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VICEROY & LEADERS HELD UP IN MALTA

Arrival In London Early This Morning

NO CHANGE PLANNED IN TALKS ON INDIA

LONDON, December 2. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and the Secretary of State for India, Lord Pethick-Lawrence, tonight decided that the arrangements announced for the visit of the Indian political leaders and Lord Wavell to London could largely stand, despite the delay at Malta of the aircraft in which the party is travelling.

According to official quarters, the aeroplane will now leave Malta at midnight and it is expected to arrive at the London airport at 7-30 a.m. (G.M.T.), tomorrow (1 p.m. I.S.T.).

Some slight modification in the programme may prove necessary if the members of the party are badly fatigued on their arrival. It is pointed out, however, that the only arrangement cancelled because of the hold-up at Malta is the dinner which the Prime Minister and the Cabinet Mission were to give tonight to the Viceroy.

No programme was arranged for tonight for the Indian leaders, who were expected to spend the evening quietly at their respective hotels.

"While in Valet", the Indian leaders—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President of the Interim Government, Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Finance Minister—called on the Governor, Mr. F. C. R. Douglas, and later shopped in Valet's Kingsway.

A crowd of 200 Indians waited in vain at the London airport today for the arrival of Lord Wavell and the Indian leaders. They were representatives of the Muslim League and they carried League flags. Many of them had travelled specially from Birmingham.

The programme for the talks on India, as originally drawn up, is as follows:

TALKS WITH PREMIER
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will see the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, alone at Number 10, Downing Street, tomorrow at 10 a.m. At the same time, Mr. M. A. Jinnah and his colleague, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, will meet the Secretary of State for India, Lord Pethick-Lawrence, at the India Office.

These two are the first of six individual meetings which are to form the opening stage of the vital constitutional talks between Lord Wavell and the Congress, Muslim League and Sikh leaders, on the one hand, and the British Cabinet Mission and Government, on the other. In the course of tomorrow, the Prime Minister will see the leaders of the three groups separately. His talk with Pandit Nehru will be followed by another with Mr. M. A. Jinnah and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, and later he will receive Sardar Baldev Singh, the Sikh leader. Lord Pethick-Lawrence will also receive the three party leaders separately.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME
Tomorrow, Mr. A. V. Alexander will entertain Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan at Lancaster House—headquarters of the British Government Hospitality Fund. A similar commitment will be paid to Pandit Nehru and Sardar Baldev Singh tomorrow night by the members of Parliament who formed the Parliamentary Delegation to India about a year ago. The dinner will be at the House of Commons.

On Wednesday evening, the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, will entertain the Viceroy, Lord Wavell, Pandit Nehru and Sardar Baldev Singh to a dinner and the Parliamentary Delegation will give a dinner to Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan at Lancaster House.

The main talks are expected to be launched on Wednesday morning and their scope will be determined by the individual discussions tomorrow between the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State, on the one hand, and the Indian leaders on the other.

The official programme exists in a tentative form only up to Thursday.

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New South Polar Expedition

ABOUT 4,000 MEN TO LIVE IN ANTARCTIC

"Daily Telegraph" and "Times of India" Correspondent.

NORFOLK (Virginia), Dec. 1. Final preparations were being made here today for the departure tomorrow morning of eight ships forming part of Rear-Admiral Byrd's expedition to the South Pole.

Three other vessels will sail from California, and about January the first aircraft carrier the PHILIPPINE SEA will follow with a number of twin-engine transport planes which are to be used in mapping some 6,000,000 square miles of the Antarctic.

The expedition, which is the greatest in the history of South Polar exploration, has been named Task Force High Jump. It involves transporting and maintaining on the Southern Continent for five months about 4,000 men, including 300 civilians, whose activities will be of a purely scientific nature. Great quantities of food and transport array of apparatus have had to be provided. In addition to investigating the natural features of the area, Task Force will test naval and flying equipment.

INDIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS

Move Welcomed

PARIS, December 2. Official French quarters today said they were "glad to hear" that the Government of India were reported to be considering the establishment of an embassy in Paris.

No definite information is available here as to the Indian Government's future course of action in this matter. However, a well-informed Indian source said that he expected that Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, Secretary of the Indian League in London, might come to Paris to examine the situation after the conclusion of the visit of the Indian political leaders to London.

A French Communist party official said that the party would be happy to see a representative of the Indian people.

