

SALE OF JAGIRS ILLEGAL

Hyderabad Warning

STATE APPROVAL NECESSARY

HYDERABAD (Dn.), April 17: Warning the Jagirdars against selling off their estates following the Government's declaration of taking over the administration of Jagirs, a press note issued today states: "Such attempts to evade the provisions or the spirit of the proposed Jagir administration regulation are detrimental to the interests of both Jagirdars and their ryot."

"To safeguard such interests Government have provided in the draft regulation that unless the previous sanction of the Government in the Revenue Department has been obtained all such transactions will be null and void. This, however, will not apply to the disposal of seasonal forest or other produce in their normal course. Parties to such transactions are, therefore, cautioned that any commitments entered into by them in this regard will be at their own risk."

The press note adds that under the proposed regulation, the term "jagir" includes all samasthans, "uigahs, aghahs, mahals and uniks."

—A.P.I.

RAZAKARS IN DETENTION

Cases to be Reviewed

HYDERABAD (Dn.), April 17: The cases of about 500 persons, who are alleged to be Razakars, and others now in detention in the Hyderabad Central Jail, are being investigated by a committee of two officers, Mr. Shivshankar, Civil Administrator, Atrai Balda District, and Mr. Rama Krishnaiah, Deputy Commissioner of Atrai Balda, it was learned today.

The persons against whom there are no specific charges will, it is understood, be released in batches on the recommendation of the committee. The first of such batches is expected to come out of the jail in a day or two.—A.P.I.

INDIA'S DEFENCE SERVICES

Talks in London

LONDON, April 17: Major-General Kulwant Singh, Chief of the Indian General Staff, arrived at Northolt airport today.

"I am here on a normal, ten-day visit," he said, and expressed the hope that he would meet Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the British General Staff.

General Kulwant Singh, however, denied that his visit was connected with Commonwealth defence.

With the arrival of Major-General Kulwant Singh, the Commanders-in-Chief of all three of India's fighting forces are now in London—and at a time when the vital conference of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers is due to begin.

Vice-Admiral W. E. Parry, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Indian Navy, has been here for some time. He has been in touch with the Ministry of Defence, Admiralty and other Government officials, it is believed, in connection with the acquisition of more ships, naval aircraft armaments and the development of plans for naval dockyards.

Major-General Kulwant Singh and Air-Vice-Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst are believed to be here to discuss similar development plans for Indian Army and Air Force.

The purpose of the mission is to try to gain admission for Indian officers in military and naval institutions abroad and to obtain foreign advisers and technicians for Indian National Academy and air and naval centres. The mission has already visited Switzerland and after leaving Britain it will go to the United States and Canada.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

INDIA GREET'S EIRE

Premier's Message

NEW DELHI, April 17: "I wish to convey to the Government and people of Ireland the best wishes of the Government and people of India," says Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, in a message to the Prime Minister of Ireland on the occasion of coming into force of the Republic of Ireland Act, 1948.

Proceeding the message states: "I sincerely hope that the friendship which has marked the relationship between our two countries will be maintained and even strengthened by close co-operation in the extension of democratic freedom to people of the world who do not enjoy it and in the firm establishment of world peace."—A.P.I.

Messages of congratulations have also been sent to Eire by the King, Mr. Attlee, British Prime Minister, and Mr. Truman, U. S. President.

Mr. V. K. K. Menon

NEW DELHI, April 17: Mr. V. K. K. Menon, India's High Commissioner in the U. K., has been appointed as Minister for India to Ireland, announces a *Communique*, issued by the Ministry of External Affairs, today.

