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DISCUSSION RE INTERFERENCE IN  
INDIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS BY  
U. S CONGRESS'S HUMAN RIGHTS  
CAUCUS WHICH HELD BRIEFING  
IN U. S. CONGRESS ANNEXE ON  
THE SO-CALLED HUMAN RIGHTS  
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[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Now, we have a discussion under Rule 193. Mr. Saifuddin Chowdhury.....

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHURY (Katwa) : As we have always done in the past, today too we stand as one on the singular issue of safeguarding the honour and dignity of our country. The whole House and the people of our country unequivocally condemn today the flagrant interference in our country's internal affairs by the so-called human rights Internets under the behest of US Congress's human rights caucus.

I congratulate our people in the Indian Embassy in USA who refused to appear in the briefing and sent a strong note condemning the event. The briefing organised by the said agencies held in the US Congress annexe, was conducted as they said, on the human rights and Sikh situation in India. This actually became a platform to spread anti-India feelings with the vociferous participation of extremist Khalistani leaders like Ganga Singh Dhillon and Jagjit Singh Chauhan. And this was a prelude to a full-fledged hearing by the US Congress Committee on human rights.

The whole country has been outraged at this briefing on a subject which is exclusively India's internal matter that has been sought to be internationalised by vested interests with a pernicious motive. What business does the caucus of the US Congress on human rights have to take part in organising a bearing on the situation in India ? This reflects a particular state of mind of the organisers which runs in conformity with the mind of the ruling clique of USA who not only do not

prevent such people from engaging in anti-India activities but also actively cooperate with them. They think that they are the mentors and protectors of human rights all over the world. This is the clear expression of an Imperialist mind which wants to dictate to the countries of the world on their internal affairs and policies

It is sickening and heart rending that these people and the leaders of that country dare to talk of human rights when their hands are strewn with blood of men and women who fight for their inalienable human rights. What is their record about human rights ? The ruling clique of USA stand today as the biggest molester of human rights both in their own country and in other countries of the world. Even in Punjab among many culprits, externally US agencies are one who are responsible for the grim deterioration of the situation there. Where had those advocates of human rights been when extremists were killing people abundantly ? Why did not they persuade them to stop it ? What is happening in South Africa ? What is happening in Central America ? What is happening in Sri Lanka ?

In country after country worst kind of suppression of human rights is going on and US rulers are actively aiding and abetting these suppressions. In South Africa violent denials of human rights are being perpetrated through apartheid policies by the racist regime and US is actively collaborating with them. On March 21 this year when people were mobilised in Langa in Eastern Cape to commemorate the death of 69 people in Sharpsville police firing 25 years ago they were brutally fired upon and 21 blacks were killed. The great champion of human rights Mr. Reagan did not find any fault with these killings. He attempted to justify the police action.

The UN Special Committee against apartheid condemned the USA for this. Its Chairman, Mr. Joseph Garba said on Reagan's Comments "I must express my distress and pain to the highest level in the USA. The Police in South Africa are described as being on the side of law and

order as if there is any law and order in South Africa. They speak of the rioting of the indigenous majority and forget the original and continuing violence and racism of the State and Police".

Sir, tomorrow NAM Ministerial Conference is being held in New Delhi on the question of independence of Namibia. Who is behind the destruction of human rights and not allowing them to have their independence? Who are behind this? It is the United States of America and their collaborators, South Africa. What is happening in Nicaragua? There, a lawful government has been formed after last November elections. This election was observed by 400 observers from 40 countries. They certified about the fairness of the election. Still the USA is trying to subvert the independence of Nicaragua through its mercenaries being sent from Honduras and Costa Rica. They are killing the people mercilessly. Now, what has the US President to say about the counter revolutionary contras, who are leading the massacre in Nicaragua President Reagan said "they are fore-fathers". I do not know how it is so.

The US health organisation has prepared a report on the activities of the Contra's in Nicaragua. Dr. David Siegal, Co-author of the report said 'it is rather incredible that President Reagan would refer to the Contras' as fighters or as the moral equivalent of our fore-fathers'. This is what he had to say about the counter revolutionaries and who are killing the people and subverting the independence of that country?

President Regan was asked if he was calling for the overthrow of Sandinista regime, Regan answered "not, at the present, if they would turn and say-all right or they would say 'uncle". This is where we become circum-spective when we hear in our country about personal equation with the 'uncle'. I am not citing here instances of suppression of human rights of the past, in Vietnam or Kampuchea or in Iran during Shah's rule.

Even now what is happening in Chile, in Grenada and elsewhere where the US has its presence? What about the Palestinians?

What about removing the Israelies from the occupied areas; and giving the Ealestinians their human right to homeland? It is quite strange that these master defenders of human rights do not talk about human rights in Sri Lanka where Tamils are butchered. What about Pakistan? They are not talking anything about Pakistan. I have said about this some time ago. What is the condition of blacks in their own country? Basically apartheid policy is being pursued there. A kind of apartheid is being pursued in America. What is happening in Puerto Rica? It has been virtually colonised. What about the rights of those people? What is happening to the American Indians? Their leader Dennis Banks is facing severe persecution for having led a demonstration against the racist behaviour of the Police. Now, if they claim that they are the mentors and protectors of demecracy first they have to practise it at home and they must examine their own records first.

Now, Sir, we do not take it as an isolated incident. It is a reflection of a bigger conspiracy that has been going on against our country over the years. That is why we are very much alarmed about this. It is also quite strange that when we are having this meeting about the independence of a country which has been subjugated by the USA and its associates that they have to do that kind of a thing. You will remember Sir when the Nellie massacre took place, we were having the Delhi Non-aligned Meet. It is all correlated. Now, we have to think about it. They are very much out to disintegrate and destroy our country and this is just a reflection and nothing new. The US rulers are continuously advocating the idea of disintegrating India. This is what Nixon had visurlised in his book. 'The Leaders' that the direction of the 'events in India is not one of remaining unified, but otherwise.

This is what Mrs. Krikpatric has to say when she was in United Nations and I quote—"There is a noticeable growth of separatist movement to the extent that there is a real possibility of the Balkanisation of India, which would destroy its influence in the Third World and elsewhere." This is what she has to say about Balkagisation of

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India. This is their attitude and that is why we condemn it, and we have been telling this over the years. They are very much conspiring against the independence, against the unity and integrity of our country.

Now, I want to remind the House about what our late Prime Minister had to say when she gave an interview to 'Sunday Times' London, which came in the 'Indian Express' of 11th June 1984 also. She said "Forces of destabilisation and possibly a foreign hand were at work in Punjab. There is some method in the whole thing. It has just not been a series of isolated events." This unnamed and unidentified power is trying to destabilise our country. Their attempts are manifold. Not only are they instigating the secessionists, giving them sanctuary in their country and helping them, and arming Pakistan, but otherwise also they are having spying activities in our country. We all know about this. I want to quote another passage from the 'Memoirs' of Nixon. It was during the 1971 War when they ordered their Fleet to move to Bay of Bengal from Vietnam. He says—"Through intelligence service, we learnt that at a meeting of the Indian Cabinet, Mrs. Gandhi had led a discussion of plans to expand the war on the Western Front and to invade West Pakistan." I do not know whether it is true or not. But the point to be noted is that they could spy over a Cabinet meeting too. They could go to such an extent. This is really very alarming and during the Foreign Affairs Debate also, I referred to it. In this subcontinent, in our country, in Pakistan and in Bangladesh, the U. S. Ambassadors are known C. I. A. agents. It is for the Government to ascertain the facts. What does this signify? We have in understand the problem posed to our country's security and integrity and it is in this respect that we unequivocally condemn the incident. No doubt, we have different preceptions about how things developed in Punjab and how it could have been solved much before. It is said in the briefing that there are three or four Congress leaders who should be taken out and shot. But it is non of their business. We have been demanding for an Inquiry and that has been granted. We are moving in the right path and we believe that with an open mind, we will be

able to solve the situation in Punjab. It is not for them to say all these things. It is our own internal affair. About this threat against the security of our country, we have been telling over the years and I believe that everybody in this House as also the Akalis should admit it. They have to do this. Now, we want that everyone should join to strengthen the opinions of this House: I request you I do not know whether it is possible or not to move a resolution condemning this; and our strong sentiments should be conveyed to those authorities who are uninterrupted carrying on their anti-Indian activities.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY (Buxar) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the previous speaker has referred in detail to the record of American Government in regard to human rights and I join him in condemning this regime, the American regime and American caucus or whatever it is, this group or that group, which arrogated to itself the power to pass judgment on what is happening in our country.

Since America was discovered by Columbus, you know, it is a long history, buccaneers, parvenues, pirates and the rejects from all over Europe, have been flocking to America; and it is one of the monumental ironies of history that this American State, which has evolved out of the genocidal butchery of Red Indians, Negroes and other indigenous tribes. All these races were decimated and destroyed. America, which is guilty of exposing humanity to atomic extermination in the Second World War, defenceless humanity in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the country which is guilty of monstrous brutality in Nicaragua, in El Salvador, in Chile and a host of other countries, that country and people belonging to that country, should hold conferences and pass judgments on what is happening in our country.

You know that after we became independent, we have been championing the cause of human freedom. It was only after India became independent that all colonies all over the world, started their freedom movements under the inspiring leadership of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru - earlier it was Mahatma Gandhi who laid down the basis

of the freedom of humanity from the brutal colonial regimes all over the world. It is not for nothing that America has been against us ; its 'ancient grudge against India has been for the simple reason that we were the first country to be liberated from the yoke of colonialism and after that under our leadership most of the countries in Africa and Asia got their freedom and a struggle started in right earnest all over the world, all those who remained deprived of their rights, all the countries where their civilization their culture, their natural resources were plundered by colonialism and imperialist forces, they got together and a new world order evolved.

Since when, the leader of imperialism and colonial forces, America become against us and since then the conspiracy has been going on. In this connection, we can refer to what America has been going all these years. The intention of America and its foreign policy has been to encircle India from all sides. Destabilisation is not a simple phenomenon ; destabilisation of a country of our size, of our potential and our background takes a lot of time. So, this process of destabilisation has been in operation for quite some time ; and is first started with external pressure which was being exerted on our country.

And in pursuit of Pax American, American imperialism came to our doors in search of proxies and surrogate; a string of bases was established. So first our defence our security, entire security environment was made vulnerable to the machination of this outside power which has subjugated, and has collaborated with the subjugators of humanity for years.

