



REVERSION TO TRIBALISM!
By R. K. Karanjia

national language, and that India should be called Bharat. He attacked the Nehru Government and the Constitution as it was not in line with the evolution of the Hindu genius.

MORARJI: You know well Gurusji opposed and attacked communism, too.

KARNAJIA: He even opposed the nationalisation of industries, the abolition of landlordism and refused to accept the national flag.

COURT: Certainly, these were all treasonable activities.

KARNAJIA: No wonder Nehru, at a Lucknow meeting, openly said that the RSS ideology was similar to that of the Nazis.

Bapu deserved murder?

MORARJI: I repeat Sardar Patel, himself, threw open the doors of the Congress to the RSS.

KARNAJIA: Nehru made it clear, that on this issue he was not consulted by the Congress Working Committee. He declared that the RSS could not fit into the Congress.

MASANI: What did you then do to save the Congress from the RSS?

KARNAJIA: BLITZ mounted powerful attacks and wrote articles and editorials attacking the Congress-RSS pact. In a specially written article, Gopinath Sahai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Chief Minister of UP, wrote, "Acceptance of the RSS ideology by Congressmen positively means..."

BLITZ Prophecy COMES TRUE



"DIRECT ACTION..."

By Cockles Ahmed



even hanged for this. Who is he? Where is he now?

KARNAJIA: He stands before me in the box opposite and his name is Mr. Morarji Desai, who attacked the Jan Sangh only as recently as 1967.

(Chorus of "SHAME! SHAME!" MORARJI)

MURDABADI: Have I? Did I say all this? I do not seem to remember saying this.

and social reaction, the Congress stands finally and utterly exposed."

MASANI: Would you be surprised if I inform you that a Congress Government had financed an anti-Gandhi publication?

KARANJIA: It was BLITZ which exposed the official donation of Rs. 2000 given by the Congress Government of Bihar towards the cost of publication of a book entitled "Swatantrata ke khoj me" by Swami Satya Deva Bhabhak. This so-called Swami admitted Hitler, hated Communism, condemned Nehru and wrote in his book that "Gandhiji deserved to be murdered."

(Cries of "SHAME! SHAME!" rend the Court).

Muslim Communalists

MASANI: You have been attacking Hindu Communism only. What is your record regarding Muslim Communists?

KARANJIA: Oh plenty. From the very beginning we saw through the British game of divide and rule and the rise of the Frankenstein of Pakistan. We not only attacked Jinnah, dubbed him a "faher", called his statement on the Congress "Quit India movement" a fatwa and a threat, and warned him to stop toying with his unpatriotic demand. Perhaps no paper attacked more vociferously with stories, pictures and cartoons the Internal Direct Action movement of the Muslim League and the Subarnwardy regime, which was responsible for the ghastly famine in Bengal than BLITZ.

MASANI: What is your record after the Partition?

KARANJIA: Who has done more than anybody else in exposing the Pak invasion of Kashmir? Who has been exposing times out of number the Muslim communalists and pro-Pak elements who threaten the safety and security of the state whether in Kashmir or Kerala? Who was insisting on the atom bomb planted in India's belly? Who exposed the Razakars? Who exposed Indian quishings behind the escape of Mir Lalk All and the family of Razvi to Pakistan? Who exposed the anti-Indian activities of the Nawab of Bhopal? Who opposed the political pacts with Muslim bodies in Kerala and elsewhere and took the Congress to task? Who exposed the communalist beasts behind the riots in Ahmedabad, Jabalpur and elsewhere. Whether it is Hindu or Muslim or Sikh communalism, BLITZ never hesitated in tearing it to ribbons. And there is hardly any issue of BLITZ which did not contain some shocking story or exposure smuggled at great risk of life out of Pakistan by BLITZ correspondents.

MORARJI: BLITZ suffers from RSS and Jan Sangh phobia. They are not so bad as BLITZ makes them out to be. The Jan Sangh has shed its communalism, for that party now has Muslims in it.

using this occasion to throw mud at a fine patriotic organisation.

His name is Morarji...

