By A Staff Reporter BOMBAY, April 23.

"unjustified" burden.

consumer, refused to pay the FAC amending the electricity act suitably. part of his electricity bill while promptly paying the basic tariff. He had raised several queries like on what basis FAC was charged, whether it was legal and if so how, but he had report, the state government is believnot received any reply from the sup- ed to be holding the view that the pliers, Bombay Suburban Electric Sup- FAC as it existed was unjustified and ply company (BSES). It appears no the people should be given a relief. action can be taken against the con- It also appeared to be concurring sumer for non-payment of FAC under with the report which suggested

the existing provisions of the law. strengthening of the audit machinery. The Tatas seemed to have collected over Rs. 850 crores by way of Shivaiirao Deshmukh, who is commit-FAC in the last 10 years from their ted to reducing the burden of FAC, consumers like BEST and BSES, is understood to be exploring all pos-The BEST and BSES have collected sible means to achieve this. The state an additional Rs. 175 crores and Rs. government had already held meet-250 crores, respectively.

minority note observed that the col- that the Tatas might be asked by lection of FAC was not properly re- the state government to use coal, which flected in the annual reports of the was at least four times cheaper than Tata Electric Companies. The FAC the oil or gas. The state government was reportedly distributed equally is likely to approach the centre to among all the companies of the Tatas, find a solution to the pricing of gas irrespective of the mode of power for power production. To combat the generation either hydro or thermal. pollution caused by using coal, the auditing of FAC accounts of the Tatas necessary pollution control equipment. was not satisfactory.

the state government appointed a revision of FAC, based on the Kascommittee headed by a former chief bekar committee's report. secretary, Mr. P. D. Kasbekar. The committee's report submitted in November last has been accepted in principle by the state government. The FAC rose from 6 paise per pointment of Kasbekar committee, for industrial accidents.

vance for effecting a change. The cannot achieve results unless the provide maintenance for her as he had levy of FAC also appears to be ille- management created conditions for already paid maintenance to her at gal and it is currently under scru- preventing accidents.

tiny by the legal department of state The major recommendations of the Kasbekar committee include: exemp-MEMBER of the Kasbekar tion of about 100 to 130 units from Committee which inquired in- FAC for the domestic consumers; to the levy of fuel adjustment levy of 30 per cent less of FAC on charge (FAC) in the electricity domestic consumers and distributing bills of consumers has, in a dis- the burden among the commercial senting note, squarely blamed the consumers; strengthening of the gov-Tata Electric Companies for the ernment audit wing with additional staff to examine the FAC accounts of the companies and three months no-The member, himself a domestic tice for any change in the FAC. by

UNJUSTIFIED LEVY

Following the Kasbekar committee The minister of state for energy, Mr. ings with the Tatas to impress upon While the majority view was that them the need to reduce the FAC. the Tatas answered all queries, the In this connection, it is pointed out The member also opined that the Tatas have reportedly acquired the

Informed sources said the govern-Following public outcry over the ment would make an announcement inflated bills and the enigmatic FAC, in the next few days regarding the a

National safety awards presented

as FAC. The MSEB charged 30 paise and create greater awareness for maintain herself," the court observed. In April, 1979, the magistrate diper unit. Significantly, after the ap- adopting foolproof methods to prevent

about six months, there has been virtually no increase in the FAC.

Presenting the Sharamvir and natually no increase in the FAC.

Presenting the Sharamvir and national safety awards to 51 persons,
Tuling while dismissing an appeal of vear. On November 6, 1978, Mohd. tually no increase in the FAC.

Under the existing provisions of Mr. Anjaiah said that while the govthe law, electricity tariff could be reernment was taking measures to prevised only twice in a year and notice vent major hazards in dangerous types
should be served six months in adof industries, the enforcing of laws said he was under no obligation to



The Karnataka chief minister, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde, welcoming his Andhra Pradesh counterpart, Mr. N. T. Rama Rao, with a friendly hug at the Southern Zonal Council meeting in Bangalore at the week-end. The Union home minister, Mr. S. B. Chavan, who presided over the meeting, is