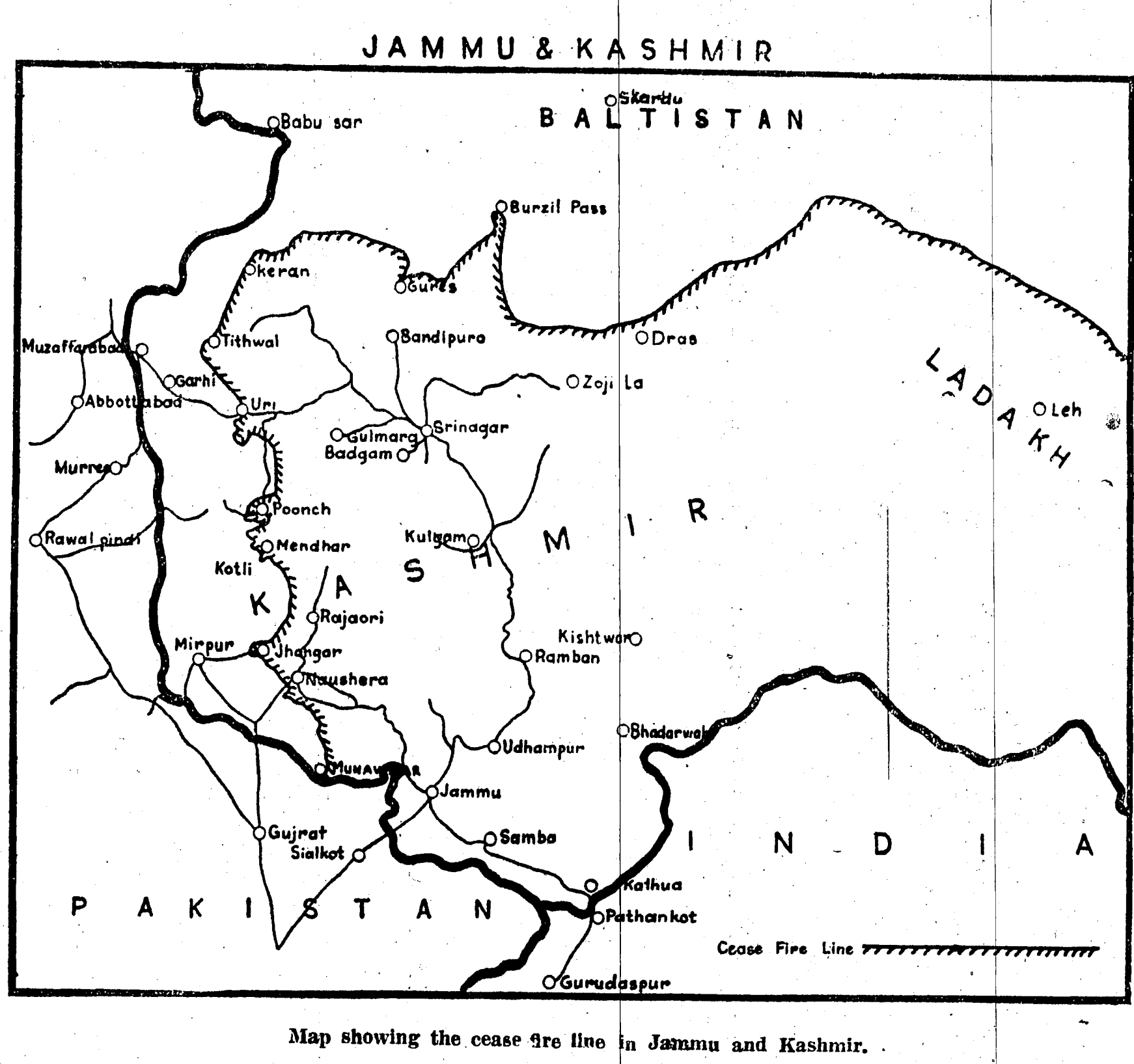
He will hold this office in addition to his present office as High Commissioner in London, adds the *Communique*.—A.P.I.

India's first woman welding engineer, 30-year-old Miss Ruty Dayer, is on her way back to her firm in Bombay after 14 months study in the U. K. In India, Miss Dayer will try to persuade women and girls to wear trousers and short frocks, instead of saris, when engaged in industrial work.

LATE NEWS

TRAVANCORE "SATYAGRAHA" CALLED OFF
TRIVANDRUM, April 17: The "satyagraha" movement, launched by the Travancore Tamil Nad Congress, seeking merger of the Tamil-speaking areas of south Travancore into the adjoining Madras province was called off today.—A.P.I.

