# Extension Of Prohibition Programme In Madras

## GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE TO PROVINCE

MADRAS, October 2.

"I HOPE the men and women of the province will be wise and take advantage of the great reform which the Government have introduced, notwithstanding many difficulties pointed out to them by their colleagues in Delhi," says the Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, in a message to the Minister for Prohibition, Madras, on the extension of prohibition to the whole of the province.

"With this anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday," the Governor-General said, "the entire province of Madras will be under the total prohibition law enacted in 1937.

"I wish I were out of office and able to go to Madras to go round and help the people to take the fullest advantage of the most remarkable effort made by Government for social welfare in a province of over a hundred thousand square miles with a population numbering 50 million.

"Government have removed a constant and widespread temptation which hitherto had been placed for the sake of revenue in the path of the poor labourer. The removal of the temptation is not, however, by itself enough to save everybody.

**INFLATION ARGUMENT**

"Some people have said", the Governor-General added, "that there is an excess of money in the country, that prices are, therefore, soaring high and that as a remedy we should retain the sale of alcoholic liquors and tap the excess money in that way. This appeared to me a strange and cruel attitude. There are many more and better ways of withdrawing excess earnings all round in order to control prices.

"Instead of taking only the poor illiterate classes through drink shops the Madras Government levy a tax on every person through the general sales tax whenever he buys anything whatsoever, that is to say, there is a levy on the purchasing power of everybody. This is more equitable than taxing only the sale of one particular article which is consumed by a section of the people who are not able to find joy in life except through imbibing toddy or arrack. If it is necessary to bear a burden, let us all bear it in equal share and not throw a far too heavy burden on the weakest and most unfortunate among us.

"The secret of success in prohibition lies in our capacity to organize other methods of finding joy. The working man needs amusement. It is necessary that it should be provided. It should not be provided in the form of a debasing and habit-forming."

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Congress President, and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of India, have also sent messages to the Premier of Madras congratulating the Government of Madras.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad observes: "I am very pleased to learn that prohibition is being extended also to the areas which have so far remained outside it so that from October 2, 1948, the 79th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, prohibition will have been enforced throughout the Madras Presidency, which becomes 'dry' from that date.

"It is a matter of congratulation that the presidency which took a prominent part in going forward in the direction in 1937 under the guidance of Rajaji, is also the first to complete this programme which was so dear to Mahatma Gandhi."

**SARDAR PATEL'S BEST WISHES**

Sardar Patel in the course of his message says: "I am glad to know that you have been able to go ahead with your prohibition programme. There can be no question of our withdrawing from the policy of prohibition. The only thing is that we are passing through critical times of financial difficulties. If any province can, on its own authority and within its own resources, implement that programme, it is to be congratulated. I send my best wishes for the successful implementations of the programme of prohibition."—U.P.I.

The Madras Government have notified that the Madras Prohibition Act, shall apply to the State of Banganapalle with effect from October 2.

## Prohibition In Rohtak

SIMLA, October 2: Total prohibition was inaugurated in Rohtak District today—Mahatma Gandhi's birthday.

Addressing a prohibition conference organised on the occasion at Rohtak, Mr. Prithvisingh Azad, Minister for Excise and Labour, declared that the East Punjab Government were not following the prohibition policy merely for sentimental reasons but because they were convinced that so long as the evil of drink was not eradicated, 80 per cent. population of this country could not think of their moral, social, political and economic uplift.

Mr. Azad sought the active cooperation of the general public, village "panchayats", co-operative societies and religious institutions.

The prohibition experiment will be extended to other districts gradually. It is estimated that, according to the plan, the whole province will go "dry" in ten years.—A.P.I.

## PLEA TO RENAME NEW DELHI

### Proposal For Parliament

NEW DELHI, October 3: A suggestion that New Delhi should be renamed as "Moti-nagar"—after the late Pandit Motilal Nehru—and the Assembly Hall as "Moti-mandir" is made by Mr. Nandlal, member of the Constituent Assembly, in a resolution to this effect to be moved in the next session of the Dominion Parliament.

Mr. Nandlal says that Delhi is said to have been named after Raja Dalip and his resolution does not interfere with the present name of the old town.