Maintenance for Muslim divorcee

NEW DELHI, April 23 (PTI): In the two-year period of 'iddat' and he far-reaching significant judgment, had deposited a sum of Rs. 3,000 in said. the supreme court today held that a the court by way of 'dower' during divorced Muslim wife was entitled to that period. maintenance from her former husband Mohd. Ahmed Khan, an advocate, under section 125 of the Cr. P. C. married Shah Bano Begum in 1932. so long as she had not remarried. They had three sons and two

"There is no conflict between the daughters, In April, 1978, Shah Bano provisions of Sec. 125 and those of filed a petition against her husband NEW DELHI, April 23: (PTI): the Muslim personal law on the under Sec. 125 Cr. P. C. in the court tion near an election office in the old in 1984. While the Tatas charged 42 The Union labour minister, Mr. T. question of the Muslim husband's of the judicial magistrate (first class), part of Dhaka. paise per unit, the BEST collected Anjaiah, today asked industrial obligation to provide maintenance for Indore, asking for maintenance at 48 paise and the BSES 46.20 paise management to be more responsible a divorced wife who is unable to the rate of Rs. 500 per month.

A five-judge constitution bench rected the husband to pay a sum of Rs. 25 to his wife as maintenance. presided over by the chief justice, His wife had alleged that her hus-

should be served six months in ad- of industries, the enforcing of laws said he was under no obligation to Madhya Pradesh high court in July, 1980, enhanced the amount of mainthe rate of Rs. 200 per month during husband appealed against this before for President Ershad.

the supreme court. Solanki, ing an anti-gov. Dhaka yesterday. BJP tells Chavan Tamil homes burnt in Lanka

NEW DELHI, April 23: The BJP has demanded the resignation of the Madhavsinh Solanki government in Gujarat and a judicial inquiry into police atrocities and other incidents, including attacks on newspapers and

A five-member delegation led by the party president, Mr. A. B. Vajpayee, today met the Union home minister, Mr. S. B. Chavan, and expressed "shock and anguish" over the happenings in Gujarat, They contended that the state government had totally collapsed and demanded the resignation of the chief minister. The team showed Mr. Chavan some pictures depicting Ahmedabad police indulging in vandalism and brutalities

According to the BJP vice-president, Mr. S. S. Bhandari, who led an inquiry team of the party that NAGPUR, April 23: Over 40 per- went to Ahmedabad, a memorandum sons with criminal records are aspir- was given to the Gujarat chief minreached fever pitch only during the tead of the ballot boxes, the state- ing to become city fathers in Nag- ister demanding action against police last eight days, and was without any ments containing the number of votes pur, as revealed by a detailed scru- officials guilty of misdemeanour and proper compensation to the victims.

Talking to newsmen here today, he said the state government tried to (AD): Security police detained the population of the metropolis. sition candidates have instructed their Muslim League, and the Rashtriya Since April 20, the police had be-accused their organisation of seekcome the biggest menace to law and ing a violent revolution to end order, he alleged.

President to visit Zimbabwe, Zambia Africa's largest multi-racial

President Zail Singh will pay a state 102 to 68 during the same period, bay during the summer vacation which MISA during the emergency and ar- visit to Zimbabwe and Zambia from April 30 to May 8, it was officially announced here today. Mr. Zail Singh will visit Zimbabwe

Another NSA detenu, Manohar from April 30 to May 4 at the inviin cases of dacoity and rioting, is He will visit Zambia from May 4 A dress rehearsal of the civic poll also fighting the election as an inde- to 8 at the invitation of President Kenneth David Kauanda.

50 hurt in Bangla bomb attacks

Twenty people were wounded by bombs in the southern port of Chittagong and a total of 30 in other

policemen hit by petrol bombs when they tried to break up a demonstra-

Opposition leaders have called for a boycott of the polls, which they say

candidates filed nomination papers for controversial rural elections, the police

Among those hurt were three

The police said the explosions were

apparently aimed at stopping candidates from filing nomination papers. A senior police official, who declined to be named, told Reuters, that the attackers could be supporters of opposition parties trying to disrupt the election to 460 upa-zillas (subdistricts) scheduled for May 16 and

tenance to Rs. 179.20 per month. The are aimed at creating a power base

One man was killed and several the holy mosque of Al-Quds alwere injured in bomb explosions dur- Sharif," Mr. Arafat told reporters at

COLOMBO, April 23 (AFP).

anti-apartheid

leaders held

on unspecified charges of treason.

