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**NEWS In a Nutshell**

**Lok Sabha to Sit Till Aug. 7**

NEW DELHI, Aug. 1. The current session of the Lok Sabha has been further extended by three days.

It will now sit till August 7. Mr. K. Raghuramiah, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, announced in the House today.

It was the third extension of the Emergency session.

The Lok Sabha was originally scheduled to end on July 28. Subsequently the session was extended by three days and later till August 4—PTI.

**Tea Prices to be Cut**

NEW DELHI, Aug. 1. Brooke Bond and Liptons—the two largest manufacturers of tea have agreed to reduce the prices of their popular brand by 40 paise per kg. with immediate effect.

At a meeting with the Minister of State for Industry and Civil Supplies, Mr. A. C. George today, the two manufacturers also agreed to enhance the special discount offered to the Government and public institutions from 6 Paise to 15 Paise per kg. The discount offer would be extended to student hostels.

Mr. George is having discussions with manufacturers of other consumer articles such as cigarettes, biscuits and soft drinks to persuade them to reduce prices.—UNI.

**Indo-Libyan Shipping**

NEW DELHI, Aug. 1. India and Libya have agreed to consider the possibility of forming joint Indo-Libyan shipping company, according to an official report received here.

A memorandum of understanding signed in Tripoli this week between the Shipping Corporation of India and the General Maritime Transport Company of Libya envisages the formation of such a company.

Pending this, India would provide training facilities and technical assistance to Libya in the field of shipping.

The signing of the memorandum of understanding followed an hour-long meeting between the Libyan Minister for Maritime shipping and an Indian delegation.

The delegation also met the Under-Secretary in the Ministry, the Chairman of Ports and Lights and held detailed discussions. The delegation was also taken round the Tripoli port.—PTI.

**Code of Conduct for Congressmen**

POONA, Aug. 1. The External Affairs Minister, Mr. Y. B. Chavan, today hinted at a new system of functioning and discipline among Congress workers which would have no room for the traditional complacency.

Addressing a party workers' rally at the Congress House here tonight, he said the Congress High Command was drafting a code of conduct which would be circulated for adoption by the Pradesh Congress Committees.

The picture of the Congress workers following the Ministers and presenting applications at the Circuit House "must give way to the missionary type of work" for implementing the 20-point economic programme of the Prime Minister, he added.—PTI.

**Senate Rejects U.S. Weapons Bill**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1. The U.S. Senate rejected today a \$31.2 billion Military Weapons Authorisation Bill for the next 15 months.

The 48 to 42 roll call vote had the effect of demanding a new House-Senate conference to devise a new compromise Bill.

The Bill sets ceilings for weapons procurement and research and on military and civilian manpower of the Defence Department.—AP.

**U.S. Arms for Turkey**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1. The Senate last night voted for a second time to lift partially the ban on American arms shipments to Turkey, but the Bill's future in the House of Representatives was uncertain. The vote yesterday was 41-40. On May 19, the Senate voted 41-40 to lift the embargo partially.

The purpose of yesterday's legislation was to give the House an opportunity to reconsider its 223-206 vote a week ago to retain the ban on arms supplies.

The embargo originally was imposed because Turkey used U.S. arms in its invasion of Cyprus last year.

The House vote led Turkey to take over U.S. bases in the country.—Reuter.

**Israeli Raid**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1. Israeli troops, hunting for Arab guerrillas, crossed into Lebanon during the night and blew up a house, army headquarters said today.

The soldiers struck into the village of Kausa, about four kilometres inside Lebanon in the Central area of the frontier.—Reuter.

**Madras Weather**

NUNGAMBAKKAM on August 1: Max: 33.5°C (92.2°F); Min: 25.8°C (78.4°F); Humidity: at 5-30 p.m.: 48 per cent.

MEENAMBAKKAM: Max: 33.8°C (92.8°F); Min: 25.4°C (77.8°F); Humidity: at 8-30 p.m.: 53 per cent.

FORECAST (valid until Sunday morning): Partly cloudy. Chance of a thundershower in some parts of the City and suburbs during evening/night.

