

## INDEPENDENCE DAY IN BOMBAY



Huge crowds watch a procession leaving Gowalla Tank during Independence Day celebrations in Bombay.

## U. N. MEMBERSHIP OF PAKISTAN

## Move To Treat It As Special Case

LAKE SUCCESS (New York), August 17: M. Faria el Khoury (Syria), President of the United Nations Security Council, said last night that he regarded Pakistan's application for membership of the U. N. as a special case. It should not go through the ordinary channels and procedure of being referred to the Special Membership Committee for consideration, he added.

The President declared that he himself would propose at tomorrow's meeting of the Security Council that the Council should act immediately and recommend the General Assembly to admit Pakistan, in which case the new Dominion could take its seat at the next General Assembly session here, provided the Assembly agreed unanimously to waive the formalities.—Reuter.

## New Pakistan Judges

NEW DELHI, August 18: The King has appointed Mr. Abu Salim Mohamed Azam to be Chief Justice and Mr. Ernest Charles Ormond, Barr-at-Law, to be a Judge of the new high court in the East Bengal, says a Communique.

Mr. Diwan Ram Lal has been appointed Chief Justice and Mr. Mehr Chand Mahajan, Mr. Sardar Behar, Mr. Teja Singh, Mr. Amar Nath Bhandari, Mr. Acharya Ram and Mr. Gopal Das Khosla Judges of the new High Court in East Punjab.—A.P.I.

Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, Australian Premier, declared on Saturday at Canberra, that Australia's war efforts entitled her to be recognised as a principal party in the forthcoming Japanese peace talks.

## The King's Good Wishes To Independent India

## "FULFILMENT OF DEMOCRATIC IDEAL BY PEACEFUL MEANS"

NEW DELHI, August 15. "ON this historic day when India takes her place as a free and independent Dominion in the British Commonwealth of Nations, I send you all my greetings and heartfelt wishes," said His Majesty the King in a message to the new Dominion of India. The message was read in the Constituent Assembly today by the Governor-General, Lord Mountbatten.

The message added: "Freedom-loving people everywhere will wish to share in your celebrations, for with this transfer of power by consent comes the fulfilment of a great democratic ideal to which the British and Indian peoples alike are firmly dedicated. It is inspiring to think that all this has been achieved by means of peaceful change."

"Heavy responsibilities lie ahead of you, but when I consider the statesmanship you have already shown and the great sacrifices you have already made, I am confident that you will be worthy of your destiny."

"I pray that the blessing of the Almighty may rest upon you and that your leaders may continue to be guided with wisdom in the tasks before them. May the blessings of friendship, tolerance and peace inspire you in your relations with the nations of the world. Be assured always of my sympathy in all your efforts to promote the prosperity of your people and the general welfare of mankind."

Addressing the Constituent Assembly, Lord Mountbatten said: "I know well that the rejoicing which the advent of freedom brings in tempered in your hearts by the sadness that it could not come to a united India; and that the pain of division has shown today's events of some of its joy. In supporting your leaders in the difficult decision which they had to take, you have displayed as much magnanimity and realism as have those patriotic statesmen themselves."

## STATES' ACCESSION TO DOMINION Tributes To Sardar Patel

"Let me now pass to the Indian States. The plan of June 3 dealt exclusively with the problem of the transfer of power in British India; and the only reference to the States was a paragraph which recognised that on the transfer of power, all the Indian States—565 of them—would become independent. Here, then, was another gigantic problem and there was apprehension on all sides. But after the formation of the States Department it was made possible for me as Crown Representative, to tackle this great question. Thanks to that far-sighted statesman, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Member in charge of the States Department, a scheme was produced which appeared to me to be equally in the interests of the States as of the Dominion of India."

"Today, I am your constitutional Governor-General and I would ask you to regard me as one of yourselves devoted wholly to the furtherance of India's interests. I am honoured that you have endorsed the invitation originally made to me by your leaders to remain as your Governor-General. The only consideration I had in mind in accepting was that I might continue to be of some help to you in the difficult days which lie immediately ahead. When discussing the draft of the Indian Independence Act, your leaders selected the March 31, 1948, as the end of what may be called the interim period. I propose to ask to be released in April. It is not that I fail to appreciate the honour of being invited to stay on in your service, but I feel that, as soon as possible, India should be at liberty, if you so wish, to have one of her own people as the Governor-General. Until then, my wife and I will consider it a privilege to continue to work with and amongst you. No words can express our gratitude for the understanding and co-operation, as well as the true sympathy and generosity of spirit, which have been shown to us at all times."

"TRIBUTES TO MR. GANDHI. 'At this historic moment, let us not forget all that India owes to Mahatma Gandhi—the architect of her freedom through non-violence. We miss his presence here today, and would have him know how much he is in our thought."

"Mr. President, I would like you and our other colleagues of the late Interim Government to know how deeply I have appreciated your unfailing support and co-operation."

"In your first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, you have a world-renowned leader of courage and vision. His trust and friendship have helped me beyond measure in my task. Under his able guidance, assisted by the colleagues whom he has selected, and

## In Pakistan



Qaid-e-Azam Jinnah, Governor-General of Pakistan, shakes hands with Major-General Akbar Khan, G.O.C., Pakistan, in Karachi.

with the loyal co-operation of the people, India will now attain a position of strength and influence and take her rightful place in the comity of nations."