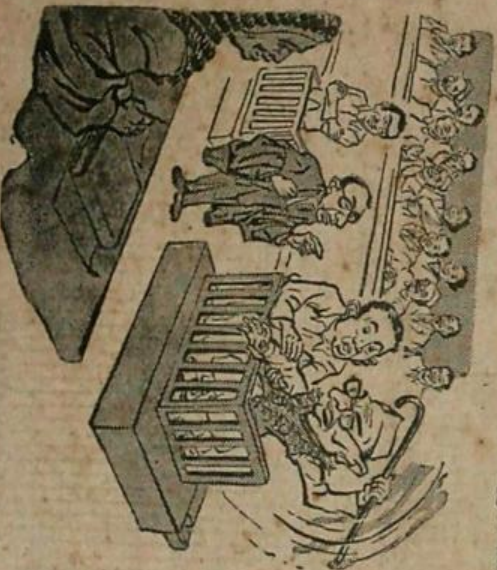
KARANJIA: I have here the testimony of an old veteran Congressman, once a top leader who attacked the Jan Sangh at a public meeting only a couple of years ago as an offshoot of the Hindu Mahasabha and said it had a communal bias, while the Congress, on the other hand, believed in tolerance of all religions and was secular. He also said that an "organisation like Jan Sangh capitalises on the cow slaughter issue and the religious feelings of the people."

THE veteran Congressman did not stop at this. He asserted at a meeting at Amritsar, "The cry of Hindu Rashtra raised in certain quarters must be combated with full force. Every effort should be made to put down divisive and communal forces which sometimes led to riots and made the country hang its head in shame."

(Cries of "HEAR! HEAR!" "Bravo! Bravo!" rend the Court).

"THE Jan Sangh and Akali Dal are parties that did not believe in democracy. These parties always criticised Congress for nothing, but actually wanted to destroy the democratic set-up established by the Congress. The Jan Sangh did not believe in democracy and is opposed to the larger interests of the country and the people."

MORARJI: This Congressman must be belonging to Indira's Congress. He deserves to be flogged and



KARANJIA: You may suffer from loss of memory when it suits you Morarji. The fact remains that you, who used to swear by Gandhiji and attacked communalists and reactionaries, have now made common cause with them. You have thus shown yourself able to out-channel the chameleon itself in your political career. Only BLITZ remains consistent and faithful in its attack on the RSS, the Jan Sangh, the Muslim League and other communal and anti-national bodies.

HOW prophetic were the words of the BLITZ editorial written as far back as 1949: "The RSS danger is great; it threatens the whole fabric of Indian democracy. It strikes at the very root of secularism for which Mahatma died.... The discredited RSS is catching popular imagination. It threatens to compete with the Congress itself in our national life... If not checked, IT WILL EITHER KILL THE CONGRESS OR ABSORB THE CONGRESS WITHIN ITS FOLDS."

HOW prophetic are the words of BLITZ — written 22 years ago. It is people like you, and not BLITZ, who, in your lust for power and leadership, have made common cause with communalists and reactionaries and have betrayed democracy, secularism, Gandhiji, Nehru, Indira and the people of India.

Back to Nehru & Gandhi

IT is on account of this treachery and betrayal of the founder-fathers of our Freedom and Republic by you and your Government that, today, half-a-dozen of your own States are in revolt; and as you will see from this collection of recent papers (throwing a bunch of newspapers at witness Morarji) the revolution is led by your own erstwhile colleagues and followers with "BACK TO NEHRU AND GANDHI" and "LET INDIRA RETURN" slogans. Retribution is waiting round the corner to overtake you and your ilk at any moment.

(Crestfallen, MORARJI picks up his stick and, accompanied by KANTI DESAI, leaves the witness-box under heavy guard. Prosecutor MORARJI bustles himself arranging his papers. People HATAO MORARJI! KHURSI CHITKOO MORARJI, DUR that of an earthquake or a convulsion sound like bowls of the earth, or the clap of far off thunder but only for a second or two, after which silence again prevails...)

THUS ends the fourth day's hearing of the trial of BLITZ and KARANJIA...

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The Grand Conspiracy