

NO USE ABOUT INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY WITHOUT STRIKING POWER

“Dr. Ambedkar does not like journalists. He told them so at an informal meeting in Bombay on Saturday* When he was offered the Co-operation of the Press he rejected it.

Most of what he said was “off the record.” He made it clear he felt that Mr. Nehru was dragging India headlong to ruin. Instead of poking our noses into other people’s affairs, he suggested, we ought to isolate ourselves from the rest of the nations and build our collapsing economy. Dr. Ambedkar seems to be haunted by the threat of a Chinese invasion. China is on our doorstep and we cannot defend ourselves, he says. It is no use talking about an independent foreign policy without striking power.

Dr. Ambedkar is a formidable intellect. One cannot avoid being impressed by him even if one disagrees completely with his views. He puts his case clearly; he is prompt in replying to questions. He is a master of sarcasm.”¹

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* The 24th November 1951.

¹: The National Standard, dated 25th November 1951