Pakistan and the bases in Diego Garcia the establishment of rapid deployment force, which is now called the Central Command, are dangerous for this region, Collaboration of America with Pakistan, ..I will not go into the details of this, I will only make some reference to what is happening there ..is known. First, bases were established all around us in the entire region. Now the latest is Sri Lanka, the genocide which is taking place in Sri Lanka,

that has not been condemned by them. Besides this, the Voice of America has expanded its activities and very few people know that the VOA is essentially a defence-oriented organisation for low signals to their defence forces in the Indian Ocean. That has been established.

Therefore, all these things are being done around us and then side by side internal sabotage through the hated CIA, I would not refrain from referring to the activities of the CIA. The DIA has been trying, over the years, to infiltrate our organisations, especially frontal organisations, our educational institutions and our political bodies. Therefore, this is a two-pronged attack from America. De-stabilisation of India has become the focus of their attention and I must refer to what my friend has referred to, Mr. Nixon's book I will read out from his book, I will quote and this will explain the American psyche, the American mind *vis-a-vis* our security, our independence and our sovereignty. Nixon in his book, it is called, "Leaders" has referred to his talk with Pandit Nehru, he says. I quote his words :

"Though his words concerned Pakistan's supposed threat to India, his demeanor foreshadowed the time eighteen years later when India's Soviet-supplied army, under his daughter's leadership dismembered and threatened to extinguish Pakistan, a goal I may have helped to deny them by 'tilting' U. S. policy in the conflict towards Pakistan."

And after that talking of India's unity and integrated Indian State, he says, it is not possible to maintain India's unity because it is too diverse a country to be one-nation State. In this connection, Mr. Nixon goes on and I quote.

"Only an immensely powerful man could have held India together during those critical early years, maintaining it as a single nation against all the forces pulling apart.



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For, as the Shah's comments indicated, it was no more in the natural order of things for all India to be one country than it was for all Europe to be one country; linguistically, ethnically and culturally India is more diverse than Europe. But whether this accomplishment benefited the Indian people is another question. Unity is sometimes more important to the unifiers than to the unified. If less energy had been dissipated in combating the country's natural centrifugal forces, perhaps more could have been done to improve the people's living conditions... Whether or not India would have been better off as several nation, Nehru made it into one and be made it and kept a democracy."

This explains the American approach to India. A shameless advocacy of dismembering India has been done by no less a person than Mr. Nixon. In this connection I would also refer to how these extremists are exploiting the situation and how they are being helped in their nefarious designs to dismember our country by the proxies of America, the friends of America. They are being supplied the most ultra modern weapons and are being egged on to create trouble in India. This statement of Mr. Nixon is corroborated by what a top Pakistani General has said recently. This man belongs to the select group of President Zia. This group is called the 'think tank of Pakistan'. This General, Mr. Akram Khan, says :

"India is not one country : it has never enjoyed the unity which is the hallmark of a nation state.....The people who can be regarded as being potentially separatists are the Sikhs, the Dravidians and the north-eastern people who include the Nagas, the Mizos, Tripura and Assam. If the people of the sub-continent can comprise two nations, why not three ? Why not four or five or six ?"

Then he says further about the prospect of dismembering India at the behest of America :

"Time is in our favour because the problems with which India is beset in the 80s are becoming increasingly difficult to solve, and instead of going from strength to strength India is going from weakness to weakness."

This is the broad scenario that you find. In this context I would request the House and through the House the country at large to react to this challenge for it is a challenge, it is an unprecedented onslaught on the freedom, sovereignty and integrity of our motherland. We have made heroic sacrifices in the past against the mighty imperialist forces. Now at this stage, after 37 years of independence, when we have evolved as a powerful nation state with strong industrial base, and respect all over the world, when there is a challenge thrown to us by imperialist forces; we must unite as one and resist this challenge to our sovereignty.

MR. SPEAKER : We are united and solid against any non-sense.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : In this connection I would also mention about the activities of extremists in Canada, America and Great Britain. Recently Mrs. Thatcher was here in Delhi. She made some very pleasant noises about her concern about India's unity and the activities of secessionist and extremist Sikhs operating from Britain. I will not go into details. But you know what they are doing in Britain. I will refer to only one incident, the horror of horrors. Before Madam's assassination Jagjit Singh Chauhan, that extremist, fiendish, secessionist leader who has been operating in connivance with the British and American authorities, went on BBC and announced prizes for the assassination of Madam Gandhi. Then after that when Madam Gandhi was assassinated, when that terrible tragedy overtook the nation, again the same person was allowed to go on BBC and gloat over the success of his murder squad. I want to put one question

to this House and to the Government of India. They say that their laws do not permit prosecution of these extremists. If the lawless laws of Britain are in operation there protecting the activities of extremists, will the BBC and the Government of Great Britain, allow a similar broadcast by the Irish Republican Army people against the British Prime Minister or any Prime Minister of a country friendly to the western bloc.

It is possible? It is not possible. Therefore, we have to be careful in our dealings with Britain also.

In Canada, you know, Sir, what is happening. The Government in Canada is directly helping. They have granted funds to the tune of millions to different Sikh organisations and they are characterised as minority groups. This money is being given on the pretext that this will strengthen their culture and this will help them expand their cultural activities. These things are happening there. So, we have to be very careful in this respect and we have to resist this pressure, come what may, because we have made the biggest sacrifice that we could have made, in the death of Indira Gandhi, for our independence, and we must salute our late lamented leader, her memory, who fought against this insinuation, who fought against this machination. Constantly, in all her speeches, whether she was here in India or abroad, she kept us reminding of the hand that was operating. Whether it was Punjab or Assam or North-Eastern States, she was one person who detected this destructive and handful influence of the imperialist forces who were out to dismember this country. Therefore, I am very happy that all my friends are one in condemning this, as they have always done. Whenever the unity of India has been in danger, the people of India, irrespective of their party alignments, have stood together and with resolve and resolution they have faced the challenges.

About the recent incident in America, about this hearing on the so-called Human Rights situation in Punjab, exaggerated untruths have been paraded. One of the statements says that no eligible bachelor of 20 or 22 or 23 has been left alive; everybody has been murdered by the Indian army.

As America was planning to destabilise our Government, destabilise this country, simultaneously this came as a God send this opportunity of destabilising through extremist activities of these groups in Punjab. In this context I am sorry to say.....  
(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Tewary, we can offer them very eligible bachelors is they like. As many as they like.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : Even the married people will offer their services.

MR. SPEAKER : I am talking about bachelors only.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : In this context, how satanic, how fiendish, how despicable the role of imperialist America has been in destabilising this country and finishing Mrs. Gandhi; I speak with full responsibility that Madam's assassination was planned in the United States and executed here with the help of mercenaries.

Again I refer to a document which was prepared in America, I am very sorry to remark that our media, print media have kept the people at large in dark about this horrendous crime committed by the American authorities. In 1983, while Madam was referring to this foreign hand, American State Department commissioned a study. One Professor called Robert Hardgrave, prepared a long report.....(Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER : Professor Hardgrave !

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : Yes, Sir, Professor Hardgrave.

MR. SPEAKER : I am emphasising the word 'grave'.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : This Report of Hardgrave has appeared in a book form. Now it is available all over the world except perhaps in India. Now, what the Report says, can you visualise such a situation, can you contemplate such a situation where a county professing all the while friendly

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relations with India. Conducts a study on the likely effects of the sudden death of its leaders. The claptrap of international diplomacy should not blind us to the stark realities of the situation :

What does this book say ? Why should the Government of America commission a study on the sudden disappearance of Mrs. Gandhi ? Her sudden death, not a natural death, not a heart attack, not a disease. They say sudden death. And if this sudden death takes place, what will happen to India and to South Asia ? That is the reason of their concern for their geo-strategic interest and their tendency to dominate and subjugate this region to their global strategy of a super-power. Firstly, I will read out two or three sentences from this paper. It says :

"If Mrs. Gandhi were to die suddenly ...(I emphasise this word suddenly)...before the next Parliamentary elections ...(their concern with Rajiv Gandhi) ...Rajiv's prospects would be considerably more difficult.?"

What prompted the American Government to commission a study and then to think of the sudden death ?

SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD : (Bhagalpur) : Because they were planning already.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : This proves that if Indira Gandhi is removed from the scene, India will be thrown into chaos and as planned...as my friend has pointed out to Mrs. Karpatricks Plan or Mr. Nixon's vision of disintegrating India their dream will come true will go And with Pakistan armed with atomic weapons, the whole region of South Asia will be under the heels of American imperialism. That was the plan.

Further they also talked about the Indian Army which has been the strongest unifying force and which has always shunned political influences of any kind. They go ahead and talk about the Indian army, which is so sinister in its intent. They visualised a

coalition. They say : "This is a situation that India could probably sustain for some time as Italy has since the World War II. But if Ministerial instability so undermines order as to ferment social unrest and threatens the stability of the regime, the military will intervene and send the politicians packing."

This is the final judgment on the destiny and future of this country which has sustained its culture and its unity for thousands of years. For millennia we have been one country. India has been an idea, India has been a philosophy, India has been a geographical unity. This cannot be disputed. Parvenues of America whose culture and history is only a few hundred years old, with that legacy, with that ancestry of parvenues, of buccaneers and with the legacy of murder and loot and plunder of the third world countries, she visualises this stark scenario for India, which is eternal and will remain eternal, come what may. Whether it is America or Britain or extremists, we are determined to face the challenge.

To this I would like to add one more thing. The question is they had predicted Madam's sudden disappearance. I am very sorry that from this House I and other friends were shouting and were requesting you also; and you sir, realising the gravity of the situation had given your views. We said the threat was real, not imaginary. This House stood as one person in warning the authorities here, but unfortunately nothing could be done. Information must have flowed not only through Parliament, but through different channels about the danger to her life. I am told one particular precise information was that the danger was from the security guards. Still nothing happened. We lost the greatest that we had amidst us. The burden is how on our shoulders to defend the unity of this country. Now in this perspective I would like to know from the Government of India, why can't an office be opened here in Delhi to fight against the racist and repressive regime of the Reagan Government and support the human rights of the Negroes and the Red Indians ? Why can't we have an office of the Irish Republican Army if

British laws permit operation of extremists without let and hindrance against our country where the leader of the country was murdered and the British authorities allowed these people to preach violence and to gloat over their success in murder... it is a murder of the most despicable kind, a murder so foul that stink to the high heavens. Why can't we do it ?