## FUTURE RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN Dr. Prasad's Assurance

"Let us, in this momentous hour of our history when we are assuming the mantle of independence, recall in grateful remembrance the services and sacrifices of all those who laboured and suffered for the achievement of the independence we are attaining today," said Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President, addressing the Constituent Assembly today.

"Let us gratefully acknowledge that while our achievement is in no small measure due to our own sufferings and sacrifices, it is also the result of world forces and events and last, though not least, it is the consummation and fulfilment of the historic traditions and democratic ideals of the British race whose far-sighted leaders and statesmen saw the vision and gave the pledge which are being redeemed today. We are happy to have, in our midst, as a representative of that race Lord Mountbatten of Burma and his consort, who have worked hard and played such an important part in bringing this about during the closing scenes of this drama. The period of domination by Britain over India ends today and our relationship with Britain is henceforward going to rest on a basis of equality, mutual goodwill and mutual profit."

"It is undoubtedly a day of rejoicing. But there is only one thought which mingles and detracts from the fullness of this happy event. India, which was made by God and nature to be one, which culture and tradition and history of millenniums have made one, is divided today and many there are on the other side of the boundary who would much rather be on this side. To them, we send a word of cheer and assurance and ask them not to give way to panic or despair but to live with faith and courage in peace with their neighbours and fulfil the duties of loyal citizenship and thus win their rightful place."

## DELHI CITIZENS' RECEPTION Pandit Nehru Honoured

NEW DELHI, August 16: Pandit Nehru was given a reception by the President of the Delhi Municipal Committee this evening. The reception, held in the Queen's Garden in front of the Municipal Hall, was one of the grandest ever given in Delhi. It was a fest of one-hour lights and music, the national flag. Nearly 2,000 persons attended the reception. Representatives of the diplomatic corps were also present.

Pandit Nehru followed by crowds of people walked round the gardens for a few minutes. Later he moved through the beflagged roads specially lighted up for the occasion receiving cheers from crowds who had collected on either side.—A.P.I.

Frontier Governor  
KARACHI, August 16: Sir George Cunningham assumed office as the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province on the afternoon of August 15, the Directorate of Public Relations, Government of Pakistan, announced.

## ENVOYS TO BE EXCHANGED

## Pakistan And China

NANKING, August 16: The Governments of China and Pakistan have agreed to exchange diplomatic representatives with the rank of Ambassadors, the Chinese Foreign Office, announced here today. The exchange will take place tomorrow.

Mr. Loochia Luen, Chinese ambassador in India, and Mr. Tahir, who have been instructed to represent the Chinese Government at the inauguration ceremony of the Dominion of India and Pakistan tomorrow at New Delhi and Karachi respectively.—Reuter.

Karachi: The Government of Afghanistan has agreed to an exchange of diplomatic representatives with the Government of Pakistan.

It is expected that Trade Commissions will be established by the Government of Pakistan in Afghanistan and by the Government of Pakistan in Canada in the near future.—A.P.I.

## CONGRESSMEN FROM PAKISTAN Convention In Bombay

KARACHI, August 16: A joint meeting of the Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly and Sind Assembly Congress members yesterday decided to hold a convention of prominent Congressmen from the Pakistan provinces at Bombay on the occasion of the A.I.C.C. meeting.

The convention will review the position as affecting the Congress organizations in the Pakistan provinces and frame a new policy and place it before the A.I.C.C. for its consideration.

The convention will be attended by the members of the A.I.C.C. and P.C.C. and Provincial Assemblies in the succeeding areas as well as the Congress members in the Pakistan Constituent Assembly. Dr. Chaitram Gidwanji, President of the S.P.C.C., was authorized to make arrangements for the convention.—A.P.I.

Telegrams wishing India prosperity and peace on the occasion of her independence have been sent by the Secretary of the Anglo-Indian Association, Bangalore to the Maharaja of Mysore, the Maharaja of Travancore, and Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

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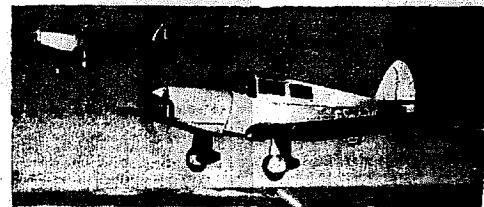
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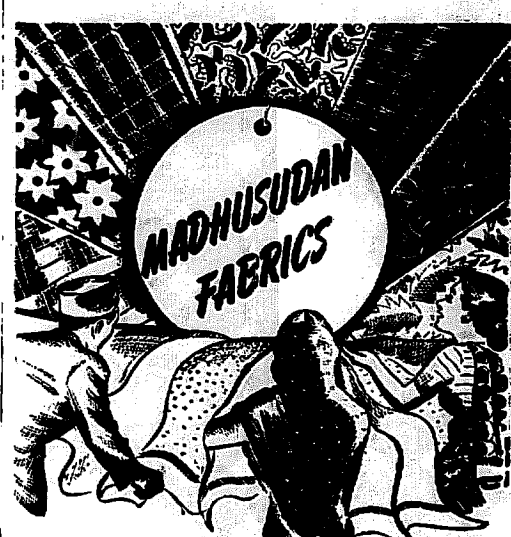


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