

election and to throw out the party you didn't agree with generally, and so on. It's obvious now that this is no longer completely satisfying to the youth and to other dissident groups. They feel that change has to come more rapidly, more quickly. They feel that they have to participate more directly than just by voting once every four years by putting a mark on a ballot. And it is this that we are trying to solve as a problem. We are trying to ensure that there is much greater communication, much greater participation, involvement, by students and young people generally in political activities. Not necessarily through organized parties but through all forms of meeting. We have in Canada a great many initiatives for trying to involve the young. I think our time is running short.

A.M: No, I think we have enough for a feminine question if you will permit it. I was once on a television panel in Canada and I had two women colleagues from the Canadian press with me and what we were discussing was whether there could be a woman prime minister in Canada. So I naturally said yes, and they most emphatically said no. So I said, why not? They said, well for one thing no woman would vote for her. Well what does the bachelor Prime Minister of Canada have to say about this?

P.M: It's rather strange. At that time did you have a woman prime minister in India?

A.M: No, but we had Mrs. Bandaranaike in Ceylon.

P.M: Well, I think it is a paradox but that countries like yours in a sense give greater political equality to women than we do in Canada—not in a legal sense. I believe legally women are

not too badly discriminated against. But psychologically our societies haven't freed women as well, and I asked this kind of question of Mrs. Gandhi herself today; I asked her how this could happen, and she had what I think is a plausible explanation, that you went through the fight for Independence, and husbands and wives went through it together, and fathers and daughters went through it together, and rather than fighting each other as perhaps Women's Lib is attempting to do in Canada, they fought together for a common cause and it was also I believe the preaching of Mahatma Gandhi that wives and women should assist in this struggle for liberation, and therefore women achieved a greater political maturity in India than they did in Canada. But don't despair; I hope it is still not too far in the future when we will have a woman prime minister.

A.M: And I hope she won't replace you. That would be rather sad. Thank you Mr. Prime Minister.

P.M: Thank you, Mrs. Malik.



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