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ByKuldip Nayar

The news is that New Delhi has been successful in keeping out caste by descent from the final U.N. resolution at Durban on racism. I do not think it is a matter for celebrations, which the unthinking Ministry of External Affairs is doing. The Government's stand on caste is political. Otherwise, it is not understandable why it should have been a party to block the discussion on Zionism at Durban. People in India support Jews but not the thesis that Israel can go on expanding its frontiers. What has New Delhi proved? Does it mean that India knows of no discrimination by birth, or does it mean that the non-recognition of such ills will make them disappear? True, caste is not racism. But the difference is technical. How does it matter when the end product of caste and racism is the same, discrimination and degradation? Even the National Human Rights Commission, otherwise tilting towards the Government, has said that the nomenclature is of little importance when caste-ism and racism do not treat men and women as human beings.

The series of legislative steps against the Dalits are impressive on paper. But the reality is that they continue to live in separate habitations, draw water from separate wells and get the worst chastisement if they ever dare to raise their head. They are hanged if they marry out of caste. They are murdered if they dare to be

equal to the upper caste. Official figures show that one Dalit woman is raped every six hours and one Dalit killed every three days.

Wounded People

Νo democraticsystem should be ashamed discussing at any forum practices, which disits own people. A free society owes its existence the tenets of freedom. The Dalits have never had а breath of freedom in

the suffocating Hindu society. They are wounded people, battered and broken. India is strong enough democratically to admit that it has failed somewhere, despite all the guarantees in the Constitution, to provide the same glow of freedom, which the upper castes enjoy.

In fact, India has lost at Durban yet another opportunity to explain to the international community the country's shame. The Govern-

Prem Kumar Chumber, (Editor-in-Chief: "Ambedkar

Times" Weekly Newspaper) presents a book of Caste & World Conference against Racism (Durban 2001) and Bharat Rattan Baba Sahib Dr. B R Ambedkar's "Annihilation of Caste" to Dr. Kuldip Nayar. In the center is Dr. Amrik Singh Sacramento

Delhi's moral success. It was at Durban that Mahatma Gandhi embarked on his agitation against racism and intolerance. It is at Durban that the Government of the country for whose freedom he fought has shut out from discussion caste, which was one of the targets of his agitation. New Delhi, happy

over its victory, feels elated that even the U.N. Secretary General, Mr. Kofi Annan, refused to include caste on the agenda when NGOs from India accosted him. But it is Pyrrhic victory. The world expects something better from the land of the Mahatma.

The blame is not that of the upper caste alone. The politics of votes has become ingrained in the Dalits. Their leaders, belonging mostly to the creamy layer, have come to enjoy the spoils of office, without articulating the cause of the lowest in real terms. While piloting the Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the tallest among the Dalits, was able to incorporate in it the numerous safeguards for the untouchables. Untouchability is also banned. But this has made Hindu society no better in its treatment towards untouchable. The upper caste has not changed, neither in its attitude of hide-bound superiority, nor in its refusal to admit the Dalits in the social structure. Caste is denounced but not the cast system.

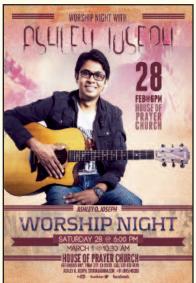
But what annoys me is the patience and stamina of the Dalits who have staved part of the Hindu society in spite of the cruelties they have undergone for untold years. Dr. Ambedkar aptly described the situationby borrowing aphrase from Shakespeare: "It may be your interest to be our masters but how can it be ours, to be your slaves?"

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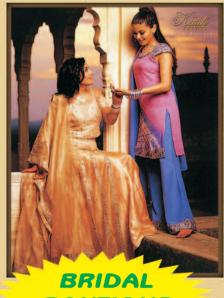
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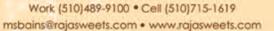
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