I am very happy that the Foreign Ministers of the NAM countries are meeting in Delhi. It is a wonderful backdrop to highlight the danger to the stability of the Third World countries. What Namibia is facing today ? Persecution of her people, loot of her resources. We also faced it. We have been trying for the freedom of Namibia and you know the people behing it. Why can't this House resolve that from tomorrow we will fight for the freedom of Puerto Rico, which is also a colonised territory ? It is the American Government which has colonised Puerto Rico and we must fight for the freedom of that territory also as we are appreciated the freedom of Namibia. This we must decide, we must do it because a situation has come where we must call a spade a spade. The niceties of diplomatic language, diplomatic dealings have come to an end. The attitude as demonstrated by American and the British regime following Madam's assassination and preceding, I at least, or I am sure the entire House, entire India, will neither forget nor forgive especially those the people who are responsible for her cold blooded and heinous murder.

In this background I would also like to put certain questions to the hon. Minister who, I am sure, will take cognizance of the developments. Many dangerous developments are taking place. Destabilisation is now staring us in the face and on the basis of my under-standing, my analysis of the international situation, the situation in our immediate neighbourhood and then the situation at home, I am convinced that the danger which faced us during Madam's life time was not as great as the danger that faces us today. Therefore, the solidarity of the Indian people, the determination on the part of the Government and the resolve of this House to remain united and free the challenge — this should be the *Summuru*

*bonum*, the be-all and-end-all, the sum and substance of what we do in our public life, whether we belong to this group or that group, this party or that party. Now the time has come when we have to defend freedom. We fought for achieving freedom, now the time has come when we have to fight for preservation of our freedom, for protection of our freedom. Therefore, I am sure the country will, and I also urge you, Sir, you please see to it that this Report of Hardgrave goes to every Member of Parliament. This Report must be procured by the Government of India because this will 'educate' our people and this must reach every village in the country. Let the people know what America has done, what the imperialist powers have done. Now the time has come. Therefore, we must take a stand, and then I must also refer to the alarming reports in the press about the security of our Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Reports have come that extremists under the patronage of these forces in Britain, America, Canada and West Germany are regrouping themselves and a very reliable report suggests that now Sikh extremists will not be involved, hired assassins belonging to the international terrorist groups have already been hired and during the forthcoming visit of the Prime Minister to France and to USA and a couple of other countries, an attempt may be made on the life of the Prime Minister.

Therefore, Sir, the security of the Prime Minister is paramount and we cannot take chance. We have already paid a very heavy price. Now, we cannot afford to pay another price to appease and to satisfy the designs of America, Britain and Germany and the forces of destabilisation working at home. So, in this background, in this perspective, I think, this debate has succeeded in highlighting the problems of India's security.

Sir, now the focus should shift to the security problem and these small irritants which are being seen like anti-reservation—I can also tell you—that such agitations are whipped up by international agencies. These are economic issues. So, the people in the country at large should be aware of the games being played to divide us, to dismember

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our country and destabilise our country.

I was referring to a few questions which I would like to put to the hon. Minister. I have a paper. This again is disquieting. There is an organisation called Sikh council of North America. They have put up this appeal in the *New York Times*. I will read only two sentences of what this appeal says:

"In the aftermath of the barbaric, immoral unprecedented, unforgiveable and unforgettable Golden Temple Massacre of June 5, 1984 involving desecration of their Holiest Shrine, and murder of innocent men, women and children by the fascist Indian Government led by Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the Sikhs appeal to the conscience of fair minded people all over the world for sympathy and support in calling upon Mrs. Gandhi to stop State terrorism against the Sikhs, restore fundamental human rights and let them determine their own destiny with dignity and respect."

This is important. I am emphasising the words "their own destiny with dignity and respect". I think, such appeals are coming every day in the Foreign Press. This appeal has attracted the attention of the Human Rights Committee or Human Rights Caucus or Human Rights Group. They have been playing with these things. They have been instigating and inspiring people to organise and perpetrate such things. Sir, what is intriguing is the presence of a person whose name is well-known to India. A person called Deedar Singh Bains is the Chairman of the so-called Board of Directors of this organisation which has put up this appeal for the "determination of the destiny of Sikhs by themselves" and non-interference by the "fascist regime led by Mrs. Indira Gandhi." May I know from the hon. Minister whether this man called Deedar Singh Bains came and stayed here in Rashtrapati Bhavan which has a guest house where foreign dignitaries come and stay? Who allowed him here? He came here in 1983 and he stayed there. Along with him was another person called Jogi who was

Customs Inspector but suddenly he emerged in America and declared himself as a Guru and Yogi and started converting the Americans to Sikhism. This Yogi is called Bhajan Singh Jogi. Both Deedar Singh Bains and Bhajan Yogi were staying in Rashtrapati Bhavan complex. They are fomenting trouble in America. Their links are very very dubious. They are associated with Jagjit Singh Chauhan and Ganga Singh Dhillon and Ralph Singh who appeared before the so called Human Rights Committee to depose against the Government of India and attacked the very concept of Indian unity and oneness.

I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to how their stay could be possible. I praise the offices and the institutions that were developed in this country. They must not come under any doubtful shadow for it is the institutions which keep the country united. Individuals, come and go. But the institutions must remain powerful and vibrant and throbbing with life.

It is reported that a person who is described as the PR man at Rashtrapati Bhavan-this report has also come and I would like to know about it-has gone somewhere in Amritsar and disclosed the classified document relating to the Army operations in the Golden Temple, Who is this man? Who authorised him to do so? The highest office in this land is being dragged into this controversy. Therefore, I would like to know from the Government of India as to how these things are being permitted. It is the underlings who do not have love for the country who are doing it.

I conclude with an appeal to you that the Report prepared by an American Agency, the Hardgrave Report, be circulated amongst Members of Parliament. The Report should also be translated into Hindi and other regional languages. This Report should go to every village in the country so that the people come to realise and know what is looming in front of the nation and prepare themselves to fight against the forces of de-stabilisation and destruction of the country.

Sir, I would also request you in particular because you are the custodian of the House to ask the Government to clarify certain things which are happening. The reports are galore that certain unscrupulous elements are taking advantage of the situation undermining the sanctity of our important offices and important persons in the country...

MR. SPEAKER : There are good people also every where, I think, we must also take note of the people who are fighting in America also for the good causes. It is the only these devils who are quoting scriptures to safeguard themselves. I think, that also you must take note of. Everywhere, there are good people also.

PROF. K.K. TEWARY : I conclude my speech by making a few appeals. Firstly, the Hardgrave Report be circulated. Secondly, let us start a movement here, as our national movement in the one for the liberation of Namibia and against the policies of racist and apartheid regime in South Africa. We must start a movement for the liberation of Puerto Rico and for the preservation of human rights of Red Indians, Negroes and other ethnic groups who are minority in America.

With these words, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on this subject.

SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY (Kurnool): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the founding fathers of our Constitution were not merely freedom fighters for the freedom of India but they were basically and essentially the champions of human rights. India's struggle for freedom under the inspiring leadership of Mahatma Gandhi is really a chapter for the Human Rights. It was a fights for evolution of human rights. The Fundamental Rights which have been enshrined in the Constitution of India are the best principles which are enshrined in the Constitution of any nation in the world.

We have got what are called the Fundamental Rights. What is more important, under article 32 of the Constitution, is that every citizen has got a right to move

the Supreme Court and to protect the fundamental rights. The Supreme Court of India in various judgments has come forward as one of the best champions of human rights. This factor should never be forgotten by any civilised person or by any person who is interested in human rights.

Unfortunately, the Congressmen under the guise of investigating into violation of human rights have squarely led themselves into interfering with the internal affairs of a sovereign nation, namely, our country. Every nation has got a right to protect its integrity and to prevent disunity and disintegration. The history of America itself shows that there was a civil war fought for retaining the unity of America. If, according to these gentlemen, trying to prevent secessionist tendencies amounts to suppression of human rights, then probably Abraham Lincoln will be guilty of suppressing human rights also because he led the war against the disunity and disintegration of America.

MR. SPEAKER : That is why I said that there are always good people also.

SHRI AYYAPU REDDY : Let me not say anything that will sever the relationship between Americans and Indians and that will strain the relations between the American and Indian Governments.

I must say that these persons want to make use of this occasion for the purpose of investigating into the so called violation of basic rights for the Sikh community. They must have forgotten the fact that a great Sikh is the President of India. They must also have forgotten the fact that the Americans themselves have got so many shortcomings. Let me not enumerate all of them but it is enough to say that till now not a Negro has become even the Vice-President of America and even been adopted as a candidate for occupying any position there. They have got their own drawbacks but it is not for me to enumerate all of them. But we know that the Congress which is concerned with the protection of human rights all over the world is not uniform in its approach. It is very well known that when the military regime

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and the military dictatorship of Pakistan began to suppress human rights in what is now known as Bangladesh, when hundreds and thousands of students in the Dacca University were mercilessly gunned down and butchered, when one million people ran for shelter into India and when our Prime Minister went on a mission of peace to America, none of these Congress people thought that it is an eminent case of human rights. Our friends have related the suppression of human rights in other parts of the world. It is not necessary for me to enumerate all those things but certainly what the Congress people have done is not at all for the purpose of shielding the fight for human rights. On the other hand, it has degraded itself into interfering with the sovereignty of a democracy which is accepted to be a true democracy in every sense of the word.

I, therefore, join with the sentiments expressed by our friends in saying that this amounts to an interference in your internal affairs and we condemn it. Thank you.

**SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN** (Badagara): I must frankly confess that I am not at all surprised at this US Congressional hearings on the question of Punjab and their policy of interference in the domestic affairs whether of India or of other countries or various regions of the world because the United States military industrial complex regards itself as the gendarme of the world.

It is not for the first time that such a bizarre odyssey has been undertaken by the U. S. Congress, even in relation to India. During the Emergency days I recall, it had heard Dr. Subramaniam Swamy, Mr. Ram Jethmalani and many others on the very same question of human rights. And it happened to be there in the United States at that time...in the United Nations...and I had occasion to talk informally to some of them, those in the Congressional Subcommittee: they were insisting on their right to conduct such roving enquiries affecting the sovereignty of any country. That is because their perceptions are basically different from ours. The question of

human rights is a big-time politics in the United States and it is a convenient mask to cover the strategic interests of the U.S. military-industrial complex. Human rights in India...yes, in Punjab or elsewhere: but not in El Salvador, not in Nicaragua, not in Kampuchea where they are trying to resurrect the Pol Pot remnants. There, the United States has primacy of interests, strategic interests and global interests. So, I should not be misunderstood if I say; why are you so much stirred and concerned, why have we suddenly revived, did we not know that this would happen, this would continue to happen?

