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# Thus Spake Ambedkar

## Entire Constitution drafted by one single person, Dr. Ambedkar

**Frank Anthony (Contd):** Believe me, Sir, when I tell you that I, at any rate, do not think that there is a single right minded minority that does not want to see this country reach, and reach in the shortest possible time, the goal of a real secular democratic State. We believe — we must believe — that in the achievement of that goal lies the greatest guarantee of any minority section in this country. As Dr. Ambedkar has said, we have struck a golden mean in this matter. The minorities too have been helpful... Finally Sir, I wish to say that it is not so much on the written word of the printed Constitution that will ultimately depend whether we reach that full stature, but on the spirit in which the leaders and administrators of the country implement this Constitution of ours and on the spirit in which they approach the vast problems that face us; on the way in which we discharge the spirit of this Constitution will depend the measure of our fulfillment of the ideals which we all believe in.

**Shri Krishna Chandra Sharma (United Provinces: General):** I join in the pleasant task to compliment Dr. Ambedkar for the well worked out scheme he has placed before the House, the hard work he was put in, and his yesterday's able and lucid speech.

Sir, in considering a Constitution we have to take note of the fact that the Constitution is not an end in itself. A Constitution is framed for certain objectives and these objectives are the general good of the people, the stability of the State and the growth and development of the individual. In India we say the growth and development of the individual we mean his self realisation, self-development and self-fulfilment. When we say the development of the people we mean to say a strong and united nation....

**Shri T.T. Krishnamachari (Madras: General):** Mr. President, Sir, I am one of those in the House who have listened to Dr. Ambedkar very carefully. I am aware of the amount of work and enthusiasm that he has brought to bear on the work of drafting this Constitution. At the same time I do realise that that amount of attention that was necessary for the purpose of drafting a Constitution so important to us at this moment has not been given to it by the Drafting Committee. The House is perhaps aware that of the seven members nominated by you, one had resigned from the House and was replaced. One died and was not replaced. One was away in America and his place was not

filled up and another person was engaged in State affairs and there was a void to that extent. One or two people were far away from Delhi and perhaps reasons of health did not permit them to attend. So it happened ultimately that the burden of drafting this Constitution fell on Dr. Ambedkar and I have no doubt that we are grateful to him for having achieved this task in a manner which is undoubtedly commendable. But my point really is that the attention that was due to a matter like this has not been given to it by the Committee as a whole. Some time in April the Secretariat of the Constituent Assembly had intimated me and others besides myself that you had decided that the Union Powers Committee, the Union Constitution Committee and the Provincial Constitution Committee, at any rate the members thereof, and a few other selected people should meet and discuss the various amendments that had been suggested by the members of the House and also by the general public. A meeting was held for two days in April last and I believe a certain amount of good work was done and I see that Dr. Ambedkar has chosen to accept certain recommendations of the Committee, but nothing was heard about this committee thereafter. I understand that the Drafting Committee — at any rate Dr. Ambedkar and Mr. Madhav Rau — met thereafter and scrutinised the amendments and they have made certain suggestions, but technically perhaps this was not a Drafting Committee. Though I would not question your ruling on this matter, one would concede that the moment a Committee had reported that Committee became *functus officio*, and I do not remember your having reconstituted the Drafting Committee.

**Shri Biswanath Das (Orissa: General):** Mr. Vice-President, Sir, I rise to thank the Honourable Dr. Ambedkar for the brilliant analysis of the Constitution that he presented to the Constituent Assembly, Sir, I equally thank his colleagues who laboured hard for six long months to forge the Constitution that is presented to this House...

**Shri B. Das (Orissa: General):** Mr. Vice President, Sir, at the outset I must pay my tribute to the Drafting Committee that did a greatly arduous work and put into shape and form the Constitution Bill which we were considering today and which we have to alter according to our will, so that a proper sovereign Constitution will be designed for India. While I pay my tribute to Dr. Ambedkar and his colleagues, I must also pay the tribute that your advisers deserve....  
*(To be continued)*

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# DALIT VOICE

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## World comes to know of racism in Hindu India: "Gang of Three" stand isolated at Durban conference

The brahminical kill-joys of India may be happy over keeping casteism out of the Durban conference and some Dalit delegates may be upset over the just concluded World Conference Against Racism (WCAR) refusing to accept their demand that casteism is racism but the world for the first time has come to know the existence of rampant racism in Hindu India.

This is the first time the issue of "casteism is racism" is raised to international heights and in our very first attempt the success that we have achieved in internationalising the problem — the dream of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar — should be a matter of great satisfaction to all the victims of racism, particularly its Dalits — the Black Untouchables of India.

### Why this "punishment" for America?

We have no words to express our deep sorrow on the Sept. 11, 2001 machismo that maimed the world's most powerful and arrogant country and killed thousands of innocent people in New York. The US rulers are pointing their accusing finger at Osama Bin Laden and threatening a war against all "terrorist forces" even as Bin Laden has disowned responsibility for the action.

World attention is focussed on this incident which is going to have international repercussions and create many and bigger disasters.

Is it possible for Bin Laden and his company to mastermind such a gigantic attack that must have involved so many people, months of preparation, much technical perfection and international networking? This is our doubt. Is he capable of humbling the world's mightiest power sitting atop of an Afghan mountain?

**Anti-WTO anger:** Is it possible for any outsider to execute an attack of this magnitude without the help of insiders? The attack on World Trade Centre — the nerve centre of global monopolists — makes us suspect that the motive behind the attack is more economic than political. While the Third World economy is crashing because of globalisation, many justice-loving White Western people inside the US itself are terribly upset over the US monopolists and the World Trade Organisation ruining the world peace. Is it not fair to examine the involvement of such angry White Americans themselves in this attack?  
**Gulf War:** Yes. Millions the world over are today shedding

Just because the United Nations-sponsored WCAR refused to accept our demand does not mean that India's centuries-old casteism, mother of racism, ceases to be a fact. The NGO Forum which was running parallel to the WCAR and held equally important by the UN has described casteism as a "massive and systematic generational genocide" (*Deccan Herald* Sept. 2, 2001).

**Vaidik wicked brains:** The Govt. of India led by its choicest *vaidik* wicked brains, always worried that its ugly face should not be seen by outsiders, pressed scores of *vaidiks* at Durban to spoil our efforts. However, they did not succeed at the NGO Forum but at the official WCAR they played their mischief. Does not matter. How long they can go

tears over the death of innocents in the New York holocaust. Remember, just 10 years ago did not the same millions of mourners also rejoice when the American missiles and bombs rained over Iraq and killed thousands of innocent people in the Gulf War? (DV Edit Feb. 16, 1991: "*Gulf War is war of the rich against poor: Will imperialism, racism, zionism get a drubbing?*"). These were the very people who cheered, danced and jumped with joy when innocents were killed — just because those dead happened to be Muslims.

We in DV had shed tears in 1991 and today also our heart goes for the New York dead. Both were innocents. **Civilisational war:** We have been the bitterest critics of the American rulers and had predicted many times that history would punish them though this punishment came at a mind-boggling cost.

It is normal for a person or a society undergoing pangs of death to ponder and think of corrective measures. But instead of that the American rulers are beating war drums. They have even said that the Sept. 11 attack was "a war on their civilisation" reminding us of the "civilisational war" for which the West was itching.

If the latest White Western threat to retaliate leads to a Third World War against Muslims, perhaps it is willed by history. Did not DV predict even this? Our only hope is that saner elements who are in a big majority will intervene to stop this minority war-mongers from pushing the world towards the Third World War — **EDITOR.**

on hiding their ugly face. Next time we will certainly succeed. Justice and Truth will certainly have its way.

**What happened to Ambedkarites:** The entire Indian NGO show was that of Dalit Christians. But Dalits, Buddhists and those claiming to be Ambedkarites and particularly our Dalit political leaders took hardly any interest. This is the tragedy. And this tragedy is reflected in the *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP) selecting the shameless, dismissed Untouchable president of the party, Bangaru Laxman, to lead the party delegation to Durban and plead that there was no problem of Untouchability (racism) in India. Such stooges are there in plenty among Dalits serving as *chamchas* and *chaprasis* in different parties, all controlled by *vaidiks*.

Bangaru Laxman, the Chammar from Hyderabad, symbolises the tragic situation of Dalits who are treated worse than beggars – whether in political parties, govt. services, judiciary or any other wing of the state.

So, the enormous task of raising the problem of India's racism to international heights fell on Dalit Christian NGOs. DV has already acknowledged their services (DV Sept.16, 2001 p.22: "*Dalit Christians steal the thunder*").

If only the Dalit leaders of India had some wisdom, they should have supported the Dalit Christian demand for reservation. But stooges among Dalit leadership fell a prey to the brahminical machinations and opposed the Dalit Christian reservation demand. The *vaidiks* made brothers fight brothers. Today, it is the Dalit Christians who came to our rescue and fulfilled the cherished dream of Babasahab to internationalise the problem of Untouchables — a task in which the Ambedkarites (Buddhists) have failed.

At least from now onwards Dalit leadership should not fall prey to brahminical machinations to divide the brothers.

**Racists start bleeding:** From every angle the Durban event was a historic success. India's rulers lost an opportunity to explain to the world the cause of its ugly, crooked face. White Western Christian racists and their zionist masters might have described the Durban event as a farce. (*Economist* Sept.8, 2001 p.9). Another similar institution like BBC might have ignored the event, but the way the racists of the world cried, screamed and wept at Durban proved that the

blow struck by the anti-racists did badly hurt the culprits and their wounds have started bleeding.

Racists of the world beware: The future belongs to humanists. We are well aware of the gang up of all world war-lords, hate-mongers and anti-humans. And they were all well identified at Durban. They are (1) India's Aryan wicked *vaidiks*, (2) White Western racists and their (3) zionist masters. There is no fourth party in this "Gang of Three". Put together, the population of this trio may not come to 100 million.

India's brahminical rulers played a dangerous role at Durban by joining hands with zionists. Israel's open praise for India's support at Durban is sure to mark out India as the enemy of Muslims, Blacks and China. (*Hindu* Sept.11, 2001).

We are fully aware that all the White Western Christians and Jews are not racists. We have many fair-minded people like Naom Chomsky.

**Wanted a think tank:** The trio may be fabulously rich, fair-skinned, armed with deadly weapons, industrially and technologically advanced. The rest may be dark brown and yellow-skinned, poverty-stricken, diseased, uneducated, powerless. But in sheer number they stand first. Besides, they have the support of Justice and Truth. And also History. The United Nations, a democratic association of all the countries of the world, will have to go with the majority. Hence success is sure to us. And not to the anti-democratic and anti-human "Gang of Three". America has no right to criticise the UN when it has failed to pay its dues to UN totalling 2.3 billion dollars. The US continuously defies the UN and world opinion.

That means success is sure to us if not tomorrow, day after tomorrow. But it is necessary that honest intellectuals among the suffering trio of the world whose problems consumed all the time at Durban — namely the Blacks, Muslims and India's Dalits — must establish a think tank and DV is here to place our 20-year-old intellectual achievements at its disposal.