He adds that his proposal relates only to the new town which is generally called New Delhi. The new town has no relation with the history or tradition of the old town.

"The new town, he suggests, "must have a suitable name and it cannot be associated better with any other name than the name of Pandit Motilal Nehru to whose political work India owes her independence".—A.P.I.

The Working Committee of the Travancore State Congress has decided to appoint a sub-committee to go into the question of providing help for political sufferers in the State.

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*PRESENT TO "C. R."*

His Excellency Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, accepting a gift of hand-woven khaddar from a little girl on behalf of refugee women when His Excellency visited the training centre for refugees at Delhi on Thursday.

## INDIA'S FUTURE CONSTITUTION

### C.P. Assembly's View

NAGPUR, October 2: India should be one State with a strong Centre and the various units of the Indian Union should be called "Pardesh" (province) rather than "States". This is one of the principal recommendations made to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian Constituent Assembly by the Committee of the C.P. and Berar Legislative Assembly which, after a three-day sitting in Nagpur, formulated its views on the draft constitution of India.

The Committee composed of the members of the Provincial Legislature met under the chairmanship of Mr. Ghanashyam Singh Gupta, Speaker of the C.P. and Berar Legislative Assembly.

Other recommendations made by this Committee are: (1) that the word used in the Irish constitution namely, "sovereign independent democratic State" should be adopted in place of "sovereign democratic Republic" in the preamble of the draft constitution of India; (2) the appointment of Governors of provinces should be made by the President of the Indian Union; (3) the official language of the Indian Union should be Hindi with devnagri script. English of course can remain the optional language for a limited period; (4) the constitution of free India should be framed in Hindi.—A.P.I.

## POONA BAN ON PROCESSIONS

### Order Extended

The ban on processions in Poona city and cantonment, Kirkee cantonment, Junnar, Baramati, Lonavla, Sirur, Dhond, Indapur and Talegaon has been extended for two months, from October 4, says the Director of Publicity Bombay.

The Ahmedabad ban on the sale of arms has been extended for two months from October 6.

The order on the only arms and ammunitions dealer of Anand requiring him not to sell arms or ammunition, including percussion caps, to individual licence holders, except on production of a special permit from the District Magistrate of Kairna, has been extended for two months, from October 3.

The order prohibiting the people from collecting or assembling in groups or taking out processions or holding meetings within the municipal limits of Dohad and Freelandgang has been extended for two months, from October 4.

The ban on transactions of any sort in knives and other sharp-edged instruments at the following places has been extended for two months, from October 5:

Ghoti town and Railway Station, Igatpuri town and Railway Station, Deolali Camp and Railway Station, Nasik City, Nasik Taluka, Nasik Road and Railway Station area, the village of Deolali, Sinnar town, Dindori town, Niphad town and Railway Station, Pimpalgaon, Baswant town, Vinchur town and Railway Station area, Satana town, Kalwan town, Malegaon city, Yeolu city, Chandoor town, Manmad town, and Railway Station area and Nandgaon and Railway Station area.

## Road Development In Madhya Bharat

### NEED FOR PLAN

From Our Staff Correspondent

GWALIOR, October 3: The condition of roads in Madhya Bharat Union is deplorable and even the Bombay-Agra road, which passes through Madhya Bharat over a wide area, is cut up very badly for long stretches. The roads in the integrating States in the interior are also in a very bad state.

The constant heavy convoy movement during the war led to a deterioration in the condition of the roads. Lack of funds and unavailability of proper facilities have caused a stoppage of all new road building as well as all work on their maintenance and repairs.

The transport problem is also very acute in Madhya Bharat. With the influx of refugees the population has greatly increased and with the formation of the Union movement of people on business and trade has increased. There are stage carriages, both of the public and the nationalised bus service, but the number of buses on the roads is inadequate compared with the valume of traffic both of passengers and goods.

The authorities, declare that owing to the shortage of petrol, it is not possible to operate more vehicles and for the same reason the roads cannot be repaired and maintained." To carry road building material from distant places to the site of the repairs, a much greater number of trucks and petrol is required than that now available from the meagre quota supplied to Madhya Bharat.

The cry for better roads and increased transport facilities is increasing, but the Union Government are looking to the Centre for more petrol.

