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"C. R.'S" CALL TO PEOPLE

NEW DELHI, January 26.
"On the eve of my laying down office, with the inauguration of the Republic tomorrow, I should like to tender my greetings and best wishes to the men and women of India who will henceforth be citizens of a republic," said His Excellency the Governor-General in a broadcast talk from the Delhi Station of All-India Radio on Wednesday night.
"I feel deeply thankful for the affection showered on me by all sections of the people, which alone enabled me to bear the burden of an office to the duties and conventions of which I had been an utter stranger."
"I am confident our Government will overcome all difficulties and that we shall march steadily forward. There are some people who have no ear for the voice of hope and who have acquired a taste for evil omens. May that melancholy tribe grow less. I speak now to those cheerful men and women who hope rather than despair—and God bless them—who will work each in his or her allotted task believing that things are bound to come right if we carry on honestly."

NECESSARY CHARGES

"I do not believe that India has suddenly got economically poorer. Relative values have changed. Distribution has been modified. These are necessary changes and should not be deplored, although they may be disturbing for the time being. As long as we continue to work, I assure you, no economic disaster can come down upon us. We should not give way to depression. The fundamental basis of national wealth is industriousness and as long as we preserve that from deterioration, we cannot be worse off than we were before and it lies with us to improve our condition by greater effort. We should not confuse individual up and down with the country's prosperity as a whole."
"We have capable and, what is even more important, good men to guide the country. Let us give our utmost loyalty and co-operation to them. Let us not be fortune-hunters but devoted citizens of a great republic in which everyone must do his allotted task with zeal and integrity so that we may fulfil the hopes which the civilized nations of the world have entertained about us."

Services Rendered By "C. R." To The Nation

CABINET RECORDS GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

NEW DELHI, January 25.
THE Cabinet, at its meeting yesterday, adopted a resolution placing on record the services rendered by Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, the Governor-General, and expressing the hope that the country would benefit by his wisdom and experience for many years to come.
The following messages have been exchanged between the Governor-General and the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru.
From the Prime Minister:
"My Dear Governor-General, The Cabinet, at a meeting held this morning, passed the following resolution which they have requested me to convey to you:
"On the relinquishment of the high office of the Governor-General of India by Mr. Rajagopalachari, the Cabinet desire to record their deep and grateful appreciation of his services and his service to the country. His mature wisdom and simple dignity, during a difficult period of India's history, have been of inestimable help to the members of the Cabinet and to the country. He has not only enhanced the prestige of India but has further endeared himself to his own people. In conveying their affection and good wishes to him, the Cabinet hope and trust that the country will benefit by his wisdom and experience for many years to come."
"May I say that this resolution is not merely a formal record of the Cabinet's high appreciation, but is an expression, in rather feeble words, of their affection and gratitude to you."
From the Governor-General:
"My Dear Prime Minister, I am deeply grateful to the Cabinet for the touching manner in which they have expressed their appreciation

FULFIL BAPU'S DREAM

Dr. Prasad's Plea To Countrymen

NEW DELHI, January 25.
"We must re-dedicate ourselves on this day to the peaceful but sure realisation of the dream that had inspired the Father of our Nation and the other captains and soldiers of our freedom struggle, the dream of establishing a classless, co-operative, free and happy society in 'this country,'" says Dr. Rajendra Prasad in his special message to his countrymen, on the birth of the Indian Republic.
"We must remember that this is more a day of dedication than of rejoicing—dedication to the glorious task of making the peasants and workers, the toilers and the thinkers fully free, happy and cultured," he added.

REPUBLIC DAY SUPPLEMENT

A special supplement, divided into three sections, including one in full colour gravure, to commemorate the inauguration of the Indian Republic, is being issued free with this copy of "The Times of India". Make sure that you get all the sections.

As the office of Messrs. Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd. will remain closed today in observance of Republic Day, there will be no issue of the paper dated Friday, 27th January.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed

KARACHI, January 25: Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, Pakistan's Finance Minister, will fly to New Delhi tomorrow morning. His visit is stated to be private.—U.P.I.

BIRTH OF INDIAN REPUBLIC TO BE PROCLAIMED TODAY

Impressive Ceremony To Be Held In New Delhi

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, January 25.

A SALUTE of 31 guns and the unfurling of the Presidential flag over Government House will herald the historic birth of the Indian Republic, 894 days after this country became a Dominion by withdrawal of British Power.

