

“Call to Honour”

THE FORMER RAJA JASWANT Singh of BJP cabinet, fraudulently called National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has caused more than a stinking situation in the dovecotes of BJP. That BJP lived up to its iconic reputation of being congenitally and chronically mired in treason and religiously promoting violence and terrorism is once more confirmed by some snippets of the Raja's book, titled without a hint of irony, *Call to Honour* (Rupa) finding their way into some newspapers.

First things first. Was the NDA itself not a collective of 'anti-nationals'? Twenty-eight parties had stampeded to be part of the super coven. Their flimsy pretensions of secularism and democracy were as hollow as their fluffy posturing of nationalism. If they ever had had any faith in nationalism or democracy, or even a smidgen of decency or dignity, they would not have joined the government of RSS-bred communal terrorists. They stripped themselves naked before the people of India as accomplices of fascists and thugs, outlaws and mass murderers, subversives and anti-nationals. They could not plead ignorance of the misdeeds of the sinister slew of saffronazis who had been busy tearing the nation apart for decades past. By joining these theo-fascists these parties betrayed their own communal perspective.

The ignominious flight of IC-814 to Kandhar. Who supervised the escape of the terrorist Masud Azhar? Jaswant Singh, the Raja, why? Because there were two Americans among passengers. And, Washington or the US ambassador in India, did not pressure the more than servile NDA government? Nobody will believe it. But BJP will lie with a practised and, stagey horror, since it has long been in the business of regarding and treating Indians as fools. Eight hundred crores of rupees were not paid as ransom? Who paid? To whom? BJP, true to its origins and sleazy history, betrayed the nation once more, aiding and comforting the enemy and / protecting the terrorists. Does that not provide the clue to the mystery of saving its skin by always killing the so-called terrorists and never capturing them lest they spill the beans on its own crimes?

The Vajpayee government became anti-national, subserving the interests of the global aggressor, not at random. It was steeped in the culture of national betrayal from its earliest days. Therefore, it was easy for it to cremate the non-alignment movement and national policy, to the utter discomfiture of the Third World and gross disgrace of India. The suspicions of its neighbours, big and small, far and near, were bound to become apprehensions in so far as New Delhi tied itself to the apron strings of a foreign power known for its outlawry. It offered to be a synonym and substitute of Israel and Pakistan, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the Emirates. This defilement and disfigurement of foreign policy was replicated in its domestic policy. It gave up its anti-imperialist renown, and took to thwarting national resistance to imperialist aggression by communalising it.

Bereft of self-respect by selling itself as a bootlicker and doormat of the global hegemon, it got used to “guidance” and “consultation” from feral foreigners, abdicating its right to think for itself, to assert its sovereignty in the interests of the nation, to affirm its solidarity with besieged humanity, to evince its concern for the neighbors, to uphold the principle of self-determination, to advocate human rights, and to insist on bringing

to justice the war criminals. It thus reduced itself to a puppet, a cardboard cutout of universal contempt and ribald joke. It joined the vile violators as a valet. *[Contributed]*