

# India's Draft Constitution In Bombay Assembly

## PREMIER ON POWERS OF HOUSE

From Our Staff Correspondent

POONA, October 19. A TWO-DAY discussion of the draft constitution of India was today initiated in the Bombay Legislative Assembly by the Premier, Mr. B. G. Kher, who moved that the House should consider the draft of the new constitution of India.

He announced that the proceedings would be forwarded to the President of the Constituent Assembly.

The Premier traced the developments in the country which had led to the formation of the present Constituent Assembly with freedom to frame any constitution it liked. He said the draft constitution which he had proposed to the House had been prepared by the Drafting Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

In the past, representatives of certain bodies had opportunities of submitting their views when responsible Government was introduced in India by instalments. Those views generally carried little weight. "Today we are masters in our own house and it is our privilege to draw up a constitution which is suitable to our conditions. This is the way in which free countries should and do frame their constitutions and I am very happy and proud to have lived to see this day," he said.

### NEED FOR FORESIGHT

The work of drawing up a constitution was exceedingly difficult. It required clear understanding of the situation and broad and far-sighted vision. Statesmanship of the highest order was required to frame a constitution which, while retaining its fundamental principles, would be flexible enough to adapt itself to the changes which might be brought about by the progress of human knowledge and particularly science. Therefore the Drafting Committee had carefully studied the constitutions of various countries in Europe, America and Australia as well as the Government of India Act of 1935, and selected certain provisions of those constitutions for the draft.

The rights of equality and the rights regarding freedom of speech, freedom of association, and religious, cultural and educational rights, had been guaranteed. Besides, provision had been made to lay down principles of policy such as equality of right to an adequate means of livelihood for all.

The Premier said that at the Centre, executive power would vest in the President who would have a Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to advise him. The Prime Minister would be appointed by the President, and the other Ministers would be appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister. The President himself would be elected by the members of an electoral college consisting of members of both Houses of Parliament and elected members of the legislatures of the States, the word "State" including both the provinces and the States. The President would hold office for five years.

### POWERS OF HOUSES

The Parliament of the Union would consist of the President and two Houses to be known as the Council of State and the House of the People. Members of the House of the People would be elected on adult suffrage. While any Bill could originate in either of the two Houses, money Bills could be introduced only in the House of the People. By money Bills were meant Bills which contained provisions dealing with imposition, abolition, remission, alteration or regulation of any tax.

The President had power to promulgate Ordinances when the Parliament was not in session if he deemed it necessary.

Disputes between the Government of India and a State would come within the jurisdiction of the Federal Judiciary. A Supreme Court of Justice had been provided, consisting of a Chief Justice and other Judges not being less than seven.

The Thakore Sahab of Kewadask asked whether Bombay would have one or two Houses.

The Premier said that he was revealing the secret when he said that a majority of members desired abolition of the Upper House. He alone had stood out and ultimately it had been agreed that each province should decide whether it should have one or two Houses. The Premier mentioned that the draft constitution had empowered the Governor to promulgate Ordinances

## LATE NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSING. NEW YORK, October 19. Cotton closing, December 31.39.—Reuter.

4 KILLED IN TEXAS GAS EXPLOSION. TEXAS CITY, October 19. Four people were burned to death and about 40 others injured in a gas explosion and fire which swept a line of cars at a level crossing here last night.—Reuter.

FAST TO DEATH RESOLVE. PARIS, October 19. M. Charles Martin, a 34-year-old Gandhi disciple, who has been on a fast for six days "for international peace" in a house a few yards from the United Nations Palais de Chaillot headquarters, decided this afternoon to "continue till death" unless his action brings results.—Reuter.

JOCKEY ROBERTS FOR INDIA. LONDON, October 19. Arthur Roberts, the scotchman lightweight jockey, leaves England tomorrow for India, where he will ride during the winter.—Reuter.

GORDON RIDES 200TH WINNER. OLVERHAMPTON, October 19. Champion jockey, Gordon Richards, rode his two hundredth winner of the season, here, today, when he got the five-to-two favourite, Trysall, home a comfortable victor of the five furlongs Bilton Handicap. Richards has now ridden more than 200 winners eight times during the course of a season.—Reuter.

