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**CELEBRATION IN MADRAS** 

FLAGS HOISTED ALL OVER CITY

MADRAS, Aug. 15. Madras along with the rest of the country has put on a festive appearance to celebrate the birth of a free India. In the business areas of the City mer-chants vied with each other in decorating their premises for the Independence Day. The finishing touches to these de-

Day. The finishing touches to these decorations were given last night and the testing of the lighting arrangements gave the public a foretaste of how the City would appear on Friday night.

A drive around the City enabled a representative of The Hindu to get a picture of the City in festive garb. While the National Flag will be hotsted over Government buildings only early in the morning, Commercial houses in the City had the flag hoisted over their buildings by last evening.

Business places on Mount Road, in Mambalam, in Mylapore and in Triplicane have all been similarly decorated and lighted. Muslim shop-keepers have not lagged behind their Hindu brethren in celebrating the occasion. Traffic in

in celebrating the occasion. Traffic in several parts of the City, particularly in the George Town area, had to move at snail's pace owing to the heavy rush of sight-seers. The Police are having a difficult time to regulate and divert pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

The enthusiasm of the occasion has

taken hold of every man, woman and child. It is difficult to see even a single person without wearing a National Flag.

#### MINISTERS TO TAKE OATH

MADRAS, Aug. 14.
The Prime Minister and other Ministers of the Madras Government will take the Oath of Allegance to India and the new Constitution at 9 a.m., to-morrow, at the Secretariat.
H. E. the Governor will administer

CORPORATION PROGRAMME

MADRAS, Aug. 14.
The Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, writes to say that the following

The Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, writes to say that the following programme has been finally settled in consultation with the Mayor.

For the function at Ripon Buildings at 10-20 am, it is likely that there will not be sufficient seating accommodation for all the officials of the Corporation. They are requested to co-operate with the Officers of the Corporation by themselves playing the host and receiving the guests and giving them preference.

August 15—7 a.m.: All the children in the Corporation schools will meet in their respective schools; March through the streets and assemble at the selected central school in each division before 7-45 a.m. The significance of the day will be explained by the senior Headmaster or Headmistress present; 8 a.in.: Unfurling of the National Flag by the Divisional Councillor or in his absence by some ocaer gentleman. Message from the Hon'ble the Premier will be read by the H. M. of the Central School; Distribution of Sweets, Children to be dispersed peacefully from about 8-30 a.m. 9-30 a.m. to 10 a.m.: State Procession carrying the National Flag to Hipon Buildings; 10 a.m.: Presentation of the National Flag to the Worshipful Mayor by the Hon'ble Mr. K. Chandramouli, Minister for Local Administration; 10-10 a.m.: Arrival of Hon'ble the Prime Minister's speech; 10-20 a.m.: Unfurling the National Flag by Hon'ble the Prime Minister; 10-25 a.m.: Vote of thanks by the Commissioner. Evening: Flood-lighting of Ripon Buildings from 7 p.m., till midnight on the 15th. Flood-lighting will continue during the same hours on the 16th and 17th instant also.

#### ARRANGEMENTS AT PORT TRUST

PORT TRUST

MADRAS, Aug. 14.

The Port Trust authorities are celebrating the Independence Day to-morrow. The National Flag will be hoisted on the Harbour buildings and signal station by Mr. M. S. Venkatraman, Chairman of the Port Trust.

The premises of the harbour, and the Harbour Police Station will be floodlit, and decorated with flags and festoons. To-morrow the harbour premises will be thrown open to the public. Simultaneously as the national flag is hoisted on the buildings, the sirens in the harbour, and the ships lying in the docks will be sounded. The ships will also be "dressed".

To-morrow the Shore labour number-

#### LEAGUE LEADER'S APPEAL

MADRAS, Aug. 14.

Mr. Mohamed Ismail, President, Madras Provincial Muslim League in a message of greetings to the people on the occasion of the celebration of the Independence Day, says: This is the proudest and the happiest day not only in the life of the present generation but also in the whole history of this ancient and historic land. This has got a rare uniqueness about it in that it not only restores indigenous rule to this vast country but also ushers in for the first time in its history the rule of the peocountry but also ushers in for the first time in its history the rule of the people by the people themselves on which glorious act the people have got a right to congratulate themselves. Now the great day of freedom has dawned on this yearning and long suffering mass of humanity of this land of ours, thereby placing in their hands the elixir for curing their poverty, misery and wretchedness. It is now for us with our freedom in our hands to march forward to prosperity equality, fraternity and hanprosperity equality, fraternity and happiness and through them to the peace and happiness of the world. May the Almighty be with us and guide us in our onward march!