## STEPS TO COUNTER DOCK CONGESTION

### Shippers' Conference

As the result of a conference held in the offices of the Bombay Port Trust between representatives of shipping companies, Exchange Banks, U. K. Trade Commissioner, and Clearing Agents under the chairmanship of Mr. F. Seymour-Williams, Docks Manager deputed on special duty in connection with the congestion in the docks, special measures had been devised to effectively deal with the present congestion in the docks and to avoid future possible congestion, it was disclosed in Bombay on Friday.

The measures suggested were: Stepping up of imports during the next few months by 25 to 30 per cent., the allocation of extra wagons to assist removal of cargo by rail, and to provide proper stacking facilities to avoid mixture of cargo.

The conference had also requested the Government of India to examine the question of simplifying customs import and import license procedure, to supplement Customs appraising and examining staff, to request all Government departments to arrange for immediate clearance of Government cargo and to provide all facilities for private individuals and firms to erect additional godowns in the city.

At the conference, Mr. Seymour-Williams, it is stated admitted that dock congestion had assumed "very serious proportions in the past few months, and that efforts must be made to put a stop to all shipping delays.

## *CITY NEWS IN BRIEF*

The hope that the consumers co-operative institutions would grow in numbers from day to day, without any distinctions of caste and creed being made in their membership, was expressed by Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, Government of Bombay, in his address to the Nayar Samaj Co-operative Lodge in Bombay on Sunday. Mr. Mehta said that South India led the rest of the country in this movement.

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Presiding over the annual general meeting of the Ratnagiri Education Society in Bombay, the Premier, Mr. B. G. Kher, commended the society on its work and expressed the hope that by its achievements it would be the pride of the District. A resolution mourning the death of Mr. N. R. Gogate, who had donated Rs. 51,000 for founding the R. P. Gogate College at Ratnagiri, was passed. Mahámahopadhyaya P. V. Kane, Vice-Chancellor of Bombay University, was among those present at the meeting.

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Three German technicians arrived in Bombay by a T.-W. A. plane from Geneva on Sunday at the invitation of the Government of India.

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A portrait of Rao Bahadur Dr. R. C. Motwani, retired Principal of the Grant Medical College, Bombay, was unveiled by Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Public Health, Government of Bombay, at the College Library hall, on Sunday.

## Widespread Rain In Malabar

### ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, October 3: The Bay of Bengal depression has crossed the coast and lies this morning over Eastern Pakistan and the adjoining parts of Gangetic West Bengal. It is likely to move in some north-easterly direction.

Widespread and locally heavy rain has occurred in Assam and Gangetic West Bengal. Rainfall has also been widespread in Malabar and local in Chota Nagpur, Bihar, west Central India and the west Central Provinces.

Forecast valid until Monday evening: Rainfall will be widespread in Assam, West Bengal and Malabar and local in Bihar, Chota Nagpur and the south-east United Provinces.

The following is the daily weather chart recorded at 8 a.m. today:

