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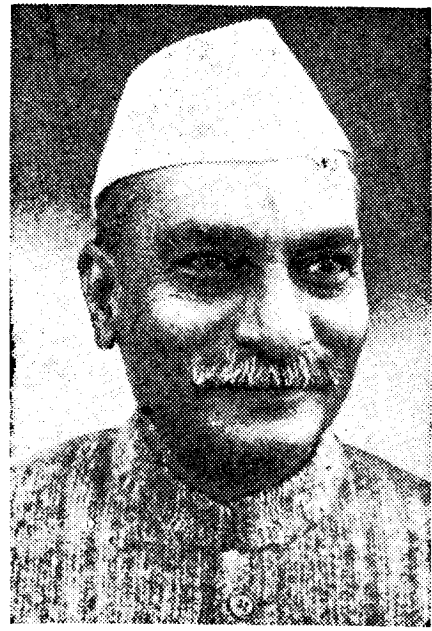
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TWO ANNAS

INDIA'S NEW CONSTITUTION ADOPTED



DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD

President Signs Document HOUSE CHEERS FINAL ACT

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Congratulated

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, Nov 26.—AT 11-15 A.M. TO-DAY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD, PLACED HIS SEAL OF OFFICE AND SIGNATURE ON INDIA'S NEW CONSTITUTION.

Five minutes earlier the House had approved, with one dissenting voice, the third reading motion that the draft, "as settled by the Assembly, be passed."

HARDLY had the echo of more than 200 eager "ayes" died in the Chamber than a shrill negative from Maulana Hasrat Mohani rang out, causing laughter, not irritation.

This incident provided the only contrast to an atmosphere of solemn undertaking which became deeply emotional towards the end, when a woman member crossed over to a microphone and sang "Jana Gana Mana" to a respectful audience.

Shouts of "Mahatma Gandhi-ki-jai" and "Bande Mataram" were still being raised several minutes after the adjournment of the House to a date before Jan 26 which the President was authorized to fix.

Before adjourning the Assembly, the President expressed a desire to go round the House and shake hands with members, who, however, courteously rejected the suggestion by offering to walk up to the Chair and save Dr. Rajendra Prasad avoidable physical strain.

First to rise for the ceremony, the

Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, walked up to the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, affectionately held him by the hand and led him to the dais.

Pandit Nehru then retraced his steps and with noticeable attention, escorted the ailing President of the Drafting Committee, Dr. Ambedkar, the latter suggesting to the Congress President, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, to follow up.

As member after member walked up to the President's chair, each bowed reverently before shaking hands and at least three knelt low to touch Dr. Rajendra Prasad's feet. A farsighted Scheduled Caste member had even brought a garland.

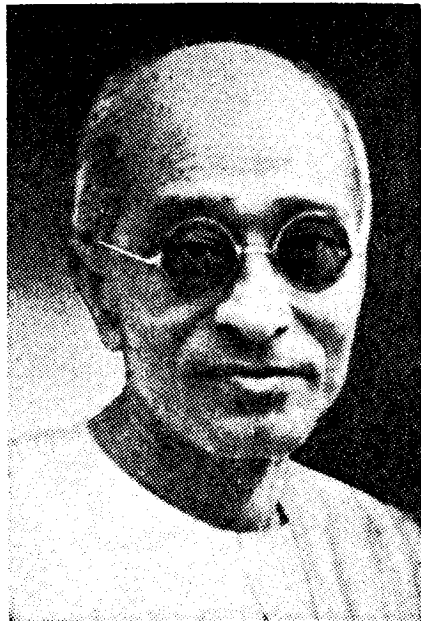
Before the vote, Dr. Rajendra Prasad addressed the Assembly for about an hour, reviewing the salient features of the new Constitution, which he considered a great achievement in the light of the many complex problems which it was required to solve.

Mostly factual, his speech contained a striking assessment of the possibilities of adult franchise, which he said, did not dismay him at all, although he looked upon it as an experiment, the result of which it was difficult to forecast at present.

Describing himself as a villager, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said the village people of India who would constitute the bulk of the new electorate possessed intelligence and common sense and were capable of judging their own interests and those of the country at large.

Though studiously avoiding comment on the merits of the Constitution, the President nevertheless regretted the omission of a scale of qualifications for members of the legislatures, because, he said, even more than the administrator, the man who made the law must possess certain minimum standards of intellectual equipment and character.

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Mr. Rajagopalachari

Special Needs Of Assam

Rajaji's Assurance To People

GAUHATI, Nov 26.—The Governor-General of India, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, today assured the people of Assam that the Government of India were aware of the very important position which their province occupied in this frontier of India, and that they were most anxiously examining Assam's special difficulties and problems.