All Delhi is agog today, giving finishing touches to the arrangements connected with the celebrations of the Republic Day, the highlights of which are the swearing-in ceremony at the Durbar Hall in Government House of Dr. Rajendra Prasad as the first President of the Republic, and the Presidential drive along a five-mile route to the Irwin Stadium, where the new head of the State will unfurl the National Flag.

Peasants, politicians, Princes and diplomats from far and wide are already pouring into the city to witness this epoch-making event, and the whole city wears a festive air with arches and bunting, flowers and flags, while, at night, it will be transformed into a fairland by bushes and trees floodlit by multi-coloured electric bulbs.

The day will dawn with "prabhat pheries" going round different localities, while the President-elect himself will begin his day with prayers and a visit to Rajghat to pay homage to the Father of the Nation.

Soon after he returns from Rajghat, a car with the Governor-General's Military Secretary, will take the President-elect to Government House. Alighting at North Court, Dr. Rajendra Prasad will be led to His Excellency's study, from where both will go to the Durbar Hall to be received by the Prime Minister for the main function.

With a velvet background in green and scarlet red, and with a stone Statue of Buddha behind, the Governor-General and the President-elect will occupy the golden chairs crowned with the Asoka capital, as 700 distinguished guests, including Cabinet Ministers, diplomats and officials of Government and legislators face them. At 10-15 a.m. the Governor-General will read the proclamation announcing the birth of the sovereign democratic Republic of India, and thereafter invite the President-elect to take his seat.

In the presence of the Chief Justice of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad will take the oath of his new office which will be marked by the boom-

Bombay Programme

The following is the Bombay Government's programme of celebrations on Republic Day and on January 27:

10-15 a.m.—Swearing-in-Ceremony at the Town Hall.

4-30 to 5-30 p.m.—The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh will drive in State, accompanied by the Premier and Ministers, to the Cricket Club of India, where the National Flag will be hoisted. The Governor will inspect a ceremonial parade.

6-30 p.m.—Public illuminations.

8-15 p.m.—Governor's banquet.

On January 27 the Governor will be "at home" at Government House at 5-45 p.m.

ing of guns and by the hoisting of the Presidential flag over Government House. This will be followed by a short address by the President, before he goes to an anteroom, where the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, the Chief Justice and the Speaker of Parliament will be sworn-in. Guests assembled will, later, be presented to the President.

5-MILE PROCESSION

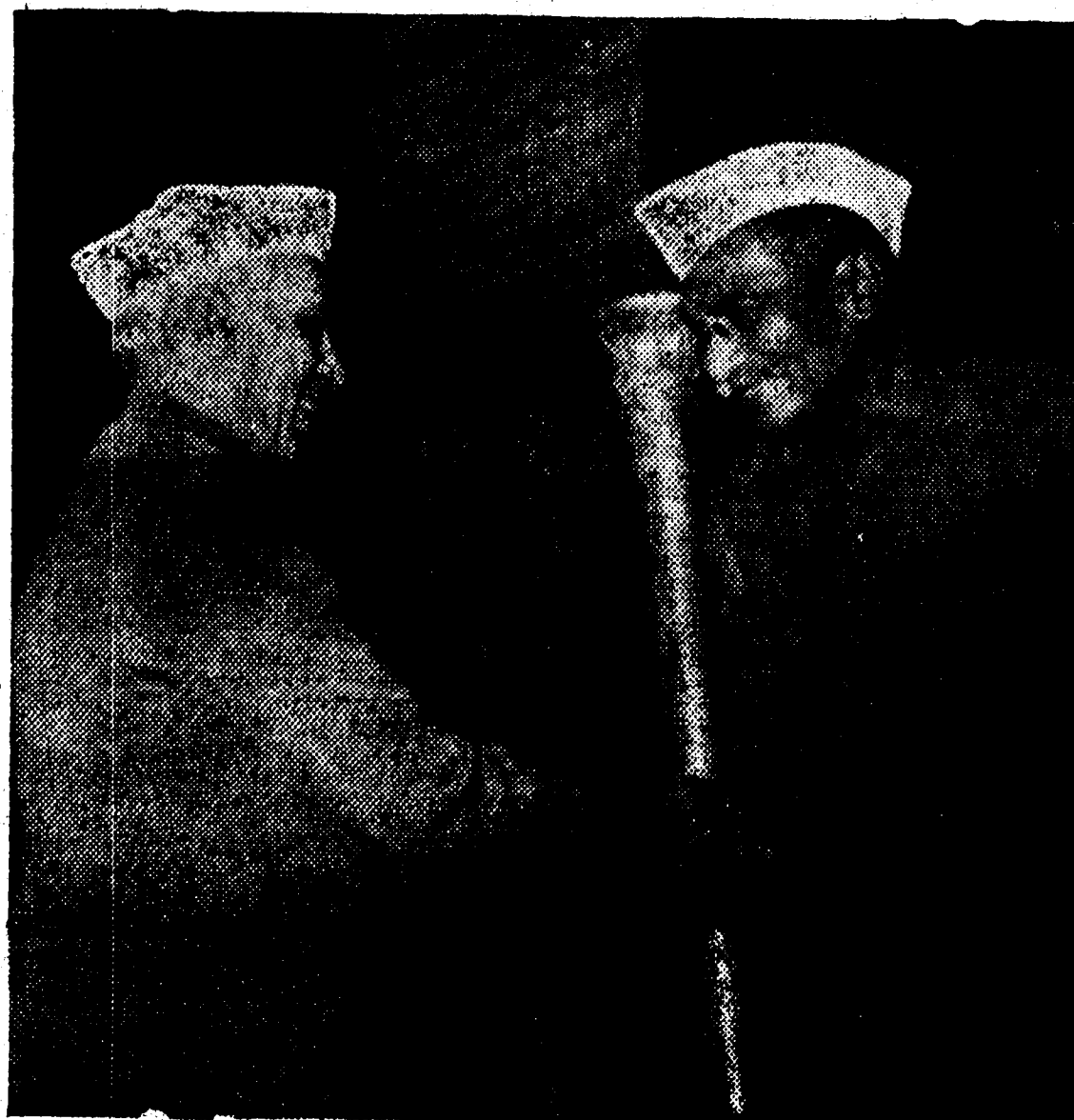
The Presidential procession starts from Government House at 2-30 p.m. for the flag-hoisting ceremony at the Irwin Stadium. The President will be seated in an open coach and six, so that the crowds along the five-mile route may have a clear glimpse. The procession will be led by the band of the Gwalior Lancers on horse-back.