Now what I am concerned with in the context of the hearing is our own foreign policy. Ever since this Government took over in January, we have been hearing for too many cuckoo calls. It began with a visit or a 'transit, call' by Dr. Henry Kissinger on January 19 on his way to Islamabad to receive an award from Gen. Zia. And you know what for. He was given a red-carpet treatment here and showered with attention by the busybodies of the Ministry on External Affairs. Here was a man who had insulted us, who had insulted the late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi...by insulting Shrimati Indira Gandhi, he had insulted this great country...and she had consistently and rightly refused to meet him ever since then. He was an unwelcome visitor: he was told so. Here he came a few years ago on a transit call and he had been told, when he passed through on a Chase Manhattan Bank Mission, that he would be unwelcome. She did not meet him. But now with Shrimati Indira Gandhi safely buried, we forget the insult and injury that he had inflicted not only on her but on our self-respect. He was happy that he was received with red carpet. He announced the definite promise of improvement in the changed configuration.

Then came an editorial by the Wall Street Journal calling our Prime Minister 'Rajive Reagan'... I do not know whether he takes it as a compliment...and a speech by the New York Mayor hailing the Prime Minister and the promise of Indo-U. S. relations. Then we had a major Indo-U.S.

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technology deal a few weeks ago, and Senator Lugar, Chairman of the U. S. Foreign Relations Committee, also announced that our relations were going to improve. The Prime Minister has said that arms aid to Pakistan is a hitch. Will, the busybodies continue to be active. Mr. L. K. Jha saw an upturn in the Indo-U. S. relations and Pundits like Girilal Jain are euphoric over the promised 'Dawn'. A 110 million dollar fund has been set up for exchanges.

Now I want to pose a question. At least after this incident, have you learnt a lesson? The U. S. Commerce Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Baldrige, is expected here shortly. I would like to know for what Will you at least tell him that, in the changed configuration, he is not welcome at least now. ?

Mr. G. Parthasarathy...I do not know what he is in the foreign policy set-up...is going to visit the United States. Here is yet another bit to improve the relations... (Interruptions) That is what I read in the newspapers. I have not seen him for a long time. Then the Prime Minister himself is going to visit in June. Then, Sir, people will be right in asking why this moral indignation? Are we concerned only with this little thing when they said something in the US Congress about Punjab? Or are we opposed to the attitude behind it? That is the most crucial question. Did you not know or are we pretending to be ignorant and we do not know what is going on?

Basically it is a question of different perceptions and understanding of the interests. United States thinks that it has certain interests and certain rights which at least to my mind are totally contradictory to our own and there cannot be any dialogue on that. We can have diplomatic relations, good relations but nothing more because their perceptions are different and it has not changed with individuals or it is not just a matter of supply of arms to Pakistan. Unless we understand this basic fact. we

would continue to exercise small indignations like this and then go back again, there to open dialogues as various kinds.

On this Punjab I want to say something. It is not for the first time that the US administration has been taking interest in Punjab. Ever since Independence they have had an obsessive interest in Punjab, on both sides, the Pakistan Punjab as well as the Indian part of Punjab, because it was a theory of that apologist for imperialism, Sir Olaf Caroe who was the Governor of North-West Frontier Province, that the entire South Asia and the Persian Gulf countries can be controlled by those who control Punjab. He has written a book. It is considered a very important landmark in geo-political thinking called *Wells of Power*. It is this theory of *Wells of Power* which has influenced the United States Department more than anything else in dealing with Pakistan and India and they say strategic interests. Now the argument after the recent unfortunate developments in Punjab has been that we should not shut our eyes if the Indian part of Punjab emerges as an independent entity. Therefore, the very question of our sovereignty is at stake in this thinking, in this dangerous thinking which not only has to be condemned but which is a part of the neo-colonialist conspiracy against the sovereignty of the newly liberated countries or against countries like India which has achieved its freedom more than three decades ago. My point is that this will continue and there is no use in just getting exercised over this particular incident. Unless we understand the US perceptions we will continue to be fooled. Therefore, it is very important for us to use this opportunity in understanding the basic interests of the United States in the sub-continent and as it relates to us. Therefore, while it is very important that the Parliament should take note of this kind of breach and even breach of convention as between two sovereign Houses, it is also equally important for us to be wiser after the events.

Thank you.

SHRI G. G. SWELL (Shillong) : Righteously this House is seized of and indignant over this abomination, a gross interference



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in the internal affairs of our sovereign country and the attempt to distort the picture with a view to achieve certain geo-strategic political objectives.

This is how I look at it. But before I come to this question again and express what I feel about it all I would like to say that these are difficult times for us, difficult times for our country. And I am grateful to my friend, Prof. Tewary for having brought to the attention of the House a wealth of documents and I must say it is news to me a very unsettling news when he said that some of these fire-eating protagonists of Khalistan abroad were our guests here in a place that we consider is the symbol of the sovereignty, the authority and the unity of this country. If what Prof. Tewary has said is true, it means there is danger and it is necessary that we sit up and think about it all coolly and not just react to certain things emotionally. In a fight a person who becomes emotional and throws his arms around - is a goner. You have to be collected, you have to be strong and that is why I would like first, before I come to express myself on and I repeat this word abomination - I call this an abomination - before I come and say something more about that, I would like to put this news that has come to us through a prism and look at it objectively and see what actually should be our job.

Firstly, I would like to say that this so-called hearing was organised under an aegis of the congressional Caucus for human rights. It is not just a group of a number of do-gooders, those sorts of people you can have anywhere who try to probe and give a platform to some of these people whether in America, United Kingdom or anywhere. This whole thing was done under the aegis of a congressional caucus which means the American Congress or a group of the members of the American Congress were involved in it.

Sir, this is the villain of the piece in my view. Secondly, the venue of the meeting is in the annexe of the American Congress building and, therefore, it has that stamp

or, as I say, it has that cachet of the congress. More unsettling it is reported here is that this kind of hearing is not once and for all. A series of these hearings are in the offing with a view to prepare the situation when the American Congress itself will hold a hearing over the internal matters within India.

Sir, I say this if ever that situation reaches, I think, we would have reached a breaking point with the USA.

We shall never tolerate anybody interfering with the internal affairs of our country. Just as I believe, no Americans will tolerate their Senators and Congressmen a day longer if the Parliament of India holds a hearing on the internal affairs of the American Congress and the American Government. For example, we can hold the hearing of what they are doing about the human rights of the people of Pakistan. In India, our people have the right to vote for their representatives freely. They have the right to instal their Government and to remove their Government. The Americans have been unfair and unjust to themselves, They swear by the name of democracy. Here India is one country, in 3/4th of the world, in Asia, in Africa, in the Americas or in Europe - you look at the map - how many countries in the world are there where free and fair elections are held, where the people have the right to determine the Government, where a peaceful transition and a peaceful transfer of power is assured.

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Swell, there is a saying. There is a lot of difference between saying and doing and that is always the difference. They preach one thing and they do something else. They always prop up the dictatorship.

SHRI G.G. SWELL : But the Americans are doing this to themselves. They give to their people the right to determine who their President should be. But they don't see what India has done, has achieved. In the whole of history, before the bar of history, I would say this is the greatest success of India to keep this country together.

MR SPEAKER : And we help others to do that.

SHRI G. G. SWELL : And to do this in a democratic set-up, I say this to the Americans, if they would have had 1/4th or even 1/10th of the legacy of history that we had, of the diversity, the problems of poverty, the contradictions within the society, American democracy would have collapsed long time ago. They swear by democracy. But they don't see what is being done in India.

Now, I say it again if ever this mistake is committed that the American Congress will hold the hearing on what is happening in India - what has happened is bad enough - if ever we reach that stage, we would have reached the breaking point with America. Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to another aspect of the news that has come. This is the new *modus operandi* of a certain retrograde group of people of our country - the Khalistan protagonists. They started with rowyism, attacking our diplomats, desecrating our Embassies and our flag outside. But they found later they had made a nuisance of themselves those countries; in Canada and other countries they become a nuisance and a law and order question. This then is their a new *modus operandi* to try to sell Khalistan to the world and to denigrate India, by creating public opinion, mobilising public opinion and governmental opinion in other countries of the world against us. I would like to submit that we should understand this challenge. I would like to ask this question of the Minister of State for External Affairs who is here. What has our Embassy in America been doing? You may say that you have protested. It is good that, you have protested. But what did you do to see that this sort of thing did not happen? If Bhullar and Dhillon and people of that ilk could succeed, what were we doing?

Sir, I find another thing, which to me as a former ambassador, is incorrect and is a wrong thing to do. The protest letter says that they were not attending. The Embassy of India has also obviously been

asked to come and place its point of view before this caucus. They said that they did not want to do that because they felt that this was not going to help the process of an amicable settlements of the problem, as if it were going to help the process, they had no objection. This is entirely wrong. Our embassies abroad represent the sovereignty of this country. We are not subject to any other sovereignty, except the sovereignty of our country. And we can not go and appear before any committee constituted by a foreign government, or foreign congress or foreign parliament. This should be the basic thing of the objection and not because it is not going to help an amicable solution. I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of State to this that he should take it up with our Embassy and get a full copy of their letter which they had written to this so-called caucus.

I will make some concrete suggestions at the end of my speech, but before I come to that, I would say that these do-gooders' the so-called champions of the human rights in America - therefore they are the do-gooders, and there there are so many of them anywhere in the world - have not done any good to anybody including to themselves. This is what I am going to say. They have been dishonest. They have been untrue. They have been untrue to India, untrue to the cause of democracy and untrue to whatever India has done in the cause of democracy. They have been untrue to the Sikhs themselves. They have been untrue to the people, to the sikh community which is a treasure and which is a respected community in our country.