**Back-door walkout:** That the American racists and zionists of Israel walked out of the conference through the back-door at the very beginning of the conference was a good riddance of bad rubbish. Their ignominious exit announces the shape of the things to come. Birds of a feather flock to gather. Over 20% America's population is Black (Afro-American) and this virile

population, the enemy in the bosom of America, hates everything White and American.

**The cataclysmic "terrorist" attack on New York and Washington on Sept. 11 accompanied by enormous deaths and destruction is a warning to this "Gang of Three" led by the US.**

If the Durban conference sounded anti-zionist and equated zionism with racism, why should the US Govt. get upset over it? Does it not prove — if at all proof is needed — that the White American rulers are also racists? And fully under the thumb of zionists?

When the zionists in Israel are exterminating Muslims in Palestine and the whole world is shocked about this reckless genocide, why should the US Govt. so openly support the zionist war-mongers unless the American rulers are also equally racists?

Why the White Western people should get so much upset when the NGO Forum spoke out the supreme Truth that Israel is a racist and Apartheid state?

**US stands isolated:** The US, which was lately behaving like a bull in the China shop under President Bush, stood totally isolated at Durban. Blacks (Afro-Americans) have rightly accused the US at Durban that its official delegation used Israel as a shield to protect itself being stoned. Even Jesse Jackson, dubbed a compromising Black stooge of the White rulers, had to denounce the US stand at Durban saying that it came to Durban to sabotage the conference. Yes, This was true. Even the South African Govt. spokesman agreed that the US White rulers were too guilty and too scared to face the fury of Blacks at Durban. That is why they ran away by the back-door.

America may boast of so many great achievements but what is the use of all these achievements when it continues to be a hard-core racist society? The forefathers of its today's rulers were once slave traders. History will never forgive these slave masters.

**Crime against humanity:** US, which has become the world's most hated country, was not ready to face the demand of the Black leadership to pay compensation for the crimes committed by the Whites as slave traders who took ship-loads of starving Blacks to work in their estates. Hundreds died on the way. When Jews could claim and receive compensation for the Holocaust, why not the Blacks for a much bigger

and shocking crime? Blacks are fully justified in denouncing slavery and demanding fair compensation for the crime against humanity.

Dalits of India will have to study this development and at the next UN conference must come forward with a similar demand for compensation from India's Aryan vaidiks.

**Human Rights Watch stand:** How the entire White Western Christian ruling class quickly ganged up at Durban to defend the US crimes should convince the Blacks and the Black Untouchables of India that racism is too deep a divide which can't be bridged. The entire European Union backed the old imperial slave traders like UK, Spain, Portugal.

**There was no racism in the world before the peoples of the world started moving out of their native land. It was only when the African Continent was discovered the White imperialists flocked there and clamped their racism. That means racism as understood in the West today is of recent origin. But racism is thousands of years old in India. It took birth with the Aryan invasion of India about 4,000 years ago. So, which is older — the Western racism or the Indian brand of racism? That is why we are fully justified in calling India as the mother of racism.**

We don't think the Durban conference was a failure as made out by the Western media. If at all they say it is a failure, the cause is the bigoted stand of the White Western rulers who deliberately tried to belittle the conference by sending junior level delegations and trying to scuttle the problem at every stage. All the Western talk of human rights is farce. The White Western human rights organisations like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch stand exposed. Both distanced themselves from the Dalit cause.

If the Dalits — the Black Untouchables of India — could not push their case into the official agenda it was not because India's brahminical racist rulers were so strong. It was because the Durban deliberations were dominated by the Muslim fury over zionist genocide in Palestine and the Black demand for compensation for the White crimes of slavery. Since Untouchability is confined only to India, arising out the religion of Hinduism of the ruling Aryans, the problem of one single country was pushed to background in the face of the international problem of zionism and slavery. ■

# DV salutes Justice Ramaswamy: Hero of Durban

## OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore: Dalit Voice** salutes Justice K. Ramaswamy, the hero of Durban — a retired judge of the Supreme Court, now a member of the National Human Rights Commission and also a member of the DV family — for playing a quiet but major role in internationalising India's gay apartheid and making the world know for the first time the ugly face of Hinduism.

**"Meitii" book quoted:** It was Justice Ramaswamy, a Telugu Dalit (Malu) who educated the Hindus in the NHRC including its chairman, Justice Verma, to oppose the Hindu nazi govt. stand on casteism and then going to Durban and playing a leading role there.

DV family members world-wide are grateful to this honest Dalit intellectual who even as a Judge of the Supreme Court had the courage to quote from our Editor's book, **Meitii, My Fool** (DSA 1996), while snubbing the anti-reservation racists in a

historic judgment. (DV July 16, 1997 p. 19, 'Supreme Court quotes Editor's book to blast meitii theory'). The book which went into a second revised edition was sold out long back.

**War against Dalits:** When the Hindu nazis headed by Vaidik Vajpayee put all sorts of obstructions by waging a war against Dalits at Durban, no less a person than the chairperson of the World Conference Against Racism, Mrs. Mary Robinson, a White Western woman and a former president of Ireland who is also the chairperson of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, on Sept. 5 publicly praised the role played by the NHRC at Durban thereby giving a big boost to the Dalit demand that "casteism is racism". Mrs. Robinson said:

*Delegations from across the world had never before heard about discrimination based on caste and the NGOs by holding rallies, had*

*succeeded in incorporating the cause in their declaration at a parallel conference. (Hindu, Sept. 16, 2001).*

Justice Ramaswamy, unlike many other Dalit politicians and leaders, could have also sulked and compromised to please the brahminical masters but he did not.

**Shame to Dalit ministers:** His intellectual honesty should put to shame our Dalit Ministers, MPs, leaders, the National Commission for SC/ST and the thousands of rubberstamp SC/ST organisations who are interested only in publicity and private profit.

DV members must congratulate this honest and brave judge for his unique contribution to the Dalit cause. (Justice K. Ramaswamy, Member, National Human Rights Commission, No. 111 - Sardar Patel Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110 001).

## Failure of Dalit MPs

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Our Dalit parliamentarians have definitely failed in their duty in forcing the Govt. of India to allow a debate on casteism at the WCAR. This applies to BSP MPs too. BSP has 14 MPs. This (demanding in Indian Parliament) was the easiest route to internationalise the issue. Forcing the agenda on the Govt. of India through NGO pressure is a difficult route to achieve success.

Four Members of Parliament (Ramdas Athawale, Dalit Ezhilmalai, Pravin Rashtraal and Prakash Ambedkar) attended the Durban conference as NGO delegates. Each one of them had to face the wrath of other Dalit delegates. Why was the demand not raised in Indian Parliament? Pravin Rashtraal (Congress) said not more than 5-6 MPs were ready to sign the memorandum demanding the debate on casteism at Durban.

Rashtraal said the SC/ST Parliamentary Forum was controlled by the BJP SC/ST MPs. Its secretary, Sangha Priya Gautam, is a member of the govt. delegation to Durban. The Congress Party too has sent its Dalit representative — Sushil Kumar Sindhre — to Durban to oppose the Dalit demand.

Anyway, over 200 Dalit delegates have made it to Durban. It is a big achievement in itself. And in all the NGO forums they have really outnumbered other delegates and left their impact. At the NGO level the issue of caste has been established and the international community has realised that casteism is a serious problem in India. Even Kofi Annan had to address the issue in his speech. The Govt. will have to accept the debate some day.

# Durban supports NE Mongoloid tribal struggle for self-determination

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** We congratulate the NGO Forum for declaring the whole of war-torn North-East (NE) India as "occupied territory". (*Hindu* Sept 7, 2001).

The Hindu nazi-ruled Govt. of India has declared a veritable war on the seven states because they are almost wholly tribal, belonging to the Mongoloid Yellow race. The people of these hilly areas bordering Burma and China are racially and ethnically different from the fair-skinned Aryans and the dark-skinned Dravidas.

**Nagas leading the war:** The Aryans were able to some extent subjugate the Dravidas but they failed to subdue the rebellious mongoloid tribals. In the past about 100 years these mongoloid races of the "Seven Sisters" (as the North-East India is called) have poured petrol on the burning fire by embracing Christianity — thanks to the Baptist Church of America.

An undeclared war is going on in NE with hundreds of thousands of mongoloid tribals getting killed in the process. The Aryan rulers have treated the entire NE as their enemy and have sent the Indian Army to control the rebellious tribals, further inflaming the passions in

NE. The brave Nagas are leading the NE struggle against Delhi rule. We thank the NGO Forum for taking note of the total alienation of the entire NE tribals who like the Dalits are also victims of brahminical imperialism. The NGO declaration rightly says the NE is under a "foreign occupation".

**Sikh identity crushed:** We also thank the NGO Forum for supporting the Sikhs of India whose cultural identity is almost destroyed in the course of brahminical bid to *hinduise* this country's most virile martial race comprising 2.5% of our population.

**DV offer:** All these struggling groups in India — NE tribals, Kashmiris, Sikhs, Dalits, Muslims, Christians, plain tribals, Tamils, Backward Castes — are fighting against a common enemy. "National" political parties are keeping all these forces divided and making them fight each other. Honest intellectuals of these oppressed groups may directly contact DV which will help coordinate the struggle for self-determination of all these groups. ■

DSA's latest booklet on Hindu nazi bid to push India backward

## BUNKUM OF VEDIC ASTROLOGY

(Bid to Destroy India's Little Remaining Science)

Ashok Vardhan Shetty, IAS

Foreword by  
V.T. Rajshekar

Hindu nazi rulers led by Prime Minister Vaidik Vajpayee are trying to thrust astrology on the unwilling indigenous Indians, particularly Dalits, so that they are made better slaves and India's little remaining science is fully destroyed. The writer, a senior IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre and till recently private secretary to the

previous Chief Minister, exposes the hollowness in the claim that astrology is a science. The Editor of *Dalit Voice* in his foreword notes the silence of Indian "scientists" on the Hindu nazi mischief on astrology, the reason being these "scientists" also belong to the same caste and silently sympathise with the nazi saboteurs.

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# Zionism inspired by brahminism: DV proves right

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**Bangalore:** The UN World Conference Against Racism (WCAR) equating zionism with racism and declaring the Jewish state of Israel as a "racist, apartheid state" at its Durban session on Sept.3 is a big victory for *Dalit Voice*.

Because we were the first in the world to describe the *vaidiks* as the "Jews of India" and also announce that brahminism is the founding father of racism, fascism, nazism and zionism (V.T. Rajshekar: *Brahminism — Father of Racism, Fascism, Nazism, Zionism, Dalit Sahitya Akademy*, second revised edition - 1994).

**"Jews of India":** Our description of the Aryan *vaidiks* as the "Jews of India" in our booklet, *Who is the Mother of Hitler* (DSA-1984) was criticised by Leon Poliakov, a distinguished Jewish historian who was also a member of the DV family world-wide. But when Poliakov, the author of the amazing book, *The Aryan Myth* (1971- New American Library, New York), died the Editor wrote a signed article defending our term "Jews of India". (DV Jan.16, 1998 p.9: "*Jewish scholar who diagnosed disease of brahminism but failed to cure it*").