Leaving Government House, the procession will pass by Parliament House to Parliament Street and (Continued on page 9)

Pension For 'C.R.' Likely

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25.
The retiring Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, may be given a pension, if a proposal which is understood to be under consideration of the Cabinet, is accepted, well-informed sources stated here today.

FIRST PRESIDENT



Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru congratulates Dr. Rajendra Prasad on his election as the first President of the Republic of India immediately after the decision of the Constituent Assembly. (Other pictures on page 7)

DUTCH DENY COMPLICITY IN BANDOENG AFFAIR

No Aid To Forces Of Rebel Commando Officer

DJAKARTA, January 25.
ANY impression that a great number of Dutch nationals had deserted to the forces of Capt. "Turce" Westerling at Bandoeng was described as "completely false" by the Dutch authorities today.

President's Secretary

NEW DELHI, January 25: Mr. Shavax A. Lal, at present Secretary to the Governor-General, will continue to be the Secretary to the President. Similarly, the present Military Secretary Col. B. Chatterjee, will remain as the Military Secretary to the President.

Besides being the Military Secretary, Col. Chatterjee will also continue to be the Director-General of the Government Hospitality Organisation which is attached to the Prime Minister's Secretariat.—P.T.I.

A statement issued by the Netherlands High Commissioner, Dr. H. M. Hirschfeld, and the Commander-in-Chief, Dutch forces in Indonesia, Burman van Vreeeden, said that with very few exceptions the deserters were of Indonesian nationality.

It regretted that despite measures taken, these 300 soldiers under Dutch command had deserted and taken part in the "Bandoeng affair."

The statement added: "The illegal forces which penetrated Bandoeng had no support whatever from the forces under Dutch command. This is one of the reasons why the action came to an end. The illegal forces realised their impossible position and withdrew from Bandoeng as the result of co-ordinated action taken by the Dutch and Indonesian army commanders."

Most of the deserters had surrendered with their arms and had been removed from Bandoeng, it was stated.

The Dutch statement added: "In judging the affair, it should be borne in mind that troops of the Royal Netherlands Indonesian Army—predominantly Indonesian—have still no knowledge of the conditions on which they can be admitted into the army of the United States of Indonesia."

"Because of this, some groups have become susceptible to the agitation of irresponsible individuals whose attitude the Netherlands Government condemn."

"The Netherlands Government, however, bear no responsibility for the action of these individuals. It is for the United States of Indonesia to deal with these people."—P.T.I.