MR. SPEAKER : They are wilfully doing it,

SHRI G. G. SWELL : They have been untrue to them. The lies that they said, as you remarked Sir, with that the killing of the male population of the Sikhs by the army has been such that there will not be another eligible Sikh bache/or for another twenty years. It is such a blatant lie and the contemptibleness of the whole thing is such that one does not know whether to laugh

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or to cry. I would like to take this opportunity and convey this. If America is short of bachelors, any number of our bearded and turbaned young men can stand in with pleasure.

MR. SPEAKER : From Punjab you mean ?

SHRI G. G. SWELL : Yes, they can be sent with pleasure. I am sorry, you should also have worn a beard. It is so untrue that anybody who comes to India can see for himself about it. Even here in the Capital, how freely Sikhs are moving, in the offices, in the Army, every where they are.

MR. SPEAKER : Well, it is their country and they are running the show.

SHRI G. G. SWELL : With this kind of blindness, this kind of ignorance, are these Americans doing any good to America? Are they not telling the world that America is a nation of the blind and dishonest? Are they doing any good to themselves? They are untrue to their own history.

120 years ago, America went into a war against itself, fought a civil war; and the man who led that war is the man who is considered by the Americans to day and rightly by the rest of the world as the greatest President that America has ever produced— Abraham Lincoln, a man of God, a man of prayer, a man who felt for the people. There is so much of mystery in the world. When that man used to walk, he presented a picture of melancholy. He did not find pleasure when the civil war in America concluded with the victory for the unity of America. Then why did he do it? He did it because he thought that the unity of America was of paramount importance to the future of America; and if America today is a super power, it is because America has remained united, it is because Abraham Lincoln had kept this country united. If America had not been united, if Abraham Lincoln did not make this sacrifice, America would have been one of this banana Republics.

What did our lamented Prime Minister do? She had no pleasure in sending the army to the temple. Was it out of pleasure? I think she literally shed tears when she had to do it, just like Abraham Lincoln shed tears when he had to send the army to the South. She did that in order to maintain the unity of the country. What had Americans got to say to that? You could have any group of made people in the world; and more mad people are in America than in the rest of the world.

I do not remember the name today. A couple of years ago, a leader of America took about 1000 people somewhere and made them drink poison and commit suicide. What had Americans got to say to that? A group of mad people, should I say, driven by hallucination and imaginary deprivation did atrocious things and resorted to indiscriminate killing of innocent people in order to create a situation and a climate in the country by which a part of this country would be dismembered. That is what they were doing. What Indiraji did was to stop that.

I think instead of this kind of thing the Americans should come forward today and pay their tribute to Shrimati Indira Gandhi for what she had done, what she had paid for with her life and if they are sincere, they should put her in the same pantheon as Abraham Lincoln as one of the topmost leaders in the world.

They speak about human rights of the citizens. We have been in the forefront to speak on behalf of the human rights of people everywhere in the world. But I ask the Americans, what about the human rights of the non-Sikh population who were at the receiving end before the whole thing took place? Many Hindus, have they not lost their lives? When this group of gangsters, buccaneers hallucinated, or drove and motivated by certain forces, when they launched a spree of killing did they utter a word about human rights? This is hypocrisy. This is hypocrisy, I agree with my friend and other friends.

Should we expect more of these things? That these things do not happen? The

American Congress is not a body of Ignoramuses ! They have a geo-political, geo-strategic objectives to achieve. What they are doing in Pakistan despite everything is in terms of meeting their geo-strategic ends. And in their calculation this India, a united country, democratic country, — do not mind anything — does not fit into their geo-strategic conceptions. And therefore India must be dismembered, India must be placed in a situation in which it would be helpless.

MR. SPEAKER : But their dream will never come true.

SHRI G.G. SWELL : I think this debate has served its purpose. We should not over-react but we should make it known to them that this sort of thing is understood by us and we all in this country stand united to fight this kind of thing.

But having said all that, I would like to say that we must act as a mature nation and not over-react; we should not try to kill a fly with a cannon. After all, it is only a group of people. I would not say even at this stage that the American Government is involved. I will not say that. I would still give them the benefit of the doubt. (Interruptions)

SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD : We do not believe in it. He is diplomatic.

MR. SPEAKER : We are good people. We are sane thinking people.

SHRI G.G. SWELL : If you would notice, one of the inter-locutors the kind who attended the briefing was a representative of the State Department, one Mr. Rose. He said a number of things, sensible things. He said that the Sikhs outside should not do anything which would create difficulties for the Sikhs in India. (Interruptions)

He also said that there is no question for discrimination against Sikhs in India. He said that,

MR. SPEAKER : He could have said,

SHRI G.G. SWELL : But Mr. Rose went off from here. Whether, we should have a judicial inquiry — institute a judicial inquiry — it is for us to find out. Who are the people there to tell us ? Who is Mr. Rose to say that three or four Congressmen should be taken out and shot ? And how can he say it ? (Interruptions) I think it is pre-emptive and pre-sumptuous.

But I would like to say, to the Prime Minister as he is go to the United States, he must go.

AN HON. MEMBER : Stop him.

SHRI G.G. SWELL : I do not think. That will be over-reacting. We do not act in a hurry, we act in a mature manner. After all, we have to talk, we will talk, even with the worst of our enemies we talk.

MR. SPEAKER : We would make them see sense.

SHRI G.G. SWELL : I believe he will go with all our blessing, with all our goodwill and may he succeed so that all these kind of things would disappear from the mind of the people of America as dew in the morning when the sun shines i

MR. SPEAKER : I do not think people of America will think about it.

SHRI G.G. SWELL : At the same time, let us go ahead with the Festival of India and present what India has got. After all, there are many people in America too who would like to hear and know about us better. As the Minister for Culture said, the other day, the bulk of the expenditure for the Festival of India would be met by the people of America. This means a lot. This means that there is a desire to understand us. Let us take this opportunity. But I would like to say this to the Minister. You have to make your embassies a little more active. You have to have at the top of your embassy people of imagination, people of dynamism, not the people who just live a good life over there and release this kind of a letter. I do not know who has written this letter. Might

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be Third Secretary of your Embassy. If I were the Ambassador I would have drafted the whole letter myself and not left it to others. Of course, it will not go over my name because there is a certain status. But I will make sure that the letters do not make this kind of a faux pas that we do not participate because it is not going to help the situation.

We are reaching the stage when these Khalistanis have launched into a sophisticated campaign. We must meet them on their ground. We must be able to explain the situation to the people in the whole world. And we must make it clear that we will not tolerate any snooping or interference in the affairs of our country.

MR. SPEAKER : I agree with you. All that glitters in this world is not gold, but still there is some gold left in this world.

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY (Midnapore) : I join the entire House in condemning what the so-called American caucus has done.

My predecessor has just now given a very good speech. I beg to submit that this tirade against India by America is nothing new. Whosoever has gone through the history of India knows how the Americans have behaved with India since its independence, how the Americans have behaved with us in the matter of Kashmir and Goa. Kashmir would not have been with us today had we followed the American trust. India is their special target. But why? Had Punjab been left to itself, problems of Punjab would have been solved much earlier.

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[ MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair ]

But Punjab's problem is a part of the American game to balkanise India. It is not a fortuitous matter that all the three Ambassadors of America in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh are all efficient and old CIA

agents. In the book *Who is Who* published in U. S. A. in 1968 it has been stated that all the three Ambassadors of America in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh have been CIA agents for quite a large number of years. It is not fortuitous that all these three American CIA agents were placed in the sub continent at a time when Indira Gandhi was killed and when the so-called problems of Assam and Punjab were shot up. The whole campaign is really to divide India, to balkanize India. Actually, the headquarter of Khalistan Movement is neither in Punjab nor in any part of India.

It is either in Canada or in Britain or in USA. As quite correctly said by my friend Shri Tewary, how is it that these so called Western Countries having democracy in their own countries, allow a few Sikh extremists to do whatever they like? In Canada, very recently an advertisement has been given in the Press that any Sikh who will be desiring to undergo combat training and then to go to Punjab, will get \$ 1,250 a month, free lodging and boarding and will also get bonus. He will also be given a very respectable burial if he dies. This is the advertisement which has been given in the Press. So, Sir, it is the Khalistanis who are beating our Ambassadors and are breaking the confidence of officers. They had the temerity to disturb even our sports team when it went to Los Angeles for games. It could be clearly seen that when these Sikh demonstrators demonstrate in these countries, they are joined by the so-called Afghan freedom fighters, the Kashmir Liberation Front people and even the observers from Pakistan Embassy. So what we are to understand is that this game of America is nothing sudden, nothing new, this game of America emanates from its imperialist policies. They cannot just adjust with the independent India, they cannot adjust with a country with neutral policy, they cannot adjust with a country which does not always join their NATO, their SEATO and their CENTO. So, naturally, they want to disturb our stability. This is their game. If our Government does not understand it or if the leaders of the Congress party do not understand this game of American imperialism, then our debate will be futile. The Government of USA has the temerity to discuss this

thing and they are prepared to have a full discussion on all our internal matters in the forum of their Sonate, but as all the friends have said, they never discuss what is the condition of the American Negroes, they never discuss with the students. In democratic USA, military had to be called to take some Negro student to a particular school, and now in many areas, the Negroes and the white Americans do not live side by side. You see what these American people are doing in Namibia, what they are doing in Nicaragua, what they are doing in South Africa, what they are doing in many other parts of the world, how they supported the Pol Pot Government in Kampuchea—the government which is responsible for killing 30 lakhs of people. These things they never reply. This again is the policy of American Imperialism. As very correctly stated by Shri Tewary, how is it that three months before Shrimati Indira Gandhi's assassination, the report was published as to what would happen in India when Shrimati Indira Gandhi has a sudden death? How could they come to the conclusion? Therefore, if we conclude that America had a hand in the assassination of Shrimati Indira Gandhi, it will not be far from truth because America never tolerated Indira Gandhi or her neutral policies. Not only today, but ever since our country attained independence, we have been supporting the freedom struggles of many countries. It is our country, it was Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who had sent the medical mission to China in 1938. Even when we were not independent, we had been supporting the struggles against imperialism. So, this is our tradition. So, naturally these things we should not forget. Now, what should we do at this time? From what is happening, we must understand that there is a plan, there is a concerted effort to divide our country.