#### MINISTERS' ADVICE TO SCOUTS

MADRAS, Aug. 15.
Unfurling the National Flag last evening at the headquarters of the Hindustan Scout Association, Mylapore, Mr. H. Sitharama Reddi, Minister for Industries, said that at this hour of triumph our thoughts should go to-wards those martyrs who were not with us now but who by their unstinted sacrifices had brought freedom to this

country.

Mr. K. Madhava Menon, Minister for Agriculture, exhorted the scouls to remain true to their motto of love and service. Messrs. K. A. Nachiappa Goundar, V. S. Rathnasabapathy and T. V. Nilakantham also addressed the scouts. Girl Guides of the Association sang a number of songs composed by Poet Bharathi.

#### CHRISTIANS' DEDICATION SERVICE

MADRAS, Aug. 15. The Christian Government servants celebrated the inauguration of the Independence last evening, at the Memorial Hall, Park Town, when there was a special Divine Service of dedication. There was a large gathering includ-ing Dr. P. V. Cherian, Messra, W. R. S. Satyanathan, P. C. Mathews, John Sun-der Sao, R. D. Paul. Rev. R. L. Watson conducted the ser-

The meeting which was convened by Mr. Rajah J. Swamidoss was addressed

by Mr. Daniel Thomas, Minister for Prohibition.

Mr. Daniel Thomas said that the Indian Christian community which had played a great part in the past in the field of education, medicine and other forms of public service in India, need not have any apprehension that its rights and privileges will be overlooked in a Free India. If they proved themselves to be a worthy community and tried to serve the other communities they will always have an honoured place in India. In conclusion the Minis-ter appealed to them to work for the social justice, communal harmony and peace of the country.

#### CELEBRATIONS BY . **HARIJANS**

MADRAS, Aug. 15.
Independence Day was celebrated under the auspices of the Harijan Sevak Sangh last evening at the Harijan Girls' Hostel, Egmore. Mr. V. Bashyam Iyengar unfurled the National Flag and explained its significance to the children. He ed its significance to the children. He said that though freedom had been won at last, a tremendous task lay ahead of the nation and it was up to the people of this country to make its future a glorious one. Srimathi Subhadramma, and Messrs. Parthasarathi and S. R. Venkataraman

also addressed the gathering.

#### C. R.'S MESSAGE

A very large gathering of citizens, assembled in the Hindi Prachar Sabha Compound last night, listened to the leaders over the radio. After the end of the Radio programme, Mr. S. Ramaswami Naidu, Sheriff of Madras spoke on the significance of this occasion. Mr. Subramania Aiyar, the oldest resident of Thyagarayanagar, unfurled the National

The Triplicane Independence Commit-tee celebrated the function with torch light procession accompanied by music, pand, nagaswaram etc.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari had sent a message reading "Please convey to the people of Triplicane that I am with them in spirit though a thousand miles away."

#### RELEASE OF PRISONERS FROM TRICHY JAIL

TRICHINOPOLY, Aug. 14. About 785 convicted prisoners have so far been released from the Trichy Cen-tral Jail in accordance with the Madras Government's decision to release certain categories of prisoners in connection with the Independence Day celebrations. Some more are likely to be released before this evening. Of these, eighty were convicted for violating Prohibition laws. Two persons have been saved from the gallows and their death sen-tences were commuted to life imprisonment. Some of these released prisoners have already left for their respective places.—A.P.I.

#### MR. K. ANANDAN NAMBIAR RELEASED

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) TRICHINOPOLY, Aug. 14. Mr. K. Anandan Nambiar, President of the South Indian Railway Workers' Union, Mr. Ismail Khan, President of the Golden Rock Branch of the Union. and Mr. P. Banu, Office Secretary of the Union, detenus under the Public Safety Act were released from the Trichy Central Jall this afternoon.

#### CELEBRATION IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Aug. 14.
The "Urbs Prima in Indes" where the first seed of the Indian Freedom movement was sown by the Indian National Congress at the Christmas of its first seed on the presidentship of Mr. A. O. Hume was en fete to-day, resplendent with illuminations and floodlights piercing the clouds to usher in the new era of liberation from foreign rule.

