

reconstruction of our economy.

Discard *Status Quo* Mentality

For want of time, I have not touched upon the natural aspects of economic structure. But one thing is clear - that many old institutions will yield place to new ones. This will adversely affect those who have vested interests in the old institutions. Some others who are, by nature, averse to change will also suffer by efforts of reconstruction. But disease must be treated with medicine. Strength can be gained only from exercise and hard work. Therefore, we shall have to discard the *status quo* mentality and usher in new era. Indeed our efforts of reconstruction need not be clouded by prejudice or disregard for all that is inherited from our past. On the other hand, there is no need to cling to past institutions and traditions which have outlived their utility. We have considered what the direction of change should be.

We have, in the last four days, thought over the integrated form of Humanism. On this basis, we shall be able to re-reconcile nationalism, democracy, socialism and world peace with the traditional values of *Bharatiya* culture, and think of all these ideals in an integrated form. The mutual conflict among these ideals can be removed and they can supplement mutually. Thereby 'Man' can gain his lost status and attain the aims of his life.

We have discussed here the philosophy. But the members of Bharatiya Jana Sangh are not mere philosophers or academicians. We have set out with the determination to make this Nation strong, happy and prosperous through the medium of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. Therefore, we must carry on practical programmes for the national reconstruction on this foundation. We have taken due note of our ancient culture. But we are no archaeologists. We have no intention to become custodians of a vast archaeological museum. Our goal is not merely to protect the culture but to revitalise it so as to make it dynamic and in tune with the times. We must ensure that our Nation stands firm on this foundation and our society is enabled to live a healthy, progressive and purposeful life. We shall have to end a number of traditions and set in reforms which are helpful in the development of values and of national unity in our society. We shall remove those traditions which obstruct this process. Whereas one need not mourn the limitations of the human body, one must undergo the required surgical