**Nazi killing of Jews:** Poliakov in his scholarly book had very beautifully and very authoritatively proved that it was the *vaidiks*, the founders of brahminism, who inspired the German nazism which hated the Jews and killed them in millions.

Poliakov's argument was that when Jews were the victims of brahminism how could the *vaidiks* be described as the "Jews of India". We demolished this argument by giving several instance of cooperation and collaboration between the *vaidiks* and the Jews and their new state of Israel founded on a land that historically belonged to Palestinians (Muslims).

**The most important characteristic common to both *vaidiks* and Jews is that through religious conversion one cannot become a *vaidik* or Jew. Any one can become a Christian, Muslim or Buddhist through conversion. But a Brahmin or Jew is one who must be a born Brahmin or born Jew. This marks the Brahmin and Jew as a unique people in the whole world. No other religion in the world has this special characteristic.**

The religion of both, if it can be called a religion, is based on hate-mongering, racism and violence.

That India's Hindu nazi ruling class led by its *vaidiks* opposed the WCAR resolution dubbing Israel as racist

state at Durban and Israel praising it, further proves that the two think alike and act alike. The zionists supported the *vaidiks* at Durban and vice-versa.

**Fighting Muslims:** We are, therefore, fully justified in describing brahminism as the mother of racism, fascism, nazism and zionism. DV once again proves right.

Both India's *vaidik* leaders living in and outside India and international zionist leaders are in close touch with each other since over 50 years. Israeli defence forces are guiding the India's defence force in fighting terrorism (read Muslims).

**Hated Muslim leader:** Durban has lifted the curtain on the hush-hush dealings between the two. India's *vaidiks* fielded a hated Muslim leader, Omar Abdullah of Kashmir, to plead for zionists at Durban.

All hate-mongers and anti-human fellows the world over are coming together under the leadership of USA. But the overwhelming world population, comprising the Blacks, the Black Untouchables of India, Muslims and China plus some fair-minded White Western people are on the side of Justice, Truth and Human Rights.

***Vaidiks* take world leadership:** The just concluded Durban conference has revealed the true colour of the so-called democracy-mongers led by the USA. India's tiny Aryan brahminical rulers have jumped on the American bandwagon in their hatred of indigenous Dalits and Muslims. The "Clash of civilisations" as outlined by Samuel Huntington in his book of the same title (Penguin 1997) is getting more pronounced.

The Aryan *vaidiks* are assuming almost world leadership of this war against all oppressed races. As the founding father of racism, fascism, nazism and zionism, it is but natural that they should take this leadership.

Dalits of India welcome this "clash" and we want more such clashes. DV is very happy and proud that every prediction made by it on this "clash" has proved correct. DV readers are requested to make a careful study of these dramatic developments, all of which have been predicted well in advance by us.

The accompanying article received on email on June 21 from "The Free Arab Voice" provides yet another argument to defend our thesis. ■

# Hitler helped Jews to create zionist homeland in Israel ?

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This issue of the *Free Arab Voice* (FAV) is dedicated to the examination of different aspects of the relationship between the nazi and the zionist movements. You shall find below an important document worth keeping in your records for future reference.

## FAV Editorial: The modern relevance of nazi-zionist cooperation

One might ask why we would want to occupy ourselves with nazism, a half-century-old European phenomenon. But this is not really something that we are free to choose. When Assad puts pressure on the Pope to condemn the current crimes of zionism, or says that the crimes of zionism are even worse than those of the nazis, we hear voices from everywhere — not only from zionists but even from friends of the Palestinian people — that Assad is a crypto-nazi.

**"Arab Hitler":** When Saddam Hussein threatens US domination over the Arab world, he is immediately branded the "Arab Hitler" — and this is enough to put at ease the conscience of the average European or American about the crimes committed against the Iraqi people in particular and the Arab nation in general.

Historians, who investigate the established truth about the nazi concentration camps, are threatened with heavy fines, jail sentences or physical attacks by thugs — all this in democratic Europe not in some Third-World country where limits on the freedom of speech are taken for granted — and these attacks are of course placed under the mantle of "anti-nazism". On the other hand, pointing out the obvious similarities between the zionists methods and those of the nazis, is considered indecent, to say the least.

**Fascism in West:** It would not be an exaggeration to say that anti-fascism is the official ideology of the democratic regimes of Europe and North America — a kind of founding myth to use Garaudy's expression, of the current world status quo. At the same time, the actual practice of these regimes — economic, social, military — resembles more and more the practice of the fascist regimes of the 1930s with obvious differences caused by the changed circumstances in which these regimes operate. Under the cover of their loud anti-fascism, they often feel safe enough to go as far as to adopt unaltered the slogans of old fascism (New Order, Desert Fox).

**Homeland for Jews:** Of course, one of the most important uses of the anti-fascist mythology is the justification of the crimes of the zionists, especially after the creation of the zionist state. The propaganda goes like this:

"The worst crime of nazism was the holocaust: the extermination of 6 millions of Jews, most of them in gas chambers. This showed once and for all that the Jews must have a national home of their own, where they will be safe from such persecutions. Whatever objections one may have to specific practices of the Israeli state, the need for its existence cannot be denied"

**Zionism defended:** It is extremely important to debunk this particular aspect of anti-fascism because it offers the moral cover for the existence of the zionist state and its crimes, which in turn prevents the emancipation of the Arab world from imperialist domination. We have already written about historical revisionism; a current of historical research that has undertaken to examine the accepted truth about the holocaust, the 6 millions figure and the gas chambers and has found very little.

**Nazi collaboration:** In this issue we present a well-researched article by Mark Weber, which shows that zionism, instead of being a reaction to the crimes of nazis, was in fact an accomplice to these crimes.

**Israel, the state that was ostensibly created as a reaction to the nazism, has been ruled by the same zionists who have actively collaborated with the nazis.**

Disproving thus the basis of the zionist argument, historical research denies zionists any moral justification, not only for the specific crimes they have committed over the last 100 years, but for the greatest crime of all, the establishment of a colonial state in the heart of the Arab world, with the express purpose of preventing its emancipation.

### Notes:

(1) In July 1998, Jurgen Graf, was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment and a heavy fine by a Swiss court because of his writings. Rather than serve this term, Graf left Switzerland declaring that he does not intend to return until normal rights of free speech and free intellectual inquiry are restored.

(2) In February 1998, French revisionist writer Roger

Garaudy was fined the equivalent of \$40,000 for his writings.

(3) Robert Faurisson, the foremost French revisionist historian, has been assaulted more than ten times.

## Zionism flourished under nazi Germany ?

On Sept. 19, 1989, he was nearly killed by Jewish thugs. These are but three examples of the treatment reserved by anti-fascists for those who dare question their dogmas.

### MARK WEBBER

and live in a separate state of their own. "The Jewish question exists wherever Jews live in noticeable numbers", he wrote in his most influential work, *The Jewish State*.

"Where it does not exist, it is brought in by arriving Jews... I believe I understand anti-semitism, which is a very complex phenomenon. I consider this development as a Jew, without hate or fear".

The Jewish question, he maintained, is not social or religious. "It is a national question. To solve it we must, above all, make it an international political issue...". Regardless of their citizenship, Herzl insisted, Jews constitute not merely a religious community but a nationality, a people, a Volk. Zionism, wrote Herzl, offered the world a welcome "final solution of the Jewish question".

### PURITY OF JEWS

Six months after Hitler came to power, the Zionist Federation of Germany (by far the largest Zionist group in the country) submitted a detailed memorandum to the new government that reviewed German-Jewish relations and formally offered Zionist support in "solving" the vexing "Jewish question". The first step it suggested had to be frank recognition of fundamental national differences: Zionism has no illusions about the difficulty of the Jewish condition which consists above all in an abnormal occupational pattern and in the fault of an intellectual and moral posture not rooted in one's own tradition. Zionism recognized decades ago that as a result of the assimilationist trend, symptoms of deterioration were bound to appear.

Zionism believes that the rebirth of the

national life of a people, which is now occurring in Germany through the emphasis on its Christian and national character, must also come about in the Jewish national group. For the Jewish people, too, national origin, religion, common destiny and a sense of its uniqueness must be of decisive importance in the shaping of its existence. This means that egotistical individualism of the liberal era must be overcome and replaced with a sense of community and collective responsibility.

### ASSIMILATION OPPOSED

We believe it is precisely the new (National Socialist) Germany that can, through bold resoluteness in the handling of the Jewish question, take a decisive step, toward overcoming a problem which, in truth, will have to be dealt with by most European peoples.

**Our acknowledgment of Jewish nationality provides for a clear and sincere relationship to the German people and its national and racial realities. Precisely because we do not wish to falsify these fundamentals, because we, too, are against mixed marriage and are for maintaining the purity of the Jewish group and reject any trespasses in the cultural domain, we — having been brought up in the German language and German culture — can show an interest in the works and values of German culture with admiration and internal sympathy.**

For its practical aims, Zionism hopes to be able to win the collaboration of even a government fundamentally hostile to Jews, because in dealing with the Jewish question not sentimentalities are involved but a real

Early in 1935, a passenger ship bound for Haifa in Palestine left the German port of Bremerhaven. Its stern bore the Hebrew letters for its name, "Tel Aviv", while a swastika banner fluttered from the mast. And although the ship was Zionist-owned, its captain was a National Socialist Party member. Many years later a traveler aboard the ship recalled this symbolic combination as a "metaphysical absurdity". Absurd or not, this is but one collaboration between Zionism and Hitler's Third Reich.

### JEWISH HOMELAND

Over the years, people in many different countries have wrestled with "Jewish question": that is, what is the proper role of Jews in non-Jewish society? During the 1930s, Jewish Zionists and German National Socialists shared similar views on how to deal with this perplexing issue. They agreed that Jews and Germans were distinctly different nationalities, and that Jews did not belong to Germany. Jews living in the Reich were therefore to be regarded not as "Germans of the Jewish faith", but rather as members of a separate national community. Zionism (Jewish nationalism) also implied an obligation by Zionist Jews to resettle in Palestine, the "Jewish homeland". They could hardly regard themselves as sincere Zionists and simultaneously claim equal rights in Germany or any other "foreign" country.

Theodor Herzl (1860 - 1904), the founder of modern Zionism, maintained that anti-semitism is not an aberration, but a natural and completely understandable response by non-Jews to alien Jewish behavior and attitudes. The only solution, he argued, is for Jews to recognize reality

problem whose solution interests all peoples and at the present moment especially the German people.

Boycott propaganda — such as is currently being carried on against Germany in many ways — is in essence un-zionist, because zionism wants not to do battle but to convince and to build... We are not blind to the fact that a Jewish question exists and will continue to exist. From the abnormal situation of the Jews severe disadvantages result for them, but also scarcely tolerable conditions for other peoples.