| | Max. | Min. | Past 24 Hrs. | Since Oct. 1 | Dep. from norm. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abu | 79 | 63 | .. | .. | —0.1 |
| Ahmedabad | 92 | 76 | .. | .. | —0.1 |
| Ahmednagar | 84 | 66 | .. | 0.3 | —0.1 |
| Ajmer | 90 | 75 | .. | .. | —0.1 |
| Akola | 91 | 73 | .. | .. | —0.4 |
| Allahabad | 91 | 75 | .. | .. | —0.5 |
| Alleppey | 85 | 75 | 0.9 | 1.4 | .. |
| Ambala | 97 | 72 | .. | .. | —0.1 |
| Amraoti | 90 | 72 | 0.1 | 0.1 | —0.2 |
| Aurangabad | 87 | 67 | 0.2 | 0.2 | .. |
| Bangalore | 84 | 67 | .. | .. | —0.9 |
| Baroda | 93 | 74 | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgaum | 79 | 62 | .. | .. | —0.8 |
| Bellary | 88 | 72 | .. | .. | —0.6 |
| Benares | 89 | 75 | 0.1 | 0.8 | +0.3 |
| Bhopal | 89 | 70 | .. | .. | —0.3 |
| Bhuj | 89 | 76 | .. | .. | .. |
| BOMBAY | 87 | 75 | .. | .. | —0.4 |
| Calcutta | 84 | 77 | 2.5 | 3.3 | +2.6 |
| Calicut | .. | 76 | 0.3 | 0.3 | —0.7 |
| Cawnpore | 92 | 71 | .. | .. | —0.4 |
| Cherrapunji | 65 | 62 | .. | 13.5 | +9.1 |
| Cocanada | 91 | 77 | .. | .. | —0.5 |
| Cochin | 85 | 76 | 0.7 | 0.9 | +0.2 |
| Coimbatore | 86 | 72 | .. | .. | —0.3 |
| Colombo | 87 | 80 | T | .. | —0.8 |
| Cuttack | 89 | 77 | .. | 0.9 | +0.3 |
| Darjeeling | 63 | 53 | 0.5 | 1.5 | +0.7 |
| Dehra Dun | 85 | 63 | .. | .. | —0.4 |
| Delhi | 96 | 73 | T | .. | —0.1 |
| Gulbarga | 87 | 71 | .. | 0.2 | —0.2 |
| Harnai | 85 | 75 | .. | .. | .. |
| Honavar | 87 | 72 | 0.4 | 0.7 | .. |
| Indore | 87 | 69 | T | 0.1 | —0.1 |
| Jaipur | 92 | 68 | .. | .. | —0.1 |
| Jamshedpur | 87 | 76 | 0.4 | 0.6 | .. |
| Jubbulpore | 92 | 70 | 0.2 | 0.2 | —0.2 |
| Khandwa | 91 | 72 | .. | 0.1 | —0.3 |
| Kodaikanal | 66 | 53 | .. | .. | —0.8 |
| Kolhapur | 84 | 64 | .. | .. | .. |
| Lucknow | 91 | 71 | .. | 0.3 | .. |
| Madras | 95 | 78 | .. | 0.9 | +0.1 |
| Madura | 97 | 79 | .. | .. | —0.7 |
| Mahableshwar | 92 | 59 | .. | 0.2 | —1.3 |
| Mercara | 69 | 61 | 0.1 | 0.3 | .. |
| Mussoorie | 65 | 53 | .. | .. | —0.3 |
| Mysore | 87 | 68 | .. | .. | —0.7 |
| Nagpur | 91 | 71 | T | .. | —0.1 |
| Ootacamund | 68 | 53 | .. | .. | —0.7 |
| Pachmarhi | 79 | 66 | .. | .. | —0.6 |
| Poona | 86 | 67 | .. | .. | —0.7 |
| Rajkot | 103 | 72 | .. | .. | —0.1 |
| Sholapur | 90 | 72 | .. | .. | —0.5 |
| Surat | 88 | 75 | .. | .. | —0.3 |
| Trichinopoly | 96 | 79 | .. | .. | —0.7 |
| Trivandrum | 86 | 74 | 0.2 | 0.2 | —0.3 |
| Udaipur | 86 | 68 | .. | .. | —0.1 |
| Vizagapatam | 89 | 79 | .. | .. | —0.4 |

T denotes rainfall from 1 to 4 cents.

## Colaba Observatory

The following is a summary of Meteorological observations during the 24 hours ended 8 a.m. on Sunday:

Barometer corrected to 32 deg. 29.835" or 1010.3 millibars or (—0.1 mbs).

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours—041 inches or 1.3 mbs.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 24 hours —77.3 degrees fahrenheit.

Temperature (wet bulb at 8 a.m. 24 hours 75.5 degrees fahrenheit.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours—86.6 degrees (0.3 below normal.) Minimum temperature during 24 hours 75.1 degrees (0.7 below normal.)

Relative Humidity at 8 a.m. during 24 hours 91 p.c.

At 8-30 a.m. I.S.T. and temperature 81.5 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.05 inches or 1015.3 millibars and a compensated aneroid 29.85 inches or 1010.6 millibars.

For correction of ships' instruments subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" or 0.03 mb for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

## Local Engagements

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### TODAY

Morarji Goculdas Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd: Extraordinary general meeting, Soparibaug Road, Parel, 3 p.m.

Municipal Corporation, 3-40 p.m.

TUESDAY, October 5.

