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Mr. Richard M. Daley Office of the Mayor City Hall, Room 507 121 N. La Salle Street Chicago Illinois 60602

SUBJECT: The Swami Vivekananda Nobody Knows

Dear Mr. Daley:

Recently it has come to my attention that you, representing the City of Chicago, will commemorate the installation of the statue of Narendra Nath Dutt, popularly known as Swami Vivekananda in Chicago. While on active military duty for the last seventeen years, I have always considered myself a proud resident of Chicago. I must state in strong terms I am not looking forward to seeing the statue of the swami in Chicago because any honors to the swami will represent the successful expansion of Hindu Nationalism to Hindu Internationalism. I briefly elaborate some of the reasons and hope you will reconsider your decision regarding any honor to this Hindu Swami.

As you know the Swami addressed few speeches at the World's Parliament of Religions in 1893. I have enclosed those speeches for your review. Anyone with a basic knowledge of Hinduism and the history of British India will find that Swami's speeches are not only strewn with errors but also carries a plethora of deliberate lies. To understand why Swami lied so extensively requires a depth study of Hindu psychoanalysis. For this, I refer you to a remarkable book authored by another well-known Indian, named, Sudhir Kakar: The Inner World: A Psycho-analytic Study of Childhood and Society in India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1981.

The Swami died in 1902 at a young age of just about forty years. He suffered from the classic manic depression and that is what really killed him. Unfortunately, no treatment was rendered nor sought. Four years before his untimely death, he informed his close disciples that he had been all wrong and that his patriotism and zeal as a nationalist reformer had completely vanished.

During his hey-days of Hindu revivalism and nationalism, he introduced a new gospel: Do even evil like a man! Be wicked, if you must, on a grand scale. He remained oblivious to the repercussions of his often misinformed misunderstood speeches that will cause havoc to an already violence-ridden Hindu populace. Ceremoniously, he would proclaim to the Hindus: "sin is impossible; there is no such thing as human responsibility; man can do no wrong." Honorable Mayor Daley think of that again: man can do no wrong. How about Hindu men can do no wrong?

After all, his Hindus are the descendants of a glorious race the Swami would retort repeatedly. This glorious Hindu race concocted the most evil system of Apartheid the man has ever envisioned: the caste system. Swami Vivekananda spared no effort to justify that: "....Caste is good. That is the only natural way of solving life...." At other references his explanation of caste system was grossly wild and converged on somewhat Hindu version of Marxist's eye to history, as recorded by a disciple:

"The vaisya, or the merchant, and the sudra, or the worker, represent the third and fourth castes in Hindu society. Swami Vivekananda said that the four castes, by turn, governed human society. The brahmin dominated the thought-current of the world during the glorious days of the ancient Hindu civilization. Then came the rule of the kshattriya, the military, as manifested through the supremacy of Europe from the time of the Roman Empire to the middle of the seventeenth century. Next followed the rule of the vaisya, marked by the rise of America. The Swami prophesied the coming supremacy of the sudra class. After the completion of the cycle, he said, the spiritual culture would again assert itself and influence human civilization through the power of the brahmin. Swami Vivekananda often spoke of the future greatness of India as surpassing all her glories of the past."

"I am a socialist" the Swami proclaimed of himself. Even though Swami showed many inconsistencies, he remained somewhat stuck to his version of the Marxist ideology as he understood it; he prophesied about the coming of Proletarian Culture of the future. In 1896, he said to Sister Christine: "The next upheaval will come from Russia or China. I cannot see clearly which, but it will be either the one or the other .... The world is in the third epoch, 'Inder the domination of the vaisya. fourth epoch will be under that of the sudra." The Swami had no historical notion of the past. At the spur of a moment, he would mix multiple often contradictory political ideologies, both foreign and domestic; with the result the end-product Swami's political ideology looked irrational and beyond any comprehension. Now, almost a hundred years later, both Russia and China had had a communist revolution. Russian Bolshevik revolution is now dead after consuming roughly seventy million lives. The Chinese Maoist revolution is still thriving, while the human toll has run into millions. Ironically, the sudra revolution that Swami often talked about not only never surfaced, it escaped even it's mere conception. Instead, with the British departure, what was left had turned out to be a brahmin "revolution." Today, in India, there are more than 600 million sudras (sudra means slave), not to mention more than 150 million Untouchables and 80 million totemistic castes; all getting the brunt of the brahmin oligarchy. If and when the human toll is counted, I would venture to say, both the Bolsheviks and Maoists will regrettably take the back seats; thanks to the pantheon prophets of Modern Hinduism, of which Swami Vivekananda held a high position.

Mayor Daley you hold a position of responsible leadership in this great city of Chicago. You should uphold that responsibility by not falling victim to the real phenomenon of Hindu Internationalism.

Moreover, projecting the Swami to the citizens of Chicago by way of statue or naming a street after him does not leave much to be desirable. The people of Chicago deserve something better; something that should be a shining example for our people to emulate.

I am available to you to answer any question on the Hindus, Hinduism, Hindu Nationalism, Hindu Internationalism, and above all on Swami Vivekananda. Please feel free to contact me at the address given below, or call me if you will please.

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