**U.S. Ready to Relax Stand in Talks with Warsaw Powers: Ford**

HELSINKI, Aug. 1. The European Security Summit gave President Ford a prolonged ovation to-day after a speech in which he called strongly for real signs from Eastern Europe of progress towards peace and harmony.

In a ringing tone, President Ford told leaders from 34 other European and North American States that his country was prepared to be flexible to end military confrontation if the Warsaw Pact did the same.

Mr. Ford thus endorsed the Soviet leader, Mr. Brezhnev's pledge yesterday that overcoming the deadlock in mutual and balanced force reduction in Central Europe was a priority in Moscow's policy now that agreements on European security and co-operation had been completed.

The President told the countries of Eastern Europe: "We will spare no effort to ease tensions, and solve problems between us."

At the same time, Mr. Ford warned the Soviet Union and its allies that they must honour promises in the European Security declaration calling for improvements in human contacts and the flow of information across communist borders.

He told the 34 other Government chiefs at the East-West Summit that they must not prematurely congratulate themselves or take the view that all problems had been solved merely by the completion of the European Security Conference.

more assertions of goodwill, passing changes in the political mood of governments, laudable declarations of principles, are not enough," he said. But if we proceed with care, with commitment to real progress, there is now an opportunity to turn our people's hopes into reality."

**Peace not a Piece of Paper**

"Peace is not a piece of paper," he declared. "The people of all Europe and, I assure you, the people of North America, are thoroughly tired of having their hopes raised and then shattered by empty words and unfulfilled pledges."

"We had better say what we mean and mean what we say. Or we will have the anger of our citizens to answer."

The President agreed that the world should not expect miracles now that the European Security Conference had ended successfully, but he said it did expect steady progress towards detente and a permanent peace.

"The American people, like the people of Europe, know well that

Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) allies that the United States would continue to be a concerned and reliable partner.

"Our partnership is far more than a matter of formal agreements," he said. "It is a reflection of beliefs, traditions and ties that are of deep significance to the American people."

The President said that Berlin had a special significance for detente because it had been a flash-point of confrontation with the Soviet Union and East Germany in the past.

"It can provide an example of peaceful settlement in the future," he declared. "The United States regards it as a test of detente and of the principles of this conference."

Summing up the basic principles contained in the closing document of the conference, Mr. Ford said: "The U.S. gladly subscribes to this document because we subscribe to every one of these principles."

"Lasting peace is possible today because we have learned from the experience of the last 30 years that peace is a process requiring mutual restraint and political arrangements."

"The era of confrontation that has divided Europe since the end of World War II may now be ending. There is a new perception and a shared perception of a change for the better, away from confrontation and toward new possibilities for secure and mutually beneficial co-operation. I welcome and I share these hopes for the future."

He said the Soviet Union and the U.S. can reach agreement so that our astronauts can fit together the most intricate scientific equipment, work together and shake hands 219 km out in space, we as statesmen have an obligation to do as well on earth."

Referring to the recent Apollo-Soyuz space flight, the President said: "If the Soviet Union and the United States work together and shake hands 137 miles out in space, we have an obligation to do as well on earth."

"History will judge this conference not by what we say today but by what we do tomorrow but by the promises we make but by the promises we keep"—Reuter.

**Need to Control Military Competition**

Military competition must be controlled, political competition must be restrained, and crises must not be manipulated or exploited in a way that could lead the world again to the brink of war.

In looking ahead further moves for strengthening detente, the President said the United States intended to pursue vigorously a further Strategic Arms Limitation accord (SALT) with the Soviet Union, building on the first SALT Agreement signed when President Nixon visited Moscow in 1972.

"This remains a priority of American policy," he said, adding that he and Mr. Brezhnev had moved forward in bilateral talks here this week on implementing an agreement in principle they reached in Vladivostok last November.

At their Vladivostok Summit they said that their countries should limit strategic missiles and bombers to 2,400 each, while 1,320 capable of carrying multiple warheads (MIRVs).

While international renewed efforts for detente with Eastern Europe, the President assured the North

**Most Cheered Speech**

HELSINKI, Aug. 1. The U.S. President, Mr. Ford's speech was the most loudly applauded of all of the statements by heads of State or Government who have followed each other to the past few days at the European Security Summit.