Rotary Club: Dr. M. G. Pradhan on "This Monkey Business," Green's Hotel, 1-45 p.m.

Municipal Corporation: Special meeting, 4-40 p.m.

NOTICE TO JURORS.—Common Jurors' attention is drawn to the Notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

CULTURAL GROUP.—Mr. C. G. Shah on "Crisis of Modern Society," Arya Bhawan, Sandhurst Road, 6-30 p.m. today.

## Today's Broadcasting Programmes

**BBC News Schedule and Metre Bands:** 6-30 a.m.—25 and 31; 8-30—25 and 31; 9-30—10 and 25; 11-30—16; 12-30 p.m.—13; 1-30—13; 4-30—13 and 16; 6-30—13 and 16; 9-30—13 and 16.

**GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE:** 6-45 a.m. Rendezvous Players. 7 Religious Service. 7-30 Generally Speaking. 7-45 English Magazine. 8-15 Two Guitars and a Piano. 8-45 Melody Time. 10 Gilbert and Sullivan. 11 Oscar Rabin and his Band. 11-45 Listeners' Choice. 12-45 p.m. Grand Hotel. 1-15 Mainly for Women. 1-45 "The Flame of Life". 2-15 Bands within Bands. 2-30 Celebrity Recital. 3 Welsh Magazine. 3-30 The New Social Service Acts. 3-45 Orchestras of the World. 4-45 Frederick Riddle. 5 Sporting Record. 5-45 Let's Make Music. 8-45 Music of the Regiments. 7-15 British Industry. 7-45 "The Waterlogged Spa". 8-15 Jack White and his Band. 9 Welsh Magazine. 9-45 Science Review. 10 Radio Revels.

**EASTERN SERVICE:** 8 p.m. From the Third Programme. 8-45 The Storyteller.

**EASTERN SERVICE (Hindustani):** 7 p.m. Aj Ka Khail: "Marhoom Dada Jan".

**BOMBAY, 244 m.**—7-30 a.m.* Mirabai Bhajan. 8-30 Table Par Gat Toda. 8-45 Pramila Vaidya. 9 Khayal Vilambit Aur Drut: Ramkali. 9-30* Close down. 12* Bahnon Ke Liye. 12-55 p.m. Suno Suno† 1-40 No Highbrows, Please !!† 2-30* Close down. 4-20 G. R. Nimbargi. 4-45 Table Par Gat Toda. 5 Pramila Vaidya. 5-15 G. R. Nimbargi. 6-15 K. M. Parulkar. 6-30 G. G. Khardkar. 7 Topic of the day. 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report. 7-15 Amritlal Bhatt. 7-30 Talk. 7-45 Gujarati Garbi Geeto† 8-30 Musical Round-up. 9-30 BBC News Relay. -40 Anything Goes. 9-45 Talk. 10 10 Manik Varma. 11* Close down.

**Variations**

41.44 m.—7-40 a.m. Bhavgeeten† 5-45 p.m. Table Par Gat Toda. 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners. 61.48 m.—7-45 Commercial News. 8 K. M. Parulkar. 8-15 Amritlal Bhatt. 9* Manik Varma. 10 Cesar Coelho: Tenor. 10-15 Holberg Suite† 10-30 Goody Seerval and his Orchestra.

**SARDAR PATEL'S SPEECH**

All India Radio, Bombay, will broadcast today (Monday) at 8-30 a.m. on 244 metres recording of the speech delivered in Delhi on Sunday evening by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on the occasion of the civic address presented to him by the citizens of Delhi.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, POONA**

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Poona-5.
28th September, 1948.

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Dated 29th September, 1948.

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Attorneys for Mrs. Aimai Hiraji Zaveri.

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APPLICATIONS are invited for the posts of qualified Nurses for a Mobile Hospital Unit, C. R. D. on pay Rs. 150|- p. m. compensatory allowance Rs. 30|- p. m. and dearness allowance and house rent admissible under the existing rules.

Applications stating age, community, province of domicile, qualifications, experience and enclosing copies of certificates and testimonials should be sent to the Assistant Director of Public Health, C. R. D. Poona, not later than 15th October, 1948.