150 for Pak shrine

ed permission for the visit, said.

JOHANNESBURG.

unofficial reports.

were set on fire.

Lebanese forces begin pull-out

by the ruling party.

Khalistan slogans

LONDON, April 23 (PTI):

Slogans in support of "Khalistan' were raised at a gurudwara in

London after Mr. George Fernandes, former Union minister,

strongly criticised the Indian government's policy on Punjab

during an address to the congre-

gation, according to the guru-

Mr. Manjit Singh Sethi, pre-

riots involved two communities.

What had happened was a deli-

berate attack on Sikhs organised

dwara authorities.

BEIRUT, April 23 (AP): Christian militiamen pulled out of hill top positions east of Sidon today after 25 Beirut was delayed by high Christian officials reported.

Maronite "Lebanese forces" around the southern city were regrouping near Jieh, 10 km north of Sidon, following the 11 a.m. withdrawal, said an official at the militia's Beirut head-

The guns were silent in Sidon for the first day since March 29 when fighting flared up between the Christians and an alliance of Muslim and Palestirian guerillas.

The Christian pull-out began as Lebanon's Muslim leaders met in Damascus in a fresh bid to settle the internecine feuding that has split Muslim

militias in Beirut. The Lebanese forces' withdrawal followed a surprise cease-fire announced by their commander, Samir Geagea, in Beirut yesterday.

Victory will be ours: Arafat

DHAKA, April 23 (UNI): The Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, Mr. Yasser Arafat, said today that the Palestinian struggle would continue till "final victory"

be achieved soon.

ing an anti-government protest in Zia International Airport before leav-

"Insha Allah, we will pray soon in

greet Fernandes "Tohra owes Takht an apology"

* THE TIMES OF INDIA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1985 9

CHANDIGARH, April 23 (UNI): not within its powers to demolish any The Punjab Congress chief whip Mr. of these. Birdevinder Singh todes held SGPC He said the Akal Takht was hand-chief, Mr. Gurcharan singh Tohra ed over to SGPC representatives and responsible for the carcumstances the jathedars of the Akal Takht after sident of the management comwhich led to the launching of "Ope- repairs and was accepted by them ration Bluestar" at the Golden in its present shape. mittee of Shepherd's Bush gurudwara quoted Mr. Fernandes as Temple complex in June last year Meanwhile, in Indore, Akali Dal having stated that what had foland said he owed an apology to the (Tara Singh) president, Mr. Rachhlowed Mrs. Gandhi's assassina-Sikh Panth for it. tion was not rioting because

> Addressing a news conference here, he urged the Akal Takht chief to call for an explanation from Mr. Tohra confidence in Punjab, instead of making "controversial" statements, in this regard.

be demolished and rebuilt.

Tohra should explain to the Sikh by Radio Luxembourg last month. masses in which capacity Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, who headed only a Sikh sect, was allowed to operate from the Golden Temple and Akel days of battles with Muslim fighters. Takht. He should also explain whether but a planned evacuation by boat to Bhindranwale was authorised by the SGPC to launch his morcha from these places and if so whether there Most of the 350 fighters of the for granting permission for such a

Challenging the authority of SGPC to demolish, the Akal Takhr, Mr. Birdevinder Singh said the SGPC was only a management committee to look after Sikh shrines and it was

Bilaspur youth

scorns dowry

The Times of India News Service

a village in Bilaspur district yes-

terday came to the rescue of a

Muslim girl who was rejected by

her fiance on the eve of the

According to reports, the bride-

groom's party reached the bride's

village on Sunday and immediate-

ly started wrangling for more

dowry. The girl's parents, unable

to meet the demands, approached

the village elders who, with the

consent of the bride, decided to

However, the girl's disappoint-

ment did not last long as a

agreed to marry her without any

dowry, much to the joy and re-

Inspired by this chivalry, another

youth sought and won the bride's

younger sister's hand in marriage.

lief of her parents.

send back the marriage party.