But then India shall remain united. India is a country, it is a unity in diversity. Our leadership has always understood that thing. Yes, we have got many languages, we have got many religions we have got many regional problems, but even then the country remained united, the country shall remain united and nobody can break this unity. Let the Americans understand that their game is going to fail. Everywhere

America is on the defensive. Americans have failed in Vietnam; American game is failing in Kampuchea; American game is failing in Afghanistan and the entire black Africa is rising against the US imperialism. And this country, India, which had attained its independence by fighting imperialism—although that was the British imperialism—shall definitely be able to stand against the stance of American imperialism.

What should we do now? I fully agree that the people of our country should be educated regarding the role of imperialism. That is a must. And our Government should not believe any more in nice statements from Mrs. Thatcher or from Mr. Reagan. Many a time we have refused to name American imperialism. It is a good thing that today in this debate speakers are coming forward and speaking against American imperialism. But I will request the Government also to be a little bold. There is no reason for the Government to be afraid of American imperialism. There is no reason in the name of diplomatic niceties to refrain from naming American imperialism. So, this is a lesson that we must draw from the nefarious games of the American Senate or Members of the Senate. The Government must come forward to educate our people through all the media, through the Press, through Doordarshan, through all India Radio and even by publishing books to make them understand what American imperialism is. So, it is a good thing that has been done. But I want to mention one thing. There loud protestations of the entire nation against the nefarious activities of the American imperialism must also be supported by economic policies. If we continue to depend upon American imperialism, then our protestations only in political matters would not make any impact because politics and economics go side by side. I would like that our new Government will take such economic policies which will not make us dependent upon Americans or imperialist economies. If we do not do this, then we shall be failing in our duty. I hope the new economic policy which will be followed by this Government will be so as to pave the way for our national independence also in the economic field. Otherwise our protestations only in political matters would not be able to help us.

[ Shri Narayan Choubey ]

With these words I once again joint the entire House and the entire nation in condemning this American game to bifurcate my country and to balkanise my country. It will never be successful in this game.

[Translation]

SHRI ZAINUL BASHER (Ghazipur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, whatever has happened in U. S. A. and about which we are expressing our concern is very unfortunate, especially, at a time when our hon. Prime Minister was due to visit that country. Recently, our Government have resolved to cover a lot of ground in improving our relations with U. S. A. The interviews of the Prime Minister which appeared in the Indian and foreign newspapers and magazines indicate that we are eager to take steps to further improve our relations with the U.S.A. There are no two opinions about it that the recent hearing in America on the pretext of human rights has given a set back to our relation. It is not a new thing that in the U. S. A. the issue of human rights has been used for political and diplomatic purposes. The hon. Member who spoke earlier have referred to this in detail that the U. S. A. raises the issue of human rights whenever their political and diplomatic situation warrants and keeps silent when it does not. References have been made to Bangla Desh and other countries. The happenings in South Africa and Palestine have been narrated. Violation of human rights has been taking place there and the people are being killed and tortured. The people of America are not concerned with what is happening in Sri Lanka where people are being butchered and burnt to death daily. They are only interested in Punjab which is an integral part of India. The incidents in Punjab are taking place with an aim namely to disintegrate the country. The activities which have been started here and about which propaganda is being carried on in other countries is clearly and interference in the internal affairs of our country.

The Sikhs are the most prosperous race of our country. Whenever but see whether

it is business, or industries or Agriculture or Services, but find that Sikhs are in the four front and are most prosperous in comparison with other sections of the people in the country. There are no two opinions about it. We are proud of the Sikhs. The Sikhs have worked for this country, they have worked for the development of this country. In times of need they came forward to defend this country and worked for it. We have no enmity with the Sikhs but whatever power wants to endanger the unity and integrity of the country would be fought in the same way as the forces bent up or harming the unity and integrity of America were fought by Abraham Lincoln. To day, America is not the same country as it used to be in at the time of Abraham Lincoln. Even up to the time we were fighting for the freedom of our country, American supported us. America is a democratic county. The sympathy of America was always with those people of different countries who founught for the attainment of democracy and for freeing. Themselves from slavery. But the attitude of America changed after the second world war. Previously all the democratic forces of the world and all the slave countries, engaged in fighting for freedom and establishings democracy in their lands, used to look towards America and those countries got the sympathy of the American people, but after the Second World War America had become a power-hungry country. And when America emerged as a super power, there was change in their attitude. There are no two opinions about it that America is a democratic country but in the recent past the C.I.A of America had helped in establishing military dictatorship by over throwing democratic governments in various parts of the world. Today, a changed America is before us. It considers united India and an economically and scientifically strong India out of its camp. Today, our country is being gheraoed. Why is this happening? After all, what danger do we pose to America? Why is Pakistan being given arms and for what? What harm can we do to Pakistan? India has repeatedly said that whenever America Gave Arms to Pakistan, that country launched an attack on us.

Now Pakistan is being given arms in on the pretext of Afghanistan armed it is said that Afghanistan poses a danger to Pakistan. But most of the Pakistan forces are deployed on our borders. They are not deployed on the borders of Afghanistan.

We all know that Pakistan faces no danger from Afghanistan because the Russian Army is stationed at Afghanistan and Pakistan is no match to the Russian Army. Pakistan as well as America is well aware of this fact. Today, the arms being provided by America to Pakistan are meant to harm us.

Today, the self-styled leaders of the Khalistan movement are permitted to enter Pakistan. Who does not know how many times Ganga Singh Dhillon and Jagdish Singh Chauhan have visited Pakistan? The extremists in Punjab are being given arms training in Pakistan. Camps are being organised for them. The extremists of Punjab are imparted training in guerilla warfare in those camps. All these things are happening at the instance of America. In Pakistan, who was at the back of strangulating democracy? It is the America themselves. After all, who helped in bringing General Zia to power who helped in the establishment of Army rule in Pakistan? All of us know that America was involved in all these activities. Which was the force at the back of sending Bhutto to the gallows? In Pakistan a struggle for reviving democracy is going on. Which is the force helping in frustrating the efforts of these people and sending them to jail? It can be none else than America.

Presently, we have been surrounded by America whether it be in the Indian Ocean, or in Bangladesh or in Sri Lanka. On the one hand the Tamilians are being killed and tortured in Sri Lanka, and on the other hand the America Army wants to set foot in Sri Lanka. America is providing substantial assistance to Sri Lanka. Recently the Government of Sri Lanka asked for forces from Britain to be placed at their disposal. What type of politics is going on? Who is playing such diplomacy? Our country will have to think over it and formulate its strategy accordingly.

I would like to say in regard to the happenings in Punjab that if the Foreign powers do not interfere here, then peace can be restored in Punjab very soon and the Akali Dal can also be lenient. But all these things are taking place in other cities like London, Ottawa, New York and Washington. The self styled leaders of Khalistan like Jagjit Singh Chauhan, Ganga Singh Dhillon, Bhajan Jogt are moving freely from London to Washington and from Washington to Canada. The Government of Britain and Canada are giving them protection. Why are they being given protection?

20-00 hrs.

I have read in the newspapers that a meeting was held in a Gurudwara of London. In this meeting all the extremists whether belonging to Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir or the North-Eastern States took part. All these people are engineering a conspiracy to under mine the unity and integrity of India. These things are taking place at the instance of the British and the American Governments. We are in the knowledge of all these things. What is the way out. We should tell America in clear terms that we cannot tolerate this thing any more. We have had a very sad experience with America. Whenever our country took steps to improve relations with America or other of this soul used to happen. After all, why should this happen? Why should the people of America do this? What harm has India caused them.

We want to stand on our own feet. We are non-aligned. We pose no danger to their independence and unity. We want to provide livelihood to the poor people of this country. We want to raise their standard of living and remove their backwardness. We want to be self-reliant. We have not harmed any one. We do not want to annexe any country. We do not want to establish an empire in the world. We just want to time and let others also live with honour and want the others also to live with honour. But one cannot understand give why America is overawing us diplomatically.



[ Shri Zainul Basher ]

Why are they after us ? We have to be vigilant about the intention of the U.S.A. ? We should tell America once for all that we are not going to bow before them. Our country can never be as toogs of the U. S. imperliast forces. Pakistan or Sri Lanka or Burma or Bangladesh can become their stooges but not India.

The Foreign Ministers of non-aligned countries are meeting here to discuss the issue of Namibia. We should make this Conference a success. By making it a success the self respect of all the non aligned countries can be maintained. If this organisation remains strong then it can march ahead. Otherwise a Committee of the Congress in America will raise the issue of human rights regarding India and some other countries, at will. Does the responsibility for human rights rests of only on the people of America ? Are the human rights in existence only because of them ? They are silent in regard to Sri Lanka, Pakistan and South Africa where violation of human rights is taking place. But they are taking interest only in Punjab. Their way of thinking is wrong. We should condemn it. The supporters of Khalistan in England, America and Canada are openly conspiring against India. What are our Government doing regarding them ? Recently the British Prime Minister had paid a visit to this country. What is the nature of talks held with her ? What action are our Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister taking to put a ban on their movement ? They are moving freely in America and Canada. Persons not only from Punjab but also from North Eastern States as also Amanulla Khan of Kashmir one active in England are engineering conspiracy there. We want that the unity of our country should remain intact. What action are Government taking in this respect ? I would like to know why these persons have not been declared traitors, why prosecution has not been launched against them and why no action has been taken to secure their extradition to this country ? I want that the Government should declare them traitors forthwith. Cases should be

filed against them and they should be brought here and put on trail. What is the reason that they are moving freely and with impurity ? Not only this, the British Government is making travel documents available to them so that they can go anywhere at will. They are going to Pakistan to meet their counterparts and there the extremists are given arm training. Why have our Government not taken any step to curb this. No action has been taken till today. Shri Tewary has said something which has caused great anxiety. He has uncovered a conspiracy being hatched there. It is but natural that the country should feel concerned over it. Will the hon. Minister state whether it is a fact that Bhajan Jogi and other Khalistani supporters enjoyed our hospitality and they lived as guests in the Rashtrapati Bhawan which is a symbol of our unity ? After all, how did they entent India and stay at a place of supreme importance. It is very painful for us. Ganga Singh Dhillon also visited Punjab.

I don't want to dwell on it in detail and don't want to refer anybody's name. It is not my intention to convert this discussion, into a political debate. I don't want that differences with our opposition parties should arise on the issue of Punjab. There may be differences of opinion between us and the opposition on certain matters and I do not want to aggramate the situation further. The Central Government should consider finally out ways and mean to sort out this problem. The people of America and Britain not to speak of the Governments to those countries have no business to think over it. I want the hon. Minister to clarify the position otherwise a sense of misunderstanding may develop in the country.