ARSENAL FOUND IN DJAKARTA

Security Steps Tightened
DJAKARTA, January 25: The Indonesian Military Governor of Djakarta announced today that "an arsenal" had been discovered in Djakarta.

He said that dozens of machine-guns, rifles and hundreds of rounds of ammunition had been captured after a skirmish with the occupants of a building. Security measures were being tightened.

INDONESIA'S DEMAND FOR MERGER OF NEW GUINEA

Dr. Soekarno Wants India's Support

NEW DELHI, January 25.
The bonds that unite India and Indonesia were referred to by Dr. Soekarno and Pandit Nehru, addressing a meeting of members of the Indian Parliament, today.

Dr. Soekarno, added: "India and Indonesia now stand side by side as two independent nations, but for Indonesia the struggle for independence is not yet over. There is still one area of our country—New Guinea—which is not yet incorporated in the territory of the United States of Indonesia, but it is hoped that our negotiations with the Dutch Government on this issue, will be successful in the course of 1950. New Guinea is also part of Indonesia and it is my ardent hope that the people of India will give every moral support to the Indonesians in their negotiations to include New Guinea in the territory of Indonesia."

The meeting was held in the Council of State chamber under the chairmanship of Mr. G. V. Mavlankar. Speaker of the Indian Parliament. Dressed in Indonesian Army uniform and speaking forcefully in Indonesian, Dr. Soekarno, rising amidst loud cheers, said that it had long been his intention to visit India and give evidence of the friendship between the two countries.

Dr. Soekarno wished to express "not only the great friendship that exists between Indonesia and India, but the deep sense of gratitude that we feel towards the people of India for the great and most valuable help that India has given to Indonesia, during her struggle for independence. Like the great people of India, the people of Indonesia, too, love freedom and have fought for it for decades."

As regards the incorporation of New Guinea, "without which Indonesian freedom would not be complete," Dr. Soekarno said that the Indonesians and the Dutch had agreed that this question would be solved through negotiations.

INDONESIAN GREETINGS

Conveying Indonesia's greetings to the Indian Republic which will be born tomorrow, Dr. Soekarno said: "The whole world realises the deep significance of the independence of India, but I think that there is no country which realises its significance more than Indonesia does. The spiritual ties that bind Indonesia and India date back to hundreds of thousands of years. I pray that free and independent India will achieve peace and prosperity and become one of the greatest nations in the world and that India and Indonesia will march together in close co-operation." (loud cheers).

Pandit Nehru welcoming Dr. Soekarno, recalled the ancient ties between India and Indonesia. He said: "Indeed, the very names somehow denote a nearness of relationship. But apart from that, there is much in common between India and Indonesia that it is difficult to regard ourselves as strangers. We feel like comrades and brothers."

"I cannot for a moment think of any other country with which our sense of kinship is greater than it is between India and Indonesia," he added.

After the address Pandit Nehru gave an "at home" in honour of Dr. and Madame Soekarno.—P.T.I.

GREETINGS TO REPUBLIC

"Foundations Well Laid"

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25.

"On the occasion of the inauguration of the Indian Republic I send you my warmest good wishes. May you and the people of India enjoy the full blessings of peace and prosperity in the years to come," says His Majesty the King in his message to the President of the Indian Republic.

His Majesty adds:—"The foundations of the Indian Republic within the Commonwealth have been well laid. I am confident that the strong ties of friendship which link our peoples will be maintained and consolidated and that they will continue to work together steadfastly for the common good. George, R."

The President, in his reply said: "On behalf of Government and the people of India and my own behalf, I wish to thank Your Majesty most warmly for your message of friendship and goodwill towards the Indian Republic. It is a matter of profound satisfaction to me that this landmark in India's history has been reached peacefully and in a spirit of co-operation. It will be the unflinching endeavour of my Government and our people that, in friendly association with the Commonwealth of Nations, India may continue to work for the good of mankind".—P.T.I.

MR. TRUMAN'S MESSAGE

President Truman, in a message to the President of the Union of India, says "On this memorable day in India's history, I send my greetings and best wishes and those of the people of the United States to you, and through you to the people of the Union of India. The establishment of the sovereign independent Republic of India within the Commonwealth represents a final step in India's political transition which closely parallels the political evolution of our own country. Because of our traditional sympathy with India, the people of the United States are particularly happy to send expressions of goodwill on this occasion."

"The inauguration of India's new form of Government and of its new constitution, and the assumption of office by the first President constitute an auspicious beginning of the second half of the twentieth century. May the future of the new Republic, functioning under its democratic constitution, be characterized by peace, prosperity and good fortune."

