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on

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(Mankind is one family)

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Mr. CHESTER BOWLES,
American Ambassador to India, says:-



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
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American Embassy
New Delhi, India, December 10, 1951

Dear Mr. Swami:

I have read your thesis on One-World Government with interest and find that it more or less follows the line being taken today by many people in my own country who are working for an eventual world government. I myself am a member of the World Federalists in the United States. Your thesis is a splendid job and deserves the award you received for it. You have my congratulations.

I share your hope that India and America will work together, along with the other peoples of the world, so that we may have perpetual peace. I feel certain that eventually such a peace will come, for all peoples. I am sure, have had enough of wars and destruction.

Thank you for sending me your views and for your kind words about my statement to the press of India.

Sincerely yours,

Chester Bowles

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ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT SCHEME.

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स्वस्ति प्रजाभ्यः परिपालयन्तां
न्यायेन मार्गेण महीं महीशाः ।
गोब्राह्मणेभ्यः शुभमस्तु नित्यं
लोकाः समस्ताः सुखिनो भवन्तु ॥ [व्यासाचार्यः]

Swasti Prajabyah Paripalayantham
Nyayena Margena Maheem Maheshah !
Gobrahmanebhyah Subhamasthu Nithyam
Lokah Samasthah Sukhino Bhavanthu !!

—*Maharishi Vyasacharya.*

[May all people be Prosperous ! May the Maheshas (Kings and Rashtrapathies) govern the world righteously ! Let the cow and (Vedic) Brahmin be protected from day to day. May all the Universe be happy !]

Introduction:

In this one pithy stanza is typified the unparalleled concept of World welfare without any distinction whatsoever and what good government of the people should be — a concept which no religion on earth excepting ancient Hinduism has stood for and proclaimed for the benefit of HUMANITY AS A WHOLE.

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The Almighty when creating (whenever it might have been) amidst the myriads of heavenly bodies visible and invisible, chose RITHVI (Earth) with all the flora and fauna, blessed her with MAN, the only genus endowed with all the three faculties—thought, speech and action. In fact the earth with all its inestimable natural resources is intended for the exclusive benefit of ALL MANKIND and not for any particular group. This noble idea, is so well reflected in the Sanskrit couplet:—

अयं निजः परो वेत्ति गणना लघुचेतसाम् ।

उदारचरितानां तु वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् ॥ [पञ्चतन्त्रः]

Ayam nijah Paro vethi Ganana Laghuchethasam

Udaracharithanam thu Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

—Panchathantra.

The underlying idea is that the broadminded will accept the view that the *whole world constitutes a single family* in marked contrast with the narrow conception of the bigotted. But alas! what has man done all through? Divide and sub-divide endlessly into the narrowest of pockets, continents, sub-continents, countries, states, provinces, districts, taluks and firkas down to the pettiest private property, with corresponding divisions of the HUMAN RACE into nations, tribes, phratries, gens and families, each based characteristically on language, dialect, colour, culture, creed, religion, nativity and outlook. So much so, SELF in every form and shape unfortunately began to assert itself as the chief motivating force whether it be in an individual or a group or a nation. The result as we see it to-day is that an endless vicious circle of unhealthy competition,

corruption, greed, hate, falsehood, spite and power-mindedness has come to stay, bringing in its wake untold loss and misery to humanity in general, caused by wars, fights, bickerings, killings etc., not to speak of ruinous litigation.

Let us pause and reflect calmly for a while. Was MAN ushered into existence only to nurture all these sordid and unbecoming developments? Most certainly not. Beasts and birds and fish and fowl behave better and live their allotted lives quietly with no sort of Government over them. The word "Government" with reference to MAN is itself derogatory, implying as it does the need for him to be governed or ruled. I would rather have "administration" for "government" as being more dignified. But alas! the very possession of the faculties of discernment and understanding by MAN, carries with it a certain challenge to society and hence the necessity for a code of conduct and orderliness, call it government or otherwise. In India MANU was an outstanding law-giver for the regulation of the relationship between the government, men and properties. No other country could boast of a similar codifier but all have their own laws and governments evolved by a process of agitation, revolution and civil war.

Present Position:

A study of world history, both modern and ancient, enables us to learn the march of events leading to the formation of different nationalities, governments, colonies etc., from time to time and it will be realised that WARS on a local or world basis have been mostly responsible

therefor. Religion, conquest, control or freedom, or trade as the case may be, has been the dominating cause. Each country has an "ARMY" armed to the teeth for purposes of 'defence' only, every other country being a probable aggressor. In our lifetime we have witnessed two world wars which have failed to bring world peace any the nearer. But hotch-potch organisations, as the League of Nations, the United Nations General Assembly, the Security Council, etc., have sprung up along with so many Charters of the Atlantic and other Oceans, not to speak of quite a bewildering number of treaties, pacts, agreements and so on amongst governments, either individually or in groups. But unfortunately for MAN, they lead nowhere.