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## AT DEHRA DUN



His Excellency Mr. C. Rajagopalachari looking into a stereoscope at the Survey of India office during his recent visit to Dehra Dun.

## GEN. CHAUDHURI FOR MADRAS

### Talks With Gen. Rudra

HYDERABAD, October 19: Major-General J. N. Chaudhuri, Military Governor of Hyderabad, is flying to Madras tomorrow for consultations with Major-General A. A. Rudra, G.O.C.-in-C., Madras Area. General Chaudhuri will be accompanied by Mr. A. V. Patro, Inspector-General of Police, Hyderabad.—A.P.I.

A "United Press of India" message adds: Maj-Gen. Chaudhuri, in a special radio address tonight, appealed to Hyderabadis to put an end to the "whispering campaign" that was being carried on to spread false rumours about communal violence in rural areas of the State.

Broadcasting over the Deccan Radio, the Military Governor said that "my own observations, as well as reports given me by observers, make it abundantly clear that the situation in most districts has returned to normal, and in the remaining districts it is rapidly approaching normal. Where there has been trouble, it has been caused by small bands of 'goondas'."

You know what action I took regarding 'goondas' and lockers in Hyderabad City and Secunderabad. I am taking similar and even sterner measures in those few districts which are affected."

## "CEASE FIRE" IN NEGEV

### Security Councils Call

PARIS, October 19: The Security Council, in two unanimous votes, today called on Arabs and Jews to stop fighting immediately in the Negev area of South Palestine and to allow the United Nations observers free and safe movement throughout the Holy Land.

The decisions were taken on two proposals, one by Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting mediator, and the other a joint resolution proposed by Britain and China.

The vote urging an immediate end of fighting arose from a Soviet suggestion to take a decision on the "cease fire" plan alone.

Russia and the Ukraine abstained when the Council passed by nine votes to nil a resolution which ordered: (1) Withdrawal of both parties from any positions not occupied at the time of the outbreak; (2) acceptance of the Truce Commission's decisions on admission of convoys to Jewish settlements; (3) both parties to start negotiations through the United Nations on outstanding problems in the Negev and the permanent stationing of United Nations observers throughout the area.—Reuter.

## ATOMIC CONTROL

### Deadlock In U.N. Political Committee Talks

PARIS, October 19: The United Nations Political Committee adjourned in deadlock tonight after heated discussion of control of the atom bomb in which Eastern and Western delegates accused each other of "stubbornness."

Tomorrow the Committee will vote on a revised Canadian resolution, the sense of which is to order the six Powers to meet to determine "if" a basis for agreement exists.

The new resolution also calls on the Atomic Energy Commission to resume work.

Emphasising that the new Canadian resolution was no more than a basis for future work, Sir Hartley Shawcross (Britain) assured the Soviet Union and Poland that there was no intention or desire to force upon them "lock stock and barrel" the conclusions of the majority.

The Eastern delegates, however, maintained that the Canadian resolution did not represent a compromise in any sense and did not take a single step forward.

Sir Hartley Shawcross praised the efforts to achieve agreement of Sir Benegal Narsing. They shared the Indian delegation's desire, he said, to read into the proposals of the Soviet Union some indications of concession, some readiness to show compromise. "Our desire," he said, "is to facilitate the work of the Atomic Energy Commission—to give it a greater promise of success than has previously attended its labours"—Reuter.

### Finance Ministers' Talks

NEW DELHI, October 19: The Conference of Provincial Finance Ministers called by Dr. John Mathai, will be held on October 30 and 31, and not on October 26, as previously announced, it is learnt here.—A.P.I.

## DEMOCRACY IN WEST

### Dominion Premiers' Interest

LONDON, October 19: Dominion statesmen, at a four-hour meeting here today, agreed on the need for a revival and consolidation of democratic opinion in the Western Hemisphere as a means of preserving peace.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers, who last week considered measures to counter the Communist threat to democracy throughout the Near, Middle and Far East, today focussed their minds on Europe's most urgent crisis centre—Berlin.

Every Prime Minister took part in the discussion. It is understood there was general agreement on the pressing need for maintaining and stimulating the democratic spirit in Europe.

