

AMBEDKAR FINDS CHAMPION IN CHURCHILL

“London, May 30. (Renter).—A pledge that the Conservative Party would do its utmost to protect the future of 60 million Untouchables “whose melancholy depression by their co-religionists constitutes one of the gravest features in the problems of the Indian sub-continent” is contained in a cable sent by Mr. Winston Churchill to Dr. Ambedkar, Member of the Viceroy’s Executive Council.

Mr. Churchill adds: We shall take our stand on the broad principles set forth in the American Declaration of Independence that all men are born free and equal and entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Dr. Ambedkar had cabled to Mr. Churchill stating: “The Cabinet Mission’s proposals are a shameful betrayal of the cause of the 60 million Untouchables. The Untouchables all over India are grateful to you for your speech in parliament. The future of the Untouchables is very dark. We depend upon you for safeguarding their interests.”¹

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¹: The Bombay Chronicle, dated 31st May 1946.