Mr. Brezhnev and other members of the Soviet delegation joined in the clapping for Mr. Ford together with other East European delegates.

The Soviet leader missed the first portion of Mr. Ford's speech because of a breakdown in the earphones through which he was listening to a simultaneous translation in Russian and he was visibly irritated as a result.

Later, he listened attentively to passages in Mr. Ford's speech dealing with Eastern Europe and Berlin and leaned over to exchange a few laughing words with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Gromyko.

The atmosphere in the packed hall was stifling and Mr. Brezhnev mopped his face several times to wipe away the sweat. He left the hall immediately after Mr. Ford finished speaking.

Presiding over the session today was Walter Kieber, the head of the Government of Liechtenstein one of the smallest nations (160 square kilometres) taking part at the conference.—AFP.

**IT Squad Spots Seven Houses for Closer Look in Madras**

MADRAS, Aug. 1. During their week-long visits to some localities in Madras in search of "vulgar display of urban residences", the special investigation teams of the Income-tax Department have spotted seven houses whose value they estimate at Rs. 50 lakhs. These houses are situated in Poet Garden, Kodambakkam High Road, Subba Rao Avenue in Nungambakkam, and Kasturi Estate Road.

Official sources said that while the value of the houses admitted by the owners ranged from Rs. 3 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs each, the values of the investigating squad placed it at between Rs. 7 lakhs and Rs. 9 lakhs each. One of the owners had not been assessed to tax at all.

According to the investigating officials, the usual explanation given by the owners is that their houses are still to be completed and are not under occupation, but officials claim that verification from other sources have established that their claim is doubtful.

Acting on information furnished by the Madras Corporation as well as relying on departmental intelligence sources, the squad is deployed in various localities. The main problem faced by the squad is shortage of manpower. As soon as sufficient officers become available for special duties, the department will be constituting some additional squads for investigation work. Initially a list of about 250 houses to be investigated has been drawn up, and as and when more men are available, the number of houses to be investigated will be raised to about 600.

Another problem is the paucity of qualified engineering valuers of properties. The personnel requisitioned from the CPWD are not familiar with commercial valuation but are trained only in Government methods of valuation. Therefore, after serious consideration the department proposes to utilise the services of some top men in the real estate field who are used to buying and selling high value properties.

**LUXURY MANSION**

The special squad visited a residence in Subba Rao Avenue which looked like a palatial mansion. "In fact, it seemed to be something out of a James Bond movie, with all modern electric gadgets, imported wooden panels, chandeliers of cut-glass etc." The residents searched by the squad are owned by two women—one of them a leading film star—a money lender, an auditor and a benami holding by a Muslim who is now absconding. Preliminary estimates of the squad about the luxury houses mentioned above is to the tune of slightly over Rs. 50 lakhs.

**Leaders Sign Peace Pledge**

HELSINKI, Aug. 1. The leaders of 35 European and North American nations today signed a historic document, cementing "detente" with a pledge to promote better relations among them and making the post-World War II borders inviolable.

Heralding a new era of efforts to preserve peace on a continent torn by a millennium of war and turmoil, the leaders at the European Security Conference agreed in the 30,000-word final act to "respect each other's right freely to choose and develop its political, social, economic and cultural systems as well as its right to determine its laws and religion."

Concluding the super summit—the biggest conference since the Congress of Vienna 160 years ago—the leaders signed the leather-bound document at the Finlandia Hall according to their alphabetic turn.

The document has broadly two sets of tenets—one governing the conduct of the countries in their dealings with other nations and the other with their relations with their own citizens.

The signatories reaffirming their "objective of promoting better relations among themselves and ensuring conditions in which their people can live in true and lasting peace, guaranteed the inviolability of their frontiers and 'right of peoples to equality and self-determination'."

The agreement says that while expanding co-operation among themselves, the 35 nations will take into account the interests of developing countries throughout the world.

The clauses referring to better human contacts between citizens provide for family reunification on a continent riven for decades by political barriers. They also deal with marriages between nationals of different States, the right to travel, the access to information, improved working conditions for journeymen and increased cultural and educational contacts.

