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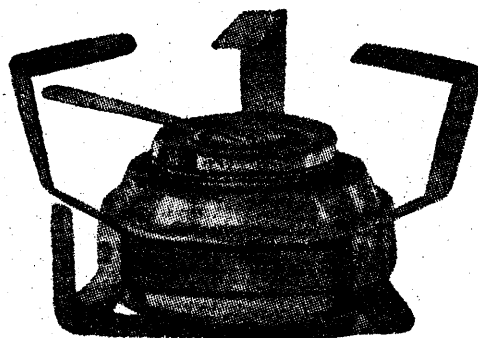
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The Friend's Voice

"The Friend of India"—better known as "*The Statesman*"—has for some time past been writing brilliant articles on Foreign Policy and the present international situation. It has also been giving estimable advice to the people of India as to how they should behave at this critical juncture. The writer is particularly thankful to "The Friend of India" for the attention and importance it has been pleased to bestow on a small man like himself.

It is strange world that we live in and a world that is changing from hour to hour. Time was when Moscow was a bugbear to our "Friend" and the story was deliberately propagated that Moscow gold was regularly passing into the hands of political malcontents in India. Since the rise of Herr Hitler to power, he has displaced both Stalin and Trotsky and in recent months, the bogey of Berlin—and along with Berlin, of Rome and Tokio—has seized our "Friend" and caused it many a sleepless night. Simultaneously, Moscow has become a good boy and Moscow gold been transferred to Berlin, Rome and Tokio. Our "Friend's" imagination has, of late, begun to conjure up scenes of gold from Berlin—Rome—Tokio pouring into India and poisoning the minds of the docile and good-natured people of this country. But one wonders what "The Friend of India" will think or say now. Will Moscow remain a good boy or will it fall from favour because of association with vile Berlin after the Russo-German Non-Aggression Pact?

"Friend" has made the remarkable discovery—or should one say, invention?—that the moment war breaks out, Indian malcontents will declare for Herr Hitler and line up behind him and the Berlin—Rome—Tokio Axis. The British people are not particularly reputed for their imagination, but our "Friend" is evidently an Exception—for exceptions prove the rule. His theory is interesting indeed and deserves credit.

Since disgruntled Indians will begin shouting "Heil Hitler" as soon as there is war in Europe, "Friend" has recommended capital punishment for them. Failing capital punishment, they should be safely lodged behind prison bars. Then all will be well both in India and Europe. India should certainly be grateful to such a "Friend."

Though these fulminations of the "Friend of India" have afforded us considerable entertainment, we must confess that they have, nevertheless, a sinister significance. This paper often functions as the mouthpiece and apologist of the Government of India and enables us to have a peep into the official mind of Great Britain. What "Friend" has said should not therefore be lightly dismissed as merely a piece of amusement.

In a recent article we are told by "Friend" that the outbreak of war should not mean the postponement of Federation. The journal has, of course, been a consistent advocate of the Federal Scheme as the one thing which will solve the Indian problem. It has been considered necessary to enquire as to what the Indian people themselves think about this solution of their own problem. Perhaps our "Friend" was distressed to hear it being mooted in certain official circles that with the advent of war, the Federal Scheme should automatically stand postponed and this appeared to "Friend" as nothing short of a calamity. Consequently, it has been at pains to convince people that on the contrary, war should expedite the inauguration of Federation. The point that will strike everybody is as to how Federation could be introduced when the Leftists are running up and down the country. This difficulty was previously solved by "Friend" through the suggestion that capital punishment or incarceration should suffice to silence the mischief-mongers and thereby pave the way for the easy advent of the Federal Scheme.

If the above suggestion find favour with the British Government or if they are an indication of the official mind, then what will happen in the event of war is that all the Leftists will be given short shrift by the British Government—not metaphorically but literally. When the coast is found clear, Federation will steam in and will be welcomed by the prospective ministers with drums beating

and colours flying—not the colours of the Indian National Congress, but of the British Empire which stands for peace, democracy and progress.

But there is after all, nothing fundamentally new in this scheme. It is just another illustration of the time-worn method of repression-cum-conciliation—with the only difference that this time the method to be adopted is more drastic than before.

Now what have we to say to such a course of treatment? The patient must, of course, have a say in the matter. In this present case, we might as well tell our "Friend" that if this superb method has failed every time in history, is there much hope that it will go down with the Indian people this time? They are not quite like dumb-driven cattle today and they may refuse to fit into the scheme prepared for them by others. Moreover, one cannot ignore altogether the temperament of the people. A drastic dose of repression applied to one section of the people may not necessarily frighten the rest of the people or another section thereof. It may, indeed, have the opposite effect of making them truculent. In that event, who will welcome Federation with drums and colours? A preliminary treatment of repression may make it impossible for even pro-federationists to a feeling to accept the Federal Scheme, with or without modification, owing to a feeling of revolt in the popular mind.

No, "Friend"! the solution is not so simple as you may think now, or as Lord Willingdon once thought. The Leftists are not such a negligible factor in the country as you would like them to be. Suppression of the Leftists may be possible, but it may upset your apple-cart also. Thank you for revealing your plans and for forewarning us. We assure you that we, on our part, are prepared for all contingencies and we are confident of winning our liberty, with or without the "Friend's" help.

Subhas Chandra Bose.

