statement suggesting the quantum of representation which we want in different Legislatures".

He himself had heard with great pleasure, Dr. Ambedkar continued, that further negotiations were going to take place for the settlement of the communal issue. He further observed: "But I would like to make this matter absolutely plain at the start. Those who are negotiating ought to understand that they are not plenipotentiaries at all; that whatever may be the representative character of Mr. Gandhi or the Congress people, they certainly are not in a position to bind us — certainly not. I say that most emphatically in this meeting". And concluding his speech with a warning, he said: "I want to say most emphatically that whoever claims weightage and whoever is willing to give that weightage he must not give it — he cannot give — out of my share". Upon this the Chairman, MacDonald said: "Dr. Ambedkar's position has been made absolutely clear, in his usual splendid way. He has left no doubt at all about it". (*Proceedings of Federal Structure Committee & Minorities Committee*, p. 527).

On October 1, Mahatma Gandhi again asked for a week's adjournment. He told the Committee that he was being closeted with Muslim leaders of various groups. At this Dr. Ambedkar got up and said that he did not wish to create any difficulty in arriving at such a settlement, but wanted to know whether or not the Depressed Classes would be represented on that formal Committee. Gandhi replied in the affirmative. Dr. Ambedkar thanked Gandhi for this, and turning to the delegates, explained: "Mahatma Gandhi told us on the first day that he spoke in the Federal Structure Committee that as a representative of the Indian National Congress he was not prepared to give political recognition to any community other than the Muslims and the Sikhs. He was not prepared to recognize the Anglo-Indians, the Depressed Classes and the Indian Christians.

(To be continued)

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Lessons of Bihar : Hindu "no" to caring & sharing will make India ungovernable

Lalu Prasad Yadav is pictured as India's most corrupt and hated political leader by the country's "national" toilet papers. Almost every wing of the govt. and society has joined hands in his daily character assassination. But fortunately this micro-minority Brahminical conspiracy against him is making him more and more popular with the masses of India and Bihar in particular. The more they hate him more popular he becomes with the toiling masses.

These upper caste forces (15%) tried to finish him in Bihar but in the process they only got defeated and Lalu has emerged as a hero.

This is the position today as Bihar is facing fresh Assembly elections as all the Brahminical tricks, their money and media power could not dislodge Lalu.

Bum-licker Paswan: The one fellow who became the laughing stock of the whole country is the Brahminical bum-licker. Ram Vilas Paswan. He tried to put his legs into two boats and got drowned. We had warned him many times but the Dalit leader is not ready to listen because his heart is in the Brahminical camp. There are many such Brahminical agents among Dalit leaders. One by one all of them will go the Paswan way.

The Kurmi (BC) leader, Nitish Kumar, at least is more honest. He firmly stood by his upper caste Brahmin, Bumihar, Kayasth, Thakur benefactors. But the bogus Dalit (Passi) leader Ram Vilas Paswan became the worst loser.

Victory for "*caste identity*": Paswan represents our country's elite Dalits. They want to run with the hare but hunt with the hounds. In the process they are neither here nor there.

The defeat he suffered in the latest Bihar drama is the worst in his life. He wanted to continue in the Union Cabinet to enjoy power but flirted with *vaidiks* staging all sorts of dramas

Kannada "*Caste*"book release

The release of the Kannada translation of Editor V.T. Rajshekar's book, *Caste — A Nation Within the Nation* (Books for Change, Bangalore) will be held on June 11 (Saturday). Dr. C.S. Dwarakanath, a noted advocate of Bangalore, will release the book titled: *Jati — Rashtradolagondu Rashtra,* at the Institute of Agricultural Technologists Hall, No.15 - Queens Road at 4 p.m. Dr. L. Hanumanthaiya, MLC and a noted Kannada scholar, will preside. The Editor will be present. DV family members are requested to attend.

Meanwhile, the Mangalore function to release the same book is postponed to July 9 (Saturday). It will be held at the Mangalore Town hall. The Editor will be present. DV family members are requested to attend. ■

like demanding a Muslim Chief Minister for Bihar – though he did not have a single Muslim in his pack. The evil genius in him was plain. He wanted to drive away Muslims and make the Yadavas suspect Lalu. But his game did not succeed. For the sake of money and power, such "leaders" do not mind cheating their own people. Such betrayers must be taught a fitting lesson. All such Paswans must be weeded out of public life.

Lalu admits mistakes: When his flock started deserting, Paswan prostrated before Lalu but by then it was too late. The Bihar Assembly was dissolved and fresh elections are expected in a couple of months — all to the advantage of Lalu.

Bihar offers one of the best examples where our "*caste identity*" thesis has taken deep roots. All the Hindus are united though they are divided on caste lines. They are using the Backward Caste (Kurmi) leader, Nitish Kumar, to defeat Lalu but they are not successful.

Lalu has the solid support of Yadavas and also Muslims. But now he has to choose the right candidate giving proper representation to not only Yadavas and Muslims but other small BC *jatis* and Dalits. Lalu has admitted his mistakes and we are sure he will learn from these mistakes.

Lalu has to strictly go by our "*caste identity*" thesis giving representation to different castes (subcastes) and communities. This can be done by utilising the intervening period between now and the election date to organise conferences of different *jatis* among Backward Castes and Scheduled Castes.

Backward Muslims: We have reports that Lalu has not given adequate representation or rather ignored the claims of Backward Muslims. Their grievances are genuine and have to be attended to.

Paswan has created some problem for Lalu by raising the aspirations of Muslims for Chief Ministership. He did it only to create a rift between Lalu and his Muslim followers. Though Paswan's mischief did not work it allowed scope for upper castes to fish in the Muslim troubled waters. It is true that Lalu has brought peace for Muslims by seeing that the Hindu nazis did not engineer any anti-Muslim riots. Muslims are with Lalu. Yet it is necessary that Muslim grievances are properly met including that of Backward Muslims.

Lalu must know that Muslims and Yadavas (MY) alone cannot fetch him the majority votes. Every *jati* is becoming conscious and craving for power and representation. This is bound to happen when democracy takes roots. The upper caste enemies of Lalu will catch hold of disgruntled and left-out BC and SC *jatis*. Lalu must give no scope for upper caste mischief. Hence the need for sharing and caring.

We call upon Ram Vilas Paswan, who suffered the worst fall, to at least realise that he has no following. His own Passi *jati* is deserting him. The only way to avoid his political death is to have alliance with Lalu if not join him outright.

Economic cake: What is becoming clear from the latest Bihar drama is that India is becoming increasingly ungovernable.

The different deprived castes are becoming conscious of their **identity** and the strength and the benefits it will bring once their **identity** is strengthened. Once the different castes, not only among the SC/ST/BCs but also among Muslims, start strengthening their **identity** and organising their respective caste, it will release tremendous energy. This energy will be used to fight for their due share not only in political power but also in the economic cake.

So far only about 15% of the upper castes have been eating the whole of political and economic cake. With the release of the caste force, every deprived caste will join the race for power and economic cake.

For the time being this can be managed with the coalition of different castes. Already several States are having such coalitions. Such a coalition is there in Delhi also. This is the cause of uncertainty of the govt. in Delhi and the split verdict leading to dissolution of the Assembly in Bihar.

Caste consciousness: Such uncertainties are bound to happen not only in different states but also at the Centre. This is because caste is coming of age. "Lower castes" are becoming conscious. This is a good sign.

There will be a good lot of confusion and chaos in the beginning. The upper castes may say India is becoming ungovernable and it needs a military dictator.

The upper caste people always want a "stable govt". But how can there be stability when only

few sit and eat? And the rest work and work and yet starve?

Caste consciousness has helped the deprived to realise that their deprivation is **only** because of their caste and that such a deprivation can be ended **only** when they strengthen their *caste identity* and demand their share of the cake.

Bihar has shown how the upper castes are ganging up to deceive the deprived castes. And the deprived castes are also understanding the upper caste crimes and beginning to assert themselves. The intensifying "caste struggle" in Bihar has caused the uncertainty and the final dissolution of the Assembly.

Bihar will repeat not only in other states but also at the Centre. For quite sometime India will remain ungovernable until the upper castes realise that peace and stability will come only when they share and care.

But the upper castes (Hindus) will never learn any thing new. That means India will face terrible uncertainties and may become really ungovernable. If such a thing happens we are not to be held responsible for the Hindu "no" to sharing and caring. ■

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Iran must go ahead with bomb for self-protection

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: We congratulate Iran and North Korea, two of the "Axis of Evil" countries named by President Bush, for defying America and announcing they have nuclear ambitions. When the menacing America is bent upon threatening them, the victims have every right for self-defence. Did not India defy America and its cronies and explode the bomb?

The entire White Western world is dictated by zionists and their sole interest is to promote Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine. Because Israel is afraid of nuclear attack by Iran, the zionists are forcing America to "control" Iran. This will not work.

America launched an illegal war on Iraq at the behest of zionists, who feared Saddam might attack Israel, but got defeated in Iraq. Bush war-mongering policy on Iraq failed. America's failure in Iraq has encouraged Iran and N. Korea to go ahead with making bombs. Why should the world have only one super power?

America uttered 100 and one lies on Iraq. Not one charge it made against Saddam Hussein has proved right. Why should it now criticise Iran of speaking lies on its nuclear ambitions?

Iran must stand firm and we assure that the fall of America and its zionist master is nearing.

The rise of revolutionary Hamas in the Palestinian local elections is a clear warning to Israel and its puppets. Iran must stand up to its revolutionary past.

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Vaidik Varavara Rao's treachery against Dalit hero Gaddar

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The game being played by Varavara Rao, former emissary of the CPI (Maoist), by spreading canards about his comrades, Gaddar and Kalyan Rao, has nothing do with marxism. It has everything to do with Moral Foxism. In parables, the fox is pictured as a cunning animal. It hunts animals which it wants to eat. It does not hesitate to betray its own friends when it wants to advance its own cause. That was why the famous thinker Machiavelli asked politicians and kings to depend more on the tactics of a fox than on the bravery of a lion.

Karl Marx, the founder of marxism, which Varavara Rao claims to subscribe to, prescribed exactly the opposite code for a revolutionary. A revolutionary has to be honest, truthful and should never play foul. In short, there is no scope for Foxism in Marxism.

A CUT-THROAT COMRADE

But Varavara Rao writes such letters against his own comrades motivated by a kind of cut-throat competition and with the deceptive morality of a fox. With his merciless attitudes, he even attempted to sideline a man such as Gaddar from public space.

The fact remains that Gaddar is much taller in stature than Varavara Rao. Gaddar, who walks with bullets in his chest, gets accused of being a timid person who is trying to save his own skin. Kalyan Rao, who wrote a powerful book, *Antarani Vasantham* (The Untouchable Spring), is accused of being corrupt and immoral. When you take into account the fact that both Gaddar and Kalyan Rao are Dalits and Varavara Rao a "*pundit* by birth", the whole thing becomes clearer. Varavara Rao went to the extent of saying that Gaddar was running around the Chief Minister's office and Kalyan Rao was merely issuing statements sitting in his house.

All this would have sounded more credible had Varavara Rao been writing from a forest, while fighting off the police. He too is living in the same urban environment as Gaddar and Kalyan Rao. At least Gaddar was underground for quite some time, but Varavara Rao never had to undergo such experiences. Normally poets are arrogant. Plato, the famous Greek philosopher, who constructed the theory of justice and also gave us the concept of Republic, banished them from his ideal State saying they were men of fourth-rate imagination.

THIRD RATE POETS

In India, because of the Brahminic tradition of writing poetry, an aura was constructed around all poets. For ages, poetry was an exclusive Brahminic art in India and was used only to hoodwink toiling masses. Tragically, the Indian revolution too fell into the trap of such Brahminic poets. The results of such a tragedy are astounding.