In an effort to relax military tension, the signatories agreed to notify all the other States of major military manoeuvres deploying more than 25,000 troops.

After the 35 heads of State and Government had signed the document, which is drawn up in six languages, the Finnish President, Mr. Urho Kekkonen said: "The conference is ended, but the multi-lateral co-operation among the States represented will continue."

The signing ceremony was broadcast live on Soviet television today.—UNI and AFP.

**EXPANSION OF DIEGO GARCIA BASE**

Later at a press conference, Dr. Adam Malik, strongly deplored the American decision to go ahead with the expansion of the Diego Garcia base instead of co-operating with the littoral States in treating the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace. He referred to the relevant passage in the communiqué calling upon the great powers to act with due restraint and play their part in achieving this objective in the larger interests of global peace.

Asked to comment on the Brezhnev Doctrine for an Asian security system, the Indonesian Foreign Minister stressed that it was primarily the responsibility of the Asian countries themselves to evolve a pattern of co-operation for the promotion of peace and stability in the region. He said that the subject had come up for discussion during his last visit to Moscow, and he told the Soviet leaders that the best contribution the great powers could make towards the preservation of peace, freedom and neutrality of South-East Asia was to unreservedly support the concept of this collective effort by the countries of the region.

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geographical structure of ASEAN and leave the door open for the new Indo-China States to join it in due course. A country like India, in his view, could give a wider dimension and provide greater depth to this idea of regional co-operation by bringing the various sub-regions of the Asian scene together in this common endeavour for peace.

Talking of the post-Vietnam situation, he said that three of five ASEAN nations—Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines—had established diplomatic relations with China, while the other two, Singapore and Indonesia, would do likewise in due course. But he drew attention to the fact that Indonesia's relations with China were in a state of suspension. It was a question of resumption at the appropriate time, not of establishing relations with China for the first time as in the case of the other ASEAN nations.

**VALIDITY OF NON-ALIGNMENT POLICY**

The communiqué made the customary references to the continued validity of non-alignment. But it acquired added importance in the context of the problems that were arising over the interpretation of the criteria for the admission of new members, while focussing attention on the need for greater coherence, and common purpose in dealing with the basic economic challenges, now facing the poorer nations. It was quite apparent from the wording of the communiqué that Mr. Chavan and Dr. Malik had devoted considerable time to these aspects in the course of their discussions.

At his press conference, the Indonesian Foreign Minister said that Laos and Cambodia were members of the non-aligned group. The PIG in South Vietnam had already been admitted and there would be no difficulty in accepting North Vietnam's application. But some difficulty has arisen in dealing with the claims of North and South Korea for inclusion, because the criteria for admission has been diluted or differently interpreted from time to time to deal with the requirements of different situations.

Dr. Adam Malik made no secret of his unhappiness over the moves to expel Israel from the U.N. because in his opinion it would only complicate matters without achieving any positive results. He thought there were other ways of pressuring Israel to comply with the relevant U.N. resolutions. If this issue came up at the Lima Conference, it would have to be viewed in this larger context of achieving the desired results without running into conflict with the Security Council which would have the final say in a matter of this nature.

**SITE Programme Launched**

**Face Challenges with Courage, PM Tells People**

NEW DELHI, Aug. 1. A new landmark in the field of mass communication was achieved today with the launching of the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE) programme.

The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, who inaugurated the programme, hailed it as a means of further strengthening national unity and widening understanding among the people.

At 6.20 p.m. 2,400 TV sets became alive in as many small villages in six States of Rajasthan, Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, besides 500 TV sets in Kaira district of Gujarat as the Prime Minister appeared on the TV screen and in her first message to vast rural audience through 'SITE' exhorted them to "keep faith in their self-confidence."

She told them the nation could march forward only when "we learn to face our difficulties with courage in our hearts and a smile on our face."

"When we say that we want to make India a great country, it does not mean that we covet more territory or that we want to fight others. It means that we want to raise the standards of living of our people," she said.

Mrs. Gandhi said India lived in its villages, and it should be "our endeavour to improve their condition."

"Our effort should be not merely to teach many things to our people in the villages, but also to learn from them," she said.

