

A REALITY Check



The United Nations celebrated its first Non-Violence Day this year as a tribute to the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi. The face of the world is pockmarked by violence today. Thus it is laudable to promote non-violence. However, the apostle of non-violence, Gandhi, has undergone a reality check with the release of the recent film, *'Gandhi, My Father'*. His stature has certainly not diminished as the father of the nation but as a father. No one has voiced any opposition to what is shown in the film as it is based on reality as documented by writers. Sixty years after his death, it can be faced but when Osho said the very same things 25-30 years ago, it was heresy.

It is the same story about Mother Teresa. Here is a Western nun working among the poorest of the poor in Kolkata first reported to the West by a well-known British editor, Malcolm Muggeridge, who produced a book and a film on Mother Teresa and placed her on the front row of media glare worldwide until she got the Nobel. Everybody then concentrated on praising her work without bothering to note that other Indian charitable organizations were doing at least ten times more work in Kolkata. And no one dared to question that she was against birth control or abortion to curb poverty. Again, Osho dared to speak up against Mother Teresa and condemned her negative views on birth control and abortion.

To speak the truth, you need a Socrates, a Christ or Osho.

- Swami Kul Bhushan.