The Maoist revolution produced many men of "fourth-rate imagination" and they sit in judgment of history and philosophy. Such poets sit in their caste citadels and used their feeble imagination to judge men of sacrifice and commitment and also the course of

DV proves right on Naxalite *natak* companies

Dalit Voice *was India's first paper to warn the oppressed Dalit-Bahujans against the* ***vaidiks*** *parading as naxalites to mislead our innocent people and then get them killed in police bullets. Brother Kancha Ilaiah, whose article exposes the Telugu Brahmin Varavara Rao's perfidy, was the first intellectual to heed our warning and save himself from these naxalite* ***natak*** *companies.*

That is how Kancha has become one of India's few towering honest intellectuals.

In our several talks with Brother Gaddar who released our book, ***Brahminism*** *(DSA-2002), at Hyderabad, we had warned him against being used by these* ***vaidik*** *vultures. We are sure the latest treachery will force him to take a decision.*

The other noted Dalit leader who took our warnings and made a quick retreat is Brother Bojja Tarakam.

Andhra Pradesh Dalit-Bahujans are a revolutionary lot. And it is to pour cold water on their burning anger, to make them easy prey to police bullets and (the most important) to kill the growing caste consciousness among Dalit Bahujans, the ***vaidiks*** *founded the naxalite* ***natak*** *companies.*

We were the first in India to say this. Kancha's latest article proves DV right — ***EDITOR.***

revolution. They even decide which heads to lop off.

Sadly, the heads that roll are of poor Dalits and OBCs as they constitute the *dalams*, the constabulary and so-called informers.

The irony is that it is the poet who pens verse on the dead hero and becomes immortal and not the hero himself. Like Veda Vyasa of yore, Varavara Rao is said to be counting the severed heads in the ongoing *Mahabharatam* and writing poetry.

Even in this modern *Mahabharatam*, the thumb of an Ekalavya is cut off in the very field of "poetic spring thunder".

Marx becomes Manu: Gaddar and Kalyan Rao had to go through the experience of Ekalavya as Varavara Rao has become the Dronacharya of Indian revolution. He has the right to cut the thumb of anybody who questions him or competes with him.

Marx was converted to Manu in the process.

Varavara Rao has not come from a Brave New World where men face bullets for their beliefs. When there was a visible threat to his life he surrendered to the court and lived in the safety of the jail. Not that anyone wants him to fall prey to bullets, but why display such a love for one's own caste and a hatred for others. It is as if anyone crossed the *Laxman Rekha* that Varavara Rao draws they would be accused of timidity. While he too is surviving without having to face too many hardships, why pretend to be a Christ-like soul who is being crucified daily by the state?

After having written such foxy letters, Varavara Rao claims that they were forged by the state, until a letter in his own hand-writing was released. If he could write such letters against visible personalities such as Gaddar and Kalyan Rao, how many such letters would he have written on ordinary activists who questioned his methods?

The love of caste is so powerful that morality and merit operate even in revolutionary organisations in terms of "us" and "them".

As per the prescriptions of Kautilya and Manu, a Dalit in civil society has to be suspected always. Even in the Varavara Rao mode of revolution, a Dalit has to be suspected always. In Kautilyan state there had to be a proper *pundit* as a spy to guard against the immoral behavior of *Chandalas* and *sudras*. The same is the case now. It only indicates that this kind of revolution does not abolish caste, as the leaders of the movement believe that the lower caste men and women are unfit for leadership and untrustworthy.

The proper *pundits* must keep a close watch on them. Earlier, after an OBC writer, B. S. Ramulu, was found to be showing signs of assertion and he was sent out immediately and his writings were mocked. Gaddar was tolerated for long because he was holding up the masses, preparing them for the speeches of the *pundits*. But even Gaddar would not be allowed to grow beyond a point. The real problem is that the masses don't trust such poet-*pundits*.

Hence the need for Gaddars. But that social base must be guarded so that it does not produce any leader of stature. When a Gaddar or Kalyan Rao attempts to move into a visible political space, letters would go from *pundits* urging the leaders to control them. Their relationship even with doctors should be scrutinized very carefully.

But the relationship of the poet-*pundits* even with politicians of high office should never be suspected. All such things should be seen as strategies of a marxist revolution. The Dalit-Bahujans who trusted them must realise that what is in operation is Foxism and not Marxism.

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DEBATE

Dalit movement is male-dominated : Men alone can't make revolution

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Lot of discussions have taken place on my article on "*Physical identities for Dalit-Ambedkairte women*" (DV Jan.16, 2005). DV family members have welcomed my criticism. They say that it is a good move and women alone can do something in this direction. I don't agree with this.

Who made the women to apply *sindur* and use *Mangal Sutra*? Is it not to keep them enslaved and inferior to men? *Mangal Sutra* and *sindur* point out that the woman having it is married and hence she is physically and mentally owned by one man for whole of his life.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar has also criticised the *saptapadi* and such other Brahminical rituals in Hindu marriages.

Upper caste women: In ancient times Brahmins did not want any hurdle to their absolute monarchy. That is why they did not even spare their mothers, daughters, sisters and wives. They prescribed very brutal rules to control women (*Rig Veda, Manu* codes).

In the process of enslaving the Bahujans through the caste system, the worst sufferers are only the women. As we go from the "highest" *jati* (Brahmins) to the lowest (Dalit), the degree or the intensity of slavery of women increases from higher to lower *jati*. The "lowest caste" women suffer the most. Bahujan women go through all types of exploitation. She works round the clock and yet she remains hungry and neglected.

After "independence", the life of upper caste women has changed and their hardships reduced. They have become independent mentally and financially. Actually Savitribai Phule (BC) started the first school for women and it was Dr. Ambedkar who drafted the Hindu Code Bill for liberating women. But the Brahmins took full benefit of Phule and Babasaheb's efforts.

Husband's permission: About 90% of Indians live in villages and in urban slums. The women have to do hard work to meet their needs but their sons, husbands enjoy. Either they idle away their time or indulge in gambling or *goondaism*.

But their women are forced to keep up the dignity of their marital status (*sindur* and *Mangal Sutra*) in the society. A systematic *hinduisation* of the non-Hindu Bahujans has affected the women much more than the men. *Sindur* and *Mangal Sutra* can alone help them, save their lives and bring them happiness. This is what they think. But this is a myth. This myth alone is responsible for making women dependent and helpless. She always depends on some male. May be her father, brother, husband or son for her physical and financial protection. I think the *sindur* and *Mangal Sutra* are the easiest way to exploit her physically and mentally during her whole life. *Sindur, Mangal Sutra, Curvachauth, watsavitri puja* etc., related to married women only, add to their misery and exploitation.

Under such conditions how our Backward women can decide to shed these shackles (*sindur* and *Mangal Sutra*) on her own without the permission of her husband?

No free race from slave mothers: After the death of Babasaheb, Dalit movement is limping. When it takes one step forward, it actually goes two steps backward.

Because the Dalit movement is dominated by men who have kept their women enslaved. Our Editor has admitted this many times.

These males talk only about the inequality, discrimination and injustice caused to them by the upper castes. But the same Dalit men at home do the same things to their women. They do not recognise their women's independent human identity.

A "low caste" women's brain is controlled by their men. How then the Dalits can think that they can produce tigers and lions out of their slave mothers? Dalit- Bahujan males must think over this point. The Dalit movement cannot get off unless their women are also free. Superstition-ridden women cannot produce emancipated Dalits. Only such enlightened males with true Ambedkarite spirit can think of equality of men and women.

Dr. Ambedkar has said:

> The progress of a community depends upon the progress of women of that particular community".

Political power as master-key: So if the oppressed people want their socio-political fight to be strengthened, they must first raise the level of their women. They must start discussing Budha, Periyar, Dr. Ambedkar first with their women so that they produce more Budhas, Periyars and Ambedkars.

There are some people who think that political power first and educating women second. Those who think that political power is the masterkey and rush to get that **key** must remember that illiterate, dogmatic,

superstitious masses will not be able to handle that **key** for long. A huge building without proper base or foundation cannot last long. Without proper emancipation, awareness, our leaders will behave like that pendulum and then it won't be possible to control the **key**. ■

Dalit women must give up *sindhur* & *Mangal Sutra*

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This refers to Sister Rajshree Dange's article, "*Physical identity for Dalits*" (DV Jan.16, 2005). I have some interesting points on marriage and *Mangal Sutra* from two books written by a noted Telugu writer, Taapi Dharma Rao.

He says during the primitive and "uncivilised stage", people used to fear and fight each other. The victors used to take away women of the defeated. They tied a rope round their necks and dragged them. There used to be fight among men for the same women. Deaths were common. This they thought was not good for the group because their enemy would become stronger. To put an end to this infight, they evolved a system: "one woman one man". In due course this paved the way for marriage institution and division of labour between men and women. Later they developed rapport between the groups and they started inter-group marriages. But the old practice of taking away women took a new shape of a marriage ritual. The bride's group playing the part of the vanquished and the groom's as the victors. In that ritual, threads were tied round the neck of the bride instead of the rope and that was called *Gala-sutram*.

Sexual poses: To sanctify *gala-sutram*, they devised a metal pendant which came to be called *Man-gala-sutra* which later changed its shape, size and style.

The male chauvinistic *vaidiks* imposed all sorts of restrictions on their women. In the name of chastity (only for women) and sanctity of the *Mangala Sutra*, women are warned not to remove it under any circumstances except on the death of their husbands. If any woman dares to do so she would go to *naraka*. In their view, a woman is nothing but a thing for quenching their lust. That is the reason for sculpting erotic figures of women in sexual poses.

The Hindus believe that *kumkum* besides adding to women's beauty it protects them from "evil sight". Putting *sindur* in their (women) parting is in vogue in North India and today we see women of South India imitating it. *Sindhur* in its pure form is harmless. But it is adulterated with cheap chemical substances causing skin cancer.

Putting *sindhur* is a Hindu custom. When "we are not Hindu and never Hindu", why should our women follow that practice? Dalit women should discuss with the help and guidance of progressive women like Sister Dange and decide themselves. As our dictum is to "hate what our Enemy loves and love what our Enemy hates", our Dalit women should give up all Hindu practices including *sindhur* and *Mangala Sutra*. That itself will add to our distinct **identity**. ■

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China's rise & India's fall

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The defeat of America in Iraq and earlier in Afghanistan and the snub it suffered at the hands of the British electorate, which cut Tony Blair to size, has not taught any lesson to the big bully. It has started needling China, the world's fastest growing economy.

By surrounding China and creating problems at different points, America is trying to frighten China and disturb its economy. The US is jealous of China's rise and that is why it is instigating Japan to interfere with China which may soon develop the ability to take pre-emptive military action on Taiwan.

Failure of India: America is trying its best to cut China to size. It has mounted all-round attack on China to mainly paralyse its surging economy but as every action of America is going against justice and truth it is bound to fail.

Meanwhile, we have reports that the upper caste-ruled India has virtually admitted defeat "in catching up" with China. This assessment was unofficially given to some select reporters at the first anniversary of the Congress-led coalition Govt. in Delhi.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is an upper caste Sikh. He may be honest and upright but has no knowledge of India's social diversity.

Hence his failure to meet the need for social justice which has to take priority over economic justice.

(See also p. 10) ■

Turkish PM's shocking behaviour in Israel

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: With such shocking no from France and Belgium, where the hate Turkey fever is running high on the European Union (EU) constitution, Turkey's chances of getting into EU have suffered a big setback.

We understand the dilemma facing Turkey in its quest for the EU membership which it will never get unless it dances to the tunes of the White Western racists and their zionist masters.