The nation's Tri-colour flag, which to the layman is little different from the

Congress flag, spangles the walls, arches and roofs of the tallest of Bombay's famous buildings, among them the Secretariat, the Council Hall, the High Court, the Municipal Buildings, the Clock Tower and the headquarters of the two railways, either floodlit or tastefully illuminated. The whole island To-morrow the Shore labour numbering about 1,500 will be given a special feast.

The South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce have arranged to film the functions at the harbour.

H. M. I. S. "Krishna" of the Royal Indian Navy arrived yesterday carrying personnel who will take part in the March Past Parade on Island grounds to-morrow evening.

fully illuminated. The whole island appeared a blaze of lights from the air. The enthusiasm of Bombay's cosmopolitan population—Hindus, Muslims, Parsis Christians, Iranis, Jews and Anglo-Indians—seemed unparalleled. The surgist of the main thoroughfares, glancing at the attractively decorated emporiums, some of them displaying electrical Tri-colours with revolving wheels.

wheels. The unending line of the people stood still for a minute as the sirens, the whistles of locomotives and mills signalled the last minute before midnight. in eager expectation of the birth of a new India.

NEW DELHI. Aug. 14.
All post offices in India will observe
Friday, August 15, as postal holiday on
account of Indian Independence Day.—
A.P.I.

## CALCUTTA EN FETE

CALCUTTA, Aug. 14.
Calcutta is befiagged and illuminated to-night in both Hindu and Muslim areas on the eve of Independence. Lorry loads of enthusiasts are moving about even late at night shouting national and unity slogans.

#### DAY OF PRAYER AND **FASTING**

#### MAHATMA GANDHI'S SUGGESTION

CALCUTTA, Aug. 14.
To-morrow was the appointed day of deliverence from the foreign yoke and it was, therefore, a great day which they were bound to celebrate, said Mahatma Gandhi, addressing his prayer meeting this evening. It was the day when both the Dominions were to shoulder their heavy burdens. He invited everyone to have a 24-hour fast and prayer that day for the well-being of India, and pass it spinning as much as possible. It was hand-spinning that knit the poor and the rich together and gave occupation to countless men and women who were CALCUTTA, Aug. 14. to countless men and women who were

without occupation.

A packed audience was present which listened to Mahatma Gandhi without the slightest disturbance.

#### COMMISSIONER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES

MADRAS, Aug. 14.
Mr. C. K. Vijayaraghavan, I.C.S.
Second Member of the Board of Rev enue, will be the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, vice Mr. C. H. Masterman, proceeding on leave preparatory to retirement.

Mr. V. N. Kudva, Third Member, will be Commissioner of Excise.

Lady Agnes Anne Colville, wife of Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, was appointed to the Imperial Order of the Crown of India last Friday by announcement in the London Gazette, states a London message dated August 12. No details were given.

#### WESTERN INDIAN STATES

#### ATTACHMENT SCHEME TERMINATED

#### REGIONAL COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

NEW DELHI, Aug. 13. A communique issued by the States Department to-night announced the termination of the four-year-old "attach-ment scheme" affecting some 327 talukas and thanas in Gujerat and Kathiawar

and thanas in Gujerat and Kathiawar, and new arrangements for their future administration which include the appointment by the Dominion Government of a Regional Commissioner with headquarters at Rajkot.

In accordance with the general wishes of the attached units, the system of future administration will be the same as it was before the attachment scheme came into operation, says the commucame into operation, says the commu-

The attached units will retain such rights and powers which they enjoyed at that time and will cede all the residuary powers to the Dominion Government which will exercise them through officers and authorities subordinate to it. The following is the text of the com

The States Department have had under consideration for some time the question of the future of the attached States in Gujarat and Kathiawar. There are some 327 talukas and thanas which are affected by this scheme. On the lapse of Paramountcy on the commencement of the Indian Independence Act, 1947, the scheme of attachment will terminate and new arrangements have to be de vised.
The attachment scheme was introduced

in 1943 principally with the object of integrating the States and of giving these small scattered areas the benefit of modern administration which only association with a larger unit could pro vide. Under the terms of the scheme, the attaching States were required to provide minimum standards of administra-tion including schools medical relief, public health, roads and adequate police and judicial arrangements.