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**WANTED**

APPLICATIONS are invited from Civil Engineering Graduates for the post of an Assistant Engineer for R. H. E. Works, Radhanagari, in the scale of 150-10-250 with free quarters and other permissible allowances. The appointment will be for a period of 3 years and the selected candidate will be on probation for first six months.

In case of deserving candidates a higher initial salary in the grade will be given depending on his qualifications and experience. The services will be terminable with one months notice on either side.

The last date of receiving applications will be the 12th October, 1948. The selected candidates should present themselves for an interview if called for at their own expence. They should report for duty within 15 days from the date of order.

R. V. KARVE,
Superintendent,
R. H. E. Works,
Radhanagari.

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APPLICATIONS are invited for the following posts:—Lecturers in (1) Physics, (2) Mathematics, (3) Chemistry, (4) Economics, (5) English and for a duly qualified Physical Training Instructor. The grade of the lecturer's post is Rs. 150-15|2-195 E.B.: 15|2-240 and that of the P. T. Instructor Rs. 100-10-200 with a D.A. of Rs. 30'- p.m., but higher salary may be offered to candidates with good experience. Minimum qualifications for lecturers post is a first class in B.A. or B.Sc. or 2nd Class in M.A. or M.Sc. in the relevant subjects.

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P. J. PATEL,
Agricultural Engineer to Govt.,
B. P., Poona,

Poona, 5.

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## REVISED RATION QUANTUM

**Foodgrains ration quantum for the week commencing from Sunday, October 3, 1948 to October 9, 1948, has been fixed as follows:—**

| Total Cereal Ration Per Week. | Per Adult (1 foodgrains units.) | Per Child (1 foodgrains unit.) | Per Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cereal Ration per week .. .. | 3½ seers | 1.9|16 seers | 1 seer |
| Maximum available in Rice .. .. | 1 seer | ½ seer | ¼ seer |
| Of which— Maximum available in Rice Sort I .. | 1 seer | ½ seer | ¼ seer |
| Maximum available in Rice Sort II ... | ½ seer | ¼ seer | |
| Maximum available in wheat * | 2 seers | 1 seer | ¼ seer (in wheat flour only) |
| Of which— (a) Maximum available in wheat-grain ... | 1 seer | ½ seer | Nil |
| (b) Maximum available in Wheat Flour... | 2 seers | 1 seer | ¼ seer |
| Maximum available in Barley -- ... | 3½ seers | 1.9|16 seers | 1 seer |

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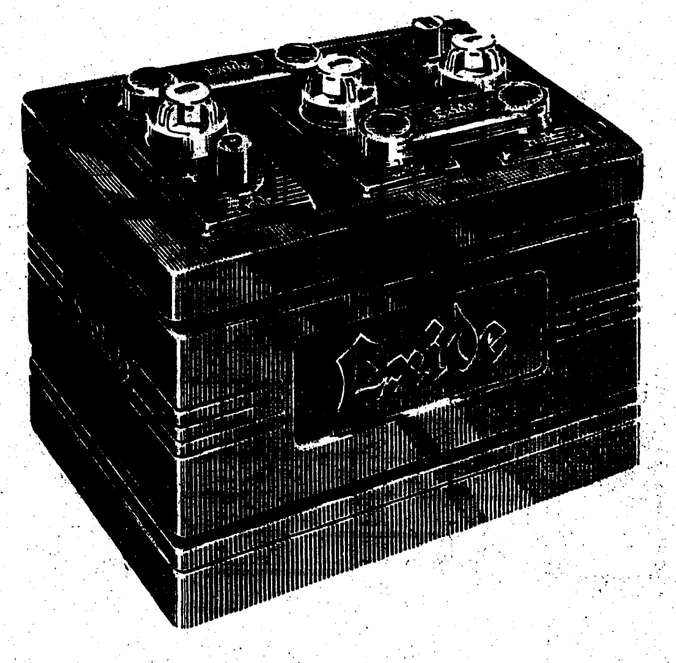

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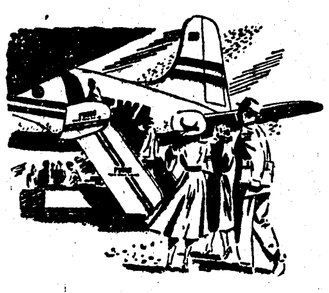