Senator Brien McMahon of America, an uncompromising opponent of war has estimated that the second World War has cost the fighting nations 1,117,000,000,000 dollars and the world-wide destruction at twice that figure and the loss to individuals at 650 billion dollars, besides 40 million casualties and 1½ million civilians dead—all for the liquidation of Hitler and Mussolini. And now the war in Korea has turned both South and North Korea into a waste-land, distant America doing almost the entire fighting as representative of the United Nations on behalf of South Korea versus North Korea. Stalin and his Soviet block, erstwhile active allies in World War No. II are now the head-ache for Truman and his free countries. When and where will all this warfare enriching America at the expense of other countries, come to a dead-stop? There seems to be no hope at all.

On the other hand Truman claims to have added to the armoury of the United States of America, the latest weapon which could destroy the entire civilised world (probably excluding his own country) thereby outmoding the atom bomb while Stalin for his part does not lag behind with his cosmic rays. Both are members of the United Nations Security Council but China, now a Communist country even as Russia, can have no representation ! What a farce ? How could there be real peace for MAN when more than 90 per cent of every country's income is spent on what is called "Administration". In India out of Rs. 710 crores derived as taxes during 1948—49 the National Income Committee reports an expenditure of Rs. 690 crores under this head out of which "defence" accounts for nearly 300 crores.

Peoples' World Convention:

In Geneva there is an organisation with the above name. It envisages a 'World Government' on a Federal basis. In other words, the existing governments will continue to function for their respective territories but possibly certain matters will be referred to the proposed World Federal Government. Such an institution cannot eradicate the menace of war. However, I append below a newspaper report. Our experience of World Organisations, although constituted with the active support and authority of Governments does not enthuse us because there will be no *change of heart*. We are, therefore, afraid it will be one more effete body.

Appeal for World Government, Geneva 5—1—1951

“World Federalists called on Chiefs of State of all the world’s nations to day to proclaim emergencies and order their Parliaments to elect delegates to write a global constitution. G. B. Devos, Belgium’s One-World Delegate introduced the resolution containing this proposal at the first Constituent Assembly called by the People’s World Convention. It approved unanimously the presence of India’s Prime-Minister Mr. Nehru at the convention. He said he was certain that ‘ultimately the only form of Government in the world will be some form of a World Government’!”

The Solution:

Hence Mr. Dalmia, the protagonist of the ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT SCHEME and founder of the prizes, suggests its evolution based on the elimination of all national rivalries and the realisation of the ONENESS OF MAN. As long as MAN is labelled American, Chinese, Arab and so on, so long will there be no peace on earth or salvation for man. But on the other hand a feeling of separation or national ego, if not antagonism is engendered. EACH FOR ALL AND ALL FOR EACH will be then a dead letter. The mischief has been done but could be undone if only we put our hearts right and are sincere and serious. There must be the will. It may look Utopian but nothing daunted we must set about finding a remedy.

Society of World Citizenship:

In order to bring about a CHANGE OF HEART

or a correct angle of vision, we must first found a "SOCIETY OF WORLD CITIZENSHIP". Man should declare himself as a Citizen of the World and not of a particular country. If Stalin, Truman, Nehru and other heads of Governments are only serious about world-peace, they must shed their national colour and take a leading part in its formation by contributing freely of their own services and their country's men and money. Branches should be started all the world over. And under the auspices of that society, there should be a referendum on the question whether or not inhabitants of each country want UNIVERSAL PEACE at all times in preference to NATIONAL SUPREMACY. I am sure there will be an overwhelming support for outlawing war altogether in the interests of WORLD-PEACE.

Thereafter the Society will issue a mandate to each Government to implement the All-World voting in the following manner.

a) **DISARMAMENT:** First of all reduce the strength of and expenditure on armed forces of all types by 50% as from a particular date; and then annually by a certain percentage, bringing them to the irreducible minimum.

b) **COMPOSITE ARMIES:** Each country before the liquidation of its individual Government, which may take quite a long time, will agree to the stationing of composite armies on its soil who will be so formed as cannot have a separate identity or a national bias. That is to say each unit will consist of men promiscuously drawn from other countries besides its own. (The language difficulty can

easily be overcome.) Their designation, numbering and command will be on a World basis. Every such soldier must take an oath for propagating and preserving WORLD PEACE. The composite army will function as *world-police* and will guarantee the safety and security of human lives and properties.

c) CUSTOMS DUTIES: All barriers of customs duties, import and export restrictions and such other impediments should go, of course gradually, but in the shortest possible time.