I want the hon. Minister to state in his reply under what circumstances the traitors stayed at Rashtrapati Bhawan as guests and were given hospitality and how they went back safe. Today, during this discussion such things have come out as can create an atmosphere of misunderstanding in the whole country. May I, therefore, know what you are going to in this respect ?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am sure that the unity and integrity of the country can never be undermined. This country will always remain one and united and will emerge as a powerful country and as an exemplar on the world stage in the near future. Wherever human rights are violated, wherever democracy is strangled, wherever atrocities are perpetrated against the people, the people of our country will raise their voice against it on all earnestness. Our country will always protest against the violation of human rights. We will not play politics and diplomacy on such issues. We will intervene wherever atrocities are perpetrated America has no business to interfere in the affairs of our country. The Government of India should tell America firmly that we always want good relation with America, we want to improve relation with them, we want to establish cordial relations with all the countries and our Government are making effort to forge good relations with America. Our Prime Minister is going to America in the month of June. He must go but he should firmly tell America that our relations with them will be based on self respect and unity and our relations with them will not be such as to brook any interference on their part in our affairs. With these words I conclude. Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me time to speak.

[English]

SHRI V S. KRISHNA IYER (Bangalore South): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would like to join my other esteemed colleagues in strongly condemning the attitude of the U.S. authorities in organizing a briefing on the issue of human rights, on the position of Sikhs in our country. The intention of the United States is clear; hitherto it was hidden, but now it has become open. I do not want to take the time of this House and repeat what my other colleagues have said just now. There is nothing more for me to say except that this is a direct interference in the internal affairs of our country. The U.S. has no business to interfere in the affairs of our country. It is not for the U.S. to talk about human rights. If at all there is any country in the world which has the moral

right to talk about human rights, it is India and India alone. India is the birth-place of human rights - India, the land of Gautama Budha and Mahama Gandhi. It is India which, under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, fought for human rights in South Africa in the Twentieth Century. Therefore, we need not be told anything about human rights. The U.S. cannot tolerate India being the largest democracy in the world and the prosperity of India; the United States have not been able to reconcile themselves to this; they are jealous about our prosperity in all fields.

Not only the whole House, but the whole country is with you, and we want you to condemn it in strong terms. It is very unfortunate that it should have happened on the eve of the visit of our Prime Minister to the United States to establish goodwill and friendship. I would only say this. Every one knows that this country has fought British imperialism. We are not afraid of any imperialism. Let it be made known to the whole world and particularly to the United States that we cannot tolerate and we will not tolerate imperialism to have its sway in our country.

Finally, I would like to say that we must be very frank. The whole country is with the Government of India in safeguarding the unity and integrity of India. Let it be told in unmistakable terms to all the powers in the world that we cannot, and we will not, tolerate any interference in our internal affairs. We are not interfering in the affairs of any country. We are a peace-loving nation, we are a non-aligned nation, we want friendship with all countries. In fact, we are fighting for the human rights of people in other countries also. When such is the position, it is very unfortunate that the United States should have organized such a briefing and that too in the U.S. Congress Annex. This shows that it had sufficient blessings. We strongly condemn it. The whole House, the whole country, is with the Government of India. Let them condemn it in the strongest possible terms. The U.S. must mend its ways. Otherwise, the Indo-U.S. friendship will be in danger, and it may not be in the interest of the U.S. to lose our friendship.

[ Shri V.S. Krishna Iyer ]

With these words, I once again strongly condemn the American interference in our internal affairs.

SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY (Alipurduar) :  
Sir, at the outset I would like to join my other colleagues in the condemnation of this American lobby, this American interference in the internal affairs of our country.

Much has been said, but I should like to draw the attention of the House to one fact, namely, when Mrs. Kirc Patric visited India in 1981, she had a document containing a list of countries which had to be destabilised; these countries were mentioned as prime targets and in that list, our country was on the top; the countries were India, Cuba, Nicaragua, Vietnam, Iran, Libya, South Yemen, Ethiopia, Angola, Mozambique, Algeria and Madagaskar. This is the list.

Now, why are the Americans very much annoyed ? What is the reason ?

One reason perhaps we can say is that India is the leader of the non-aligned movement which day by day is progressing and we are speaking for human rights and the liberty of human beings everywhere in the world. So this is very much annoying to the imperialist nations like the USA, and through the CIA activities they want to subjugate all the nations and bring them under their own rule and according to their own liking the government should be formed and destroyed as they like. In India they know we differ in many things. We have many languages, different habits and different ways of life. We have poverty also here. There are many problems of poverty and also some elements here who want separatism and also those who want regionalism. These are the things where this black hand, this black foreign hand can enter and because of poverty they have taken some more roots here and are working to disintegrate our beloved country. India which is so much united and which will remain united.

The Americans should know that when the time comes we stand as one nation and fight for our unity, dignity and integrity. This American lobby should be told that the dirty hand of CIA should be withdrawn from this continent and USA, as a super power is not only an enemy of our country but it is an enemy of the third world which we are speaking for and which they think is a third military bloc. It is not a military bloc but a non-aligned bloc. The third world does not like to fight with anybody or any country and it is a force which is working for peace and world peace and world peace for the humanity. America should know that the people of America and the people of the world do not want war, especially nuclear war and the nuclear power USA has now become an enemy of the entire humanity. They believe in nuclear war. They believe in destruction. They believe that people should get frightened and they want to subjugate others. Our government should tell them boldly. They may be a friend of India. They may help us in our economic progress. But we can not barter our dignity and integrity and democracy to be questioned over here and this dirty hand working in our country should be stopped and our government should be bold enough to tell them that such dirty things India will never tolerate and they will stand as one man and fight against it until we get rid of such elements from India.

Our Sikh friends should not be misunderstood because one or two Sikhs make mistakes. Sikhs are Indians and the entire India is for the Sikhs wherever they want to go and whatever they want to do and in whatever job they want to engage themselves in, they are always welcome and we have faith in them as before and it will remain and every Indian Sikh - I do not say about those who have taken citizenship of USA or Canada but Indian Sikhs enjoy equal rights with other Indians.

So, without fear the Sikh community should condemn these agents who are trying to divide our country from outside.  
Thank You,

SHRI KOLANDAIVELU (Gobichetti-palayam) : Sir, this is a matter which has to be condemned with one voice. We got Independence through our great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and we are safeguarding the interests of the people ; safeguarding the unity and integration of this big country. The great poet Bharathi said :

AAYIRAM INGUNDU JATHI  
ITHIL ANNIYAR VANDHU PUHAL  
YENNANEEDHI''

This means that we have got thousands of religions and castes but we will never allow a foreigner to interfere into our matters. Just like this we have to condemn the atrocious act done by the US government against the interests of India. The purpose of the meeting which was convened by the Sikh people actually was to pave the way for full-fledged hearing by the US Congress on Punjab and to create diplomatic and political embarrassment for India prior to the June visit by our hon. Prime Minister. Shri. Rajiv Gandhi. to USA. So with an ulterior motive they have done it; with a preplanned idea they have done it. So, it has to be condemned and the entire country and the entire people condemn this atrocious act of the US government. One of the speakers Mr. Ralph Singh has accused the Indian government of violating the human rights of Sikhs in Punjab State. I do understand that. Actually the government is taking every step to have peace in each and every part of the country. Ralph Singh has stated in the US as if the government is violating human rights. If at all the US government is safeguarding the human rights in each and every part of the world actually they have to condemn the genocide which is going on in Sri Lanka. Thousands and thousands of tamilians are being killed and assassinated and the thing is going on each and every day - They have not condemned it but at the same time they want to condemn in Punjab-Supposing. I would say, the super-powers, the Imperialist countries, want actually to create a world war in this part of the world. By creating a world war they want to show that actually they are over-whelmed with military forces. I think, Sir, it is right time to say that we

have got no friendship with US; we have got no alignment with the US and one voice we have to condemn the attitude taken by the US in this affairs.

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN (Cooch Behar) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would like to join the entire House in condemning the U. S. A.'s direct interference in our internal matters.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, news appeared yesterday in the *Indian Express* which says :

"... Prof. Rose of the University of California said that 'in my view there are three or four Congress leaders in Delhi who should be taken out and shot.'"

May I ask, through you, the U. S. A. who had given the right to shoot the Congress people ? Here there are Congress people, the Communist people, Forward Block people and the CPI (M) people. There may be political differences between them, but when the question of national integrity comes, we, the people of India, whoever it may be, he may be a Congress man, he may be a CPI (M) man, Anna DMK man or DMK man or he may be a Janata Party man, but-we are all one and united.

Sir, we are accepting the challenge that has been thrown by the U.S.A. government. This is the proper time. It is the imperialists we should not forget, that are giving that challenge to our country's integrity.

We know that there are so many people in the hit list of U. S. A., but they should not forget that we, the Indians, whoever we may be, have got long traditions. This is the country of Mahatma Gandhi, this is the Country of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, this is the country of Rabindra Nath Tagore, this is the country of Bhagat Singh, this is the country of Chandrasekhar Azad, this is the country of Khudiram-Satyam Kanai. We are ready to sacrifice.

(Interruptions)

[ Shri Amar Roy Pradhan ]

We like to be in the hit list of USA, but we do not like to be in the humiliation of USA. The USA should know that we, the Indians, are ready to endure their brutality, but not their hypocrisy. They are hypocrites and with that hypocrisy they have started functioning in the name of human rights. Who are these people who are speaking about human rights? Do they know what they have done? We know the role of USA in Namibia, Nicaragua and El Salvador. We know the role of USA in Sri Lanka, in Trincomali, how they are hobnobbing with the President Jayawardhane of Sri Lanka. We know the role of USA Diego Garcia. We know the role of USA when the Palestine Liberation Movement was going on. We know the role of USA in Kashmir, we know the role of USA in Vietnam and Kampuchea. We know the role of USA during the Bangladesh liberation movement. We do not like to have any lectures regarding the human rights, from them. We have got a long tradition, we, Indians, know what are human rights and we are ready to nourish the human rights in other countries also, to keep these human rights alive. It is not only the case with the Indian people, but it is also the case with the people of the world.

One other thing which I would like to mention is this. It is also appeared in the news, and that is :

"Well-informed sources here feel that the purpose of the meeting was to pave the way for a full-fledged hearing by US Congress on Punjab and to create diplomatic and political embarrassment for India prior to the June visit to the US by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi."