There was unanimous recognition that the United Nations represented the only existing instrument capable of mobilising for this purpose, the active support of foreign countries, and especially of those occupying a particularly vulnerable position in the present European situation.

It was accepted that speedy economic recovery was a prerequisite to democratic consolidation in Europe.

After Mr. Ernest Bevin had reviewed the over-all situation, the Prime Ministers debated, as their main theme, the Berlin blockade, the general question of Western Powers and the Western Union, the Brussels pact, Austria, Trieste, Greece, and Italy. Particular problems affecting France were also touched on.

Mr. Bevin is understood to have placed before the conference the United Kingdom's views on the means of maintaining, with the support of members of the Commonwealth, the United Nations Organisation.

## NAZI ARMY CHIEF DEAD

### Marshal Von Brauchitsch

HAMBURG, October 19: Former Field-Marshal Walter von Brauchitsch, one of the four German Generals awaiting trial for war crimes, died last night from blood clot on the heart, in a British military hospital here, at the age of 67.

He was appointed German Commander-in-Chief in 1938, but in 1941 Hitler knew him for failure to take Moscow, according to some reports. He was Nazi Commander in Poland and in 1940 he went to the French coast to prepare the intended invasion of England. He did cross to England, but as a prisoner of war, in 1945. He was sent back to Germany last July to await trial.—Reuter.

Hollywood: Dr. Karl Vollmoeller (69), German playwright, died at his hotel here on Monday. A resident of New York, he was a former screen-writer.—U.P.A.

## MODERNISATION OF R. I. A. F. Officers For U. K.

NEW DELHI, October 19: To enable speedy development and modernisation of the Royal Indian Air Force, selected officers are being sent to the United Kingdom and other countries from time to time for specialised training. The latest batch to proceed to the United Kingdom includes two R.I.A.F. officers, Wing Commander H. Chatterjee, D.F.C., and Wing Commander Hari Chandra Dewan. Wing Commander Chatterjee, who won his D.F.C. during World War II, has been chief instructor at the Advanced Flying School of the R.I.A.F. Wing Commander Dewan served with the R.A.F. Bomber Command carrying out operations over Nazi-occupied Europe, and with the R.I.A.F. Squadron in Burma. When India became free last year and the R.I.A.F. was reconstituted he was posted to the Operations Section at Air Headquarters.—A.P.I.

### Inter-Dominion Talks

KARACHI, October 19: Representatives of Pakistan and the Indian Union resumed discussions on the implementation of the Essential Commodities Agreement of May 1948 for the second day here today and were understood to have reached tentative agreement on a number of points.

The details of the agreement are expected to be finalised on Wednesday. The Indian delegation will leave Karachi for New Delhi on Wednesday.—A.P.I.

## INDIA'S INDUSTRY

### A Review Of Production

Although it is impossible for any one country to remain insulated against the consequences of international events, it is probably true to say that the immediate and eventual future of India depend to a great extent on our own industrial output. India today is facing a crisis in production: prices are rising, the cost of living has gone up steeply and in order to enable everyone who has an interest in Indian industry to understand fully the present position and to assess the facts; to present the opinions and views of some of India's leaders of industry, Bennett Coleman and Co. Ltd. have produced at The Times of India Press a new publication called OUTPUT.

This magazine gives informative surveys of India's main industries, industrial problems and her present economic background with its weaknesses and strengths. Writers include the Hon'ble N. V. Gadgil, Sir S. S. Bhatnagar, Mr. Y. N. Sukthankar, Sir Ardeshir Dalal and Dr. Henry Grace. Besides, there are interesting forewords by the Hon'ble John Mathai, the Finance Minister and the Hon'ble Dr. S. P. Mookerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply.

OUTPUT has been attractively produced in colour with many illustrations and diagrams, and is on sale today. Price Rs. 1 from your news agent, or with an additional 4s. extra direct by V.P.P. or regd. post from The Times of India, Press, Bombay.

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## Marathi-Speaking Areas Of C. P.