MR. Rajagopalachari, who was replying to a civic address presented to him at Gauhati this afternoon, said:

Income-Tax And Jute Duty

Reallocation Inquiry To Be Held

NEW DELHI, Nov 26.—Allocation of the share of income-tax and export duty on jute between the provinces and the Centre will be determined through an award which will be given by Sir Chintaman Deshmukh, according to a Press communiqué issued by the Ministry of Finance.

The communiqué says: "After the partition of the country, which made the Niemeyer Award unworkable, the Government of India made a reallocation of the provincial share of income-tax and export duty on jute.

"Some of the provinces have been dissatisfied with this allocation, and the Government of India, after careful consideration of the matter, have come to the conclusion that, in the interests of both the Centre and the provinces, it is desirable to have the question examined and decided by an expert and impartial inquiry. They have, accordingly, invited Shri C. D. Deshmukh, till recently the Governor of the Reserve Bank, to inquire into the matter and determine the allocation. Shri Deshmukh has accepted the invitation and will conduct the inquiry this winter. His decision will be in the nature of a binding award which will remain in force till, in due course, the Finance Commission, to be set up under the new Constitution, considers and decides the matter.

"The Government of India hope that Shri Deshmukh's award will be available in time for inclusion in the budget for 1950-51."—UPI.

BANKING FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS

BOMBAY, Nov 26.—The Banking Inquiry Committee appointed by the Government of India early this month to consider measures for the extension of banking facilities to rural areas circulated a questionnaire today for suggestions from the public.

The questions relate to the present purchasing power of the rural population, the facilities offered now by commercial or co-operative banks to people in rural areas, the measures being taken by the Government to develop the countryside, impediments at present in the way of extending banking in rural areas and suggestions to extend banking facilities in rural areas, scale of Governmental assistance to maintain branches of banks and views about arrangements for the management of treasury business.

Replies to the questionnaire are to be sent by Dec 21.—PTI.

Director-General Of I.A.F.M.S. Honoured

NEW DELHI, Nov 26.—Lt-Gen K. S. Master, Director-General of the Indian Armed Forces Medical Services, was today awarded the Gold Cross of Honour and presented with a certificate admitting him to the Association of Military Surgeons of the USA as an honorary member.

The presentation was made by Col John Middleton, Military Attaché to the U.S. Embassy, on behalf of the Association.

Colombo Talks On S.-E. Asia PANDIT NEHRU TO ATTEND

NEW DELHI, Nov 26.—The Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' conference to be held in Colombo will meet from Jan 9 to 14, it was officially learned here today.

THE Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, will attend the conference and he is taking with him a small secretarial staff. It is not yet certain whether Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai, Secretary-General of the External Affairs Ministry, will be able to accompany the Prime Minister.

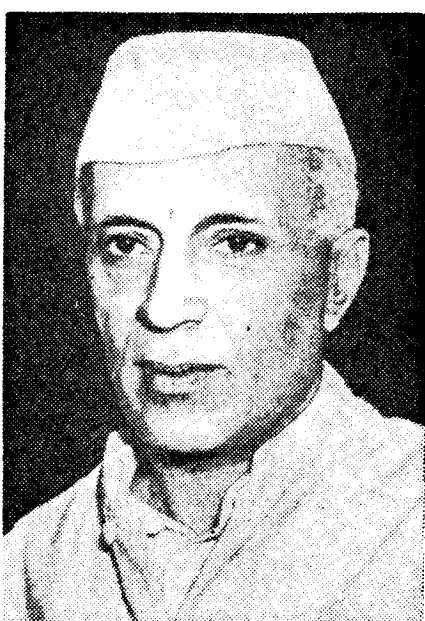
The primary purpose of the conference is to discuss various aspects of the international situation, political as well as economic, with particular reference to developments in SE Asia and the Japanese peace treaty. The conference will also provide an opportunity for mutual exchange of views on the recognition of Communist China.

It is understood that the various Commonwealth countries have already been requested to intimate in advance any specific issues which they might like discussed.

This will be the first conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers. In October last, at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London, it was felt that there should be periodic meetings among Commonwealth Ministers. In pursuance of this decision, a conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers met in London in July this year. It was hoped to follow this up with a meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers in Colombo this year also, but owing to the pre-occupation of the Ministers, this was not found possible.

It is pointed out that the conference is purely of an advisory character and any tentative conclusions they may arrive at on major current problems on international affairs are subject to the acceptance of the individual countries participating in it.—PTI.

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Pandit Nehru

Persia Expels All Iraqis

Measure Said To Be Reprisal

TEHERAN, Nov 26.—The Persian Government had decided to order all Iraqi residents to leave Persia within 14 days, it was announced today.

The announcement said this decision was a reprisal to the unfriendly treatment of Persian nationals in Iraq which had increased in the last three months.

