

I FAIL TO UNDERSTAND ATTLEE'S STATEMENT

Dr. Ambedkar, former Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council and leader of the Scheduled Castes in an interview with *Globe* when asked for his reactions to Mr. Attlee's statement on India, said "I have not studied it. In fact, I fail to understand the statement,"

Continuing, Dr. Ambedkar said: "There is not a single point in the statement on which I can put my finger and say that it is clear to me. Nothing is explicit in the statement. Perhaps my intelligence is so limited that I fail to know what the statement is about."

In reply to the question whether the Scheduled Castes Sikhs were part and parcel of the All-India Scheduled Castes Federation, and if so, what was their motive in joining the League's demonstration against the Punjab Government. Dr. Ambedkar said: "I have no idea as to whether they are part of the Scheduled Castes Federation. The question will be better answered by the Sikhs themselves in the Punjab"—*Globe*.¹

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