

CHAPTER VIII

HOLY LIES

*"Gandhi and his All-India Party (Congress) represent at most one per cent people of India."*

—GENERAL SIR WALTER VENNING, OF THE BRITISH SUPPLY MISSION IN U. S. A.

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*"Britain does not receive a cent from India."*

—LORD HALIFAX IN A SPEECH.

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*"India has more than two hundred languages."*

—BRITISH PROPAGANDA

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*"By various tricks and misrepresentations Gandhi converted lakhs of Muslims to Hinduism".*

—FROM "THIS IS INDIA", A BRITISH SUBSIDISED BOOK,

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*"We want freedom but with honour and in peace".*—SIR FERUZ KHAN NOON.

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*"To give authority to the Congress Party is inevitably to put the Party in a position to further its interests against those of the majority of the Indians."*—A SUBSIDISED AMERICAN JOURNAL.

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*"The Congress campaign in 1942 was directed from Tokyo".—BRITISH PROPAGANDA.*

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*"We have already put our name to the Atlantic Charter. This lays down the fundamental principles on which the peace settlement must be based, and I do not think there is anyone...who dissents from those principles.....His Majesty's Government regard themselves as absolutely pledged to carry out the Atlantic Charter, all the articles of the Atlantic Charter."—VISCOUNT CRANBORNE, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, LONDON.*

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In plain language, propaganda means the art of telling lies, and what more naked lies could the British propagandists circulate in America than those quoted above? Gandhi converting lakhs of Muslims to Hinduism, Tokyo directing the Congress campaign, and the Congress working against the majority of the people, are specimens of political honesty exhibited by the holy man, Lord Halifax, and his gallant brigade of ten thousand propagandists and a few Indian stooges. Imperialism, Nazism, Fascism, and, in fact, the structure of western culture are based on greed and violence and in order to justify their crimes against the weak, the tyrants seek shelter behind lies. They and

their nations know the truth and yet they indulge in lies in order to cheat the civilised world and fondly believe they can succeed. In this chapter I quote some of those holy lies from British propaganda publications distributed in America. Let any defender of Imperialism deny them !

#### WHY ILLITERACY IN INDIA ?

Here is a very interesting but fraudulent apologia for keeping the masses in India illiterate. British propaganda told Americans in a 44-page publication as follows :

“It must be remembered, however, that nine-tenths of the Indian population live in villages mostly—small and scattered, so the provision of effective primary education is expensive and difficult to organise. Formidable obstacles are presented by caste and communal feeling. In the light of the difficulties and of the declared policy of interfering as little as possible with the religious and social customs of the people, British rule in India has no reason to apologise for its educational record.” (Page 32. *A Picture of India* Published by the British Information Services.)

“The Muslim League dominates the provincial governments of all provinces where Muslims predominate—Punjab, Sind, N.-W. F. Province, and

Bengal. Only in the small N.-W. F. Province is its influence small." (P. 175 *Report on India*—BY T. A. RAMAN.)

"The Kisan Sabhas are bitterly disappointed by the Congress Ministries and now vehemently oppose the Congress Party." (Page 176. *Report on India*.)

#### ATTACKS ON GANDHIJI

Peter Muir, like Beverley Nichols is a sworn enemy of Hindus and Hinduism. Gandhiji is the special target of this much advertised 'unbiased' British hireling. Here are some of his typically mean and malicious lies: "Millions of Muslims regard Gandhi as a tyrant and Hindus of both sexes have described him to me as a hypocritical reformer and a political charlatan. His own utterances and actions have convinced me that he is a fraud". This is his tribute to the greatest living Christian.

Peter Muir has the audacity to publish this baseless charge against the Mahatma "*By various tricks and misrepresentations Gandhi has converted lakhs of ignorant Muslims to Hinduism.*"

Gandhiji had a hearty laugh, when I read out the above charge to him. This book was

largely distributed free in the United States by the British propaganda agency.

#### CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM ALLIANCE

Like his co-hireling Beverley Nichols, Peter Muir is a sworn enemy of Hindus and wants them to be wiped out. He quotes "Many Muslims" pointed out that there would be no obstacles to the smooth running of a society composed of Christians and Muslims. "We would go to our mosques on Friday, and you to your Churches on Sunday. We would not drink cocktails or eat ham in your houses, and catholics would not eat meat in ours on Fridays. You would observe Lent, and we Ramzan. But even in religious matters we have much in common.

.....Christ as well as Mohammad, is one of our prophets".

Since when has Christ become a Muslim prophet? It seems Peter Muir's Khansama or bearer must have revealed the great discovery to his Sahib or who knows it may be entirely his own fabrication!

While everyone of the hundreds of thousands of Americans admire the fluent English Indians speak and write, Peter Muir says "Though their English is precise, it is very diffi-

cult to understand owing to the sing-song inflection characteristic of Indians”.

MALIGNS PATIALA AND NIZAM

I have met thousands of Americans in India, America and other parts of the world during my six trips round the world, but have never come across an ungrateful American who after enjoying hospitality should ridicule his host, but Peter Muir is unique in his ingratitude too. A black-mailer does not spare even his hosts. Peter Muir maligns many of his hosts in India.