d) DISCRIMINATION of all kinds such as nationality, religion, creed, colour, rich, poor, etc., should vanish and be made punishable. Poverty and beggary must disappear.

e) FLAGS, CRESTS, MOTTOES, AND SYMBOLS which are calculated to accentuate differences rather than promote oneness should be tabooed.

f) UNIVERSAL COINAGE: The world's monetary system should be based on universal coinage, which will have a steady and uniform purchasing power.

g) INTERCHANGE OF POPULATION: There should be a free interchange of population on a voluntary basis which will not impair the existing order so as to upset it; an experiment of transplantation from one part of the world to another should also be tried. And there must be liberty to marry freely and such marriages should be recognised.

h) LAWS: The unification of all laws on the basis of greatest common measure of agreement should be effected on major issues affecting the world's social problems.

i) WORLD BUDGET: Until such time as a single World Government takes shape and begins to function, the income and expenditure of the respective governments should be on a world basis, i. e., all surplusses should be pooled and made available for the deficit areas. The undeveloped and under developed territories should be pulled by the stronger ones and every kind of assistance rendered mostly FREE.

j) WORLD PARLIAMENT: There will be a Parliament for the whole world which will consist of one member for every ten million of population. The election will be by members of local legislatures from amongst themselves. Its total strength will be about 300.

k) PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT ETC. The members of the World Parliament will elect a President. Besides, there will be a panel of Vice-Presidents, Deputy Presidents and others at the centre who will also be elected by the members of the World Parliament. It will be their function and duty to administer particular parts of the World, assisted by a Council of Ministers drawn from members of the local legislatures,

l) JUSTICE: There will be a Supreme World Court, quite independent of the World Government, which will be presided over by a panel of Chief and ordinary Judges

elected by the World Parliament. The subordinate Judiciary will be appointed by the courts immediately above them.

m) **FOREIGN COUNTRIES:** There will be no reference to Foreign Countries or Foreigners in any speech or correspondence.

n) **WORSHIP:** There will be complete freedom of worship.

o) **INVENTIONS ETC:** All inventions, discoveries, mines, and finds of treasures etc., should be for the benefit of all mankind and not of a particular group only.

p) **WAR:** Wars, big or small, get automatically ruled out and the resulting economy will enhance the standard of living everywhere. Local Governments will have no incentive to declare war against one another, and their armies will come under the command of the World Government.

q) **EDUCATION:** Education and unification of languages should be reoriented and remodelled with a view to avoid all inferiority complex.

r) **WORLD FLAG:** At all ceremonial functions the World Flag only will be flown and the World Anthem only will be sung.

In fine **THE WORLD** will be treated as a **SINGLE UNIT** and its Government will be accordingly fashioned.

The above are the main outlines of the final outcome of the things to take shape and details could be

worked out. But the principle of ONENESS and UNITY OF ALL MEN should take the place of the so called UNITY OF NATIONS and if this is recognised, the psychology of man's mind will be entirely different from what it is now and the ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT would have become a FIAT ACCOMPLI.

Note: In this connection, I would earnestly commend the trial of the scheme as an experimental measure for which each existing Government will set apart a small territory to be brought under the One-World Government as adumbrated above.

Conclusion:

I shall close with a brief quotation from the Vedas:—

स्वस्ति मानुषेभ्यः । ऊर्ध्वं जिघातु भेषजम्
शन्नो अस्तु द्विपदे । शं चतुष्पदे । (यजुर्वेदः)

Swasthi Manushebhayah Oorthvam Jigathu Bheshajam !
Sanno Asthu Dwipade, Sam Chathushpade !!

—Yajurved.

"Happiness to all men, let the trees and plants (medicinal) grow tall; wish well to bipeds and quadrupeds

—Yajurved.

ओं शान्तिः ! ओं शान्तिः !! ओं शान्तिः !!!

[Om Santhih ! Om Santhih !! Om Santhih !!!]

PEACE ! PEACE !! PEACE !!!



INVOCATION.

May the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi pervade and lead the different Governments to realise that they are but so many trustees for the maximum good of **Everyone** in the **World**, not excluding all animal and plant life !

Will they now at least stop the huge drain of the World's Wealth and Labour on the production of armaments, luxuries and other non-essentials as well as on their own administrations ?

Has not the common man been deprived enough of his rightful claim to God's gifts even to the extent of being denied a bare subsistence ?

Ye Governments ! Desist from all carnage and pillage perpetrated on us, God's children, in the name of so many '**isms**'. Converge and coalesce together. If not, step out, so that we may ourselves do so, realising our unity and identity of interests.

All man-made differences are not of His will.

May He bless us All with the capacity for **Mutual Love, High Thinking** and **Simple Living** !