The Federation's paper, *The Jüdische Rundschau* (Jewish Review)", proclaimed the same message: "zionism recognizes the existence of a Jewish problem and desires a far-reaching and constructive solution. For this purpose zionism wishes to obtain the assistance of all peoples, whether pro or anti-Jewish, because in its view we are dealing here with a concrete rather than a sentimental problem, the solution of which all people are interested". A young Berlin rabbi, Joachim Prinz, who later settled in the United States and became head of the American Jewish Congress, wrote in his 1934 book, *Wir Juden* (We Jews), that the National Socialist revolution in Germany meant "Jewry for the Jews". He explained:

"No subterfuge can save us now. In place of assimilation we desire a new concept: recognition of the Jewish nation and Jewish race".

#### HITLER HELPED ZIONISM

On this basis of their similar ideologies about ethnicity and nationhood, National Socialists and zionists worked together for what each group believed was in its own national interests.

**As a result, the Hitler Government vigorously supported zionism and Jewish emigration to Palestine from 1933 until 1940-1941, when the Second World war prevented extensive collaboration.**

Even as the Third Reich became more entrenched, many German Jews, probably a majority, continued

to regard themselves, often with considerable pride, as Germans first. Few were enthusiastic about pulling up roots to begin a new life in far-away Palestine. Nevertheless, more and more German Jews turned to zionism during this period.

**Until late 1938, the zionist movement flourished in Germany under Hitler.**

#### JOINT VISIT TO PALESTINE

The circulation of the zionist federation's bi-weekly, *Jüdische Rundschau*, grew enormously. Numerous zionist books were published. Zionist work was in full swing in Germany during those years. The *Encyclopaedia Judaica* notes. A zionist convention held in Berlin in 1936 reflected "in its composition the vigorous party life of German zionists".

**The SS was particularly enthusiastic in its support for zionism. An internal June 1934 SS position paper urged active and wide-ranging support for zionism by the government and the party as the best way to encourage emigration of Germany's Jews to Palestine.**

This would require increased Jewish self-awareness. Jewish schools, Jewish sports leagues, Jewish cultural organization—in short, everything that would encourage this new consciousness and self-awareness — should be promoted, the paper recommended.

SS officer Leopold von Mildenstein and zionist federation official Kurt Tuchler toured Palestine together for six months to assess zionist development there. Based on his first hand observations, Von Mildenstein wrote a series of 12 illustrated articles for the important Berlin daily, *Der Angriff*, that appeared in late 1934 under the heading "A nazi travels to Palestine". The series expressed great admiration for the pioneering spirit and achievements of the Jewish settlers. Zionist self-development, Von Mildenstein wrote, had produced a new kind of Jew. He praised zionism as a great benefit for both the Jewish people and the entire world. A Jewish

homeland in Palestine, he wrote in his concluding article, "pointed the way to curing a centuries-long wound on the body of the world: the Jewish question". *Der Angriff* issued a special medal with a swastika on one side and a star of David on the other to commemorate the joint SS-zionist visit. A few months after the articles appeared, Von Mildenstein was promoted to head the Jewish affairs department of the SS security services in order to support zionist migration and development more effectively.

The official SS newspaper, *Das Schwarze Korps*, proclaimed its support for zionism in a May 1935 front-page editorial:

"The time may not be too far off when Palestine will again be able to receive its sons who have been lost to it for more than a thousand years. Our good wishes, together with official good will, go with them".

Four months later, a similar article appeared in the SS paper:

#### RACIAL COMMUNITY BASED ON BLOOD NOT RELIGION

The recognition of Jewry as a racial community based on blood and not on religion leads the German government to guarantee without reservation the racial separateness of this community. The government finds itself in complete agreement with the great spiritual movement within Jewry, the so-called zionism with its recognition of the solidarity of Jewry around the world and its rejection of all assimilationist notions. On this basis, Germany undertakes measures that will surely play a significant role in the future in the handling of the Jewish problem around the world.

**A leading Germany shipping line began direct passenger liner service from Hamburg to Haifa, Palestine, in October 1933 providing "strictly kosher food on its ships, under the supervision of the Hamburg rabbinat".**

With official backing zionists worked

tirelessly to re-educate Germany's Jews. As American historian Francis Nicosia put it in his 1985 survey, *The Third Reich and the Palestine Question*:

### **JEW'S DECLARED NATIONAL MINORITY**

"Zionists were encouraged to take their message to the Jewish community to collect money to show films on Palestine and generally to educate German Jews about Palestine. There was considerable pressure to teach Jews in Germany to cease identifying themselves as Germans and to awaken a new Jewish national identity in them."

In an interview after the war, the former head of the Zionist federation of Germany, Dr. Hans Friedenthal, summed up the situation:

"The Gestapo did everything in those days to promote emigration, particularly to Palestine. We often received their help when we required anything from other authorities regarding preparations for emigration."

At the September 1935 National Socialist Party Congress, the Reichstag adopted the so-called "Nuremberg laws" that prohibited marriages and sexual relations between Jews and Germans and in effect proclaimed the Jews an alien minority nationality. A few days later the Zionist *Judische Rundschau* editorially welcomed the new measures.

Germany is meeting the demands of the World Zionist Congress when it declares the Jews now living in Germany to be a national minority. Once the Jews have been stamped a national minority it is again possible to establish normal relations between the German nation and Jewry. The new laws give the Jewish minority in Germany its own cultural life...its own national life. In future it will be able to shape its own schools, its own theatre, and its own sports associations. In short, it can create its own future in all aspects of national life.

Germany has given the Jewish

minority the opportunity to live for itself, and is offering state protection for this separate life of the Jewish minority. Jewry's process of growth into a nation will thereby be encouraged and a contribution will be made to the establishment of more tolerable relations between the two nations.

George Kareski, the head of both the "revisionist" Zionist state organization and the Jewish cultural league, and former head of the Berlin Jewish Community, declared in an interview with the Berlin daily *Der Angriff* at the end of 1935:

For many years I have regarded a complete separation of the cultural affairs of the two peoples (Jews and Germans) as a pre-condition for living together without conflict. I have long supported such a separation, provided it is founded on respect for the alien nationality. The Nuremberg Laws seem to me, apart from their legal provisions, to conform entirely with this desire for a separate life based on mutual respect. This interruption of the process of dissolution in many Jewish communities, which had been promoted through mixed marriages, is therefore, from a Jewish point of view, entirely welcome.

### **PRAISE FOR HITLER**

Zionist leaders in other countries echoed these views. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress, told a New York rally in June 1938: "I am not an American citizen of the Jewish faith. I am a Jew... Hitler was right in one thing. He calls the Jewish people a race and we are a race."

The interior ministry's Jewish affairs specialist, Dr. Bernhard Losener, expressed support for Zionism in an article that appeared in November 1935 issue of the official *Reichsverwaltungsblatt*.

If the Jews already had their own state in which the majority of them were settled then the Jewish question

could be regarded as completely resolved today also for the Jews themselves.

### **NUREMBERG LAWS**

The least amount of opposition to the ideas underlying the Nuremberg Laws have been shown by the Zionists, because they realize at once that these laws represent the only correct solution for the Jewish people as well. For each nation must have its own state as the outward expression of its particular nationhood.

In cooperation with the German authorities, Zionist groups organized a network of some 40 camps and agricultural centers throughout Germany where prospective settlers were trained for their new lives in Palestine. Although the Nuremberg Laws forbid Jews from displaying the German flag, Jews were specifically guaranteed the right to display the blue and white Jewish national banner.

**The flag that would one day be adopted by Israel was flown at the Zionist camps and centres in Hitler's Germany.**

Himmler's security service cooperated with the Haganah, the Zionist underground military organization in Palestine. The SS agency paid Haganah official Feivel Polkes for information about the situation in Palestine and for help in directing Jewish emigration to that country. Meanwhile, the Haganah was kept well informed about German plans by a spy it managed to plant in the Berlin headquarters of the SS.

**Haganah-SS collaboration even included secret deliveries of German weapons to Jewish settlers for use in clashes with Palestinian Arabs.**

In the aftermath of the November 1938 "Kristallnacht" outburst of violence and destruction, the SS quickly helped the Zionist organization to get back on its feet and continue its work in Germany, although now under more restricted supervision. ■

**Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh**, 1091 - Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 802, Washington DC 20006: India practices the worst form of racism in the world. Laws are on the book only, human rights are ignored. Self-determination and equality are the most basic human rights. Congratulations to Dalits, Kashmiris for pressing equality and freedom issues in Durban. The Black Untouchables of India who are considered the lowest caste as per Hinduism are the most oppressed people in the world. Over 52,000 Sikh political prisoners are rotting in Indian jails without charge or trial. Many have been in illegal custody since 1984. Over 50,000 Sikhs have been arrested, tortured, and murdered by the Indian police and security forces, then declared "unidentified" and secretly cremated. Indian security forces have murdered over 2,50,000 Sikhs since 1984, according to figures reported in *The Politics of Genocide* by Inderjit Singh Jaitlee.

**Jamaaluddin al-Haidar**, 1415 - Greens Parkway Apt. #118, Houston, Texas 77067, USA: I am almost embarrassed to admit that while I have lived and worked (teaching at the Islamic school) in a predominantly Desi community for 6 years, never have I heard any mention of the Dalit. You can imagine how intrigued I was when I stumbled across your book while doing a web search on Br. Kly. I teach middle and high school science at Darul-Agram North Zone Campus here in Houston, Texas, USA. I want my students, (especially high school grades) to be exposed to the Islamic movements from around the Muslim world as well as the status of the Muslim minorities, so I tend to close the textbooks on a regular basis and discuss issues that they should concern themselves along with becoming a doctor, engineer or computer information systems specialist. I am a 39-year-old single father raising only child but currently engaged to marry soon. I am active in weekly *dawah* on the college campuses in my area. I am the former editor and publisher of *al-Bayan* a monthly Islamic newspaper. Although we have suspended publishing *Al-Bayan* I have put up a temporary

personal website that contains some information on my *millaahmanhaj*, my articles and articles of others featured in past issues of *al-Bayan*. See my site "Between the Lines" <http://home.swbell.net/jhaidar>.

**Samiullah Malik**, on behalf of Al-Ansar, <samiullah@binternet.com>: This is our reply to "Little Ghalib". Al-Ansar is not a political party. Articulating a vision does not require members, it requires intellectual vigour. Brigadier Usman Khalid is perhaps the most prolific writer on national issues who is mobilising support for carrying forward the vision of Allama Iqbal and Chaudhry Rehmat Ali. If he is a nutter, Pakistan need many more like him. Chaudhry Rehmat Ali launched his vision for Pakistan from the UK - from the stimulating

## Dalit intellectuals meet at Dindigul on Oct.14

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Inspired by the book of Editor V.T. Rajshekar, *India's Intellectual Desert* (DSA-1999) and after four years of ceaseless efforts, I have succeeded in forming an association for Dalit intellectuals. On Oct. 14, a one-day conference of Dalit intellectuals is arranged here to discuss the "role of Dalit intellectuals in annihilating casteism in India". I have been asked to deliver the keynote address. Over 10 social scientists and activists will address the gathering of about 200 Dalit intellectuals. Jesuit priests who fight for the Dalit cause will participate. We request you to preside over this conference. Phone: (F) 0451-470511, (Off.): 0451-433281.

luxury of Cambridge. He did not even have a computer. That Al-Ansar has upset secularist opponents of Pakistan, those who do not have the courage to reveal their identity, those who work against Pakistan and Islamic solidarity, shows that our work is hitting its target and hurting.