That does not mean Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan should go out of the way to court Ariel Sharon and assure the zionist leader that his Justice and Development (AK) Party saw "anti-Semitism as a crime against humanity". During a recent visit to Israel, he also criticised Iran saying its nuclear ambitions were a threat not just to Israel but the whole world. Shocking statements.

Erdogan got elected as leader of an Islamic Party and the two (above) statements are not only highly un-Islamic but anti-human.

Waiting with begging bowl: Erdogan's embrace of Israel just to please America and its zionist masters will take him nowhere. If he thinks such a bum-licking will help Turkey get EU membership he is mistaken.

With such a blatantly anti-Muslim behaviour, he will be only spoiling the chances of Turkey and making the West feel that Turkey is weak.

It is now over 40 years since Turkey is waiting with a begging bowl before the doors of EU. Since 1999, it is officially a candidate country. Many countries, which applied much later, have got in but Turkey is made to permanently wait because of Turkey is Muslim and its appeasing attitude.

Secularisation: The Europeans, who are both White and Christian, will neither allow Turkey to go its own way nor will give quick admission into EU. Perhaps they want to squeeze the Islamic country to death and allow only a dead body to enter EU. They are afraid that Turkey left alone will assume Islamic leadership and be a threat to zionists.

The Western strategy is to stop Turkey from taking over the Islamic leadership. They will do this by tiring Turkey to death and then finally admit it into EU when it is finally fed up and enfeebled. If this is not possible, the West may insist on "secularisation" of Muslim Turkey by which Turkey is as good as dead.

Perhaps, such a waiting game is intended to test the nerves of Turkey. Erdogan by going to Israel and praising it publicly has given enough indication that Turkey is prepared to fall in line and ready to be assimilated. We can never pardon Erdogan. ■

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US bid to bust Chinese economy

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: As this is written America is bombarding the galloping China with warnings after warnings to revalue its currency (Yuan). But the world knows the meaning of this anti-Chinese tirade.

Given the total zionist control over American finances, if not the Bush Administration itself, any advice given by America should be viewed with serious suspicion.

We are afraid that the American anti-Chinese tantrums to revalue its currency within six months is a White Western conspiracy to see that the booming Chinese economy crashes.

China, as predicted in DV many times, is smerging as the world's No.1 power. The arrogant America is falling fast. And it must.

Hitler not worst villain of 20th century as painted by zionists

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Stagnant and decadent nations and people look back to past glories and disasters to keep up their spirits. This is what the rulers of over 50 countries did in Moscow to abuse history on May 9, 2005 when they joined to honour the sacrifices of Russian soldiers who died to defend their country against the attacks and invasions by Hitler's armies during the World War-II.

An year before Hitler's attack on Russia, Stalin's armies had attacked and occupied Eastern Poland in alliance with Hitler. Both Stalin and Hitler had bartered to divide Poland into East and West. Both were equally aggressive and expansionist. But on May 9 everybody stood up to condemn only the German "aggression" deliberately forgetting the Russian sins.

A GREAT GERMAN PATRIOT

But the world has not forgotten history. This article is to remind the forgotten history and warn innocent readers not to be misled by the mind-manipulators at work.

Hitler's rise itself in Germany as a German patriot, nationalist and leader was a result of humiliation, destruction and loot of the German nation from 1919 onwards through the Treaty of Verseilles. The German Govt. was compelled to borrow from private London bankers to pay for war reparations amounting to billions of dollars. The nationalised German railways was turned over to a private corporation for 26 billion marks of which 11 billion were mortgaged to the American Dawes Plan trustees who were placed on the administrative board of the railways.

The entire German nation was converted into a milk yielding cow. Germans were laughed at as goofs and grocers. Can we blame Hitler if he organised his people to avenge such gross insults and save his country from further loot?

Hitler's only mistake was that he was so open hearted that he revealed his ideals and noble intentions in his autobiography, *Mein Kampf*, long before action in 1924 itself. Had he not revealed his intentions, the looters and exploiters would not have known his plans.

His autobiography is a wonderful piece of philosophical treatise. (1971, pp. 694, Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, USA).

REVOLUTIONARIES MUST READ IT

If Hitler had become a politician and leader, he would have been hailed as a philosopher and great writer in the cause of West.

Every revolutionary must read this book and learn useful lessons.

The enemies of Germany, particularly America and the Jews, have selectively altered some sentences and portions to make Hitler a monster and the most hated person. He is projected as anti-Jew and father of anti-Semitism. But there are no historical evidences to prove this charge.

Anti-Semitism has been there in Europe since long. Initially Hitler took this as a feeling of jealousy on the part of incompetent Christians. And after his own independent

Zionists surpass nazis in cruelty

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: Germans, says history, are one of the proudest peoples in the world. Such a proud people today say they are tired of being reminded time and again of their country's "crimes" against Jews. A survey revealed as much as 60% of Germans strongly resent being constantly dubbed anti-Jew. They say this is not true.

So angry are the Germans that the just inaugurated Holocaust memorial in Berlin was painted with the sign of swastika within hours of opening it.

The Jews have invaded Germany like anything. And the Germans have welcomed them showing no signs of "hatred". Germany has Europe's third largest Jewish population.

But the constant irritation and the frequent reminder of the "nazi past" is forcing young Germans to stop tolerating the Jews.

What is forgotten is the Jews, who say they once suffered under nazis and became the worst victims of war and violence, have surpassed the nazis in killing Palestinians. What the zionist Israel is doing to Palestinians today pales into insignificance before Hitler's Holocaust.

study came to this conclusion with sound arguments and evidences about the selfish, racist, anti-human character of the Jews. (Read V.T. Rajshekar's book, *Brahminism*, DSA-2002 on Brahmins & Jews).

Jews, subsequently managed to get anti-semitic laws passed in all European countries to punish anybody criticising their treacherous acts. So much so, today anybody can make any attack on Christians and Muslims anywhere in Europe but not utter a word against the Jews whatever may be their crimes. Such is the Jewish terrorism. Jews are now the most pampered and the fondest children of all European countries.

HITLER WAS NOT AGAINST JEWS

Hitler was not against Jews alone but against all exploitative anti-Germans, Free Masons, liberals, socialists, communists, Catholic youth movements, monasteries and churches and also Jews. But the propaganda is that he was only against Jews — ignoring all others and that too without saying as to why.

The treacheries and cunning strategies of the Jews, whom Hitler proved that they are not a religious group but a race, are very lucidly explained in this book. They only posed themselves as a religious group to deceive others and to gain moral and religious sympathies.

In spite of being a micro-minority in population, they had controlled all newspapers, administration, economy and politics. In the US, they controlled the World Bank, Stock Exchange and the US Administration and even the United Nations.

They were the open and secret leaders of all political parties. Their monopoly was such that Christians in spite of being over 90% were helpless and some Christian political parties went all out to protect Jewish interests, and condemn anti-Semitic movements.

Initially, Hitler did not like this. He was against anti-Semitic literature. Only after prolonged and deep study, he concluded that the Jews are primarily responsible for all the misfortunes of Germany.

Hitler is not the initiator, as propagated, but the promoter of anti-Semitism along with other anti-German isms.

INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DUE TO HITLER

The other reason for this blind anti-Hitlerism is the extra concern that all the colonialists, imperialists and anti-humans had to protect their empires. Hitler not only avenged the mighty exploiters like America and England for their cruelties and exploitation but also showed by his own example to the future fighters:-

> "Does not matter even if you are hated, betrayed, toppled and killed — fight on".

Americans and British feared that Hitler would be a role model for future leaders of their colonies and the Third World. They will fight along with their followers, get their followers killed, get themselves killed, but at the same time not allow the American and British exploiters to loot for long. Though Hitler got defeated and finally committed suicide (or secretly killed?), got his nation further ruined, but he shattered the foundations of the imperialist powers — British, France and Netherlands and petty others.

JAPAN AS ALLY OF HITLER

But for Hitler's brave actions the colonies of imperialists across the world would not have gained independence including India.

The British exploiters would have countermanded India's struggle for independence and of others under their familiar treacheries and intrigues.

The British saved themselves from defeat at Hitler's hand with the men and material support of America and having been pauperised after war pledged themselves to their benefactor. The once master of the world is now a lackey of America bereft of all self-respect and independent decision-making.

Hitler thus caused the slow, lingering death of Germany's greatest tormentor after his death. And the process is going on.

AMERICAN BESTIAL CULTURE

Definitely Britain and the zionists everywhere have to hate Hitler and make others hate him through world-wide vile propaganda. But leaders of the Third World and masses everywhere admire Hitler but masses have no voice and leaders follow Hitler's vengeful attitude and do not commit the mistake of disclosing their hearts through words which mistake Hitler himself committed in his *Mein Kampf*.

The greatest intriguing aspect in the Moscow gathering of the over 50 Ali Babas of the world was the presence of the Japanese Prime Minister, whose nation was an ally of Hitler's Germany, which itself committed immense atrocities and mass killings in Eastern Russia, China and other South Asian countries. This is only a ploy to blame only the Germans but make the world believe the Japanese are good and only Germans were bad. We need not say about America which killed millions of Japanese civilians, men, women and children in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, partly to conduct the experiment of the

might of its atom bomb and to end the war and dominate the world. That is the American bestial culture. Subsequently to Hitler. it is the Americans who have killed the highest number of human beings all across the world.

AMERICANS KILL FOR FUN

At least, Hitler had a purpose but Americans kill for experimentation and fun and they suffer from the mental disease of paranoia. The presence in the gang of Ali Babas is of the German Chancellor himself. He came over to curse his own father and the fathers of the people he rules. This is the depth which vile lies and propaganda push the children to hate their own parents. This also indicates how much the German nation is held in terror even to this day.

Germans dare not tell the world that what Hitler did was the same which England, France and the Netherlands did in the past. They all committed reckless aggressions in Asia, Africa and South America and killed millions to build their empires and loot their money. The difference is these cunning imperialists went on their conquering spree through private companies — the English, French and Dutch East India Companies, while Hitler did it through his own armies under his own command.

The other difference being Hitler attacked the bases of these imperialists as against their colonial wings.

The purpose of anti-Hitlarism is to absolve themselves of their horrible past, present and future crimes. They want the world to believe that Hitler alone was wrong and they were, are and will not be wrong.

WHITEMAN'S BURDEN

The world got fooled and forgot that aggressions, imperialism and exploitation have been an European phenomenon and philosophy under the slogan — "the Whiteman's burden" to civilize the world. Hitler was not the innovator but a powerful product of this phenomenon and philosophy.

The mistake lies with Europe not with Hitler.

When Hitler's ally, Italy's Mussolini, conquered Abyssinia in 1935, the only independent state in East Africa, they ratified the conquest after the usual dramas of workings and sanctions and accepted it as a part of Italian empire. Had Hitler done the same, the same would have been the treatment.

But Hitler hit at the root and not the branches and conquered France, violating the European norms that the Whiteman should not touch another Whiteman. And that was Hitler's mistake.

AFRICAN VICTIMS DEBARRED

Japan was a victim of America, China and Russia of Japan; England, Germany and France of each other. They all had losses and gains in the World War-II. America victimised Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and converted them into war fields. The German, Italian, American, English decisive battles were fought in these countries. All the White (Christian) peoples chose the battlefields of these Muslim countries to save their own countries from the destructions of warfare. These North American countries bore the brunt of war. Berlin, Paris and London suffered only scratches. Japan suffered the most. Yet the real victims of the war, the North African countries did not/ were not allowed to participate in this gathering of Ali Babas in Moscow because they are no Ali Babas they were no beneficiaries.

A strange gathering of part-victims, part-victors, but all victims kept out.

This is the new emerging law of the White Western (racist) world dictated by their zionist masters.