#### "SCHEME HAS FAILED"

A review of the working of the attachment scheme, which has now been in operation for over four years, has proved that the improvements in standards of administration expected from it have not been wholly realised. The attached States have never been fully reconciled to the scheme. With few exceptions the attaching States have not found themselves able to spend large sums of money on the attached units and there is a consensus of opinion among the attached States that the scheme has proved a

There are other non-salute jurisdictional States which are affected by the attachment scheme. In their cases, the policy of the States Department is that the powers which they enjoyed before attachment will be restored to them and they will be invited to accede to the Dominion Government on the clear understanding that they would exercise no more powers than they did immediately before the attachment.

The new Scheme will come into force on August 15 and will apply to all the attached units except those mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Necessary administrations of the preceding paragraph. ministrative machinery will be put in train as soon as possible. But in the meantime, every effort will be made to prevent any lawlessness or dislocation either in the administration or in the general economic life of the people. The question of civil supplies and provision of food and the maintenance of law and order in the immediate future will be the primary concern of the Dominion Government

Other matters arising out of this announcement will be settled by discussion and negotiation between the officers of the States Department on the one hand and the Chiefs and Talukdars on the

The Member in charge of States hopes that this scheme, which has been de-vised in the interests of all, will find ready acceptance on the part of the Chiefs and Talukdars concerned and that they will co-operate with the officers of the Dominion Government to ensure its success and to bring good administra-tion to the people of these States who have been living in a more or less feudal condition.—A.P.I.

#### CONVICTION OF **POLICEMAN**

#### CHEATING CHARGE **UPHELD**

MADRAS, Aug. 13. At the Madras High Court, Horwill and Satyanarayana Rao JJ, disposed of a criminal appeal confirming the conviction and sentence passed by the Chief Presinew India.

HOLIDAY FOR POST OFFICES

NEW DELHI, Aug. 14 icences.

licences.

The prosecution case was that the accused, who was working in the Traffic Department, City Police, used to approach persons desirous of obtaining licences for driving of cars and obtained from each applicant Rs. 35 and that he procured licences without the necessity of the applicant undergoing any test. He was doing this for a period of five months from December 1945 to April, 1946. He was charged before the Magistrate with the offence of cheating on three counts. the offence of cheating on three counts The Magistrate found him guilty and sentenced him on each count to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one year, the sentences to run concurrently. The accused was also ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 100 on each count. Against his conviction, the accused preferred the pre-sent appeal. When it came on for hearing before Mr. Justice Rajamannar, in the first instance, His Lordship referred it to a Bench on a question of law. His Lordship in his reference stated that the facts alleged in the propognition would be deception. The explanation to the section dealing with the offence of cheating declared that dishonest concealment of facts was deception. But the accused in this case did something more viz., he made false representations knowing them to be false. It could not be said that the officers in the Department were defrauded. The question was whether it could be said that the accused was guilty of cheating. He might be guilty of for-gery or of making false representation.

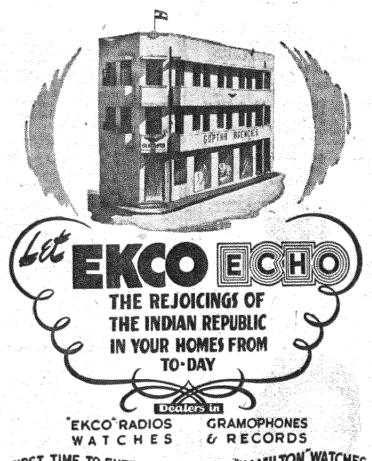
Their Lordships held that the act of the accused in procuring the licence in the way he had done was a fraud and that the offence amounted to cheating. In the end, the conviction and sentence

Mr. B. T. Súndararajan appeared for the accused. Mr. A. S. Sivakaminathen, Assistant Public Prosecutor for the

were confirmed

#### INTERIM RELIEF FOR GOVT. SERVANTS IN MYSORE BANGALORE, Aug. 14.

As a measure of immediate relief to the Non-Gazetted Government servants, including railway employees, Mysore Government have sanctioned one month's pay as advance as on August 1, 1947, subject to this advance being set off against a lump sum that may become payable to them, in view of the retrospective effect to be given in the proposed revised scales of pay.—F.O.C.



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