INDIA'S NATIONAL LANGUAGE LUCKNOW, April 17: The U. P. Hindu Sahitya Sammelan, which concluded its two-day session here today, passed a resolution recommending to the Constituent Assembly to adopt without delay Hindi in Devanagari script as the "lingua franca" of India.—A.P.I.



Bringing Fallow Land Under Cultivation

SPECIAL LEGISLATION SUGGESTED AT FOOD OFFICIALS' TALKS

NEW DELHI, April 17.

INTRODUCTION of legislation to compel owners of fallow lands to bring such areas under the plough was suggested at the conference of Secretaries and Directors of Agriculture of Provincial and State Governments, which concluded its deliberations here yesterday.

The conference also recommended that penalties might have to be imposed on those who kept cultivable land fallow, which was considered an anti-social act in the present context of food shortage in the country.

Fixation of provincial targets of increased production by concentration on irrigated areas or those which have an assured rainfall, quick supply of raw materials required for agricultural purposes through special machinery, inducement to private owners to reclaim cultivable waste land by granting exemption from payment of land revenue for a specific period, award of medals and prizes as encouragement to progressive cultivators, steps for organising an extension service, to carry the results of research to the fields were some of the many important decisions taken at the conference.

Representatives of Provincial Governments indicated their plans of increased production during the next three years ending 1951, by intensive cultivation methods, including application of better seed manures and extension of minor irrigation. This is to be confined to areas which are either irrigated or have an assured rainfall so that the results of intensive cultivation would not be subject to adverse climatic factors and could be assessed without difficulty. In other areas, minor irrigation works were particularly recommended.

The representatives of Madras explained a three-year scheme of the Provincial Government which aims at repairing or reconstructing 28,000 tanks which when completed would irrigate five million acres of land and bring in two million tons of additional food grains.

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Food Minister, who presided at the conference, urged that the scheme should be accorded the highest priority so that the increased production estimated could be realised within the target date for food self-sufficiency fixed by the Government of India.

SPECIAL OFFICER

In order to expedite the supply of iron, steel, cement, bricks and other material required for agricultural purposes, a Special Officer is proposed to be appointed in the Central Ministry of Agriculture who would keep personal touch with Provincial Governments for their requirements and would ensure a steady supply of these materials so that production was not hampered by lack of essential implements. The Central Ministry of Agriculture have arranged for a substantial increase in the quota of iron and steel for agricultural purposes and Provincial Governments have been asked to furnish their requirements to the Special Officer who would arrange for their procurement and supply.

The difficulty experienced by private owners of tractors and tube-wells in procuring diesel oil for their machines was explained at the meeting, and it was decided that the Central Government should help them in this respect.

A system of distributing prizes in order to stimulate the enthusiasm of cultivators in increasing the yield of food grains and holding exhibitions of demonstrate improved agricultural methods were recommended. Special medals and trophies, with which our leaders may be associated, were considered for award to agriculturists who achieve high targets of food grain production.—A.P.I.

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Europe's Warm Easter

RECORD HOLIDAY CROWDS

LONDON, April 17: Britain and the Continent today enjoyed one of the warmest Easter Sundays on record.

Reuter reports include:

Moscow: The Russian football season opened today under sunny blue skies. The Moscow river is ice free, and the city is undergoing a big Spring-clean, with hotels and buildings being painted and streets being tidied in preparation for the May Day celebrations.

Berlin: Berliners of all four sectors packed their trams and underground trains even tighter than usual to spend Easter Sunday in the woods and on the lakes surrounding the city. Sunbathers thronged the lake beaches.

Brussels: Belgians took full advantage of the warmest Easter weather for more than sixty years. They streamed into coastal resorts with the sun shining from a cloudless sky.

Paris: A temperature of 28 degrees Centigrade (82.4 Fahrenheit) in the shade was recorded this afternoon—only two degrees lower than yesterday, which was the highest April recording since 1872. Well over a million Parisians spent the week-end in the country or by the sea, while foreign tourists helped to refill the capital.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Exploitation Charge

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said that "events in India had had their repercussions here. A certain type of South African Indian began to ride the high horse. The native thinks on colour lines and could not understand why a man of colour should exalt himself above his fellow man. They keenly resented the air of superiority adopted towards them by the younger generation of Indians."