RACIST LAW

This gathering of Ali Babas is not so sincere as painted in the press. China's and India's presence should not confuse us. Behind the facade of this open gathering, the White Western monsters have certainly had secret, private meetings and hatched out plans to further loot the rest of the world. Russia and America have not come together for fun or mourning. This is only a facade.

India and China should go deeper into the matter dig out the secret designs and conspiracies and produce them before the world and be ready to lead the rest of the world.

And the Germans should make an independent study of the contributions of Adolf Hitler - but for whom the world would not have been as it is today. ■

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Letters to Editor

Nate Clay, Chicago, USA: My name is Nathaniel Clay. I am a journalist from Chicago, Ill USA. I host a radio talk show (WLS 890 AM) which is heard throughout the US and Canada. About 20 years ago, I met you in Libya at a conference hosted by Mommar Qadafi. I remember the conversation that we had about the *Dalits —The Black People of India* (which is also the title of your book published from America by Clarity Press) and their struggle against oppression. Next spring 2006 I will be bringing a group of American Blacks on a tour of India. Each year we go to an African country on a cultural and educational voyage of discovery. I am writing you to solicit your advice on putting together my itinenary. We will be vising the country for about 2 weeks. We plan to start in New Delhi and work our way South. I am not interested in the typical tourist trek. I really would like to meet with you in Bangalore and explore the Black community there. Could you please advise me on the kind of activities that would help us become more enlightened about the history and presences of Blacks in India. I believe you know my great friend Runoko Rashidi. He and I have the same interest and are both dedicated to exploring the global African dispersion. (naja@nuconceptsinc.com).

Yamin Zakaria, (yaminz@yahoo.co.uk): The capture and subsequent humiliation of a head of state by foreign forces constitutes disgrace for the entire nation. No sovereign nation with an ounce of dignity even facing a vicious dictatorship would concede for a foreign force, especially one with an alien culture and values, to enter its territory to capture and humiliate its leadership. Even if we imagine that there is a popular uprising against a brutal regime, the masses would at most consent to the foreign forces entering the country for: exclusively aiding the removal of the current regime. Subsequently, the foreign forces would be asked to leave the country immediately and the ousted leadership would be put on trial by the indigenous population. In the case of Iraq there was no mass uprising against Saddam Hussein since 1991 and the masses clearly did not consent to the recent unilateral US aggression that began with the "shock and awe" campaign. Even the rebellion in 1991 was confined to certain sections of the Shia community only. If there were genuine grievances across Iraq there would have been a massive rebellion of the kind witnessed in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. For sure Saddam Hussein had many opponents but equally he had many supporters and even today he commands support from the Iraqis. As for the foreign forces, the US invasion was not propelled by the altruistic reasons to end the tyranny of Saddam Hussein against his population. That cannot be the case because it defies logic and reality. The logic being that the US was complicit with the Baathist regime from its inception in 1967 until 1991 aiding it to commit the oppression in the first place. As for the reality, the US is a profit-seeking capitalist nation— not a charitable institution. The recent pictures of Saddam Hussein in his undergarments published by one of the filthiest tabloid newspapers in the UK, the *Sun*, is designed to inflict further shame upon the Arab-Muslim population. Apart from the above-mentioned reason, exposing someone in their under garments runs contrary to the Islamic values of modesty held by Muslims in general. If the *Sun* thought that publishing such pictures would be helpful, they could have easily have passed the pictures to an Iraqi or another Arab newspaper. The *Sun*'s defence editor, Tom Newton Dunn, defended his case by stating that Saddam was "hardly entitled to a single human courtesy" as 300,000 people had disappeared under his regime. Saddam Hussein has not even been charged and yet the guilty verdict has been pronounced by the newspaper as if they are the judge, jury and executioner. I suppose the world must now get used to the new legal standards (or lack of) set out by the free world waving the flag of democracy and the rule of law.

Dr. Awatar Singh Sekhon, Box - 60246, University of Alberta Postal Outlet, Edmonton, AB T6G 2S5, Canada: This refers to Sher Singh Bains (IAS) Letter (DV May1, 2005 p.18). Brother Bains has a poor knowledge of the Sikh history. He has not consulted the academic books of the Sikh history from the Sikh point of view. His writing reflects that he is only familiar with the literature produced by the enemies of Sikhs. The Sikh struggle for self-determination by peaceful means began on the very day when they (the forces of Ranjit Singh 1799 - 1849) surrendered their sovereignty to the forces of Maj-Gen Gilbert of the British Empire. The fateful day in the Sikh history was the March 14, 1849. On March 29, 1849 the British agent, Lord Dalhousie, announced the annexation of Punjab to the British Empire. Following Dalhousie's proclamation of Monarch Ranjit Singh's Punjab, the very first secular nation of South Asia, to the British Empire, the word "India" was invented to find its place in the dictionaries of the English language and on the world map as well. In other words, Punjab was the first sovereign nation with its own polity, and it never was the part of India. That is, India of the Brahmins and pro-Brahmins. Bains should enrich his knowledge and correct himself that the first use of the word Khalistan (*khalsa* means sovereign and *stan* means land i.e the land of

sovereign people, *Khalistan*) was made by Dr. (Bhai) Vir Singh of Ludhiana in 1940. He should read the Viceroy's Report No.8, CAB, XCA 04623 dated May 23, 1947 to the Sikh nation in which he threatened the Sikhs "to keep quiet or be prepared for genocide by the British Army". The writer is of the opinion that Brig. R.P. Sinha, on 8th March 1991 issued his threat to the Sikhs... a threat to the villagers that all males would be killed and their women taken to army camps to breed a new race if there was any militant activity in their village". Further, the policies being followed by the Indian administrations, since Aug.15, 1947 to this day, are generally no different than their (Hindus) British master until the day of transfer of political power.

Dr. Dorothy Anne Masters, Anthropologist, C/o Williamson, 28 - Bridge Road, Woolston, Southampton, SO19 7GQ: I am not getting *Dalit Voice*. I consider the *Dalit Voice* as a valuable document— the first of universal appeal for 5,000 years. I miss the paper.

Dr. Dennis Walker, C/o Balaclava Post Office, Melbourne -3183, Australia: The scientific academic study of Australian missionaries in East and West Bengal has hardly begun. For instance, there are Baptist missionary accounts of the encounter between Guruchand Thakur and C.S. Mead in history but there has been no attempt thus far by neutral scholars to utilize indigenous Bengali language sources to reconstruct from the Matua side how that relationship turned out. My research will try to utilize the *Shri Guru Chand Charita* of Acharya Mohananda Halder to characterize Mead as one of the foreign White actors in Bengal who came in the belief that they will transform its peoples but who in the upshot only see their technological skills seized by indigenous groups to carry forward their own inner development that had already been taking place. This was the experience of C.S. Mead in the relationship that opened with his attempt to convert to Christianity the Matua leader Guruchand Thakur. Mead came to Bengal absolutely convinced of the superiority of the White Protestant Christianity and the way of life it had fostered in Australia. Many members of the Baptist sect in Australia were of humble working class background but Mead had been born of a rich family: he was a product of Australia's White Anglo-Saxon ruling class. No doubt Mead also hoped to advance the interests of Britain as an imperial power in Bengal and India. But in Bengal, Mead soon came to feel that Guru Chand Thakur and the Dalit Matua were not the sort of people one could order around. He quickly revised his perception of Guru Chand accepting first that he was his equal and then soon coming to realize that Guru Chand Thakur was his superior in the spiritual divine wisdom and knowledge. He knew he had become the subordinate. My *Guru Chand Charita* carries many details of Mead functioning as a go-between or facilitator between Guru Chand the Matua and the British colonial administration in Bengal. My research will trace the specifics of Meads enabler function. There is no doubt that the Christian missionary Mead helped bring modern education to the Matua. However, Guruchand acted at every level to contain any attempts to brainwash the Dalit Matua pupils in Christianity. The upward-moving Dalit pupils won modern qualifications. But such qualifications were not enough. Because Hindu racists hated to give jobs to the educated Namasudra youths. When they came to complain of their suffering to Guru Chand he is implied by this Matua text to have asked Mead's advice. While Mead hoped to convert the Matua to Christ with the handful of young men he was ready to help regardless of whether they embraced Christianity or not. He used his influence in vain to get them jobs. He advised Guru Chand to launch a newspaper like those of the world's civilized societies to make his followers a known group and to muster them in British-organized settings and institutions. Such political clout would make the British give jobs to the Matua. It was Guru Chand's command of the miraculous that brought home to Mead that the Matua leader had infinitely more intelligence and knowledge then he did. Guru Chand's knowledge and vision could span the continents. He could reveal to Mead what was taking place now in the distant homeland of Australia from which Mead was separated by thousands of kilometers of ocean. Towering above Mead as he did, Guru Chand still left him some initiative in his function as the subordinate fixer and facilitator of the Matua Namasudra's modernization. The

Cancer patient needs support

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We need support. Rajendra Das (25), son of Harishchandra Das, a Dalit young man, having a daughter (2 1/2 years), is having cancer. He belongs to village Harsinghraydih, PO Budhiyadih, Giridih dt. - 815 301 and belongs to our organisation. His father is a rickshaw-puller. About Rs. 1.5 lakhs is needed for his treatment. His family is poor. Will some helping hand come forward.

Brother Ramdeo is an old member of the DV family from 1995 and deserves our support — ***EDITOR.***

construction of the Orakandi High School was a case in point. Guru Chand told Mead to listen carefully:

> I want a high school in this village, we want education, education and nothing but education. Without education there can be no uplift for this people.

But while Guru Chand ordered Mead to get moving on the project without delay, he also told the Australian missionary, "Carry it out whatever way you want". Thus Guru Chand left a margin of initiative to the useful foreigner. Mead responded that he was willing to help bring the school into existence but that he could only do that with Guru Chand's full help. "I want your strength to be with me" (*Shri Shri Guruchand Charita* p.220). Such passages in Namasudra literature establish that the initiative for their modernization came from within the Matua themselves. It was their choice and they carried it through to completion without converting from their quality Dalit religion to the in some way limited Christianly that Mead held out.

Yakubmamba, Desai Khadaki, at/PO: Kamrej Gam, Surat dt. - 394 180: Though I joined the DV family an year ago I had read all your books which told me all about you and your activities. I met you at the conference for Dalit-Muslim Unity which you inaugurated at Bharuch on 25/8/2002. I bought all the available books at that conference. It was my first attempt to read English books. We Gujaratis are very poor in English. Your books also helped me to correct and enrich my English as your acidic and bold pen forced me to do so and to know more about the upper caste conspiracy to enslave the *Bahujans* by denying them the knowledge of English. You have devoted yourself not to unite Dalits only but to unite the entire oppressed *Bahujan Samaj*. But I am sorry the Muslims who once dominated the world in all fields are now a house divided and a spent force. I fear that if the various *firkas* do not compromise and unite at least to fight for their common problems they will be finished. I agree with you that the "unity comes out of crisis" as you quoted in the case of Shah Banoo (DV Feb.16, 2005). The second example you have given is of Babri Masjid. It was owned by the Shias who are different from the Sunnis but on the issue the entire Indian Muslims stood like one man. Nobody raised any question about sect or *firka*. So, you are right in saying that we should not waste time on "unity" which automatically comes out of crisis. You have said many time that there is no difference between the BJP and the Congress in ideology. I read an interview by Jafariyab Jilani in the *Milli Gazette*. He said some Congress leaders had started an agitation in 1983 itself to force the Indira Gandhi Govt. to open the doors of Babri Masjid to Hindus to perform *puja*. This proves that there is no difference between BJP and the Congress on Muslims. I am a pensioner, (retired forest officer) aged 67, interested in reading and writing and working as the joint editor of the *Ummed Weekly* published since last 32 years from Surat in Gujarat.