RAIPUR, April 23: A youth of

which would do no one good. Mr. Birdevinder Singh was react- London (PTI): Separatist Sikhs ing to the statement by Mr. Tohra have once again organised broadcasts yesterday that the Akal Takht would from Europe, beginning tomorrow, despite the cancellation of the pro-Mr. Birdevinder Singh said Mr. grammes of so-called "Khalsa Voice"

palsingh has called upon the Akali

leaders, released recently, to hein

create an atmosphere of faith and

Stage set for poll in 11 states

NEW DELHI, April 23 (PTI): The was any provision in the SGPC Act stage is set for by elections to three for granting permission for such a Lok Sabha and 26 assembly seats in 11 states which go to the polls to-Elaborate arrangements have been

made and security personnel have been deployed in extremist infested areas in the Masaurhi constituency and the borders have been sealed on Nalanda district.

The Lok Sabha by elections are for Baramati in Maharashtra, Tiruchendur

BARAMATI LOK SABHA CONSTITUENCY

in Tamil Nadu and Ladakh in Jammu and Kashmir. The 26 assembly seats include four in Rajasthan, three in U.P., five in Bihar, three in West Bengal, three in Orissa and two in Karnataka. In Bihar, nearly 650,000 voters

will exercise their franchise to elect

five legislators, out of 117 aspirants vying for Bokaro, Hatia, Nalanda, In U.P., 82 candidates are in the Anandatissa de Alwis, state minister, fray in Phulpur, Bilgram and Bareilly

normalise trading The Times of India News Service CALCUTTA, April 23: The Cal-

Four Eelam Liberation organisations cutta Stock Exchange (CSE) authodirective takes effect from the next carry-over position which begins from

> In an earlier directive, the authorities have allowed fresh purchases and sales in respect of 21 specified

Wife refused bail in spouse's murder case

said the three were leaders of the for two days this weekend at the anci-United Democratic Front, South ent temple city of Kandy to create

Newsmen

V. S. Aggalwai, yesterday defined dain to one Dhan Kaur alias Dhanno, accused of murdering her husband in

attack NEW DELHI, April 23 (PTT): A 15-member delegation of the re- Editors, journalist organisations and

newscameramen's associations today month. severely condemned the brutal attack on newspaper offices and iournalists in Ahmedabad vesterday. Deploring what they called police Buddhist organisations, on April 20 brutalities on the press, the represent hat the deceased was murdered a and 21 and held "free and frank" tative bodies urged the Gujarat gov- week before his body was recovered. ernment to make a thorough in-The publisher and managing missing. travel agents in the country that Sri editor of "Gujarat Samachar," Mr. Lanka is unsafe for travel due to the Shreyans Shah, looks upon the po-Tamil-Sinhala ethnic problem and the lice rampage on his newspaper as crime he was not inclined to rea "politically instigated attack on

Jayewardene of the situation follow- make a statement in Parliament about shares without obtaining prior permisthe situation in Sri Lanka on April sion. The members are, however,

asked to deposit 3 per cent daily ed the need to restore normalcy as Presenting the business advisory margin over and above 3 per cent committee report, the minister of carryover margin for those shares.

> NEW DELHI, April 23 (UNI): The additional sessions Judge, Mr. V. S. Aggarwal, yesterday denied bail cused of murdering her husband in It was her second bail plea. Her first plea was rejected earlier this

She said she had been falsely implicated in the case. Her husband Suresh's body was found on March 20. The post mortem report revealed Dhanno had lodged a report with the Moti nagar police station that he was

lease her on bail at this stage of the

Civic poll campaign ends By A Staff Peporter and suburbs has gone up to 48.76 lakhs stations tomorrow, additional munici--more than at any election in the pal commissioner, Mr. Dinesh Afzal-BOMBAY, April 23. past. The densely populated Chakla- purkar, said.