Mr. Krishna Menon said in London today: "I have not heard anything definite about this."—Reuter.

THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

Tentative Programme

NEW DELHI, December 2.

Congress members are gradually taking up their residence in Delhi. Most of them have come after attending the annual Congress session at Meerut, where they defined and adopted the outline of the mandate governing their work in the constitution-making body.

Their arrival at the capital has stimulated an informal exchange of views on procedure preliminary to the inaugural session on December 9, with Dr. Sachidananda Sinha as the temporary Chairman. It is expected that a full meeting of the Congress members will be held on December 7 to settle a number of points of importance to the party.

According to a tentative programme for the Constituent Assembly, the first day will be occupied mainly by the signing in of members. There will be no oath-taking, but each member will first present his or her credentials in the form of a written authority from the Speaker of the provincial Assembly concerned certifying that he or she has been duly elected to the Constituent Assembly. Then the member will sign a special register prepared for the purpose for each province, bearing the provincial coat of arms.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The temporary Chairman will thereafter make a brief address of welcome to members. The next step will be to adopt a set of rules for the election of the permanent President. The rules will probably be on the lines followed in the Central Assembly. A name generally mentioned in connection with this high office is that of Sir Gopalaswami Ayyangar.

Other matters of procedure will be taken up after the election of the President. Several committees will be set up such as a steering committee, a finance committee, a house committee and so on.

The first phase of the Assembly's work is expected to last till the third week of January, with a brief interval during Christmas. It will thereafter be interrupted by the budget session of the Central Legislature, but the work of the committees will probably be continued.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A press communique says: "Invitations for the preliminary meeting of the Constituent Assembly, to be held on December 9, were posted to all members on November 20, 1946. In case, due to changes in the address or for other reasons, an invitation has not reached any member, he is requested to take cognisance of this press communique and to attend the meeting. Members are requested to bring with them their credentials, signed by the speakers of the Assemblies which elected them, as well as the cards sent to them.

"Applications for press and visitors' passes should be sent to the Secretary, Constituent Assembly, Council House, New Delhi. Accommodation for visitors being very limited, applications received late or other than through members have no chance of being accepted."—A.P.I.

Mr. F. Anthony Returns

KARACHI, December 2. Mr. Frank Anthony, a member of the Indian delegation to the U.N.O. General Assembly, arrived from New York in Karachi today and is living for New Delhi tomorrow. In an interview, he said that the Indian delegation had fully acquitted themselves of their duties and truly represented their national views on vital matters. He had to return early so as to be in time for the meeting of the Constituent Assembly. —A.P.I.

BOMB OUTRAGE IN JERUSALEM



Jewish terrorist outrages continue to be reported from Jerusalem. On November 20 the Income-tax building was blown up, causing injuries to four passers-by. The picture above was taken a few minutes after the explosion.

Another Record Set Up In Brisbane Test

McCOOL MISSES CENTURY: DEADLY BOWLING BY WRIGHT

AUSTRALIA (1st Innings) 645
ENGLAND (1st Innings) for 1 wkt. ... 21
By A. E. R. GILLIGAN

BRISBANE, December 2.

THOUGH England's 903 for seven wickets at the Oval in 1938 is the highest total in the Test series against Australia, today's first-innings score of 645 by Australia is a record for the Tests between the two countries in Australia.

Saturday's closing score of 595 for five wickets gave promise of a much bigger total than 645 by Australia, and it certainly must have come as a surprise to the good-sized crowd today to see the last five wickets fall for the addition of only 50 runs.

The Kent spin bowler, Douglas Wright, did the bulk of the damage. In his opening over he sent back Johnson, and almost immediately after deprived McCool of the dis-advantage of joining the first-innings band of seven men who have recorded centuries at their first appearance in a Test for Australia. Wright's figures at this stage were 1.3 overs, 1 run, 2 wickets. All the England bowlers, in fact, were more hostile this morning than during the previous two days, and fully merited their success.

England lost Hutton with only ten runs on the board. This was a sad blow, particularly when a good start was essential. And then, after Washbrook and Edrich had raised the score to 21, rain prevented further play for the day.

The match is now in a most interesting position. Unless very heavy rain falls, the wicket should roll out perfectly tomorrow, binding the worn patches. All the same, England's task will be extremely heavy, but provided her batsmen produce their proper form the task ahead can be tackled.