Gurnam Singh Muktsar, 2 - Bhagat Singh Nagar, b/h Bus Stand, Muktsar - 152 026: Lalu Prasad Yadav is not my cousin. But he is a "national" leader who has different type of qualities unlike all other "national" leaders. He is under regular attack from RSS-BJP *walas* since the last one decade and more. He is blamed for everything. He was arrested and jailed many times. During the last ten years the press is putting out all sorts of bad news. The Hindu media portrays him as a *Rakshas* (villain). None other than Lalu is the enemy of BJP and Hindu nazis. But he is always out of their reach. During the Assembly elections in Bihar some schoolboys were "kidnapped" for which Lalu was held responsible. When the election was over and Lalu could not win majority to form the govt., the "kidnapping" stopped. When none could form the govt., BJP propped up Ram Vilas Paswan but the joker failed. Before the election, some Brahmin Congress leaders misguided Sonia Gandhi against Lalu and the Congress got defeated. BJP, Paswan, Nitish Kumar, Congress and Hindu media —all were fighting against one lone Lalu. Even then his RJD won the largest seats. Lalu's fresh enquiry on Godhra *kand* and its aftermath hit the BJP badly. Lalu like Bali is not ready to meet death. Remember now Brahmins alone are not ruling the country like the olden days. Lalu today is the only strongest leader among Bahujans. He must be supported.

Ramesh Rangari, Mahasagar, Flat No.103, Sector-4, Charkop, Kandiwali (W), Bombay - 400 067: Dr. M.F. Jilthe in DV April 16, 2005 (p.19) said Dr. Ambedkar often wept to think that he could not do anything for his people living in villages where Dalits and Backward Castes are landless labourers. This is the largest force for capturing the political power. Both BSP and RPI have not done anything to organise this landless labour. All villages are covered under the Rural Development Dept. of the state. The village activities are financed by the zilla parishad through the Central and State budgets. If a zilla parishad trade union at state level is formed with block level units, a landless labourer organisation can be formed and the people living in villages will get some benefits. Our Independent Labour Union (ILU) which is an apex body of Fule-Ambedkarite trade union at all-India level, will try to form such a trade union (Zilla Parishad Employee Trade Union and Landless Labourer Trade Union) to give relief to our people living in villages.

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Samaj Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 095: We thank you for publishing the advertisement of our book *Gandhi and Ambedkar on the Budha*, by D.S. Anand. Our latest, *The Unsung Martyrs of 1857*, is also being sent. We also publish censored material from all over the world. Authors whose books, poems, short stories, novels, cartoons etc. have been banned by their respective governments may send their banned writings in English, typed on one side of the page.

C.C. Hadke, SE (Civil), ONGC, IEOT (GF), Civil Engg. Section, Panvel, New Bombay - 410 221: A *Hitavada* (Nagpur) report (14.4.2005) says "Urban Dalits have diluted beliefs compared to their rural counterparts". Dalits in rural areas who embraced Budhism by giving up Hinduism 50 years ago have grown to be far more rational today than their urban counterparts, a recent doctoral study suggests. Researcher Geetanjali Mohapatra, who got a doctorate by Nagpur University for this study, says: "I found rural Budhists far more aware about Budhism and rational than urban Budhists". Geetanjali's guide Dr. Pradeep Aglave, who heads the Department of Ambedkar thoughts, admits that the study dispels the existing hypothesis. Despite being poor and powerless, rural Dalit-Budhists are still strong followers of this philosophy while those in urban centres have diluted their ways of life. Geetanjali says: rural Dalits are more conscious about caste and politics. In 50 years, the converted Budhists have done away with the beliefs and traditions of Hinduism. The study reveals Budhists are not free from caste bondages when it comes to marriages.

M. Abubakkar Khan, ERA No.25, TC-43/211, Kmaleswaram, Manacaud PO, Trivandrum - 695 009: A struggle (*satyagraha*) is going on before the Kerala Secretariat here for the last 464 days (as on 29.4.05) by the Dalit Federation demanding a statue of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the Father of India, before the Assembly Hall. Kerala Dalit Federation leader Aithiyoor Surendran and district chairman Kavaloor Mahendran are leading the struggle. When all the state govts. have installed the statues of Babasaheb Ambedkar before their legislature only Kerala is left behind. A bronze statue of Babasaheb is getting ready at Madras and expected to be unveiled during June-July this year.

Murukesan, Pallassana, Thempallam House, Pallassana PO, Palakkad dt. - 678 505: I am an unemployed Dalit youth living here. During 1996-2002, about 800 Dalit youths including myself took engineering diploma courses at Industrial Training Centre (ITC) under the administrative control of the Scheduled Caste Development Dept. But we are denied our rightful opportunity to get NCVT (National Council for Vocational Training) certificate due to the govt. failure to provide infrastructure facilities to the ITCs as per NCVT guidelines. Meanwhile, innumerable educational institutions are started in this small state even without minimum infrastructure facilities and proper certificates are being issued to upper castes. But our fight for justice remain unnoticed.

Shiv Kumar, Street No.4, Bhai Moolchand Colony, Near Peer Banna Banoi, Sunam Sangrur dt., Punjab - 148 028: Here is a complaint. Dr. Ambedkar books are not supplied either by the Director, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Source Material Publication Committee, Bombay, or by the Manager, Govt. Book Depot, Netaji Subhash Road, Charni Road, Bombay. One bank draft No. 155 186 dt. 15/9/04 for Rs. 125 was sent to the Director. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Source Material Publication Committee, Bombay, for the supply of a book, *Writings and Speeches of Ambedkar Vol.17*, which was returned by him vide his letter No. BAGS/2004/143 dt. 29/9/04 advising me to send the same to the Manager, Govt. Book Depot, Mumbai, which was subsequently sent by me to him vide my letter dated 7.10.04. Since then I am communicating with both the authorities but of no use. I have not received any book. Not only this, I even did not get a word in response from the Manager, Govt. Book Depot, Bombay.

*Will a member of our DV family in Bombay meet the Manager of the Govt. Book Depot, Charni Road (off the Marine Drive) and show him the above complaint? — **EDITOR.***

P.S. Sadar, 71 - Kotwalnagar, Nagpur - 440 022: Your publication of Purushottam Khedekar's speech, "*Marathas declare war on Brahminism*, (DSA-2005, Rs.5) is a wonderful example of the cooperation among the Bahujans, a term that includes the Marathas and the Dalits as the major partners. We must try to further increase this cooperation. I am not a member of the Maratha Seva Sangh but took oath as a *Shiv Dharmee*. That explains my concern for the *Shiv Dharma*. Dr. Jamanadas' report on *Shiva Dharma Diksha* ceremony at Shindakhed is also fine. I had a meeting with Khedekar on April 12 when I tested him in course of our talk. I found he had great love for you. That is really very heartening for me.

Prof. K.S. Faiyaz Pasha, 10 - Cherangal Abdul Ghani Saheb Street, Ambur, Vellore dt. - 635 802: You have done a praiseworthy service by writing a book, *Weapons to Fight Counter Revolution* (DSA-2004, Rs.75) which will be a wake up call to the persecuted sections of our country. But on p.36, you have stated:

> Stop this Hindu-Muslim unity business. This is nonsense. Hindu-Muslim unity is never possible. What is possible is Dalit-Muslim unity.

I quote here from *Role of Minorities in Freedom Struggle*:

> Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, the father of Islamic renaissance in India was also an ardent patriot, nationalist and leader of the Muslims in the 19th century who held that the Hindus and Muslims formed one nation. They are, he said, the two eyes of the beautiful bride that is India. Injure the one and you injure the other. We should try to become one in heart and soul and act in unison, if united we can support each other, if not the effect of one against the other will tend to the destruction and downfall of both. Finally Sir Syed Ahmed Khan's stress on Hindu-Muslim unity came under strain when in 1867 a few distinguished Hindus proposed that the Urdu language and the Persian script which was used for writing should be as far as possible discontinued in the courts of law and that the Hindi *Bhasha* written in Devanagari script should be added in its place. It was then that Sir Syed Ahmed Khan began to mention that Hindu-Muslim unity was an impossible ideal.

Hence the road is clear for Dalit-Muslim unity whatever other writers have written against it in the DV. But I know you are never tired of championing the cause of Dalit-Muslim unity which will pay rich dividends in due course. My hats off to you. You are great for your revolutionary thoughts.

Dhammachari Vivekaratna, Director, Nagarjuna Training Institute, Nagaloka, Nagpur - 440 001: Training of the third batch ended on May 25. The admission for the fourth batch has started. We are worried over the heavy drop-out this year. We admitted 98 candidates but only 58 are left. The reason is lack of interest in Budhism. We are interested in candidates. The last date for of application is June 30. Fees Rs.1,500 to cover lodging and boarding expenses. Candidates should know Hindi/ English as the teaching medium will be Hindi.

N. Abdullah, No.7/25 - Pattamangalam, New Street Extension, Mayiladuthurai, TN - 609 001: I am a retired Asst. Director of TN Govt. Audit Dept and I belong to the Adi-Dravidar (Dalit) community. I embraced Islam in 2003 and I am now leading my life as a proud Muslim. I learnt about you after reading your books which warned me of the Hindu nazi plan to eradicate or destroy the Muslim community. I was very much impressed by your writings. I want to be a DV family member.

Mahendra Bhagat c/o A.Y. Bhagat, G-1, Shdraddha Nagar No.3, Kaulkhed Road, Akola - 444 004: On the eve of Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti, a seminar on *Mool Niwasi* (original inhabitants of India) was organised jointly here by BAMCEF, Satyashodhak Samaj, OBC Sewa Sangh, Maratha Sewa Sangh, Sambhaji Brigade etc. The hall was packed with Dalit/Bahujan intellectuals. The speakers clarified the concept of *Mool Niwasi* and explained that it was synonymous with the term *Bahujan* to unite SC/ST/BCs (65%) and Muslim/Christian/Sikhs (25%: total 85%) who are the non-Aryan victims of Brahminism. Even after 57 years of "independence", they have not identified their common enemy. The programme was a grand success.

S. Biswas, "Millennium", FE-302, Sector-3, Salt Lake City, Calcutta - 700 106: India being the only country in the world vexed by the unique institution of caste system and consequent prejudices and where the privileged upper castes are armed with the excuse of divine sanction to harbour such prejudices, the task of the government and the social reformer to set the caste-divided house in order has been arguably a challenging and arduous one. Well-meaning socio-economic reforms for that reason could hardly take off or have been painfully slow. In this prefixed order, social relation and market competitiveness have been as paradoxical as the caste prefixation itself. Excuse to slow down the undoing of the deep-seated rot is natural predisposition in this setting. After 57 years of experiments in constitutional democracy, the same very guarantee clauses, which were worked out for affirmative action, are tragically sighted to bail out the violators themselves. The covert and overt caste slandering and sly exploitations very much stem for patron protege relationship persisting among upper caste minority who think that their just socio-economic rights have been snatched away by the reservation-eaters and equality-mongers. Hence social maneuvers are growing fast to counter the progress. Ideas are being mooted to abuse the "low castes" in the same traditional manner but now with precaution and "politically correct" posturing. The underdogs are being dragged into evidence-insulated private areas and chambers so that they get no justice on crying fowl. The killing, bashing and abuse go on unabated so long as it is limited to private conspiracy. And now it appears even the intellectuals armed with their judicial counter positions do not hesitate to misinterpret the statutes against the social underdogs. The constitutional and statutory provisions that were designed to provide overdue relief to the poor and the underdogs are now being interpreted to compounded their miseries all at the hand of the ruling syndicate. Even the government seems not a mute spectator any longer. Two very recent cases have come to light in media that have given queer, legalistic twists and turns to statutory provisions. One, in the case of V.P. Shetty, chairman,

