

NOTE

## 'IRON HEELS'

I K Shukla writes :

A party that is fashioned after models of infamy and obsolescence 'Manu, James Mill, and Hitler-Mussolini, would not give a damn to the glories of Indian heritage or ancient culture. This is the party that supplied the Brits with informers, apologists and collaborators. This is the party that hung the portrait in the parliament of the chief instigator and prime motivator of the assassination of Gandhi, the Father of the Nation.

This is the party of anti-national mobsters that has bled India through repeated ethnic cleansing pogroms. This is the party to which freedom fighters and martyrs like Bhagat Singh and his co-workers are anathema (Magsaysay-award winner Prof. Sandeep Pandey's event in Faizabad commemorating Bhagat Singh was vandalized by the Hindutva gangsters two years ago). Ironically, the party-BJP-continues to thrive on reactionary ideology, thanks to bankruptcy of the political left.

And it shamelessly, remorselessly lives by its lies sowing death and division across the country. Two, out of hundreds, of its egregious analogies and malefic misappropriations may be mentioned here. Modi, the mass murderer of Gujarat, is in the saffronazi canon christened as Chhota Sardar, i.e. small Vallabhbai Patel. Small he may be, but Patel he can never be by any stretch. Patel, with all his flaws, united India by bringing into the nation's fold over 500 native principalities, big and small. Modi, on the contrary, has shattered and shredded the nation. Hindutva sullies and denigrates Patel's contribution in the making of the Indian state by aligning him with people like Modi, now strictly barred from civilized countries.

His guru, L K Advani, did one better. As he had exonerated Bajrang Dal even before police inquiries, and not just in Orissa (Staines' murders by Bajrang Dal), Advani continued his disrespect and demonstrative defiance of both the Constitution in his stint as Home Minister and the popular acclamation accorded to the cricket champions of 20-20 led by Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

It is that hoary India, that the Mughal rulers mightily built up, added to, and bowed their heads to, and the British did their utmost to splinter and squash, that RSS-BJP-VHP-Bajrang Dal undertook, as fifth columns and lackeys of the latter, to shred and erase.

They have almost succeeded. India under them will benefit as much as Italy and Germany did under Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler. □