WICKET REMAINS GOOD
Despite heavy thundershowers in many parts of Brisbane on Sunday afternoon, the cricket ground escaped with a mere sprinkling. Consequently the wicket remained good, while the weather, though overcast, was fine.

Besler spent the whole of Sunday in bed, but fully recovered. Otherwise all appeared fit.

Wright opened the bowling for England from the North end this morning. After McCool had got a single past third man, Wright nearly bowled Johnson. A fine delivery in the same over—the first today—had Johnson plumb leg-before-wicket. The total was now 598 for six wickets.

Besler, operating from the South end, twice got McCool, the ball going through to Gibb. Then Wright, in his second over, dismissed McCool, plumb leg-before-wicket, for 95. The ball kept low. This came as a great surprise; yet it was a distinct encouragement for England.

Lindwall caused the 600 of the innings to appear with a mid-wicket boundary off Wright's bowling, which continued to be of a splendid length. Then Lindwall was completely beaten but the ball missed the stumps. He sent the next delivery high over the square-leg boundary for the second six of the match.

Tallon, showing good form, square-cut Besler beautifully to the boundary, though Besler later twice got past his defence. Tallon appeared lucky not to give catches near the wicket.

Lindwall showed every disposition to hit out, driving well, but smart feeling by Washbrook and Compton, particularly, neutralised scoring strokes.

COMMENDABLE WAY

I consider the way England have stuck to their task while facing a marathon score highly commendable. Edrich relieved Besler at 621. With this move Hammond again showed wide captaincy by giving Besler short spells. Lindwall made a dangerous boundary stroke between Hammond, at first slip, and gully. This prompted the English skipper to place four slips—himself, Voce, Yardley and Ikin. Lindwall took a single to mid-on, and then Tallon was adjudged leg-before-wicket to Edrich, with the score at 629.

Lindwall greeted his new partner, Tribe, with a tremendous six to mid-wicket, and then, with a powerful on-driven single, equalled the previous highest Test aggregate—636 made by England, at Sydney, in 1928. Tribe, with an easy single to mid-on, gave Australia the highest score ever compiled by Australia in the Test series. Lindwall continued to hit out with

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Persian Premier Warns Zenjan

LEAFLETS DROPPED BY PLANES

LONDON, December 2.

Persian Government planes today dropped leaflets on the town of Zenjan, in Khamseh province, near the border of the "home-rule" province of Azerbaijan, appealing to the population to co-operate with the Government forces who had been refused entry to the town, reports the Teheran radio.

The appeal, signed by the Persian Premier, Ghassem-Saltanah, said: "Now that the armed forces of the Government have entered Zenjan, you must consider them as friends coming to restore law and order in your province. The duty of the population is to co-operate with the troops. Those who oppose them will be severely punished."

The movement of troops conforms with the Persian Government's decision to send troops throughout the country to ensure free elections when the country goes to the polls on December 6.

The Premier, has also sent a further telegram to the Governor of Azerbaijan warning him of the consequences of refusing entry to Government forces. A similar telegram, sent yesterday, received the reply that the despatch of troops would be considered a "declaration of war on our democratic movement."

FLOODS RUIN FARMS IN ALBANIA

Famine Threat In Winter

BEUGRADE, December 2. Reports from Tirana, the capital of Albania, today said that Albania will be threatened with a famine this winter owing to heavy floods, which have destroyed more than 60 per cent. of all farmland and caused more than £1,000,000 damage.

The reports added that flooding had interfered with all autumn sowing and ruined large stocks of wheat. The land is so thoroughly inundated that there will be no sowing till the next spring.

The situation is regarded as particularly serious as this year's harvest has been far below the normal.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TREATY TALKS

Hitch Report Denied

LONDON, December 2. Press reports of a hitch in the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations were today authoritatively denied. It was said that the Egyptian Government that the negotiations should be resumed in the near future.—Reuter. (See page 7).

SHIP COLLIDES WITH LIGHTHOUSE

Accident Off Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN, December 2. The 7,607-ton American steamer, BLUE ISLAND VICTORY, rammed the Drogden Lighthouse off Copenhagen this morning, tearing a 13-foot hole in her hull. The lighthouse was severely damaged and put out of action. The vessel, which was returning from Gdynia, Poland, where she had taken a cargo of horses from the United States, put in at Copenhagen for repairs.—A.P.A.

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