TIME din and bustle of campaign-I ing by parties and candidates, for Thursday's elections to the municipal corporation of Greater Bombay, reached its peak today, before it slumped to silence

Despite the absence of much public response, the electioneering this time was louder and more ostentatious

than before the state assembly elec-

tions about seven weeks ago. The day was marked by colourful their way through the thoroughfares, before the results are announced. wards, to the accompaniment of A civic spokesman said that this bands and "lezim" groups. In some system was adopted so as to rule out dates have already won.

in the initial period appeared dull, have expressed apprehension that insmajor untoward incidents.

which was 131 till 1961, was raised to possibiliy. They may even ask the

170 for the present election. Accord- booths to provide them with a copy for the April 25 civic polls, Mr. ing to municipal figures, the city of the official statement on the spot. Prakash Jhalake, has over 35 cases (south of Mahim and Sion) popula- According to civic observers, the pending against him in various potion has gone up from 23.29 lakh in percentage turnout on Thursday may lice stations on charges ranging from in the civic body has declined from seasonal exodus of people from Borr- four occasions; detained under

1957 to 32.85 lakh in 1985, but the be even less than at the assembly causing grievous injuries to murder. number of seats from the city wards elections last month, because of the He was externed from the city on On the other hand, the suburban has already started. population has shit up from 6.69 lakhs This factor, however, is likely to Security Act. in 1957 to 48.76 lakhs in 1985, but the be off set by the unusually large numnumber of seats allocated to the ber of candidates in the field, who suburban wards has increased from will try their best to mobilise their Thool, who was allegedly involved tation of President G. S. Banana. a mere 29 to 102. Eight seats are supporters in a big way. reserved for scheduled castes.

least number (19,587).

after the polling concludes. Unlike ages from the 170 electoral wards. in the past elections, the counting Coded messages have been devised so will take place in the respective as to take up minimum time on the booths, and a statement of votes telephones, Mr. Afzalpurkar said. polled by each candidate will be forwarded to the central counting in by 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, he addprocessions of candidates wending station of the ward, where a consotheir way through the thoroughfares lidated statement will be prepared

cases, the processions looked like the possibilities of loss or replacement victory processions as if the candi- of ballot boxes in transit from the booths to the counting station. The three-week electioneering, which But several opposition candidates

The number of voters in the city will be held at the various polling pendent.

Lepers' Home ward (No. 64) has the officers of the municipal corporation,

counting of votes will be taken soon poration headquarters to receive mess-

polled by candidates in individual The strength of the corporation polling agents to guard against this Sanjay Manch.

Kattha Bazar-Dongri ward (No. 5) Any clarification in connection with has the largest number of voters the polling can be taken up by mem-(41,380) and the Khalsa College- bers of the public with the 21 ward

Mr. Afzalpurkar said. Polling will take place on Thurs- Seventeen temporary telephone conat the prescribed deadline of 5 day, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and nections have been set up at the cor-

The poll results will start pouring

Criminals vying for civic seats The Times of India News Service

140 in 1968, and was raised again to respective presiding officers at the One of the independent candidates rested again under the National

DHAKA, April 23 (Reuter): At least 50 people were injured today in bomb attacks across Bangladesh as

unable immediately to provide des taken up the matter with the U.S. Masaurhi and Latehar seats. tails about damage or any casual- ambassador in this country, Dr. MUSLIMS set Tamil homes ties. Anandatissa de Alwis, state minister, fray in Phulpur, Bilgram ablaze yesterday, officials said Mr. Athulathmudali said that 28 has told the pro-government news- assembly constituencies.

here today as they reported fur- people had died since Tamil-Muslim paper, "Weekend." Sri Lanka which has already claim- ing to official estimates. ed around 50 lives, according to Officials reported from the east- (LTTE) ambushed an army convoy ern area that some Tamils fled yes- killing 20 Sinhala soldiers at Puthu-

The home minister, Mr. Bill Deva- caloa about 10 km away. nayagam, said violence erupted in SEPARATE STATE Muslim dominated Kathankuddy and an adjoining villages as Tamil homes

militants in northwestern Mannar vince as an attempt by the Sri Lanka (both sales and purchases) to the ex-The national security minister, Mr. Lalith Athulathmudali, confirmed that clashes had broken out, but was tants are campaigning for a separate the Tamils and their Muslim brethern, business position as on April 9. This state in the north and east of Sri reports PTI.

Mr. Devanayagam and another Tamil cabinet colleague, Mr. Chelliah Raiadurai, minister for regional deve- The minister of state for external aflopment, yesterday apposed President fairs, Mr. Khurshed Alam Khan, will ing a visit to the troubled area.