Next June the Prime Minister's visit to USA is scheduled. It is a goodwill mission. The country's interests are the foremost.

So because of the way in which things are going on at present around the Sub-continent due to the activities of the CIA agents and the USA agents, I must request the hon. Minister of State to advise the Prime Minister to postpone his visit to U.S.A. It is not a question of sentiment. It is a question of national prestige. It is a question of

national integrity and we the people of India are all united and one in this respect. So, I must request the hon. Minister of State and also through you sir to the Prime Minister, that his visit should be postponed for the time being and when the situation becomes otherwise, then it may be made. Again I condemn the US activities and the CIA activities in our country and I think not only all the members of this House but the people from outside, the entire country will stand behind us.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) :  
Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, at the outset, I would like to share the sentiments and feelings of the hon. members which have been expressed in this House. Certainly, not only I, but I suppose every Indian will share these feelings and sentiments. Naturally, if it is a question of the country's dignity, integrity and respectability, no Indian will be prepared to make any kind of a compromise.

Sir, I would also like to make it very clear at the outset that it is heartening to see that when our country's unity, security and territorial integrity is challenged, the entire nation has stood up as one man. This is the greatest guarantee for the security and safety of this country and all those people who believe that they will be able to destabilise this country, let them come and strike their heads against such determination and then they will come to their senses.

As regards our relations with other countries, we want to have friendly and cordial relations with all the countries, but we do not want to compromise our position and we will have the relations of our own choice and our own choosing and we will have such relations which are beneficial to both the countries. If any country wants to take advantage of these relations, they will certainly be disappointed and we will not allow it, whether it may be America or Pakistan or any other country, we will have our own choice in our relations.

Sir, I quite agree with most of hon. members that in certain countries like UK,

Canada and America, over-indulgence has been shown to these terrorists. It is really very regrettable and we have made it very clear to these countries that India's friendship will depend upon the treatment that these people get. Unless these people are restrained, India's friendship will not be forthcoming to any such country which is going to help these people.

Now, Sir, I would like to make this clear. It has been said from the American side that it was not an official organisation which organised the briefing Session. It may be official or it may be unofficial. But one thing I would like to ask them What type of people have they been keeping company with? Dr. Ganga Singh Dhillon, Major General (Retd) Bhullar, Ralph Singh, the self-styled spokesman of the Sikhs Aas Prof. Tewary said, Mr. Deedar Singh and Mr. Bhajan Singh Yogi—if these are the people that they want to keep in their company, let them have it. You know that these are undesirable people and we do not want to have them in this country and we do not want to do anything with them.

I would like once again to say that whatever may be the question, whatever may be the relationship, whatever may be any other thing, the first thing is that we have to see that India's security is ensured, India's territorial integrity is ensured, India's dignity is ensured, India's self-respect is ensured. Those countries which think that they will be able to destabilise India, shall always be disappointed they are wrong. Those people who talk about the human rights—well, as very rightly said by so many members—if they talk about human rights, they must go to America, they must go to Kampuchea, they must go to many other places, and they will find that it is only this country and only this country's leadership which have always raised their voice for the protection of human rights; and we will continue to do it and we will always do it.

As a matter of fact, only tomorrow we are holding the Non-aligned Coordinating Bureau's meeting and that Bureau's meeting is only for Namibia. This is a fact that no

other country was, in a position to hold this meeting and we made the offer at short notice that we were going to hold this meeting because we considered this as a sacred mission for us to do it. It is most regrettable that the USA or any other country which may wish to or our friendship or which may say that they want to expand relationship with this country, they want to improve the bilateral relations with this country and at the same time they allow such things to happen in their countries, no country will tolerate this; any other country may tolerate it, but I can assure them and I can assure this House that India will never tolerate this.

Extradition and other things, these are legal matters about which it is difficult for me to express my opinion at this stage. But one thing I would certainly like to assure my friend, Shri Tewary that all such institutions which are centres of our authority, they have the sanctity, they have the respectability and surely that sanctity that respectability has to be ensured and has to be maintained; and therefore, there should be no apprehension on this account to any person or to anybody or to any individual.

Mr. Tewary also mentioned about Hardgrave's book. Well, it may be hardgrave or it may be soft grave, we have given it a decent burial. Whatever they predicted in that book, it has really disillusioned them, disappointed them because what happened after the assassination of our great leader, the country has shown it by giving a massive majority to the successor. It had never happened that we had such a massive majority; and this has proved that Indian people are mature people; they understand what they have to do and what time they have to do and what they have to do.

As I mentioned, there are no two opinions as regards the security and safety of this country. We also hear very often about foreign hands. Yes, we will be able to deal with the foreign hands certainly. My senior colleague sitting here is responsible for the internal security and safety and he will ensure it and we have implicit faith in him.

[ Shri Khurseed Alam Khan ]

But I would request my hon. Members here, that let us be more cautious, about one thing, let us be alert about one thing : That there is no local hand involved in it.

PROF. K.K. TEWARY : Please be more specific about what you said. What are his activities in the States ? About Bhjan Yogi, that should be clarified.

SHRI KHURSEED ALAM KHAN : I would certainly like to clarify that, that yogi—I mean that man Bhajan Yogi—certainly, their activities are most undesirable. We do not like to get involved with them.

PROF. K K. TEWARY : How did they stay here ?

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN : It is really very difficult for me to answer this question off hand ; and therefore I have made a request and reference to my honourable friend sitting here who is responsible for such matters.

( *Interruptions* )

He will have to look into this matters and then only we will be able to answer.

SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY (Alipurdwara) : You can express your displeasure about it.

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN : Not only displeasure, but anger, I would like to express.

My friend and colleague, he would certainly look into this and then we will naturally take the necessary action. I will also like to mention here that we have, in very strong terms told the U.S.A that India will not tolerate such thing and such sort of briefings in their country. Because, we feel any country, if they are really our friends, they should not allow these things to happen. Because, we do not allow these things to happen in this country. If any relationships has to be developed, it has to be developed by mutual trust, mutual understanding and mutual relationship which are beneficial to both.

I would also like to assure the hon. Members that if there be any such thing, where Government has to take action, the Government will never fail. The Government will nevertail and this government will not be afraid, whichever may be the country, or whatever may be its strength.

Some of the hon. Members have mentioned about economic independence in such matters.

I quite agree with them that political independence has to be sustained by economic independence and therefore, the late Prime Minister after the Seventh Summit had initiated this action and had appointed a Committee of five experts to go into this problem of economic development and the financial problems of the Non-Aligned countries and those experts have submitted a very comprehensive report. This report has now been referred to all the Non-Aligned countries and their reactions are awaited and on the basis of their reactions, and on the basis of their advice, further action will be taken.

Well, I must say that Mr. Sewell, had put it well and I admit that he has said out of his experience and he has always utilised it well—he was our Ambassador in Burma and Canada—he utilised this experience very gainfully. But at the same time, I would also like to say that what he said, that Indians are very mature, that they do not take very hasty action, that they do not take emotional action that is of course, correct.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : He was our Ambassador in Norway and Burma, not Canada.

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN : I mentioned Burma, first, but I was misled by these people. They misled me.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : You must be careful not to be misled by other Ministers.

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :**  
I was surprised that the very experienced people of the External Affairs Ministry who are sitting to my left... (*Interruptions*).

I would also like to mention here that some hon. Members had asked as to what our Embassy in Washington had written to these people who had convened these briefing meetings. They had written a very strong letter. It was made very clear by our Ambassador that Indian representatives could not associate themselves with any such move, which, in their opinion, should not be organised. They had protested to the United States Government. This has been done even here to the American Embassy. I am sure that they will realise that what has been done is not in the best interest of the two countries and it should not be repeated under any circumstances.

I would like to mention one thing about our Sikh brethren here. I would like to advise them that they cannot find the solution of their so-called problems in Canada or U.S.A. or U.K. They can find the solution of their problems only in this country and with the leaders of this country. They have to come and talk to them. It has been shown by the leadership of this country how considerate they are and how willing they are to accommodate. But, at the same time, certain principles cannot be sacrificed and those should not be sacrificed. That everybody should know.

**SHRI GIRDHARI LAL VYAS :** We should decide our own way.

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :**  
That is what I have said. They cannot find the solution in U.K., America, Canada or Germany. The solution will have to be found in this country and through the good offices of the leadership of this country, because nobody can solve anything of this country from outside.

One thing I would like to mention. If anybody tries or attempts to interfere in the affairs of this country, that will not be tolerated, because we have always believed

in the principle of non-interference and non-intervention in the affairs of other countries. We earnestly hope that other countries will also respect our policy and reciprocate the same.

As I mentioned, India is really a big country and it cannot be ignored by any country. At the same time, as I mentioned, it is a very independent country and it will not, perhaps, be liked by those countries. But whatever they may think, we have to follow our policies and principles whatever they may be. We will not make any compromise or give any concession on this count. All those countries which have been dealing with this country, know perfectly well that India is a country of principles and it has certain guidelines for its policies and, therefore, it will not be possible for India to deviate from them. It will follow the path which has been shown by our great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Shrimati Indira Gandhi. We shall continue to follow the same policy.

With these few words, I would once again express my deep gratitude to all the hon. Members who have made useful contribution to this debate.

**SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY :** What about condemnation of this American lobby?

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :**  
Well, you have done it.

When I said that there is no difference of opinion on this subject, whatever has been said from both sides of the House... (*Interruptions*).

**SHRI SURESH KURUP (Kottayam) :** I would like to know whether Government proposes to take any concrete steps regarding this.

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :** I have been telling all this. I do not know whether... (*Interruptions*).

**SHRI SURESH KURUP :** You were speaking in a lighter way. Just as Members



[ Shri Suresh Kurup ]

were taking part in the discussion, you are also making a statement.

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :  
I am not making a statement, I am telling the facts that I know...*(Interruptions)*.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request the hon. Members to take their seats.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : Sir, the Home Minister may also like to say something...*(Interruptions)*.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : No, nothing. Please sit down. I am very happy that all the hon. Members actively took part in the debate. In conclusion, I want to say that the whole House is unanimous in condemning the interference in the internal affairs of India by any organisation or any other country. Thank you very much.

The House now stands adjourned to reassemble at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

20.52 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Friday, April, 19, 1985/ Chaltra 29, 1907 (Saka)*