**A. Balu**, "Sowrabha", 11-113-5/7, Kodical, Ashok Nagar, Mangalore - 575 006: I am very happy to inform DV readers world-wide that I have admitted a very poor but brilliant Dalit girl last year for BE in electronics and this year two other girls one for BE computer science and other for 1st year PUC (PCMB). Altogether I am taking educational care of three girls and two boys for the last four years. I am sending this message to inspire my other Dalit brothers who are benefited by reservations. I am doing this as a moral obligations (community service) as a beneficiaries of reservation and as a follower of Babasaheb Ambedkar. I spend 10% of my annual income for this cause.

**Mrs. Manjeet Kaur**, E-190, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar, Punjab: The *Indian Express* (IE), Chandigarh, has damaged public image of the great Sikh philosopher-statesman, late Sardar Kapur Singh, and refused to publish my rejoinders. It even disobeyed the Press Council of India's instructions to publish the rejoinders. The "*Persecuted Nationalities Denied Human Rights*" whose only organ is *Dalit Voice* should expose this

treachery of the "national" toilet paper I shall soon file a case in civil court if justice is not done and rejoinders not published. Mrs. Kiranjot Kaur's letter to SGPC published in the IE (Aug.7) was hasty, devoid of truth and work of a bad student who has not done her home work. Before writing the letter, she should have read her own grandfather, Master Tara Singh's confessional editorial in the *Jathedar* (a Punjabi daily run by him) dated Oct.11, 1962. In the editorial he admits that during 1947 when the British and the Muslim League tried to reach an agreement with the Sikhs then, he was the biggest hurdle. She should have also read her mother's article titled, "Jinnah and Punjab partition", published in an English daily from Chandigarh (not IE) of May 9, 1998. She writes:

"Mr. Jinnah was anxious to win over the Akalis, therefore, he offered certain positive proposal. Jinnah was prepared to concede a semi-autonomous Sikh state within the political boundaries of Pakistan".

If today the Sikhs are on the verge of extinction it is mainly because of the political blunder of her grandfather. Before 1947, the different community leaders were M.K. Gandhi, Nehru, Jinnah, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Tara Singh. Except Tara Singh, all others had Western education and were all law graduates. It was only the Sikhs who could not achieve anything because of their "stupid and emotional" (Lord Wavell) leadership. People get the leader they deserve. It is this anguish late Sardar Kapur Singh had expressed in his enlarged book, *Sachi Sakhi* (1979). Every author has a right to enlarge his earlier version of book with new and more facts and details. The SGPC published it in 1993 largely due to the efforts of the then secretary, Harinder Singh Khalsa, and again in 1996. *Sachi Sakhi* published in 1993 is a photocopy of the 1979 version and the 1996 publication was freshly composed with changes in page numbers. No material contents have been changed in this version. The SGPC had authorised this publication. The famous Sikh historian, Dr. Ganda Singh, had authenticated the thesis presented by Kapur Singh. The 1972 version of *Sachi Sakhi* was reviewed by Dr. Attar Singh (*Journal of Sikh Studies* Vol.1, Feb. 1974) in which he says:

"The four basic principles of the Sikh socio-political faith are formulated by Bhai Sahib Sirdar Kapur Singh as under:-

- (i) There is basic identity between the Islamic or Semitic spirit and the Aryan Spirit.
- (ii) That the Islamic religious laws and the Hindu caste system do not partake of this identical spirit. They operate in manner derogatory to it.
- (iii) That the basic requirement for sane social order is not a unicultural society, as both Hindus and Muslims believe, but a multi-central society
- (iv) That the strength and firmness of a state depend

not upon a unicentral society but a free, full and real cooperation between its citizens and various social units".

So, there is no truth in Mrs. Kiranjot Kaur's allegations of deliberate interpolations and that "Sardar went off his rocker due to old age". After Kapur Singh's dismissal from the ICS (not because of allegations but because of his political thought and affiliations), he became the Visiting Professor to Khalsa college, Bombay, and later was elected to the Third Lok Sabha (1962) and Punjab Assembly (1967). The Master always consulted the Sardar. He suffered paralytic attack in 1982 after the arrest of Sant Jarnail Singh. He even went to USA for a medical checkup. After returning, he lived in his home at Jagraon. He came to Amritsar in 1983 to meet Sant Jarnail Singh. I condemn the proposal to review the *Sachi Sakhi*. Kapur Singh has not made any allegations against Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, whatsoever, in his book. SGPC or its panel has no authority or jurisdiction to delete any portion of his book.

**Upendra Nag:** Av/Po Boden, Nuapada dt., Orissa: On June 28, 2001 three Canadian journalists (CBC) and another 22 reporters of Western Orissa visited this place. Six Dalit correspondents of upper caste papers were among the 22. They had dinner at the Hotel Raj Kumar Nag (s/o Parsuram Nag). The hotel belongs to a Dalit (Domb), only one of its kind in Nuapada dt. The same hotel could not last long because of casteism.

**Dr. R.P. Harsh,** Harsh Clinic, Barnala Road, Sirsa - 125 055: Caste is the *sanskritised* form of *varna* (race). The Brahminical Social Order (BSO) is anti-human, racist and against the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Census Commission has recognised caste as the vital element for the Indian census held in 2001. The Indian Constitution has a schedule of castes. The BSO castes govern the brahminical codes of racism. Hence the opposition to the different NGO move to get casteism included in agenda for the UN World Conference Against Racism. This opposition is inspired by the Hindu nazi rulers of India who want to hide the world's worst form of racism, more serious than the South African Apartheid, practised in the name of casteism. Buddha was the first revolutionary of the world who fought against this Hindu racism and challenged the racial superiority of Brahmins over 2,500 years ago. Assalayana, a Brahmin, who claimed the racial superiority of Brahmins in the following manner, told Buddha:

"Brahmins, Gotama maintain that they only form the superior class, all other classes being inferior, that Brahmins alone have fair complexion and all the rest are of dark complexion; that the purity resides in Brahmins alone and not in non-Brahmins; and that only

Brahmins are Brahma's legitimate sons, born from his mouth, offsprings of his creation of his and his heirs".

Budha replied:

"Brahmins have quite forgotten the past when they say so". (*Buddha & the Caste System*, Bhikku U. Dhamma Ratana p.13).

Since Budha challenged the racial superiority of Brahmins:

He was abused, all sorts of stories were spread against his noble character and even a plot was hatched to endanger his life. On one occasion he was refused food in a Brahmin village. On one occasion he was refused even water and that again in a Brahmin village. (Ibid).

This proves that Brahmins were racist even over 2,500 years ago. To prove that Hindus are fascist by birth as well, we have to go through the *Rigveda* claimed to be the oldest racial and fascist document of Hindu nazis. In the *Rigveda*, indigenous Black people of India are depicted as Asuras, Dasas, Rakshas etc. These Blacks are today called Dalits. We have plenty of references in *Rigveda*:

1. Indra and Vishnu destroyed 99 cities of King Shamber and killed thousands of Asuras (*Rigveda* 49/7/99).

2. Indra killed 50 thousand Black Dasas (*Rig* 13-200).

If we go through the IV, VI, VII *Mandalas* of the *Rigveda* only we find the Brahmin leader, Indra, killing 2,66,000 Asuras and Dasas. Kicking, killing, raping, burning and social boycott of Black Untouchables in India by Hindu nazis is a common feature. These atrocities committed upon them are fully justified by their sacred scriptures. BSO is also against the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. India is governed by the two sets of codes:

1. The constitutional codes to deceive the international communities in the name of democracy.
2. BSO (hidden agenda) of caste and graded inequality to promote racism and strengthen brahminism.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Father of India, says:

"Hinduism is nothing but brahminism in a new garb".

The Editor of *Dalit Voice* has defined brahminism as the Father of fascism, nazism, racism, zionism. The population of India is over 100 crores. It has the highest population after China. When Hindu nazi rulers proclaim that 85% population of India is Hindu, then India automatically becomes the topmost racist and fascist country in the world exporting racism in the name of Hinduism. Hindu nazis are the worst racist in the world because the BSO of hate, caste and graded inequality violates the Article 1 of Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted and proclaimed by UN General Assembly Resolution 217-A(iii) on Dec. 10, 1948 of which India is

also signatory. The article says:

"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights".

But the BSO caste, hate, graded inequality which has the religious sanction in their sacred scripture *Rigveda*, is the oldest racial document of Hindu nazis. The *Rigveda* says:

Brahma (god) has created Brahmin from his mouth; Kshatriya from his arm, Vaishya from his thigh, and Sudra (Black Untouchables) from his feet".

So, under the BSO all human beings are not born free and equal in dignity and rights. A Brahmin is racially superior by birth by its creation and the Black Untouchables are inferior by virtue of their origin. The Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes who constitute 35% of India's population are the worst sufferers under casteism (sanctified racism). Despite 22.5% constitutional reservation, their representation in government services is just 3%.

"A study revealed that only 3% of SC/ST are employed in government of the Centre and States and also in PSUs. (Ms. Veena Nayar, Member, National Commission for SC/ST, *Hindu*, 19.4.2000).

Hindu nazis do not believe in democracy and human rights. For them their caste and their social order of racism and fascism is above the country and the Constitution. Caste is the *sanskritised* word of *varna* (colour).

The Sanskrit word for caste being *varna* which literally means colour, it is urged that between the higher castes, the so-called Aryans, and the lower castes there is a racial opposition, more or less absolute, arising from a difference in colour". (*The Essence of Buddhism*, Laxmi Narasu p.84).

Despite all these evidences, the Govt. of India is suppressing this vital fact that caste has nothing to do with racism and it is not promoting racism in the name of casteism. If the Govt. of India is not promoting racism in the name of castes, then why?

1. Brahmins who hardly constitute 3.5% of the population are dominating the entire administration, politics, executive, judiciary, education, media and so on?
2. Upper caste Hindus commit atrocities on Black Untouchables like rape, murder, social boycott and so on when they exercise their human rights by violating the racial code of castes?

Thus we can say that caste is nothing but the *sanskritised* version of *varna* (race) which has a religious sanction. Brahminical organisation of *varna* and caste (racism/sanctified racism) is anti-human and is against the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Black

Untouchables of India are deprived of their human rights because of casteism. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, champion of human rights of Black Untouchables, demanded separate electorate and separate settlement for them so that they may progress socially, politically and economically. He said:

"Those who are socially segregated must be politically and territorially be segregated".

