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The greatest threat to Pakistan's Economy has come from the diversion of the waters by Bharat. The calamity is of such a magnitude that it[^] would mean starvation," death and extinction for millions of the citizens of this Islamic State. The living, smiling granneries are going to be turned into deserts. The live-stock is haunted by the ghost of extinction. The ominous shadows of famine and starvation are. hovering over several districts of Punjab - the once breadbasket of India. We are faced with one, of the greatest crises of our history.

The International Bank of Reconstruction and Development has been trying to mediate and unravell this knotty problem. A conference was recently held in Washington and Pakistan was represented by a delegation of high officials of the state including Mian Nasir Ahmad, the chief engineer,. Pir Mohammad Ibrahim and Mr. Abdul Hamid. The results of the talks have recently become public. The talks have been an utter failure. But why has it been so?—it is a sordid tale of mischief and betrayal, a treacherous story of Pakistanies stabbing their own couritry! Here is the report published by an English fortnightly Variety, and we reproduce it adverbatum. "(Although it is very distasteful for us to publish such material in the Students' Voice. We have however omittnd some of those portions which the columns of this, paper connot, in anyway, accomodate.)

"A seventeen-page letter written by an American lady is reported to have been discussed by the Pakistan Cabinet recently. In this letter, the lady bad sent a detailed report on the doings of some Pakistanis who were in Washington in connection with an' important official business.

"The chief" characters in the story of the lady were the members of the Pakistan delegation sent to Washington to represent before the World Bank, Pakistan's case on the Indo-Pakistan dispute on Indus Basin waters.

"The Americon lady's letter, I learn, gave sordid details of the sexual promenades of these officials. This has been confirmed by some independent sources; and a friend returning from a trip "to the U.S. this month told me that the charges against these officials- were substantially correct According to these reports, the gentlemen who had been sent on one of the. most important missions—the Indus Waters being a matter of life, and- death to Pakistan—had spent more time in entertaining girls on their apartments, and flirting with them, than they did on the preparation and representation of their case at the Tripartite Conference.

"The plot of this stcry is interesting and novel. Unlike most stories, there are more than one heroines in this drama. One of the heroines was a girl working in a Washington -laundry. She replaced Indus Water dispute as a subject of discussion.

"And there were other heroines besides that. Indus Waters had assumed a secondary importance. These fools, oblivious of the harm they were doing to their country, lost themselves into a passionate ocean of sex and had little time to devote to the case which they were sent to fight. Their briefs were never ready, they failed to supply the required information at the conferences

and the old men with young hearts dozed and yawned in the meetings after having let themselves loose during the previous night. And in addition the engineers on this delegation are reported to have been fighting among themselves for their personal reasons. „ What „could you expect of them?

"They were living in palatial lodgings at the expense of the Pakistani tax payers. They had reserved the best suite in Hotel Sherman on the excuse that it was meant for conferences and meeting's. But it was mainly used for sexual discussions, flirtations, all-night parties and for impressing on the American women how affectionate Pakistanies are towards them,"

These are bitter facts which can hardly be denied. They throw lurid light upon the causes, which led to the failure of the talks, to the peril of Pakistan. These officers of the state have; betrayed Indus and stabbed Pakistan in the neck. They have proved themselves TRAITORS and have qualified themselves for the " greatest" punishment. If the millions of Pakistanies starve and Punjab and Bahawabpur turn deserts, that would be so because of the betrayal of these gentlemen—if they can be called so!

But that's not all The trouble is not confined to the, members of this delegation only. It is corroding the entire body-politic. Corruption and characterlessness are eating at the vitals of Pakistan.- They are destroying the very foundations of State. They are threatening its existence. If our officials and our rulers can barter the millions of Pakistani lives and its best granaries for a few joyful moments, for a few sex-excursions ; and for a few parties with laundry, girls what, peril "is in store for us? If today they are prepared to do this TO MARROW, WILL BE PREPARED TO SELL PAKISTAN FOR A FEW" DOLLERS OR HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS. This is the real threat to Pakistan. The danger to our existence is from the presence of these rulers of Pakistan who have thrown morals - and fear of God to the winds,, who do not take Pakistan as a sacred trust and who want to stake Pakistan and all it has, for their merriment.- How absurd, how meaningless and how nonsensical it seems when these persons claptrap that Pakistan is threatened by the "Menace of Mullatism" ! Perhaps they want to use this slogan as a facade to hid their own sins. But the cloack cannot work. It has been torn into shreds. They stand exposed. It is time Pakistanies see the wood for the tree and take care of their house. Lest it may be too late!
