

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS

Three Committees Set Up

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, December 23.

THE current series of sittings of the Constituent Assembly terminated this evening, when it was adjourned till January 20.

The Committee of the whole house, which has been meeting "in camera" throughout the week-end, including Sunday, has adopted most of the rules drafted by the Procedure Committee, except a few which gave rise to acute controversy.

One such was the provision that two-fifths of the strength shall be the quorum for both the Assembly and the Sections and that when a Section is settling the constitution of any province included therein there shall be present at least two-fifths of the representatives of that province.

Some members are reported to have questioned the advisability of this provision, while a Hindu Mahasabha spokesman sought to stiffen it up, evidently with the object of ensuring that the presence of representatives of Hindu Bengal would be necessary for the adoption of Bengal's constitution. This and other rules on which there was difference of opinion were held over till the next session.

After the disposal of the rules, the Assembly set three committees to deal with Staff and Finance, Credentials and Members Housing.

The president, who had on an earlier occasion hinted at the possibility of a motion to refer to the Federal Court the interpretation of the grouping provisions of the State Paper, announced today that as no notice of a resolution bearing on the subject had been received, its consideration did not arise.

Most of the members have arranged to leave the capital for the holidays, and Delhi will be devoid of political interest till the first week of January, when the Congress Working Committee and the A. I. C. C. will meet.

LEAGUE COUNCIL

I gather that arrangements are being made to call a meeting of the Muslim League Committee of Action about the end of the first week of new year. A few days later the Working Committee of the League is likely to meet here to decide among other things the question of calling a session of the League Council in the light of the decision of the A. I. C. C. Thus the first month of new year promises a series of political thrills.

THREE COMMITTEES

The Secretary to the Constituent Assembly in a statement issued this evening says:

The following three committees were elected:

(1) **Credentials Committee:** Sir Al-ladi Krishnaswami Ayyar, Bakshi Sir Tek Chand, Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Dr. P. K. Sen and Mr. Frank Anthony.

(2) **Staff and Finance Committee:** Mr. Satyanarayan Sinha, Mr. Jaipal Singh, Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai, Mr. C. E. Gibbon, Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Seth Govind Dass, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Mr. Sri Prakasa and Sardar Harnamsingh.

(3) **House Committee:** Mr. Radha-nath Dasa, Mr. A. K. Dass, Mr. Deep Narain Sinha, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Mr. Nandkishore Dass, Mr. Mohanlal Saxena, Mr. H. V. Kamath, Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan and Pandit Sri Ram Sharma.

As authorised by the Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly, Mr. Satyanarain Sinha, Chief Whip of the party, has nominated five deputy whips. They are Kala Venkata Rao, Mr. Rajkrishna Bose, Mr. Kamalpathi Tiwari, Mr. Arunchandra Guha and Mr. Brijlal Biyani.

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