**Kartar Singh, A/73, CGS Colony, Bhandup (East), Bombay - 400 042:** The brahminical bid to deny that casteism is not racism is nothing but intellectual dishonesty to evade the true issue. This is a brahminical trait. The racist *vaidiks* are traitors for which their *chaturvarnya* is the proof. It is the caste system which led the country to slavery and abject poverty for which the Brahmin is wholly responsible. How foolish is it to say that caste will remain but untouchability will vanish? Again how foolish is it to say that mosquito will remain but malaria will go (vanish)? Take any book of history it will say that the Aryans were aliens who invaded India and after long-drawn battles and deceit the natives of India — *moolvasi*, were subjected to slavery. The *Rigveda* amply clarifies that the Aryans and Dasas were two distinct races by feature and form. Casteism which is the worst form of racism is not an internal matter of India, when such a huge chunk of humanity (SC/ST/BC and minority) are suffering. The number of suffering humanity due to caste discrimination raises it to international pedestal. Because of the scientific progress, the world has been reduced to a village. Every thing is being dealt with globally.

**Gama Ram, A-2/4, Paper Mill Colony, Lucknow - 226 006:** Brahmins claim that their religion and culture had always been non-violent and humanitarian. Prime Minister Vajpayee while speaking at the third centenary of Khalsa at Anandpur Sahab (Punjab) on April 8, 1999 said there had been no repression or atrocity in India in the name of religion. *Rashtriya Sahara*, a Hindi daily of Lucknow, in its editorial of April 10, 1999 said that there was no truth in the PM's statement because in India inhuman atrocities were being perpetrated on the *shudras* and Untouchables for thousands of years only in the name of religion and is still continuing. Vajpayee could not be ignorant of history and the existing conditions in the country. A large number of people in India are made to believe that Hindu religion is most non-violent and humanitarian. This is totally false. The Hindu nazi rulers say we should be "proud of India's past culture and history". But if we analyse our history then we are ashamed of the past due to the unparalleled inhuman

atrocities against the *shudras* and Untouchables in the name of religion, Shambhook killed by the Hindu god Rama, thumb of Eklavya cut by a Brahmin priest, Dronacharya, are the best examples of Hindu violence. (Prof. K.S. Bhagavan, *Violence in Hinduism*, DSA-1986). A Brahmin writer V.N. Pande, a former Governor of West Bengal and Orissa, in his article (*Rashtriya Sahara* Dec.18, 1993) says in the entire history of India we find three names — kings Pushya Mitra Shunga, Shashank (Bengal) and Sundar Pandya (South India) who destroyed thousands of Buddhist and Jain temples, Vihars and monasteries and killed lakhs of Buddhists and Jains. This impression continued for years and lakh of monks and followers of Buddhism and Jainism were massacred. Brahmin supremacy was established in all spheres and all basic human rights of the followers of Buddhism and Jainism were taken away and they were declared Untouchables and *shudras*. Shashank, while demolishing temples and vihars of Buddhists and Jains from Gond in Bengal to Ayodhya, got uprooted the Bodhi tree under which Budha attained enlightenment and burnt it. The present Bodhi tree was transplanted by a branch of the tree which was planted in Sri Lanka through a branch of the Bodhi tree taken there by Ashoka's son, Mahendra, and daughter, Sangh Mitra. Historians say that temples of Jains and monasteries of Buddhists in the country were totally destroyed. Similar atrocities on Jains were perpetrated in South India by King Sundar Pandya. He asked Jains to become followers of Shaiva (lord Shiva). He massacred 20,000 Jains when they refused to obey his order. Paintings regarding these atrocities can be seen in a Tirvattur temple in Tamil Nadu. King Mahendra Varman, a Shaiva, also perpetrated great atrocities on Jains in the 7th century and after demolishing the famous Jain temple of Tirupawalghar constructed a Shiva temple at the same place. In 11th century King Vihadeo (Vishnu Yardhan) of Mysore influenced by the teachings of Ramannuja massacred thousands of Jains. Paintings on this can be seen in Meenakshi temple, Madurai. Swami Vivekananda, in his Hindi booklet, *Bhagwan Buddha Tatha Unka Updesh* (p.5), says that all rock temples and monasteries of Hindu *sanyasis* found in India belonged to Buddhists and Hindus captured them and turned them into Hindu temples. Some *shlokas* of *Shankar Digvijai* (conquer of Shankara) by Madhav say that the army of King Sudhanwa used to march with Shankarachari which was directed to annihilate Buddhists from Rameshwaram to Kashmir and not to spare even their children and old people and also to kill those who hesitated to kill Buddhists. A noted philosopher of Varanasi, Dr. Bhagwan Das, while referring to some *shlokas* of *Shankar Digvijai*, says that Buddhism was mainly destroyed by the army of

King Sudhanwa and not by the *shastras* (scriptures) of Shankara. The *Purnush Suktia* of *Rigveda* and the 13th *shloka* of 4th chapter and 41-44 *shlokas* of 18th chapter of the *Gita* clearly state that the *Varnashram* was created by the god himself who distributed the *karma* (work) of the four *varnas* (Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaishya and Shudra). According to it the *karma* of *shudra* is only to serve the three upper *varnas*. Manu in his *Manu Smriti* deprived the *shudras* and the Untouchables of all their human rights and they had to lead life worse than slaves and animals. This was the only reason that Indians were over-run and defeated by invaders including Muslim slaves from central Asia and remained slaves for about a thousand years due to the disunity created by the *Varnashram* and casteism.

**Subhash C. Musafir**, NIC Ltd., Palampur, Kangra dt., - 176 061: We strongly condemn the Indian Govt.'s stand on casteism, saying: "that there is no casteism in the country and casteism is an inner issue as well as social problem of the country". In fact as and when the issue of casteism is raised by some one at international level these foreigner Aryans misguided the world by saying that the casteism is a social problem to which they themselves will overcome. But we observed that during 1947, sovereignty from the British was transferred only to 15% Aryans of this country. These Aryans are in fact racists and highly casteists. Despite constitutional protection atrocities against SC/ST have been increasing and becoming a daily feature throughout India. In fact in "independent" India the plight of Dalit-Bahujans (original inhabitants) have worsened. In Himachal Pradesh, a small state in India, we have collected much more serious cases of atrocities through which we want to highlight true picture of racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

**Viren Buddhist**, No.48 - Saraswati Vihar, Chakkarpur, Gurgaon - 122 002: I am writing this with great sorrow about the way our "educated", employed Dalits are behaving. I am working in the NCERT. For increasing the circulation of *Dalit Voice* I approached my colleagues. I gave them information about the work done by you for Dalit in the country. And also how V.T. Rajshakar has authored about 100 books. After doing so, I requested SC/ST officers of NCERT to subscribe to DV and contribute towards the society through *Dalit Voice*. But I am sorry that even officers pleaded saying that they do not have the money for this. When they are in any trouble, they rush to Ram Raj with their grievances. How to save such a people? They are not realising their duty towards their own people.

**T.H.P. Chentharassery**, TDK Road, Patton PO,

Trivandrum - 695 004: Who defeated the Reds in Kerala? There are so many factors which led to the defeat of these *manuwardi marxists* in the latest Assembly elections in Kerala.

1. The Left Democratic Front led by the marxists (CPM) was negligent in enforcing Dalit (SC/ST) reservations.
2. Unemployment among the educated Dalits is very acute.
3. Employees of the semi-govt. institutions and private educational institutions are paid from the govt. treasury but their appointments are made not through the Public Service Commission thereby the Dalits are losing reservation in appointment to these institutions. No action to rectify this grave irregularity was taken by the LDF.
4. The CPM opposition to instal the statue of Dr. Ambedkar before the Kerala State Assembly poured oil on the burning fire of Dalit anger.
5. Social change has been totally left out of the CPM agenda.
6. The so called "casteless reds" never allowed the Dalits to contest in general seats.
7. The furious educated Dalits keeping in their pockets the folded "Red flag" went around the villages and instigated their fellowmen to vote against the Reds. And the Reds met their Waterloo at the polls.

This shows that the Dalits can at least defeat their enemy even if they can't win. Dalits have shown their courage and strength. If only they form a united front with other oppressed castes and communities, victory is certain.

**Harmesh Lal**, VPO: Mehsam Pur, via Phillaur, Jalandhar dt., Punjab: This Letter is in continuation of the one published in DV of Sept. 16, 2001 (P. 13-14) in which I have tried to emphasise if religion is needed for a man. Though I have not yet read the *Buddha & His Dhamma* by Dr. Ambedkar even then I feel and that too very strangely that there is no place for religion in the life of a person. Think of all the religions of the world and vices and superstitions prevalent in all of them and sacrifices offered even till today in the name of religion. In spite of the fact that there are 33 crore *dev-devitas* in India, what is the position of India in the world? India ranks 138th in the UNDP report. No health, no civic facilities, no value-oriented education, no social security, no training in independent thinking, not even two meals a day to the millions, starvation deaths, no clothes to the naked millions. Which gods or goddesses are the in-charge of these facilities? You have seen the horrible earthquake in Gujarat, devastating floods in Orissa sometime back and hundreds and thousands of such

tragedies all over the world since the times immemorial. This cannot and must not be the handiwork of any god. Clearly it is all natural and not planned. Then for whose salvation we have been running after Christ, Mohammad, Rama, Krishna, Brahma, Vishnu etc. who have also come and gone quietly. If there is clearly no creator of the universe and we don't know exactly how many civilisations have come and gone before us, then what is the meaning of getting salvation? It was not for nothing that Babasheb reached the conclusion that our salvation lies in the gaining of political power. What is the meaning of all these gods? Which god can assure us the salvation? Salvation for what? From what? These questions can never be answered as these are considered blasphemous and may be dubbed provocative. If all the energy being spent on religious activities and programmes, which is the indication of a primitive society, is converted into political activities, then only there is some hope of ameliorating the condition of depravity of our depressed people. Think about Buddhism (is a noble religion based on morality) and you convert a person to Buddhism. Whether you are sure that he might follow Babasheb's political philosophy. I don't think so. Efforts should be made to unite the warring depressed class organisations and political fronts i.e. Kanshi Ram's BSP, Laloo Yadav's RJD and other like-minded parties and shunt out the bogus Paswans.

**Dr. Ram Nath**, Ex. Professor & vice-chancellor, Agriculture University Kanpur, A-708, Hanspuram, Navbasta, Kanpur - 208 021: The day the *Brahmana Jati Party* came to power in UP, the govt. and chancellor's office did not spare a single stone unturned to ignore, discriminate, insult and dislodge me from the post of vice-chancellor. And Suraj Bhan, the Governor and Chancellor, played the main role in putting me under suspension for about six months and continued the inquiry for over one and a half years, but not a single charge was proved as per the inquiry report submitted six months after my retirement. The Governor, who incidentally is a Dalit leader of Haryana, imposed such discriminatory and humiliating restrictions in my suspension order as if I was a criminal and terrorist resulting in almost keeping me under house arrest during the suspension period. But during this period if I had not written my book, *Hindu Rashtrawad Benamb* (Hindu nationalism exposed), there was no way left for me except to commit suicide. Even under such arduous conditions by working hard day and night, I elevated the university from the 25th to 6th rank out of the 29 agricultural universities in India and created a landmark in all major fields of university activities. But the ruling

BSO was thirsting for my blood because I was a Chamarr who could speak extempore even in international conferences, implemented roster system in admission and employment, written books in DV language, contested Parliamentary election in 1992 and mainly a man in Bahujan Samaj Party cadre-building in UP.