About his host H. H. the Maharaja of Patiala he writes : “Being an exceedingly vain man, he delights in any opportunity to be conspicuous”.

About H. E. H. the Nizam of Hyderabad he writes, “There are hundreds of well-substantiated stories regarding his petty avarice. One day he overheard two of his gardeners quarreling ; he left his study, went into the garden, and intervened. One owed the other ten rupees, and as this was pay-day, the creditor was trying to collect his loan. The Nizam took ten rupees from the debtor, gave five to the creditor, and put the other five in his pocket, saying that that was his fee as arbitrator ; the debt should be liquidated next pay-day.”

About a Brahmin journalist host he writes .

"The unobtrusive little host was militantly pro-Congress, and had at one time been a bomb thrower. He was relatively a poor man, with a large family and could ill-afford entertaining". He alleges the Congress paid his host for entertaining him.

#### NO FAMINE UNDER BRITISH

Peter Muir writing in 1943, when millions died of famine in India says, "Seventy years ago failure of rains meant starvation, with mortalities ranging from one to five million. Since 1900 *there has not been a serious famine in India*".

#### CONGRESS PRO-JAPANESE

Peter Muir quotes H. H. the Maharaja of Indore saying "The pro-Japanese element in Congress is stronger than most people are aware. Many members take Hitler's victory for granted".

#### A FABRICATED INTERVIEW\*

T. A. Raman, Indian stooge No. 2 in Washington published the following malicious lie against Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Secretary to Mahatma Gandhi :—

"On Pearl Harbour day within an hour of the staggering radio reports, I contacted the charmed

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\*In his book "What Does Gandhi want". This book was very generously distributed free by Bajpai Information Office.

circle. It was Gandhi's day of silence and I had an appointment with him the next morning, but I tried hard to secure a statement from him. He motioned me, when I eventually got to him, to wait till the next day. But in the process of meeting the Mahatma, I had to pass Rajkumari (Princess) Amrit Kaur, the scion of a ruling family, who, in the absence of Mahadev Desai, was functioning as the Chief Private Secretary. The following is the extract from my diary reporting that encounter.

'But what do you want him to say?' She demanded. 'Denounce another example of unprovoked, treacherous aggression; deplore the militarism which is bringing a trail of sorrow and blood to millions in Asia added to the millions of China; express sympathy for the United States—anything, however innocuous, however general——?'

'Message to America,' retorted the Rajkumari, sympathy for America? Why, take it from me, that if Japan declared war, it was because she had no option but to do so. And from then, if these gangsters, British and American, defeat Japan, then the only Asiatic power would be crushed out of existence. Why send a message of sympathy to the United States? What can Bapu (Gandhi) say anyway? He said nothing about Russia, which was a clear case of aggres-



sion. All these people are war-mad and it is best that Bapu keeps mum. Sympathy for China ? Of course we have thought that, but it won't do any good if Japan is crushed."

#### RAJKUMARI CONTRADICTS

In a letter to me Rajkumari Amrit Kaur says, "I confess it is astonishing reading! I am quite sure I never made the remarks he attributes to me. Such would be wholly inconsistent with my loyalty to Gandhiji and to the Congress. I am a firm believer in non-violence and loathe war and aggression in any shape or form. The Japanese Consulate used for years to be my neighbours in Simla and I often used to argue with the consuls against their nation's aggressive policy and belief in war. The Consulate used to send me a Japanese daily, in English, to give me a true version of their acts and policies but this was at once stopped when I wrote and told them of my horror at their declaration of war on poor China."

"But what is the good of contradicting a person who has never been in sympathy with us and has gone out of his way to misinterpret Gandhiji and the Congress ? He is a part and parcel of dirty propaganda against us. And is the statement against me the only untruth in Raman's book ?"

ARE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS PUPPETS?

"It is sometimes suggested that there is a general impression among people in this country that the present Members of the Executive Council are mere puppets in the hands of the Viceroy who issues them orders everyday as he issues orders to his valet and every Executive Councillor has to obey those orders, in other words, that the whole administrative machinery is run by the Viceroy, and we have no voice in it."

Let me tell you straightaway that there is not one of us who would be willing to serve in these circumstances."

This passage is quoted from a speech by the Imperial drum-boy, Sir Feroz Khan Noon, delivered at Aligarh but distributed in the United States to tell Americans that the Viceroy is the greatest democratic ruler on earth. The truth is the reverse. The I. C. S. runs the show while Councillors merely sign as does Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai in Washington. The author has personal friends among the Viceroy's Executive Councillors and their experience is quite different from Noon's. An eminent member of Lord Linlithgow's cabinet told me that the Viceroy was a great autocrat and flouted the opinions of his Cabinet Members. A member of Lord

Wavell's Cabinet recently told me that the Viceroy is the greatest aristocrat under the British regime and holds very few meetings of the Cabinet to announce his decisions and that he never meets members of his Cabinet for weeks even socially. He further told me that there are practically no social relations between the English and the Indian members of the Cabinet. He told me something more disgusting and insulting which cannot be put into print. But why should a military Viceroy honour people who are in the Cabinet to say "Ditto" to his command and do not represent their country ? Why blame the Viceroy ?