Mr. Acheson in a message to the Prime Minister says: "Please accept my felicitations on the occasion of the coming into effect of the constitution of the Union of India and the inauguration of its Republic form of Government within the framework of the Commonwealth.—P.T.I.

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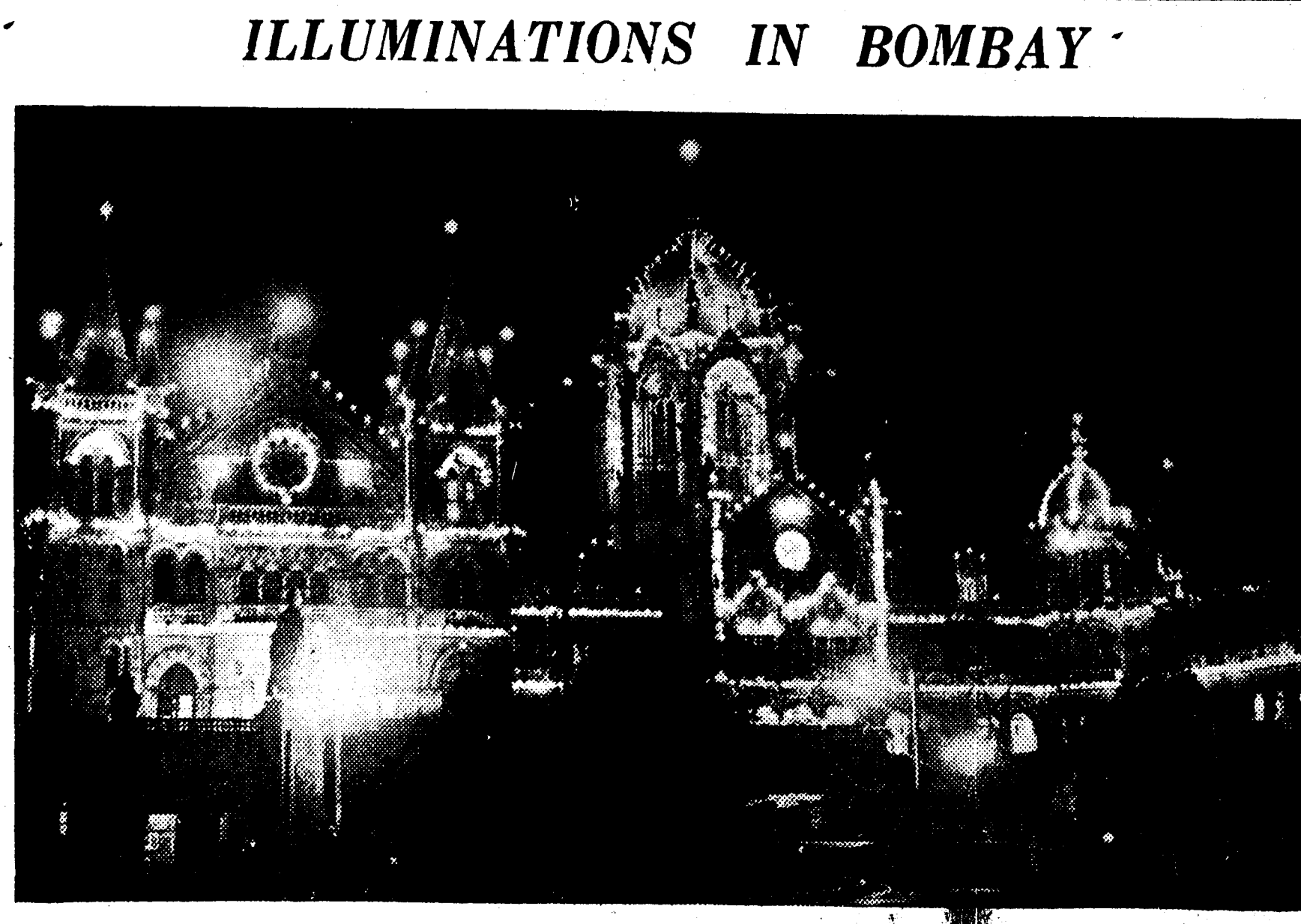
THEIR NAMES ARE UNKNOWN...

But they are your children... our children... they are the children of the New India that has come into being. In years to come when the present turmoil has subsided and our Republic has sailed into smooth waters, our children will look back upon these times and will recall the proud achievement of their fathers. Let us here and now resolve that this shall come to pass and in that faith let us secure the future of our children.

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