It also referred to miscegenation and said that this grievance was one of the most powerful motives of anti-Indian feeling on the part of natives.

Other aspects referred to included alleged exploitation of natives by Indian shop-keepers, economic and competition between natives and Indians in employment and social status and discriminatory legislation.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

The Bihar Government's summer exodus to Ranchi, it is authoritatively learned, will take place in the first week of May.

"STATE DEPARTMENT DEFINITELY SOFT TO RUSSIA"

U. S. Senator's Charge

WASHINGTON, April 17: "The State Department's division of Far Eastern Affairs is definitely soft to Communist Russia," said Senator McCarran today. He made the charge in a statement accusing the State Department of opposing "even the suggestion of any aid to fight the rising tide of Communism in Asia."

Senator McCarran is the author of a Bill to authorise a 1,500,000,000 dollar loan to help the Chinese Nationalist movement to fight the communists.

Mr. Acheson condemned the proposal in a letter to Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Acheson said it would involve the U. S. in an undertaking of such magnitude it "would almost surely be catastrophic."

Senator McCarran said: "When our own State Department peddles

Notable casualty

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EAST PUNJAB CABINET

Choice of Members

HITCH AT DELHI PARLEYS

From Our Special Representative NEW DELHI, April 17: The personnel of the new Ministry for East Punjab is expected to be announced tomorrow.

It is understood that the Premier Mr. Bhim Singh Sachar, and the ex-Premier, Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, who met the Congress President and Sardar Patel in the course of the day, have been asked to submit a panel of four names each from the Bhargava group and one Sikh and one Hindu member for inclusion in the ministry.

After the choice of these men, Mr. Sachar will intimate to Sardar Patel the final list of seven ministers, which would also have had the approval of the Central Parliamentary Board.

A hitch arose in today's parleys over the choice of ex-Ministers from the rival groups, but the new procedure of selection through a panel of names is intended to get over the difficulty.

It is considered fairly certain that Mr. Prithvi Singh Azad, a former Harijan Minister in the Bhargava cabinet will be included in the new Ministry as he is believed to enjoy the confidence of the majority of Harijan members of the legislature.

The selection of seven parliamentary secretaries will also be on the same basis—four from the Sachar group and three from the Bhargava group.

DISAPPOINTMENT AT PLAN There was a visible sense of disappointment, anger and even frustration in the Sachar camp today as the plan of a composite Ministry, insisted upon by the Congress High Command, had upset all their calculations and reduced the number of seats which the new Premier could offer to his supporters, some of whom have suddenly changed sides in the last few days. There is, however, no disposition to ignore the advice of the Central Parliamentary Board. The Sachar group also seems to feel that it has become the victim of Sikh power politics in East Punjab.

Since it is a border province with evenly balanced communities, the Congress High Command is, however, keen to ensure that the composite Ministry to be formed this week should have the support of all important elements in the provincial legislature.

OPPOSING BARODA'S MERGER

Praja Sangh's Move

BARODA, April 17: The Praja Sangh of Baroda will shortly file a suit in the Baroda High Court opposing the State's merger with Bombay Province.

If the suit was rejected, the matter would be taken to the Federal Court on the appellate side, a spokesman of the Sangh said here today.

This modification of their original plan to file a suit in the Federal Court, the spokesman added, followed the advice received from Federal Court lawyers by representatives of the Sangh.

The Praja Sangh recently submitted a memorial to Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India opposing the merger.—A.P.I.

Mr. V. P. Menon

NEW DELHI, April 17: Mr. V. P. Menon, Adviser to the States Ministry, who was to have left on a tour of Bhopal and Bombay tomorrow, has cancelled his visit owing to pre-occupations in Delhi.—A.P.I.

One policeman died and 19 were injured in a lorry accident which occurred between Kanachachar and Paritala, about four miles from Beswad.

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