

NON-BRAHMIN PARTY SHOULD REBUILD ITSELF

“The Hon’ble Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Labour Member, Government of India arrived in Bombay this morning the 12th January 1943. He is expected to stay in Bombay for a week.—A. P.”¹

“The view that true democracy in India could be safe only in the hands of the Non-Brahmin Party was expressed by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Labour Member, Government of India, while speaking at party given in his honour on behalf of the Maratha and allied communities at the R. M. Bhatt High School, Parel, Bombay on Sunday the 17th January 1943. He regretted that the Non-Brahmin Party which was in power in the Madras and Bombay Provinces had now disintegrated owing to various reasons, and expressed the hope that, profiting by the mistakes of the past, it would shed the minor differences that existed among its various sections and rebuild itself into a united and strong force again.

For the success of a party he mentioned three things as necessary- a leader, a good organisation and a clear and definite objective and programme. It was a pity that many members of the Non-Brahmin Party had left it and joined the Congress, but they were now regretting their mistake. It was necessary not only for members of the particular communities but also in the interest of democracy in India that the Non-Brahmin Party should rebuild itself and become a power.

Rao Bahadur R. S. Asavle, who presided and Rao Bahadur S.K. Bole addressed the gathering, stressed the importance of unity among the Marathas and other allied communities and urging co-operation between them and the party led by Dr. Ambedkar.”²

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¹: The Bombay Chronicle : dated 13th January 1943.

²: The Times of India : dated 18th January 1943.