IDBI, an accusation, by lodging an FIR was made against him on the grounds of caste slandering by one of his subordinates, a Scheduled Caste. According to a report (*TOI*, 10/5/05), Shetty, who was taken to custody, was released by the Bombay High Court on the grounds that the incident had not occurred in public. The decision of the High Court added a new twist to the fate of the "low caste" facing such private abuse in exclusive chambers or parlours of the privileged classes. In the second case, L.V. Saptarshi, a senior IAS officer, who acted as the Special Election Observer by CEC at Patna has belatedly accused in a communication to the Union Law Minister that Election Commissioner, B.B. Tandon abused Lalu Prasad Yadav by calling him "low caste" (Yadav was in absentia at the place of this caste-linked vilification) and slapped re-election in Chapra. This was done when Tandon was examining the issue regarding countermanding the Chappra election of Lalu Prasad Yadav in response to a complaint of the BJP candidate, R.P. Rudy. The election was allegedly countermanded seemingly on the ground that Lalu Prasad Yadav is a low caste, as reported by Saptarshi to the Union Law Minister. Evidently at that time there were good relations between Tandon and Saptarshi, both Brahmins, and Tandon could have confined in him, the latter being his caste cohort. The good relation possibly broke down later on, which is not an issue here. For the abuse of Lalu Prasad Yadav it may be noted, however, that in this second case nobody has so far lodged any FIR against Tandon. The *Times* editorial made two crucial counter-allegations against Saptarshi as reproduced below which echo similar remarks made by L.K. Advani and even the PM. His accusation of caste bias against the EC could severely undermine the institution. The EC is one of the few state institutions along with the higher judiciary that enjoys a degree of credibility. The propriety of Saptarshi action was thus put in question. The editorial referred to the case of V.P. Shetty who, involved in a similar caste slandering case, was released by the High Court. In other words, both the cases are similar and Lalu Prasad Yadav was also not abused in public and that Saptarshi who made this allegation was himself not free from making such remarks against policemen of Bihar. No.1 the counter-allegation that Saptarshi has undermined the office would be justifiable if the allegation were enquired into and found to be incorrect. Similarly minor nitpicking objections that have also been raised regarding the delay in lodging the complaint and propriety of the allegation against the Election Commission as a constitutional body are suspect. None of these arguments against Saptarshi's actions, however, deny or disprove that the abuse was really hurdled by the EC, albeit the victim was in absentia. While the complaint itself stares back in black and white, political parties as well as the editor have missed to appreciate that this was signed by Saptarshi as a witness hence this case of abusing a low caste in presence of a witness is not a private abuse but a very public one. It was lack of wisdom and understanding of the situation that one of his brethren who is taken for granted in such abuse case can turn hostile to him. Caste slandering in fact in India go on, on a regular basis in the gossip parlours and most of the privileged classes boast of doing so. The Tandon case is only one of the instances when breaking the caste bond this information has trickled out. The cause could be die-hard self-interest of the complainant, and this also may have also shocked many who take such closed-door venting of feelings as a given safe indulgence. But this is how little boggles of truth surface and find their place in history however by chance and always a little late. The complaint per se cannot be wished away at this stage for the sake of flattery of the EC's office for which political reasons would be aplenty. Especially when the country is postured to get the right of information vindicated by promulgation of the act, it is hardly justified to say that the rule does not apply to caste slandering made in absentia of the victim. It is quite an understandable political exigency of the political parties to stand by the election commissioner. Elections are after all constantly round the corner. The ECs are to be kept in good humour as they have enviable powers to countermand any election fought or won by incurring heavy expenses. It is around this monstrous inbuilt Catch 22 in the election process that this unethical code of flattering the status and role of election commissioner is to be understood. This time, however, the politicians have gone to the extent of super humanizing the ECs saying that their impartiality is above suspicion. The fact is that the Constitution creates a body or a position but it has nowhere warranted that ECs are infallible human beings, neither has the Constitution exempted them from holding out an acquittal of their impartiality in public. Must we forget that the most power-hungry Chief Election Commissioner, T.N. Seshan, sought the BJP nomination for fighting the election for the post of president promptly after his retirement? May we not conjecture that he camouflaged his weakness while in the impartial chair of the CEC? Was he fully politically impartial when in the chair? To recall, even Tandon was appointed as EC during the BJP regime. What the press and the public for the present is missing in the hype is the fallout of the new code of parlour and chamber vilification of the low

caste if such slander is allowed to go unquestioned and consent is manufactured for the same. This is going to give an impetus to the draconian privilege to the already privileged classes to drag the low caste into suitable private chambers and abuse and beat and or bash them verbally (or physically). This will consciously lead where the "low caste" will have no remedy for atrocity and abuse which are normally going as a psychic phenomena in the country. The vast plural society of the country will continue to be held tight in the yoke of slavery. As the ECs are impeachable, their impartiality is never a cosmic given. Neither is it constitutionally guaranteed. The impartiality is to be tested and tried. Even all the orders of the lower benches of the high court and apex courts are subjected to appellate scrutiny where they fall like ninepins time and time again.

Moses Parmar, OM India, 5 - Wazir Hasan Road, Lucknow - 226 001: As per a Geneva report the UN Commission on Human Rights on April 19 adopted by consensus decision to appoint two Special Rapporteurs to tackle the entrenched problem of caste-based discrimination. The Commission was endorsing an earlier decision taken by its subcommission on the promotion and protection of human rights to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the problem and find solutions for its eradication. This is the first time a political body of the UN has referred directly to the problem and the decision is seen as a crucial step in the campaign for justice for South Asia's Dalits (Untouchables) and communities suffering from similar forms of discrimination around the world. Dalits number around 170 million. (DV May 1, 2005 p.13: "*Dalit long march to establish casteism as racism*").

> Given the enormous number of people facing such an egregious and systematic denial of their basic rights, it is surprising that the United Nations has taken so long to recognise the problem,

said Ms. Rikke Nohrlind, co-ordinator of the International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN). Vincent Manoharan of the National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR) in India welcomed the decision. He said:

> Dalits claim this as a belated victory in the struggle for international recognition of our plight and welcome the stance of the new Indian Govt. which did not stand in the way of the passing of this resolution.

On behalf of the European Union, Ambassador Alphonse Berns of Luxembourg had earlier encouraged all members of the Commission on Human Rights to give the (subcommission's) resolution the attention it deserves. The EU has been supportive of efforts to raise this issue in the UN bodies. The subcommission will now undertake a 3-year study led by two experts given the title of Special Rapporteurs and will draft a set of principles and guidelines to eliminate this form of discrimination. The decision of the commission comes in the wake of an international consultation held in Kathmandu last year. The relevant UN documents and the Kathmandu Dalit declaration are available at www.idsn.org.

> *We want to warn our DV family members not to be carried away by the Geneva report. India's Brahminical rulers are too cunning and crafty and can overcome any hurdle on their rulership* — ***EDITOR.***

Sonu Majhi, SPM, Kalimela, Orissa - 764 047: Of the 64 categories of Tribes in Orissa, only 18 are living in the undivided Koraput dt. They are:

> Bhattada, Bhumiya, Bonda Poraja, Didayee, Gadaba, Gond, Halva, Kandhagarda, Kondadora, Kotiya, Koya, Amanatya, Parenga Poraja, Poraja, Pentia, Soura, Kondh and Dhuriya etc.

Area-wise their language differs but their traditional culture is the same. Over 95% Tribes are living in rural areas. They worship Nature. Of the 18 Tribes, Porajas have the highest population but backward in education and poor. After 58 years of "independence", on April 24 they organised a cultural festival, *Chaiti Purnima Bhetghat* at Jeypore. Over 50,00 (both women and men) joined the celebrations. I spoke on their socio-cultural **identity**. Only the Poraja subcaste was present. This is a big contribution to your "*caste identity*" thesis.

Dr. K. Jamanadas, "Shalimar", Main Road, Chandrapur - 442 402: Dr. Bharat Patankar, as reported in the daily *Samrat* (23.4.05), with his followers in the *Vidrohi* cultural movement, are going to stage a demonstration before the Mantralaya in Bombay demanding (1) a ban on priests to worship at the temple of Vithoba at Pandharpur, (2) the temple be handed over to the elected members of the Varkaris, coming from Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa and AP. (3) All the rituals in the temple should be carried out as per the Varkari system. From July 18, they will arrange meetings to awaken the people. If the Brahmin priests refuse to quit the Pandharpur temple, the Varkaris in January 2006 will stage a big mass protest.

G.P. Chaudhary, "Shobha Bhawan", Viswakarma Nagar Colony, Sushwahi, Varanasi - 221 001: I am a DV family member since 1989. But I could not become a life member so far. It is not only an investment of Rs. 3000 but DV gives me valuable logical/socio/religious as well as historical facts about India and its Dravidian culture.

Hence DV is priceless. You and your work will become history. Your name is already written in the hearts of Dalit. I was waiting for your arrival at Varanasi last year during the Sant Ravidass Jayanti but the programme was postponed.

*We welcome Brother G.P. Choudhary as our new life-member. We will be too glad to visit Varanasi provided you give us a fitting opportunity. Dalits, BCs and Muslims together make up the Bahujan big majority. Please arrange a day-long function inviting intellectuals from these three sections and we will certainly come to Varanasi which is the historical abode of Budha, Ravidas and Sikhism — **EDITOR.***

Anil Rangari, Bharati Apartment, Gurunanak Nagar, Durg -491 001: This is in continuation of my article, "*Conversion assures self-respect but doesn't annihilate caste*" (DV May 1, 2005 p.7). Geetanjali Mahapatra, who recently received a doctorate from Nagpur University, says rural Budhists are better informed about Budhism and rational compared to urban Budhists.

"Rural Dalits are more conscious about caste and politics", she says.

Geetanjali thesis is on sociological consequences of conversion of Dalits to Budhism in Yavatmal and Ngpur Dts. She reveals that conversion has helped them to reject Hinduism and accept atheism. Geetanjali's guide, Dr. Pradeep Aglave, says despite being poor and powerless rural Dalits, who converted to Budhism with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, are still strong followers of this philosophy while those in urban centres have diluted their ways of life. Geetanjali's thesis proves that so far no religion, not even Budhism, could destroy anybody's caste (**identity**). Egalitarian religions only help to **empower** the converted and destroy casteism but not their caste. Only higher castes (racists) could annihilate caste system by adopting the prescriptions given by Dr. Ambedkar. Dr. Ambedkar said it is not possible to break caste without annihilating the religious notions on which the caste system is founded. Are the Hindus ready to dynamite their "sacred scriptures"? Geetanjali's thesis supports our Editor's "*Caste identity*" thesis: Strengthen every caste by acquiring privilege, power, prestige, property, progress and prosperity (6Ps) that will force the upper castes to annihilate their own caste first.

Dalip Singh Wasan, Advocate, 101-C, Vikas Colony, Patiala -147 003: Dalits must realise that they alone have to fight and better their lot and that all those slogans of secularism — making provision in the Constitution and making reservations in all walks of life and ensuring with empty slogans that the state and the people of India are committed to better the lot of the Dalits— are false assurances. In spite of all these shows and slogans nothing has been done to better the lot of the Dalits. They are still illiterate, untrained, obliged to carry out the meanest work, still underpaid. Very few of them are in a position to give their children proper education. We cannot expect a better status for them in the near future. The ruling upper castes have been giving false assurances to the Dalits and in return obtaining their votes but at no stage they had supported the Dalits. This is the history of the past six decades. So, time for Dalits to realise that they should not be satisfied with the existing system.

Dr. Sudhir Ranga, Kila Colony, Jhajjar - 124 103: I am sending a copy of the *SC/ST Voice for Congress* - a 20-page report on how to bring SC/STs back into the Congress Party. I had submitted this to Mrs. Sonia Gandhi on July 9, 2004. Those interested may write for copies.