The Prime Minister said: "We learn from each other's experiences, problems and difficulties. Most rural people and tribal people are poor, but there is a simple strength in their lives, because they live so close to the earth. They find joy through folk music and folk dance. The city dwellers have lost much of its spontaneity. But I hope that through this programme and by mingling with you we shall benefit."

The accent of the SITE programme is on health, primary education, family planning, agriculture and nutrition. "If our country has to become great and if a new life is to be infused in our villages, the starting point is health. Cleanliness is the key to health," Mrs. Gandhi said.

The Prime Minister said India was a vast country and it was not easy to reach the people who lived in far-flung corners. Through this satellite television programme, she said "you will be able to see the holy places of our country and also places where great new things are being done in farming, irrigation power and industry."

**CALL TO AVOID WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE**

Mrs. Gandhi called for the eradication of undesirable practices of dowry system and wasteful expenditure on marriages which had become a burden on families and on society.

"You must choose and decide what deserves to be retained and what to be discarded. Everything that is modern is not necessarily

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**OAU Fails to Endorse Arab Stand on Israel**

KAMPALA, Aug. 1. Arab States in the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) today failed to persuade the 46 nation body call for Israel's expulsion from the United Nations.

The OAU summit had before it a resolution on Palestine calling for Israel's expulsion from the U.N. and another on West Asia calling for Israel's suspension from the world body.

But after almost 11 hours of sometimes acrimonious debate, the Arab States were able to obtain was a resolution requesting "all member-States of the OAU to take the most adequate measures in order to reinforce the pressure exerted on Israel at the United Nations including the possibility of eventually depriving it of its membership."

This amended version was approved unanimously but even then five countries formally tabled reservations. Zaire said it was "totally against" either the original resolution or the amended version. Ghana, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Liberia said they had no clear mandate from their heads of State, who were absent, to accept the amendment.

**Superb Transmission**

NEW DELHI, Aug. 1. "Superb." This was the reaction of television experts who watched the first pictures beamed to TV sets on the ground via the American ATS-6 satellite parked 35,000 km above the Indian Ocean.

The telecast were very clear and without distortions.

There were a few interruptions lasting a few seconds during the satellite telecast. Only a post mortem could reveal why the interruptions occurred, officials said.

For Delhi TV audiences SITE programmes have to be retransmitted after being received by the earth station at Malcha Marg. Though Delhi does not fall in the SITE programme, the TV station here will screen SITE productions every day for half an hour.

After Mrs. Gandhi's inaugural message, a compere appeared on the screen and explained to the rural audience that SITE was not merely a programme to impart instructions to them. It was a two-way channel and "we, in the cities, want to learn many things from you," she said.

To-day's SITE transmission included a programme of folk music, "Mehman Rajdhan Meh (Guests in the Capital) and news.—UNI.

**Mr Peter Onu, the official OAU press spokesman, said that the delegates of Ghana, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Liberia were of the opinion that their heads of State "may accept" the amendment. The amendment would be inserted in both the Palestine and West Asia resolutions, and passages calling for expulsion and suspension removed Mr. Onu added.**

The move for outright expulsion was spearheaded by the Libyan leader Colonel Gaddafi. While Egypt pressed for suspension, But even this milder form of sanction on Israel was deemed too harsh by moderate African States.

Many African nations had good relations with Israel until the October 1973 War, when the majority broke diplomatic ties in a show of Afro-Arab solidarity.

But they were clearly not prepared to treat Israel on a par with South Africa and support its exclusion from the world body, observers said.

**ISRAELI EXPRESSES SATISFACTION**

In Jerusalem, a Foreign Ministry spokesman expressed satisfaction that a motion at the OAU summit calling for Israel's expulsion from the U.N. had been defeated.

He noted that even the watered-down version, urging the OAU members to put more pressure on Israel inside the U.N. and raising the possibility of Israel's eventual expulsion, did not have the whole-hearted support of the conference.—Reuter and AFP.

**President's Assent to Constitution Bill**

NEW DELHI, Aug. 1. The Constitution (38th) Amendment Bill, 1975, received the President's assent today.

The bill seeks to keep the Emergency Proclamation beyond court jurisdiction.—PTI.