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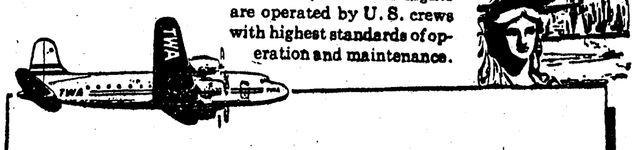

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## CROP FAILURE IN AHMEDABAD TALUKAS

### Steps To Relieve Distress

From Our Staff Correspondent

AHMEDABAD, October 1: As may be expected with the poor rainfall received so far, there is an almost complete failure of crops in large areas of Viramgam, Ranpur and Dhandhuka Talukas, says Mr. P. N. Damry, the Collector of Ahmedabad, giving his impressions of his recent visit to the scarcity areas, today.

He adds that the area worst affected in Viramgam Taluka is the locality to the north and east of Viramgam Town and particularly the Nalkantha area right up to the borders of the Dholka and Sanand Talukas.

The Local Board has undertaken a large number of tank digging works which will provide labour to needy agriculturists for at least a month. Instructions have been given for the work to be started at various places.

The District Local Board has, in all, a programme of 28 tank works in Viramgam Taluka which will provide adequate relief as a short-term measure. For long-term works besides the Mandal drain work, it is proposed to take up road work in the taluka through the P.W.D.

Arrangements have also been made for the local distribution of fodder and a large amount of *tagai* loans are being given to agriculturists both for the improvement and construction of wells and for the purchase of fodder.

**WATER SCARCITY**

As regards Dhandhuka Taluka, the Collector says that the area worst affected is the Bhal, normally a rich wheat producing tract. Here the greatest difficulty is in respect of drinking water. Small pits are being dug in the beds of tanks from which sparse supplies of drinking water are obtained with great difficulty. Unfortunately this is not an area where any sort of well can be sunk with success.

The important town of Dholera is particularly hard hit in respect of drinking water but fortunately, supplies have been kept in a tank bed about a mile from the town and arrangements are being made to supply water from this source. Here also the Local Board has already embarked upon both short and long-term relief works.

In addition, the P.W.D. will very shortly be taking up earth works on the Dhandhuka-Ahmedabad road which runs through the Bhal tract. Special attention has been paid to the provision of fodder to this area, besides distribution of *tagai*.

As for Ranpur, arrangements are under way for the undertaking of a big road work which will supply labour for the affected areas.

With regard to Sanand and Dholka Talukas, it is proposed to take up two very important roads.

In Ghokhomahal so far Rs. 1,62,650 have been distributed by way of *tagai* for wells and fodder.

In addition Government have been moved to procure large quantities of grass for this district. It will be seen, therefore, that all possible steps have been taken to give as much relief as possible to the afflicted villagers.

**CONGRESS COMMITTEE MEETS**

The Gujerat Congress Committee views with great concern the famine conditions in several parts of Gujerat particularly in Ahmedabad, Broach and part of Surat District where prompt relief measures are considered absolutely essential.

I understand that the working committee of the G.P.C.C. discussed, "inter alia", this important matter today and the President of the committee, Mr. Kaniayalal Desai, as the result of the discussion is shortly proceeding to Poona to contact the Bombay Government. "It is a huge problem and we shall have to tackle it very carefully," said Mr. Desai. "Since Government is our own, naturally people expect much from it, but at any rate we shall do everything in our power in consultation with the Government," added Mr. Desai.

The President believed that by the time the general body of the G.P.C.C. met in the fourth week of this month the whole position would crystallise.

## NO RAID ON OFFICE OF INDIAN ENVOY

### Lahore Incident Explained

KARACHI, October 3: Press reports that Pakistan Police raided the offices of the Deputy High Commissioner for India and Indian liaison agency at Lahore on September 21 and detained the Hindu and Sikh staff for 48 hours "is not only a gross exaggeration but a total distortion of truth" states a "communique" issued by the Government of Pakistan.

The facts are that, in consequence of local feeling running high on the Military occupation of Hyderabad by India, it was considered essential by the West Punjab Government to require certain East Punjab elements in Lahore to take out a movement permit while going out in motor cars. The measure was adopted purely as a measure of security designed to protect the Indian Nationals in Lahore".—A.P.I.