Jyotirmay Mandal, Advocate, P-241, Priyanka Nagar, Rajharsh Colony (Genhukheda), Kolar Road, Bhopal - 462 016: This refers to DV article, "*Conspiracy against Bengali Dalits*", by Capt. Siddhart Barve (DV May 1, 2005 p.22). The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2003 is a black Bill for the victims of Bengal's partition. During the Hindu nazi BJP rule in Delhi, they have systematically tried to enslave Dalits by passing this Bill in December 2003. According to this Bill the refugees came from erstwhile East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) have been assimilated into Muslim intruders. It is evident from the statement of objects and reasons of the Bill, as given by L.K. Advani, then Home Minister, that the Bill has been mooted with the main object of preventing grant of Indian citizenship to "illegal migrant", grant of dual citizenship to foreigners of Indian origin and compulsory registration with issue of National Identity Cards for all citizens of India. From the insertion of the phrase "illegal migrant" in the Bill it appears that the govt. wants all types of illegal migrants including Bengali refugees, who have mostly been compelled to take shelter in India clandestinely (without having formal permission of the government) and make them ineligible for registration as citizen of India U/S 5(a)/5(1)(c) of the Citizenship Act 1955. Consequently the Bengali refugees, who took shelter in India being the victims of communal riots or Islamic policy of the Govt. of East Bengal (Bangladesh) without proper permission of the govt., are liable to be deported to the country of their origin. Though the amendment Bill has been passed in the pretext of curbing anti-national, subversive and terrorist foreign elements and to identify them, in reality it puts millions of Indian patriots and freedom fighters and their successors of East Bengal, who were compelled to take shelter as refugees

and seek citizenship and rehabilitation in India. These people had to leave their homeland in alarming condition, severe grief, tension and govt. apathy. In fact whatever the administrative steps taken by the govt. so far to identify and deport the anti-national or illegal migrants, only the Bengali refugees (Hindu) have been the victims. They have been falsely dubbed anti-national, illegal migrants, terrorists etc. The govt. has taken an anti-Bengali view. After the creation of Bangladesh by issuing an Executive Order NMo.26011/16/71-1C dated 29.11.1971 it suddenly banned grant of citizenship and refugee benefits to all Bengali refugees (Hindu, Budhist, Christian and Tribes) coming from Bangladesh. Before the massive influx of refugees from East Pakistan, citizenship by registration was given after continuous stay for six months but when the refugees from East Pakistan started coming in large number the eligibility period was extended from six months to five years. And in the eighties,the power of registration was withdrawn from the District Collector and shifted to Union Home Ministry. Thus it was kept beyond the reach of labour class. Again by the Bill of 2003 the eligibility period for registration has been further extended to seven years and put further proviso of valid migration document. Thus it has made the future of almost 2 crore of Bengali refugees uncertain in India. The greatest tragedy is that after leaving everything in their homeland, they took shelter in India in perilous condition and stayed here for over 30-50 years. Where can they go when Bangladesh is not ready to accept them? Advani did not think over this question though he himself and all his men who came from West Pakistan but are saved from this Bill. The bill affects only the displaced persons from East Bengal and none else that too only the Dalits. The Bill exempts the people who came to India upto 1948. The remarkable point is that almost all the upper caste people either shifted to India in various cities or urban areas before the partition or migration to India immediately after "independence". Who remained behind were all from the illiterate labour class. They were not aware of the situation. These people are called refugees, displaced from East Pakistan and Bangladesh. They are mostly from Scheduled Castes and Tribes or Backward Castes. The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill -2003 affects only these three categories of the poorest. This is nothing but an anti-Bengali conspiracy. Had the Bengali refugees been from the upper castes there would not have been any restriction on grant of Indian citizenship. Casteism is playing a vital role in Indian policies.

K.L. Jatav, M-II/56, Sector-I, Jankipuram, Lucknow - 226 021: I congratulate you for your powerful and continued campaign against the Brahminical Social Order making the Bahujans aware in each and everything happening in the society. I want to discuss only one problem and its solution. In ancient India, we the *Mulnivasis* (SC/ST/BC and minorities) belonged to two groups only. Dravida in the South and Nag in the North. These groups have been divided into about 600 castes and subcastes by the BSO. This division has been made in such a manner that we are still not in a position to get united even for our common cause. Consequently we are persecuted, discriminated in all spheres of life. *Mulnivasis* are quarreling among themselves and the controlling power has gone into the hands of BSO. Our innocent people do not understand the BSO tactics against them. The Backward Castes have become true followers of BSO. They are being used against the SC/ ST and minorities. But the BCs are also backward like Dalits. But they do not understand the root cause of their backwardness. Babasaheb Ambedkar has empowered us with equal voting power. But unless we become socially and economically strong, this equal voting power will be of no use. The votes of poor Dalits are purchased. Thus the principle of democracy (one vote one value) is being denied. BSO is undermining our voting power. Our social and cultural backwardness continues despite our voting power. India has only two isms: Brahminism and Ambedkarism. Our people are so confused that they don't know which ism to follow. If we oppose Brahminism, then naturally we have to follow Ambedkarism. After Manu, Budha had opposed the caste system. Many other social reformers like Kabir, Nanak, Phule, Periyar etc. have also forwarded the message of Budha. Dr. Ambedkar finally eradicated all types of discrimination by presenting the Indian Constitution. So we have to follow Babasaheb. But our people are misguided by the BSO. They are not admitting Babasaheb as our Saviour and emancipator. They still worship and follow Hindu gods. Until we go on worshipping these false gods SC/ ST/BCs cannot unite. Those who follow Ambedkarism are normally united but those outside are controlled by the BSO.

S. Venkata Ratnam (Savera), P. Agraharam Colony, Amalapuram - 533 201: I am happy to inform you that I have translated into Telugu the article, *The holy origin of Jai Bhim,* published in DV Dec.16, 1990 p.8 and printed it as a pamphlet (4 pages) and distributed it on the Babasaheb Ambedkar *Jayanti* (April 14). The article is taken by D.C. Ahir's book. I have also started a Telugu monthly, *Dhamma Patham.* DV readers from AP may contact me. ■

Despite British hatred, Tony Blair won because zionists wanted him

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The British people are unhappy over Tony Blair's return to power. It is because they believed until now that they elected their government. But now they have come to realise that they do not.

The party system delivers a govt. and they have no control over. Party leaders and cabinet or ministers are completely outside the control of the public.

It was year 1998 when Clinton was the President of the US, Netenyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel and Tony Blair of the UK, when the Neo-Con secured their agreement to invade Iraq at a suitable time. The objective was to gain physical control of the bulk of the oil riches of the Middle East and to direct the Arab attention away from the Palestinian resistance that has established its credibility even in the eyes of the Americans. Iraq holds a central position in that area and has the second largest oil reserves in the world. It is also the neighbour of the largest oil producer (Saudi Arabia) and the fourth largest producer (Iran), physical control over Iraq was expected to deliver control over those countries also.

Jews can't be criticised: In the US elections (2000), President Bush was promised full support by Néo-Cons if he embraced their agenda. He made a deal and was endorsed by the Neo-Con even though Al-Gore had gone even further and had accepted an Orthodox Jew (Senator Joe Lieberman) as his running mate. Benjamin Netenyahu had been forced to resign in the wake of scandal and Tony Blair was the sole surviving incumbent. It was he who was instrumental in the dumping of Al-Gore Neo-Con (meaning Jewish) support being given to George Bush. Tony Blair has ever since been the linchpin of New-Cons schemes.

But he was afraid that he could be dumped by the British electorate if it found out what his real role was in the invasion of Iraq. The Jews had to deliver him victory. They have since delivered him not just one but two victories.

The British have not had a Jewish Prime Minister ever since Balfour (who created Israel) and Disraeli or even as a leader of the main parties. The mistrust of Jews still lingers. Michael Howard is not only a Jew but was one of the most hated members of the Thatcher and Major Administration. When he fought the leadership election against William Haig, he got the least number of votes. But in 2004, he had been resurrected and transformed overnight into the saviour and the sole candidate for leadership of the Conservative Party. When he was elected leader of the Conservative Party unopposed, nobody important in his party accepted office in his shadow cabinet. Oliver Letwin (shadow chancellor) Michael Rifkind (shadow foreign secretary) and John Redwood were all Jews. The defeat of the Conservatives was a certainty, the result of the elections quite predictable.

Like in the USA, it is all right to identify the religion of a person but it is racist to call a Jew a Jew. So, none of this came out in the newspapers but every one knew.

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Huntington humbled

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: A big defeat for the famous American hate-monger Huntington who had identified the Mexican Hispanics as the country's Enemy No.1. But Los Angeles (LA), America's second largest city, has elected a Maxican Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa.

Latinos have become America's single largest minority pushing the Blacks to the second place. They form 47% of LA population.

The Harvard Professor and a Jew in his latest book, *Who Are We?* (2004 Simon & Schuster, pp.430), has called the Mexicans as the Enemy No.1 of America as they are refusing to shed their Mexican identity and culturally assimilate. They continue to speak Spanish after entering US. They are the only immigrant group that continues to assert their historical claim on American territory.

There are fears that South-west US may become America's Quebec.

If the hated Latinos and Blacks join hands, together they can shake America.

The zionists who are driving us towards globalisation, world citizenship, modernisation and criticising national **identity** are secretly but systematically trying to preserve their **identity**.

The election of a Mexican as the Mayor of Los Angeles is a slap on the face of zionist hate-mongers and a warning to the White Western Anglo-Saxon Protestant Christians that America will be soon swamped by others. Demographic and cultural invasion will destroy "American identity".

BOOK REVIEW

Dalit intellectual's bid to convert black crow into white

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One of the greatest dilemmas confronting both the Left and the Dalit movements in India today is the historic and continuing distance between the two, despite their respective claims of struggling for the cause of comprehensive social revolution. There has been little cross-fertilisation between the two movements and there has been a continuing tendency to see them as competitors, rather than as allies or partners.

This remarkable book makes a passionate plea for the Left and the Dalit movements to reconsider their past positions and to work together in a common struggle against caste/class oppression and local as well as global imperialism.

ANTI-IMPERIALISM & ANNIHILATION OF CASTES
Anand Teltumbde
2005 pp.288 Rs. 165
Ramai Prakashan
Ramai Ambedkar Pratishthan,
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Teltumbde argues that the Indian Left has been hostile to the use of caste in its analysis of Indian society and hence has not displayed any interest in critiquing caste and caste-based oppression. This owed to several factors. One of these is a blind and uncritical adoption of Eurocentric understandings of marxism, seeking to mechanically apply it to the Indian situation.

In India, caste, and not class, is the primary unity of social life and forms the basis of its unique mode of production.

Left is upper caste: Indian social consciousness is till today primarily moulded by caste. Although some of its ritualistic aspects may have somewhat declined in urban India, caste still remains the basic building brick of Indian society. Caste and class are still, by and large, synonymous, the ruling elites being almost entirely from the upper castes, while the labouring classes are almost wholly drawn from the "low".

For Leftists, Teltumbde writes, caste is an element of the superstructure which would disappear or dissolve on its own in the aftermath of the revolution. To take up the caste issue at this point is inadvisable since it would go against working class unity. Teltumbde opposes this fallacious claim, insisting on the centrality of the caste question and the urgent need for its immediate resolution. To ignore caste in favour of class is completely fallacious.

He sees the Left's reluctance to take up the issue of caste as also a reflection of the caste background of most Leftist leaders, who are overwhelmingly from the upper castes.

Although he does not fully develop this argument, he seems to suggest that the willful blindness to the caste issue in particular to caste-based oppression and discrimination must also be seen in relation to the caste interests of the largely upper caste Left.