### SEPARATE PROVINCE DEMANDED

Seven leaders of the Maharashtra unification movement—three of them from Berar and four from Bombay Province—today issued a joint statement, stating that the creation of the province of Maharashtra should be on the lines of the Akola agreement which envisaged two sub-provinces, and that in any case at least the province of Mahavidarbha, comprising the Marathi-speaking districts of the C. P. and Berar, should be formed immediately.

The joint statement said: "It is unanimously agreed that no unit of the Marathi-speaking people desires to continue to remain within the present multi-lingual provinces, even as a sub-province. Our unanimous demand is for the creation of a single State of the contiguous territory of the Marathi-speaking people, including the city of Bombay. The creation of this State should be on the lines agreed upon at Akola. We have no other demand to put forward before the Linguistic Provinces Commission and shall not be satisfied with any other alternative."

In case, however, the State of Samyukta Maharashtra cannot be immediately brought into existence because the formation of linguistic provinces is postponed or the break-up of Bombay Province is deferred for any reason, we would unanimously ask for immediate attention being paid to the special handicaps under which the people of the Marathi-speaking area of the C. P. and Berar are labouring. We would in this event urge the immediate creation of a province of Mahavidarbha for the area to meet the urgent situation and as the first step towards the creation of a Samyukta Maharashtra."

The statement was signed by Mr. Ramrao Deshmukh, President of the Samyukta Maharashtra Conference held in Bombay; Dr. F. J. J. Deshmukh, a member of the Constituent Assembly; and Mr. Pandharinath of Buldhana (all three from Berar); and Mr. B. S. Hirey, President of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, Dr. D. R. Gadgil, Mahamahopadhyaya D. V. Potdar and Mr. D. V. Gokhale (from Bombay Province).

## FAIR WAGES FOR WORKERS

### New Advisory Body

CALCUTTA, October 19: The Government of India have constituted a Central Advisory Council consisting of representatives of employers, workers and the various Governments to advise the Government on the question of fair remuneration to capital, profit-sharing, and fair wages.

The All-India Industrial Chambers of Commerce and Industry has nominated Mr. Shanti Prasad Jain, Sir Shri Ram, Sir Padampat Singhania and Mr. K. D. Jalan to the Council.

The Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has constituted a panel of seven persons who will be available to the above representatives for consultation on matters coming up for consideration before the Central Advisory Council from time to time. They are Mr. Lalji Mehrotra, Mr. G. D. Birla, Mr. Kasturibhai Lalbhai, Mr. A. D. Shroff, Mr. Tulsidas Ikchhand, Mr. B. F. Agarwala and Mr. K. K. Birla.—U.P.I.

## RUSSIANS QUITTING NORTH KOREA

### Moscow Report

LONDON, October 19: Moscow radio announced in its English broadcast tonight that Soviet troops had started evacuating northern Korea in accordance with the recent decision of the Soviet Government.

Tokio: Dr. Syngman Rhee, first President of the Korean Republic (American zone), was greeted by posters describing him as a criminal when he arrived here today to visit General MacArthur. An archway greeting the President was blacked out by Communist posters asserting that he had come to join a Cabinet meeting in Kousung prison which houses persons awaiting trial on charges of being involved in the 2,700,000,000-yen Showa Denko Co. black market deal.

The American military authorities are taking strict measures to prevent attacks on the President's life.—Reuter.

A U. P. A. dispatch from Reoul adds that an attempt to assassinate Dr. Rhee was foiled today when the President took a different route to reach Kimpo airfield on his way to Tokyo. After Dr. Rhee had taken off, the police discovered six sticks of dynamite in a water main under the street he was expected to travel over. They also found a battery and a switch. The police said that the plotters had an elaborate system of watchers to inform the switchman when the President would pass over the dynamite.

All Colleges in Trivandrum reopened on Monday after closure for over a month, following the students' refusal to attend the September examinations, demanding a part system for the supplementary examination.

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Gulam Rabbani Gulam Ma-yuddin was convicted for exporting cloth without a permit and sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100 or further one month's rigorous imprisonment in default. Mulchand Ishwardas was also convicted for a similar offence and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 or further four months' rigorous imprisonment in default.

For attempting to transport cotton cloth without a permit, Jwaladatta Janakidas was convicted and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 3,000 or further four months' rigorous imprisonment in default.

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