While there are about 150,000 Persians in Iraq, there are only about 2,000 Iraqis in Persia.

A Government spokesman insisted that the Persian Government regarded this measure merely as a political reprisal, and declared it was not anti-semitic. More than three-quarters of the Iraqis in Persia are Jewish.

He said the Government should take reprisals against any foreign Government ill-treating Persians and mentioned France, where "customs officers are discourteous."—PTI-Reuters.

France Blames Poland

Consular Official's Arrest In Warsaw

PARIS, Nov 26.—France today accused Poland of acting contrary to the spirit and letter of the French-Polish Agreement of 1925 in arresting M. Andre Robineau, French consular official, as he was about to board a Paris-bound plane in Warsaw.

Seventeen Poles were expelled from France on Thursday after police raids on Polish organizations in Paris and other French towns.

The French Ministry of the Interior announced that documents seized revealed that the activity of the organizations was directed towards "economic and social sabotage."

"These organizations conducted a lively campaign against the republican institutions of our country."—PTI-Reuters.

CHOLERA CASES

Seven persons suffering from cholera were taken from different parts of Calcutta to hospital yesterday. Twelve cases were admitted on Friday.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED

TO ASSUME SOVEREIGNTY ON BEHALF OF INDONESIA

BATAVIA, Nov 26.—Indonesian leaders of the Federalists and Republicans, feverishly making preparations for the assumption of power towards the end of December, tonight constituted a National Committee to take practical steps for assuming sovereignty on behalf of the free United States of Indonesia.

Dr. Roem was elected Chairman of the Committee.

It is understood there will be a number of Sub-Committees, including one for Defence, Administration and Procedure.

The National Preparatory Committee will make preparations for the election of a President who is to be elected soon after the ratification of The Hague agreements by the various Federalist and Republican parliaments. Thereafter it will be the task of the President to form his Cabinet.—PTI-Reuters.

THE NAY THAT WAS NOT HEARD

NEW DELHI, Nov 26.—Sardar Hukam Singh, a member of the Constituent Assembly from East Punjab, said tonight that, besides Maulana Hazrat Mohani, he too called out "no" when Dr. Ambedkar's motion for the passing of the Constitution was put to the vote in the Constituent Assembly this morning.—PTI.

Pakistan's Plan To Stabilize Jute Trade

Emergency Measures To Speed Up Exports From Chittagong

From Our Staff Correspondent

DACCA, Nov 26.—Addressing a Press conference at Narainganj today, Mr. G. Faruque, Chairman of the Pakistan Jute Board, recounted the activities of the Board since its inception and detailed the schemes, including present and future plans, to stabilize and foster the jute trade.

Since the Board was started, he said, orders had already been received from countries overseas for 200,000 bales of jute for export. These countries included Spain, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Sweden. The whole world was buying and had bought Pakistan jute. Five thousand bales a day were being despatched to Chittagong. Exports from that port, moreover, were not going to be a problem any longer. Emergency measures to speed up shipping of jute from that port were being taken.

Arrangements had been made to send two special jute trains to Chittagong a day. Efforts were being made to reduce overhead charges. Rail and river transport services had been approached to revise their transport rates.

Answering a question whether the minimum prices fixed for jute might not

be available to growers in places distant from baling centres, he said it had been publicized in the interior that growers in the villages should expect Rs. 2-8 less in such areas than the statutory minimum prices at baling centres.

He disclosed that about Rs. 90,00,000 had been advanced so far by the Pakistan State Bank to traders to purchase jute. From Monday, the National Bank of Pakistan would start functioning its full scheme and give further financial assistance to traders, if necessary. Five more branches of the National Bank were to be opened in East Bengal.