The home minister said they stress- 29. quickly as possible.

white-minority rule, the police said. PTI adds: Leaders of Sri Lanka's A police spokesman in Pretoria Buddhist and Hindu organisations met organi- a better understanding between these

NEW DELHI, April 23 (UNi): sation working to dismantle apart two main religious groups and help solve the ethnic problem. Presumably the three are to be cently-formed council of Hindu orgaheld along with 16 other front leanisations, under the leadership of its ders imprisoned and awaiting trial president, Mr. Yogendra Duraiswamy,

> NEW DELHI, April 23 (UNI): A discussion on the ethnic issue. group of 150 pilgrims will visit Sri Meanwhile, the U.S. state depart- quiry and protect journalists. Katasrat, a Hindu shring in the ment is reported to have informed Jehlum district of Pakistan, a Hindu Rashtriya Sangathan release said to-The Pakistan government has grant- resultant violence.

met the Mahanavakes of the Malwatte Asgiriya chapters, the two main

NOW ON SALE

ther sectarian violence in eastern clashes started two weeks ago, accord- Madras (UNI): A Guerilla assault unit of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil

terday to the east coast city of Batti- kudiyirrupu, in the Mullaitivu district yesterday, an LTTE press release issued here claimed today. The clashes started after three have described the recent violent rities have directed member-brokers Muslims were shot dead by Tamil incidents reported in the eastern pro- to reduce their volume of business

more than two weeks ago. The mili- government to create a rift between tent of at least 20 per cent of their Statement on Lanka NEW DELHI. April 23 (UNI):

It is estimated that nearly 12,000 state for parliamentary affairs, Mr.

people have been made homeless in Ghulam Nabi Azad, informed the the violence and that about 800 Lok Sabha today that there would homes and shops have been destroyed also be a discussion on the minister's statement. The statement was originally scheduled for Friday.

The Sri Lankan government has the free press".

collusion with her brother Rakesh.

Mr. Aggarwal in his order observed that in view of the gravity of the

Seoul expels 5 Indian soothsayers

tice ministry officials said on Tues- compiled by the World Bank and the men decade.

than \$10,000 telling the fortunes of Koreans since their arrival 11 days ago on tourist visas, reports Reuter. They were expelled on Monday and fined \$350 each for violating visa regulations.

countries, is resulting in "staggering" economic costs, said a report published on Monday by the International Labour Organisation. Seven of every ten problem-drinkers in industrialised countries are em-

of the report.

absenteeism, work accidents, lower productive capacity and decreased the White House and gathered at the work quality, among other negative Capital to listen to former democraaffects, it said. FOREIGN EXCHANGE SAVING (IINA): Developing countries could save up to a quarter of their entire foreign exchange expenditure by

means of improved efficiency in in-

IT'S NO GOOD, TRUDY-

I CAN'T SLEEP-

HUBERT

U.N. Institute for training and re-

search. ment-A Training Manual", the 316page document gives basic information on various aspects of international procurement.

AMERICANS PROTEST (Xinhua): About 26,000 Americans held a demonstration in Washington to protest

ployed, said an ILO press summary against the foreign and domestic policies of the Reagan administration. Alcohol and drug abuse results in

ternational purchases, according to a Pool): The United Nations has de-chairman and managing director of day.

to develop the status of women in been translated into Swedish. line with the international developlopment decade.

MINERS ACCEPT OFFER (Reuter): Britain's coal miners, who abandoned a year-long strike over pit closures in March, on Monday overwhelmingly accepted a 12,5 per cent pay offer covering the past two years.

However, the miners' leader, Mr. Arthur Scargill, who led his men back to work without a settlement, warned of further industrial action if the state-run coal board tried to scale down the industry.

sador to Romania till recently.

