

National Anthem For India

DECISION DEFERRED

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, Nov. 24.

Decision on the question of a National Anthem for free India has been postponed until January 24, 1950, on which date the Constituent Assembly will finally meet to elect the provisional President.

A draft resolution on the National Anthem will be prepared meanwhile, and it is believed that it will accept both the songs, *Jana Gana Mana*, the existing National Anthem and *Vande Mataram*, with suitable adaptations.

The reply to the five-day debate on the third reading of the Draft Constitution will be made tomorrow by Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, one of the prominent members of the Drafting Committee, who is expected to take about an hour just before the end of the morning session.

The valedictory address will be delivered by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Chairman of the Drafting Committee and the chief architect of the Constitution, in the afternoon. Voting will be taken after the Presidential remarks on Saturday, when the present session adjourns to meet on January 24, 1950.

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Congress Assembly Party

NEW DELHI, November 24: A meeting of the Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly (Legislature) will be held on the evening of November 28.—U.P.I.

REBEL ACTIVITY IN PHILIPPINES

President Quirino Opposed

MANILA, November 24: Brigadier-General Alberto Ramos, Commander-in-Chief of the Philippines Constabulary, ordered fighter and bomber planes into action today against rebels fighting in the hills of Batangas Province hills, south of Manila.

The rebels, most of them believed to be political partisans challenging the victory of President Elpidio Quirino in the recent national election, were holding out stubbornly in strong positions in Batangas.

Earlier dispatches said that the Constabulary staff chiefs suddenly called off operations, hoping a peaceful agreement with the rebels could be made.

Gen. Ramos evidently countermanded the order. He said: "We do not agree to any proposals to suspend operations. That would be a sign of weakness and we are determined to show that the Government are strong. We can only agree to suspension of operations if President Quirino so orders."—U.P.A.

No Costly Gift For Nehru

NEW DELHI, November 24: The organisers of a Delhi citizens' reception to Pandit Nehru scheduled for November 27 have given up their proposal to present a silver and gold map of Asia to the Prime Minister as he has expressed his disapproval of costly gifts being presented to him.—U.P.I.