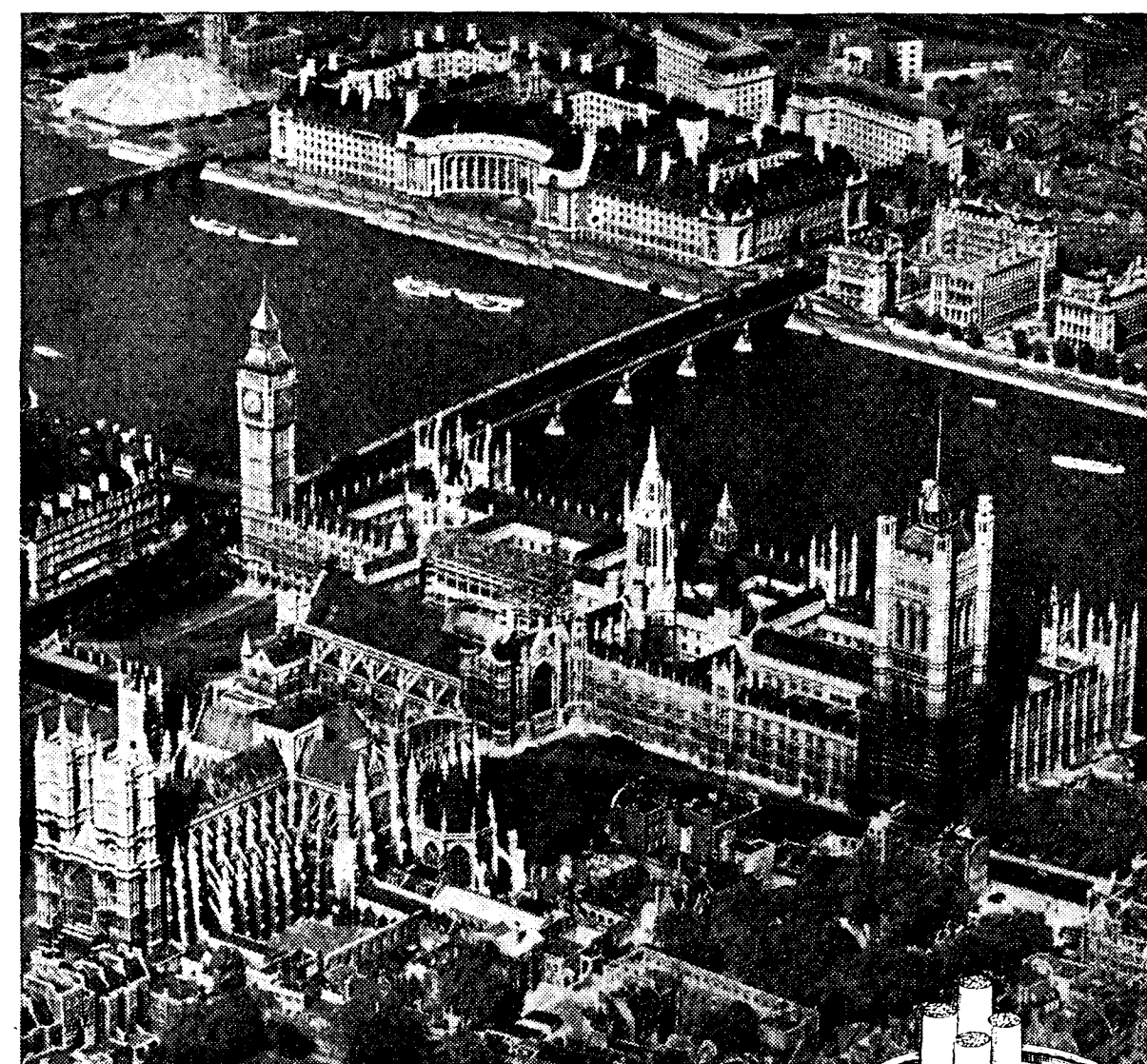
Mr. Faruque said that jute purchasing agents were now operating at kulcha and pucca baling centres and buying at the minimum prices fixed. He reiterated the assurance that if there was any

difficulty regarding the disposal of the jute so acquired, the Government itself would purchase. So far, however, not a single offer had been received asking the Government to purchase jute. This was a good and encouraging sign.

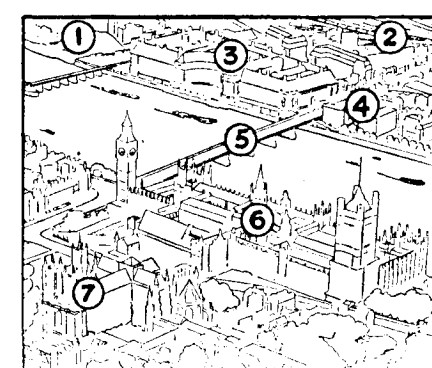
The Board had examined the capacity of the jute baling presses in East Bengal and he was glad that the targets that had been set were being maintained.

Analysing the jute position, Mr. M. A. Ispahani, a member of the Jute Board, said he estimated that about 2m bales were now left with the cultivators or beparis. About 500,000 bales were expected to be sold by December and the remaining 1½m would not be a heavy load to hold on the part of the growers and beparis or the trade in connexion with the finding of markets within the next few months.

Wherever you go there's GOLD FLAKE

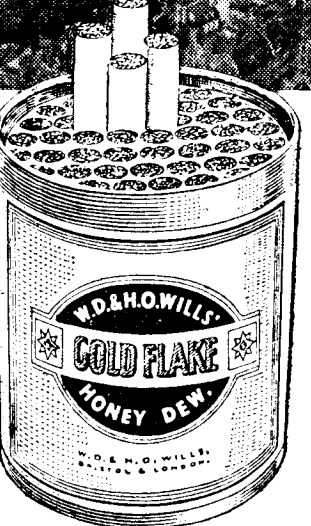


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