The translation was done by well-K. Lakhanpal in collaboration with Swedish poetess, Ms. Ullah Palm Vist. The first volume of the trans-Ghalib, who was poet laureate in the court of the last Moghul emperor, Bahadur Shah Zafar, is the second Indian poet whose works have

Matongo will be the first ambassador Mr. Matongo, who has been the take charge of his new assignment

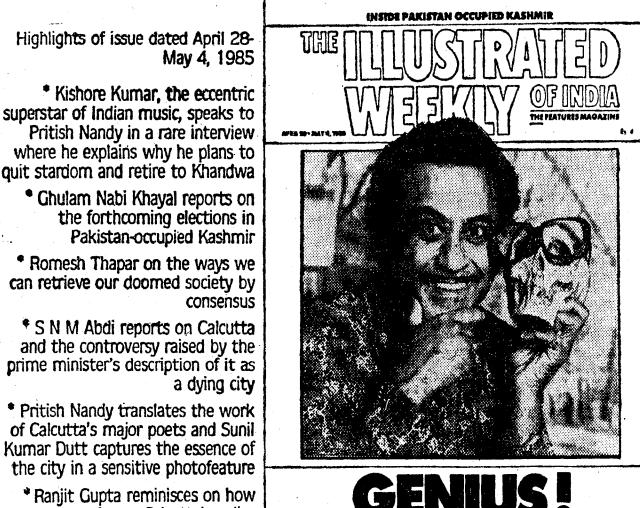
IDPL CHIEF (UNI): Mr. Kanwar a public meeting organised by Indo-SEMINAR ON WOMEN (Wam- Gajendra Singh has taken over as African friendship society on Mon-

May 4, 1985 * Kishore Kumar, the eccentric superstar of Indian music, speaks to Pritish Nandy in a rare interview where he explains why he plans to

the forthcoming elections in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir Romesh Thapar on the ways we can retrieve our doomed society by

prime minister's description of it as a dying city Pritish Nandy translates the work of Calcutta's major poets and Sunil

*Ranjit Gupta reminisces on how he, as Calcutta's police commissioner, tamed the Naxalites during the turbulent period when the city was virtually under siege



KISHORE KUMAR MUSIC'S ECCENTRIC SUPERSTAR SPEAKS TO PRITISH NANDY

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with various vested interests in the region * Eugene Wigner, Nobel laureate, speaks to B G Sidharth about science and humanity

* Bharat Dogra reports on Shankar

Guho Nivogi's trade union activities

in Chhatisgarh and his confrontation

* Deepa Gahlot reports on the controversy over the Nehru film made by Shyam Benegal * Suresh Awasthi pays tribute to

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PRICE OF ALCOHOLISM (AP): An increase in on-the-job alcohol and drug use, especially in industrialised

Carrying placards and chanting slogans, the demonstrators marched past tic presidential candidate, Mr. Jesse Jackson, and other speakers, including representatives of a guerilla group from South Africa and Nicaraguan University students.

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OH, DEAR-

NOT AGAIN!

National

illegally in South Korea, the jus- national trade centre was actually Nairobi as part of the world's wo- Mr. Singh was the Indian ambas-A press release issued by the GHALIB'S POEMS IN SWEDISH UNICEF office in Abu Dhabi said (UNI): "Diwani-Ghalib", a collection

SWAPO'S ENVOY (UNI): Mr. of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) in India, according to Ms. Margarat Alva, minister of state for parliamentary affairs. representative of SWAPO in India for the last three years, is likely to

The announcement was made at

By Dick Wingert

YOUR INSOMNIA HUBERT, I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS WORSE-OR YOUR SNORING!

tiny of police records. A record number of 1,733 candi- booths could be replaced in transit! dates, most of them independents are One candidate said that it was easier Such candidates are not only inin the election arena, partly because to replace a statement, a mere piece dependents, but also belong to na- break the peaceful agitation of stu- without charges three leading antiof the increased number of seats and of paper, than to replace a whole tional parties like the Congress, the dents against its reservation policy apartheid campaigners this morning, partly because of the steep rise in ballot box. He said that many oppo- BJP, the Janata party, the RPI, the by systematic use of police terror. a day after President P. W. Botha

TIVE Indian soothsayers have new publication just issued in Geneva, cided to hold an international conthe state-owned. Indian Drugs and been expelled for operating. The book, released by the interference on the status of women in Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL).

They said the five had made more Entitled "International Procure- the 12-day conference beginning on of poems of the great Urdu poet, July 15 will explore practical ways Mirja Assadullah Khan Ghalib, has ment strategy of the third U.N. deve- known Jurist and journalist, Mr. P. lation will be released in June.

been translated into Swedish.

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