

July 27, 1968.

An Open Letter.

Sri Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
Calcutta Camp.

Sir,

It is indeed painful for us to write you this letter. Normally the citizens of this great city of Calcutta consider it only a proud privilege to welcome, in their midst, any person no matter who the person maybe. But, in so far as you are concerned, this certainly is not the case. Not only that today the citizens of Calcutta consider you to be the most unwelcome guest. And there are valid reasons for that too.

Ever since your party came to power, way back in 1947, the whole country has been passing through one crisis after another. Numerous problems remain unresolved, the people gasp and groan, and yet the ruling party, of which you are the leader, remains cynically impulsive. The hopes and aspirations, and tribulations of the people are looked down upon with the most contemptuous disregard. The struggles and strivings of the people are answered with police and military firings, resulting in cold blooded murders. The long, melancholy twelve years of macabre misrule, by the ruling party has resulted in a polarisation of poverty, of the masses, on the one hand; and an unparalleled accumulation of wealth by the privileged few, on the other. So much so that, the whole country has the appearance of a vast sea of filthy poverty doited by a few pockets of prosperity. The situation, which is entirely your creation, stinks to the high heaven. And when, in utter desperation, the people protest against this intolerable situation, an aggressive attitude is adopted by you which reminds the people of what the late ^{Lord} Birkenhead said: "Let the dogs bark, the caravan will pass on".

Along with this, we are constrained to state that, your profession of neutrality and pacifism, in the field of international politics, is nothing but a mockery of those principles which cho-

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have guided the foreign policy of the country. Of colonial imperialism loses all meaning when we witness your determination to keep the country hitched to the British Commonwealth. We are of the considered opinion that your role, in international politics, has been that of a common tout, alternately rendering services to both the power blocs, namely the Atlantic and the Soviet.

Last but not the least disgusting has been your offensively innocent remarks about the city of Calcutta. We are amazed at your presence in this city which, the other day, you declared to be nothing but a 'deserted big village'.

At this point, we do not consider any useful purpose will be served in preparing a systematic list of the specific criminal acts of the ruling party. Suffice it to say that, you and your party have transformed the whole country into a criminally misruled barren land of abysmal tyranny and torture. Hence, Mr. Prime Minister, we demand, in the name of democracy and on behalf of the people of the country, your immediate resignation from the stewardship of the country.

In the end we shall repeat what Gandhiji once said that,
anarchy
we will prefer ~~tyranny~~ to your misrule.

Yours Sincerely,

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