**M. Prem Kumar**, 11-5-521, Red Hills, Nampally, Hyderabad - 500 004: A team representing the Confederation of SC/ST Organisations, AP Scheduled Caste Welfare Association, AP Ambedkar Yuvajana Sangham and Buddhist Society of India visited the Kalvaholu village of Mahboob Nagar dt. on Aug. 18 under my leadership to find out the facts leading to the death of a Dalit boy, N. Balaswamy (28). The Hindu (Reddies, Vaishyas including BCs) supporters of the BJP candidates in the recent ZP, Mandal, Praja Parishat elections, in which Dalits supported the CPI candidate, are the culprits. Balaswamy organised Dalits and other weaker sections. The killers who burnt alive Balaswamy are the Backward Caste Mudiraj and Yadav jati people. The district SP, Balasubrahmanyam, is a Brahmin and the enemy of Dalits. The charge against Balaswamy was that he molested six women of the village had no proof. Nor any complaint was filed by anybody. He was burnt alive on July 26. In the Gutmellikondur village under Telkapalli Mandal of the same district, a Dalit woman, Hussainamma, was molested by Chandra Reddy and she filed a complaint in the local police station. When the police refused to accept her complaint, she consumed poison and died on Aug.25. In this case also, the SP is playing his brahminical card.

**G.N. Saibaba**, General Secretary, All-India People's Resistance Forum (AIPRF) and six other peoples' representatives: The police persecutions have become the order of the day in the old city of Hyderabad. The police suspect every Muslim as an ISI agent. A moulana who goes to give a traditional sermon in a mosque is equated with a religious fanatic who is going to be a threat to the "national unity and integrity". The whole Muslim community in the old city here lives in a perpetual concentration camp. Reading of Quran is a crime. This act is not less than the ISI activity in the old city. What type of religious freedom is this? A study circle of Quran of 50-old and young people used to meet in late K.M. Subani's house. Intelligence officers always followed all the 50. Some used to sit in the reading sessions to check what is being preached. The women of the house were threatened that they should not let their house for this study circle. They were forced to shift the venue. Various management committees of the mosques in the old city too were threatened. Moulana Md.

Naseeruddin used to take special sermon sessions in the Masjid Saleema-Khatun, in Himayatnagar. The police threatened the masjid authorities and stopped his sermons. Same is the case with another masjid, Shah Mauzzam. All the sermons were forcefully stopped by the police in the famous mosques in the old city like Jama Masjid and Daru Shafa. On the midnight of Aug.18, 50 people were watching a videocassette on the demolition of Babri Masjid in Saidabad. These people are the members of Darsgah-E-Jihad-O-Shahadath. The cassette they were watching was not of any secret one. It is a Newstrack Video Cassette watched by every democrat in the country. However, in the case of Saidabad watchers, the police raided the show and arrested 14 people. Now they are languishing in the Moul Ali Central Prison. Abdul Aziz and Nissar, along with 10 more Muslim youth were arrested a week ago. The police now want all the Muslims old or young, man or woman, whom these two youth met earlier. Athar Qureshi, city president of the Students Islamic Movement of India, was arrested on Aug.30 night and badly beaten up. Why the leaders of a student organization are arrested and beaten up brutally without giving a reason or were taken into custody for weird reasons? On Aug. 11, some students went to attend a SIMI student conference in Delhi. Athar Qureshi, being the SIMI president of the city, led the team. When they were attending the meeting in Delhi, back at home in the old city. Athar's younger brother, Akbar Qureshi, was taken by the police on Aug. 15 from his house and detained illegally for 3 days and tortured. Adding insult to injuries literally, a big batch of police visited the hospital where their mother works, and they scolded, and abused her in front of every one at her work place. They insulted her by saying that she gave birth to anti-nationals. Now, the mother says that there could be nothing more hurting than this. These are only few incidents of harassment, illegal arrests and torture in custody meted out to the Muslims in the old city. There are hundreds and thousands of such incidents from every mughalla of the Purana Shahar. Every Muslim in the old city is called an ISI agent, supposedly working for Pakistan. We strongly condemn the undemocratic arrests of Moulana Md. Naseeruddin (50), a local religious leader, Ahlar Qureshi Shahid (22), Hyderabad city president of SIMI, and Yasir (19), its general secretary, on the night of Aug. 30, 2000 from their houses. AIPRF also condemns any such undemocratic move to ban SIMI. The Hindu nazi forces have been threatening the very existence of our Muslim brethren in our country. Such a move will further increase the sense of insecurity in the community.

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216: I was introduced to *Dalit Voice* only a couple of years back. I have been regularly reading it and trying to understand your powerful points on Indian society. After reading your journal I have now a clear and better idea about Indian society. After subscribing to DV, I have almost stopped reading the "national" newspapers (toilet papers). I am now able to understand the events happening around in a better way with the help of the information provided by you. Every word of you, is true and correct. You definitely need a "Media Centre" of your own. To raise the required funds, try using the equity share concept like most of the companies do. These companies are able to raise crores of rupees from the public and in some cases without paying any dividends for years together. Atleast we will be sincere. These MAD Aryans will definitely try to get your "Media Centre" in trouble as they did with Kanshi Ram. Try using these phrase MAD Aryans (Masters of the Art of Deception). Please continue your crusades against the tyranny of the MAD upper castes.

**Ruby Naushad**, PO Box 1797, Bangalore - 560 017: Sardar Sher Singh, an IAS officer of West Bengal cadre, has become our forgotten friend. He stands out among the impassionate secular supporters of the Babri Masjid cause. His precious contribution in the genre of literature on Babri Masjid in the form of his two published works, *Emperor Babar and Archaeology of Babri Masjid*, have shaken the academic foundation of the Hindu nazi-sponsored Ramjanam Temple movement. Naturally as it happens with all truth-seekers this was a strenuous invitation to earn him both admiration and animosity. Recently he was terminated from the service, even without giving an ear to a relevant judgment in his favour accorded by the state tribunal. As per the tribunal order the entire chargesheet against him stood quashed in March 2000. Still the *hinduva*-marxist clique persecuted him. Presently, Sher Singh and his family members are passing through a very critical phase of their lives. He is not happy with the attitude of "secularists". He has been almost forgotten by them in the most testing time of his life. Muslims for whom he was fighting an intellectual war, which invited the wrath of Hindu nazis to the tune of termination of his services, had just played all these months ignorant of his problems. He did not even receive any amount against the royalty of his books from the publishers, which could have been otherwise a great help in his financial difficulties. There is no doubt that this sort of oblivion on our part is not a pardonable one. It is better to correct now than never. Revolutionary Muslims must support Sher Singh, IAS, Flat No. 32, 247/1 - Minto Park, Alipore Road, Calcutta - 700 027.

# India is birth place of international racism in the form of casteism

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Discrimination has been part of the human history. They are divided on the basis of caste, class, creed, colour, region, language, ethnicity etc. But among all, it is casteism which is the most dehumanizing and discriminating phenomenon of all ages and specially way our age.

**Casteism is a much older form of discrimination than race. As it exists in India, it is much more comprehensive and cruel. Caste discrimination is the mother, racism is only its child.**

Caste discrimination in India is a social construct in which people belonging to various castes are segregated even more so than in some instances of severe racial discrimination. Whatever the biological foundations, caste discrimination in India contains all aspects of racial discrimination in a much more complete form. To only discuss racism and related intolerance but to exclude caste is like discussing physical pain and excluding murder. There are multiple forms of racial discrimination, and caste is one. The two can be separated only artificially. The subject of race can be debated through the lens of various sociological theories, and the caste can be discussed theologically in regard to its relationship to Hinduism.

**Born through mouth:** The Indian caste system has been the means by which vast sections of the Indian population have been submerged into a condition of servitude to satisfy the interests of a small minority of Brahmins who have claimed their privileges on the basis of the special birth through the mouth of their god.

**The Manu Dharma Sastras is the first ever apartheid code of conduct instituted by the Aryans. One code for the fair-skinned Aryans and another discriminatory set for the dark-skinned Dravidas. The Aryans were quick to portray Manu Dharma Sastra as the Hindu law, and through its translation in English by Sir William Jones this poison was exported to the Western world from India. Racism was accepted as a fact of life by a vast majority by the second half of the 19th century and many European scholars under its influence started identifying themselves with the Aryans.**

**Mother of Hitler from India:** History reveals that the Aryans of India were the authors of the *Manu Dharma Sastra* and got it translated in 1794 by Sir William Jones and spread racism to the world outside.

The principles of apartheid enunciated in the *Manu Dharma Sastra* is the root cause of the concept of racism and racial fanaticism of Hitler who declared that the German Whites were a superior race and on which assumption he massacred six million Jews. The ideology about the Aryan race was passed on to the Germans from the Indian Aryans. They did not know this ideology until they had contacts with the Indian Aryans. (V.T. Rajshekar: *Brahminism — Father of Racism, Fascism, Nazism, DSA - 1994*).

**Patriarchal caste thinking (epitomized in the Manu Smrut) emphasizes that the danger of low quality blood exists in the woman; raping a low caste woman by the upper caste man though committed regularly by men is condoned, arrogantly and hypocritically as his privilege.**

The offshoot of casteism is racism. The *Manu Dharma Sastra* justifies the principle of might is right as evidenced from the following: (*Manu Dharma Sastra*, chapter V. 29-30). The *Varnashrama Dharma* justifies violence. Out o this *adharm*a arises oppression, slavery and annihilation.

The *varna* in the *Varnashrama Dharma* means colour discrimination and racism. The indigenous people of India are Dravidians who were dark-skinned. Foreigners who invaded India were fair-skinned. According to the *Varnashrama Dharma* fair-skinned people were considered superior and the non-Whites inferior. The *Varnashrama Dharma* justified that on the basis of colour, the Whites had every right to suppress, torture, enslave and even annihilate the non-Whites. The Whites were given the right to oppress, torture, enslave, exploit and annihilate the Dravidians because they were non-Whites. This is racism.

*Varnashrama Dharma*, therefore, is the worst anti-social monster which was created by the Aryans to spread the five evils of slavery, colour discrimination, racism and occupational discrimination and casteism. Those who used this monster to commit these atrocities on Indian Dravidians are the Aryan Brahmins. Brahminism has condemned a vast sections of Untouchables to just collecting human shit. That is how it is going to be in the future also.

India is the birth place of international racism in the form of casteism. ■

# Hindu-Dalit caste conflict is exactly like Black-White racial divide

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Racial discrimination and caste conflict form the major bulk of the description in the writings of both the Blacks and the Dalits. Alice Walker, the Black "womanist" writer, devotes more pages to racial discrimination when she pictures the lives of the Blacks in her novels. Civakami, the Tamil Dalit feminist too, gives graphic descriptions of caste conflicts when she presents the plight of the Dalits in her novels.