It is this ignoring of the caste question, willfully or otherwise, by the Left that has made many Dalits, the most oppressed and at the same time potentially the most revolutionary section of Indian society, to be suspicious of the claims of the Left. In turn, this has led to the Dalit and the Left movements working on parallel paths or even at cross-purposes, with little or no interaction and mutual support.

Dalits ignoring economics: The fault however, lies not only with the Left, and Teltumbde also critiques the Dalit movement for largely ignoring economic concerns and focusing, instead, almost entirely on cultural issues (such as critiquing Hinduism, and stressing the need for Dalits to convert to other egalitarian religions) and on reservations for Dalits. In part, this owes to the petty bourgeoise background of many Dalit ideologues, who are reluctant to take up the bread-and-butter issues of the Dalit toiling classes, who form the vast majority of the Dalit population. It also owes to the co-optation.

Conversion opposed: Teltumbde calls for a caste-class struggle in which the Dalit movement and the Left both have their historical roles to play. Imperialism, or, what is sought to be sanitised and passed off as globalisation, today represents the most potent threat and challenge to all oppressed sections.

However, Teltumbde's approach to religious conversion is one such contentious issue. He does

not see conversion as particularly necessary, claiming that Dalit converts to other faiths continue to face caste-based discrimination. While this argument seems fair enough, it ignores the tremendous sense of empowerment and self-respect that Dalits claim that conversions generally engenders. It also ignores the point that the degree of caste-based discrimination in non-Hindu communities is perceptibly lower than in the Hindu case.

Finally, his plea for "annihilation of castes", which is really the crux of his whole thesis, is somewhat confusing. If caste forms the mainstay of India's society and mode of production, as Teltumbde himself recognizes, can it at all be annihilated as distinct from being transformed?

If the latter is what he actually means, he does not elaborate on it. He ignores the valid argument put forward by other Dalit ideologues that calls for strengthening, rather than annihilation of caste identities as a means for opposing upper caste/class domination. As these Dalit ideologues would insist, asserting their Dalitness and creating a pride in being Dalit is a potent weapon in challenging their subordination. ■

Teltumbde must come out of sinister "Socialist Brahmin" grip

Brother Teltumbde, a close relative of Babasaheb Ambedkar, is an honest intellectual. We know him. But the problem with him is either he has not read all the works of Babasaheb or the marxist injection, which has gone deep into his veins, is not allowing him to identify the hidden hands of Brahminism.

That is how the "Socialist Brahmins" are making use of his knowledge and honesty. We have undergone all this process decades back but Babasaheb works helped us to come to right conclusions.

CLASS-CASTE STRUGGLE

*For the information of Brother Yogi, the reviewer, we were the first in India to write a booklet on **Class-Caste Struggle: Emerging Third Force,** (DSA-1980). Like Brother Teltumbde, we too were marxists and the above booklet was written when we started getting doubts on India's upper caste marxists. All the then top marxist leaders were our friends. We met E.M.S. Namboodiripad, then heading the CPM, to release this booklet. After reading the book, he flared and said that he would not only not release the book but write against it.*

VENOMOUS NAMBOODIRI

*We were then in the **Indian Express,** Bangalore, and thought being young, the senior leader would forget and forgive us. No.*

*But the venomous Namboodiri Brahmin did not pardon the young comrade in arm. He did write a lengthy article in the Marxist journal, **Social Scientist,** (Dec. 1981, No.103) accusing us of casteism. As it hardly had any circulation, we thought the "Modern Shankara" should be exposed to a wider audience and reprinted his article titled "Once again on Castes & Classes", in our next book **Dilemma of Class & Caste** (DSA-1984).*

EMS proved to be the deadliest enemy of SC/ST/BCs and Muslims of Kerala. The topmost marxist leader, Mrs. K.R. Gowri of Kerala, has said all this.

Brother Teltumbde should stop wasting time converting the black crow into white. We have read all the works of Marx. Short of joining the CPM, we were closest to marxist leadership. But after years of working with them we found them more dangerous than hard core Hindu nazis.

*It is after coming to this conclusion, we wrote our book, **How Marx Failed in Hindu India** (DSA-1988) which went to several editions and now out of print (photocopy available).*

CASTES CAN'T BE DESTROYED

*As we have close connections with Kerala and Bengal, where the cross-thread marxists are active, we are saying all this with our intimate knowledge and with our 25-years of experience as the Editor of **Dalit Voice**. Teltumbde should note that "Socialist Brahmins" are more dangerous than "Sacred Brahmins".*

*As for his plea for "annihilation of caste", we are sorry to say either he has not read Babasaheb's book of the same title or he has not understood the thesis of that book. Nowhere Babasaheb (in this book or elsewhere) has called for destruction of our castes or subcastes which are our ethnic **identities**.*

Eleanor Zelliot's Ph.D. thesis on Babasaheb (2004 Blumoon Books) reveals that what

Babasaheb began was a Mahar movement — a movement to liberate his own subcaste. Later it turned into a Dalit movement embracing all the Untouchable subcastes. Babasaheb called himself a proud Mahar.

*Caste, or subcaste to be precise, is our ethnic **identity**. Nowhere in the world the identity of any ethnic group has been destroyed. In fact, the turmoil going on today all over the world is to defend the ethnic **identity** of every group. Even the American Neo-Cons trying to destroy the **identity** of all other nationalities hostile to them are secretly strengthening their White Anglo-Saxon Protestant Christian **identity**.*

HINDUS WANT NO CHANGE

*After studying the American Neo-Cons led by their zionist masters with whom Brahminical people (Jews of India) have joined hands, we have written the book, **Caste — A Nation Within the Nation**, for which we received the International Award in London from the honest intellectuals of that country.*

*We are sure Brother Teltumbde can do a lot if he comes out of the clutches of "Socialist Brahmins" and devotes himself to a serious study of Babasaheb who has given us all the weapons to fight both the Right and Left counter-revolutionaries. He should not waste his time and energy on upper castes (Hindus) who are not ready for any change —**EDITOR.*** ■

Brahminic hegemony over South Asia: US Congressman's tributes to London book

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Edolphus Towns of New York speaking in the US House of Representatives on May 12, 2005 referred to the just published book, *Authentic Voices of South Asia* (DV June 1, 2006 p.14). He said it was an excellent discussion of India's upper caste hegemonic ambitions in South Asia and the drive for self-determination for all the peoples of the subcontinent.

The book includes essays on the situation in Punjab, in Kashmir and in other troubled parts of the subcontinent. It extensively discusses India's ambition to the overwhelming, hegemonic power in South Asia and control all the countries there and its disrespect for the sovereignty of its neighbours. It is dedicated to:

> 250,000 Sikhs, 90,000 Muslim Kashmiri martyrs and many more who have been killed in all parts of India, notably Assam, Maharashtra and Gujarat by Hindu mobs or the Indian police and armed forces".

Glitter of Brahminism: The book includes essays by Dalit leader V.T. Rajshekar, Dr. Gurm Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, Dr. Awatar Singh Sekhon, Editor of the *International Journal of Sikh affairs*, and many other leaders and scholars. Rajshekar writes that "the glitter of Brahminism lies in its imperial ambitions and its fascist agenda". Dr. Sekhon writes that only accepting the principle of national self-determination provides a basis for peace and stability in South Asia.

India agreed in 1948 for a plebiscite in Kashmir to determine its status. That plebiscite has never been held even as India proudly proclaims itself "the world's largest democracy". Well, why not simply let the people of Kashmir, of Punjab, of Nagalim and of all the other minority states and communities determine their status by means of a free and fair vote? Isn't that how democracies do business? It is time for the US Congress to go on record demanding a tree and fair vote, demanding that India keep its promises and act like the democracy it claims to be. It is also time to stop American aid and trade with India until its "imperial ambitions and its fascist agenda".

Brigadier (retd.) Usman Khalid the Editor of this masterpiece, has written the foreword. ■

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Zionists devouring Christian West

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Many leaders have gone to Israel only to become compromised by zion's monstrous and devious dialectics, or may be for a sleazy hand-out. But President Putin is not desperate for a demagogic scoop. He must have something that the others don't have. Realities are encroaching on zion's Talmudic luny bin. May be Putin offered Sharon an escape route to the Autonomous Jewish Republic in Eastern Russia? A place where Jews are not hijacked in zion's diabolical international game?

Corrupt Western media: So long as there are enough useful and corrupt idiots in London and in Washington there will be an Israel, expanding its borders in search of security, provoking its neighbours. And German Chancellors will make Israel presents of advanced submarines (three, in fact) paid by German taxpayers who hardly know it. In spite of corrupt Western media, Bush and Blair are ineluctably divulging zion's diabolical nature. An attack on Iran will only amplify understanding of this. Soon world zionism will be stuck in this world's light of truth. Of course, the masters of filthy iniquity in New York don't care. They exploit Americans to the extent that they can get away with it. Telling Americans that they are in the service of the devil is not the sleazy pop that they are accustomed to and it certainly is not a livelihood for any but small-time preachers. Bolsheviks took over Russia in October 1917, financed by the masters of usury and filthy iniquity in London and New York.

Soro's open society: And again, in a new guise, they flew a hospital to Moscow to keep President Jeltsin's big, fond heart going, and they doled out Russian resources through rigged auctions. Were it not for President Putin and his associates, Russia would today be a Barbie puppet show, similar to Washington entirely in the pockets of diabolical usurers with a very one-eyed diabolical agenda. The ignoble, sneaky agents of zion have loitered in the labyrinths of Soros open society for many, many generations. They took Whitehall and Washington for almost inconceivable rides. What can we do for you Mister?, as Alfred Lilienthal how they do it —their methods are too dirty to mention in public fora. And the monstrously free press look the other way. Honorable politicians over three only survive our morally crippled age because the Federal Reserve samaritans sophisticate dollars to shore them up. Never was freak heroism perpetrated with such dubious discretion. In the discreet environment of oriental China they evolved the Israel-Chinese atom bomb in 1963-64. Had Kannedy lived beyond December 1963 he would have bombed the Chinese atomic facilities out of existence. He would have also abolished CIA in his next presidential period, he would have stopped the Vietnam War and he would have ensured the full circulation of the 4.3 billion usury-free dollars which treasury printed in the summer of 1963. But he did stop Operation Northwoods, the prescursos of 9/11. But truth and right is the great pincher, always catching up, it is a spiritual thing, you know. Truth is encroaching on zion's and the Orient's cryptic tradition for sneaky conspiracy. Christians are prone to hijack this quest for asserting truth. ■

Dalits fooled on private sector quota

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: Whole thing looks mischievous – a fraud on Dalits. We feel that even the Manmohan Singh Govt. has joined the anti-social tycoons in fooling Dalits on reservation in private sector.

Two reports appeared side by side on June 1, 2005. One announcing the tycoons led by Ratan Tata shedding tears for Dalits and the other report saying that the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) led by Y.C. Deveshwar opposing reservation in private sector.

We feel the Govt. of India itself is having a hand in this mischief.

Anti-Dalit minister: The first report says the "corporate houses assured that the govt. would not resort to legislative action to impose a statutory obligation of reservation on them". It says Union Minister for Social Justice, Mrs. Meira Kumar, herself made this announcement.

Meira Kumar, daughter of Jagjivan Ram, though a Dalit is known for her anti-Dalit stand.

Will the upper castes, who cheated the Dalits on constitutional reservation, offer reservation in private sector when there is not even a constitutional compulsion?

Dr. Manmohan Singh, a merit-mongering upper caste Sikh, is the blue-eyed boy of the corporate sector. Together with tycoons, they are trying to fool the Dalits.

But those clamouring for private sector reservation are our super-elite Dalits who are already fully Brahminised. Having deceived their village-dwelling blood brothers, they don't mind getting deceived by the upper castes.

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