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Source: Webb Miller, "They That Turn the Cheek," *I Found No Peace: The Journal of Foreign Correspondent*, 1936

Note: Madame Sarojini Naidu was a well-known Indian poetess who was to take Gandhi's place should he be arrested. The author of this document, Webb Miller, was a foreign reporter present at both the raid and the hospital where the wounded (320 injured and two dead) were taken afterwards. This is the report he filed.

The Dharsana Salt Work, 150 Mile North of Bombay, India (May 21, 1930)

Madame Naidu called for prayer before the march started and the entire group knelt down. She warned them: "Gandhi's body is in jail but his soul is with you. India's reputation is in your hands. You must not use any violence under any situation. You will be beaten but you must not resist; you must not even raise a hand defend yourself." Wild, sharp cheers stopped her speech...

In complete silence the Gandhi men stopped a hundred yards from the stockade (surrounding the Dharasana Salt Work)... Suddenly, at a word of command, a large group of police rushed upon the advancing marchers and hit them in their heads with clubs. Not one of the marchers even raised an arm to stop it.... The blankets used as stretchers were soaked with blood.

At times the display of unresisting men being methodically bashed into a bloody pulp sickened me so much that I had to turn away. The Western mind finds it difficult to grasp the idea of nonresistance.