NIGHT BLANKETS GUJARAT

Modi's victory signifies stunning defeat for India and stridenty repudiates its Constitution. It proclaims from housetops in Gujarat that it relishes the pus of criminal communalism as its distinguishing dish. BJP, feeling buoyed, will spread this cancer nation-wide. And, as ever in history, the big banias—predatory devotees of deregulation (no control, no constraint) and neoliberalism (globalization is Americanization, as Morris Berkman shows in Dark Ages America), will massively and ceaselessly fund fascism in India. Gujarat is pestilence; more, it is a sinister paradigm. It bodes ill for India.

Curiously, the news agencies call these saffronazis "Hindu nationalists", which is absolutely false and brazenly misleading. Let alone calling them by their real description, "Hindu fascists", or "Hindu communalists", the pandering journos become co-conspirators against India by glossing the brutes. It is a contradiction in terms. Are Hitler and Mussolini and their saffro progeny to be venerated as "nationalists"? This is fraud, a tendentious promotion of Hindu Taliban.

Post-Tehelka expose mandated that Modi and his partners be sacked, jailed, and President's Rule be promulgated in Gujarat. It was a delinquent Indian state—New Delhi-UPA —that: played patsy. The price that Indian polity and society will have to pay for this lethal lapse will be horrendously heavy.

Democracy did not stipulate that it be strangled by a gang of thugs, in the name of democracy. The pall of gloom and dismay thickens with every passing hour. This miasma is pledged to snuff out peace and justice in India.

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