Historically, the Blacks (Afro-Americans) were brought as slaves from Africa into America to work in the farms and plantations of the Whites. The miseries and sufferings they were subjected to by the Whites have been the subject of Black literature and the writings became very revolutionary especially after the Harlem Renaissance and the Civil Rights movement.

**Casteism is racism:** In India, the Hindu caste system denied all human rights to the lower castes. They were even called the Untouchables. They were compelled to do all dirty jobs for the upper castes. The experiences of these subjugated people, who are being exploited physically, economically, politically, culturally, psychologically and even sexually, have become the theme of Dalit literature which being the literature of protest unfolds the plight of the Dalits and thereby creates awareness primarily among the masses. This article proposes to highlight how Alice Walker in *The Color Purple* and Civakami in *Palaiyana Kallitalum* have portrayed the sufferings of the Blacks in a world of racism and the exploitation of the Dalits in a world of casteism respectively. The article is topical when the UN Conference Against Racism discussed that "casteism is racism" at its just concluded Durban session.

The introduction to the novel, *Palaiyana Kallitalum*, says that in the history of contemporary literature, the novel of Civakami has a pride of place as it presents the social life of the oppressed in a very realistic way.

The novel describes how the caste consciousness, and the eternal hatred and rivalry between the upper and lower castes always explode into a communal violence.

In the novels of Alice Walker, the oppression of the Blacks by the Whites forms the major part notwithstanding her claim that she is primarily a womanist. However in a sordid world of slavery, sexism and racism are bound to coexist. Of course, to a helpless southern Black woman, the dominating image of the White man is a formidable force.

In *The Color Purple*, though Alice Walker does not portray the impact of the White's domination on the life of Celie and her home front directly, she gives a

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*Dalit Voice* was the first in the world to disclose that White persecution of the Blacks and the Hindu crimes against India's Black Untouchable is one and the same. We were also the first to announce that India was the founding father of racism and that it was exported from here to other parts of the world. It is this statement that attracted the American Blacks to India and ultimately the issue that "casteism is racism" has hit international heights at Durban. For the first time the world has come to know that India has the worst form of racism and the wicked brahminical rulers are its practitioners. We have in *DV* office a number of Black books dealing with racism. Our readers may use it by ordering its photo copies — **EDITOR**

clear account of the racial discrimination in the portrayal of Sofia Butler and the descriptions given by Nettie. **White Mayor's arrogance:** When Sofia goes shopping with her children along with her boy friend the prize fighter, the Mayor's wife, the White woman, who sees the cute children of Sofia asks her: "All your children so clean.. would you like to work for me, be my maid?" (CP:90). The insolent White woman has the temerity to ask this question because she is fully bathed in the racist superiority. It is this racism that makes her feel that she can treat the Blacks like wanton flies and keep them subservient at any cost. But the immediate answer to this question from Sofia is "Hell No". Suddenly the Mayor slaps Sofia. Sofia, the fighter woman pays him back in the same coin. Immediately the police bounce on her and her children and bang their heads together.

**Sexual abuse:** When Sofia undergoes the jail sentence for the offence, she is put to work in the prison laundry. She is given the worst of the cells infested with mice, flies, lice and even snakes. The fighter woman in the community is slowly stripped of

her strength and she starts dancing to the tune of the White officials.

In Civakami's *Palaiyana Kalitalum* the raging conflict between the upper caste and lower caste is pictured minutely to show how in the name of caste, a particular group of people are ordered to do all the dirty menial jobs and how they are brutalized and victimized if they choose to resist the oppression of the upper caste. When one caste wants to conquer or fight against another caste or to establish their strength and superiority, they use to take away the cattle. They also use to plunder women which would certainly prick the self-prestige of menfolk and that would incite tension and escalate into communal violence. While going through the pages of Civakami's *Palaiyana Kalitalum*, one can see how the strategy is employed by the upper caste still more slyly.

The upper caste Utaiyar sexually abuses Tankam, the Dalit woman. She is a widow and patiently endures the humiliation because she works in his farm. If she resents, she will be deprived of her daily wages and she will have to starve. However, when the illegal relationship is known outside, once again it is Tankam who is beaten and mutilated by the upper caste people. Kattamuttu, the leader of the Dalit community, twists the whole episode to give vent to his rage against the upper caste. He cooks up a complaint to the police saying that she was beaten by the upper caste people for making their street a thoroughfare to her hut (the Untouchables are not allowed to enter the upper caste locality). However, understanding the situation, the Utaiyar caste takes revenge on the Dalits by distorting the whole matter.

**Communal tension:** The police too connive with them to file a false case saying that Tankam was beaten for having stolen some valuables from Utaiyar's house. When the relatives of Utaiyar go at night to keep some valuables at Tankam's house to create strong evidence to the police case they are beaten up by the Dalits. However, the whole incident is reported falsely by the upper caste men who complain that their people were beaten when they went to collect the people of the lower caste to plant the seedlings in their paddy fields. The tension continues. Tankam becomes the cause of all this communal tension. This incident shows how the upper caste people treat the Untouchables in the most inhuman way.

**Protest literature:** Nevertheless, to satisfy their lust they use three Untouchables but when the physical relationship is known outside, they reverse the whole matter to their favour because their personal pride is at stake.

Civakami portrays these caste oppressions to

enlighten the world and in turn to enlist the people in the eradication of the oppression. Her conviction is that by echoing the plight of these marginalised she can very well wake up the oppressed people from the slumber of slavery. True to the spirit of the protest literature, she vehemently protests the ill-treatment meted out to these people who have been suffering from the untouchability for centuries together ever since the *Varnasrama Dharma* (Hinduism) came into existence. That is one of the reasons why in *Palaiyana Kalitalum* she makes Kauri brave all the odds to take the lead in fighting the caste oppression. Through the elders in the family do not allow her to continue to study further after the school education, she fights for her right to enter the portals of the college to get higher education. After that, she becomes a college lecturer and also starts an organization to work for the betterment of the Dalits.

**Ruthless upper castes:** Civakami wants many more Kauris to take up the leadership so that they can restore and regain the human dignity to these oppressed people. She also portrays the plight of the Dalit farmers who are severely exploited and impoverished by the upper caste people. Through these presentations, she wants to create not only an awareness among the masses but also an awakening in the minds of the ruthless upper caste people. The lower caste people may not easily forget the scars created by the merciless exploitation of the upper caste people. Now it is the duty of the Dalit organisations to fight for the rights. These organizations should strive hard to make them move to the centre from the periphery. By instilling in them a hope for a better tomorrow and by regaining their human dignity alone can these scars be slowly erased from their minds?

Alice Walker too, presents the southern Black peasantry, the poor sharecroppers as working on the lands owned by the White men and shows how the White racism exploits and impoverishes the Blacks. She also wants to tell the world that the Blacks are in no way inferior to the Whites. She exhorts the Blacks to fall in line to fight against the racial monster and assert their rights. Her only aim in portraying the plight of the Blacks is to liberate them from the shackles of slavery and make them feel important in the society they live in. Celie, at the end of the novel becomes liberated, gains her self-confidence and asserts her self-esteem. Alice Walker gives a clarion call to every Black man and woman to affirm his/her right to live on par with the Whites and to enjoy all the possible human rights. Thus, the two writers reveal the plight of the oppressed to get the support of the people to fight the evils of racism and casteism. ■

# Role of Jesuits at Durban

WILLY, JESUIT PRIEST, DURBAN

At the closing ceremony of NGOs meeting here on Sept.7, Fidel Castro delivered a fiery speech. The crowds were cheering and shouting. In the last four days, the NGOs held their meetings, seminars, marches, culture shows, posters, media etc. to conscientise the world gathered here about the Indian brand of racism called casteism. The Dalit caucus (this is how the groups are called) has done a laudable job and everyone now knows who the Dalits of India are and what they are facing there. Media too has taken notice of it. We are 170 or more out of which eight are Jesuits who took active part in the struggle. A big enlightened and dynamic group is from AP and TN including a Vellore Dalit Catholic Bishop who also speaks about the discrimination in the church in India. Now nothing can remain hidden. The conclusions of

all the above is well documented in the form of draft, resolutions, action programme which each caucus is supposed to present it to their govt. and also start a movement to implement it in their land. One thing is very evident here and this is: every one condemned discrimination, exploitation etc. in whatever form it is and wherever it is. In this sense this is a world dialogue. All condemning evil and eager to spread humanism world-over. This is a new ideology or religion now emerging in the whole world. Youth is very active and so are the women. It is very inspiring to see so many young committed women coming here with different causes and trying their best to make it known to the world and get their support. There are Gypsies mainly from Rumania and Zek.

## Million Buddhist conversion postponed to Nov.4

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The Oct. 14 Deeksha ceremony is postponed. We had applied for the Red Fort ground and it was denied saying that no one be allowed to use it and this was banned for the first time. We applied for the Ram Lia Ground much in advance but every time we were told that it would be given to us only but action would be taken just before three months of the event.

When we approached the Municipal Corporation of Delhi we were told that it was given to the Ram Lia Committee though the Ram Lia function of burning Ravana would start only from Oct.17. Yet it was denied. We took up the case in the Delhi High Court but the judge favoured the Ram Lia Committee. Under such circumstances, we will organise the Deeksha ceremony on Nov.4, 2001 at the Ram Lia Ground.

## Editor to speak at Calcutta on Dec.6

A CORRESPONDENT

**Calcutt:** The prestigious Asiatic Society, Calcutta, has invited Editor V.T. Raishekar to deliver the keynote address to the two-day seminar on the "Life & Time of Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar", at the Institute, No.1, Park Street, Calcutta - 700 016 on Dec.6.

The seminar is divided into four sessions: (1) Dr. Ambedkar as humanist and socialist, (2) state, minorities and women, (3) Indian social structure and Dr. Ambedkar and (4) the political ideology in West Bengal and Dr. Ambedkar.

This is perhaps the first time the 220-year-old Asiatic Society is taking note of Dr. Ambedkar, "independent" India's greatest leader hailed as the "Father of India". The upper caste rulers have made a mess of the country by neglecting the thoughts of Babasahab but thrusting upon the unwilling people marxism and their bogus gandhism which suited their class-caste interests.

Readers of *Dalit Voice* in the whole of North-East, particularly the Bengali Muslims who got Babasahab elected to the Constituent Assembly, should make use of this opportunity by attending the seminar on Dec.6 and 7. Asiatic Society phone: 229 0779, 249 7250, 229 7251.

## Attention: Hindi & Punjabi DV readers

The Sept. issue of *Dalit Voice Hindustani* and *Dalit Voice Punjabi* could not come out because of the death of the husband of Sister K.K. Sidhu, who looked after both the editions being published from Delhi. Dr. S.C. Chawla, a medical doctor, died in Delhi on Aug.27 after prolonged hospitalisation. Dr. Sidhu, also a medical doctor, formerly head of the Dept. of Paediatrics, Dr. R.M. Lohia Hospital, New Delhi, is the DV representative in Delhi.

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