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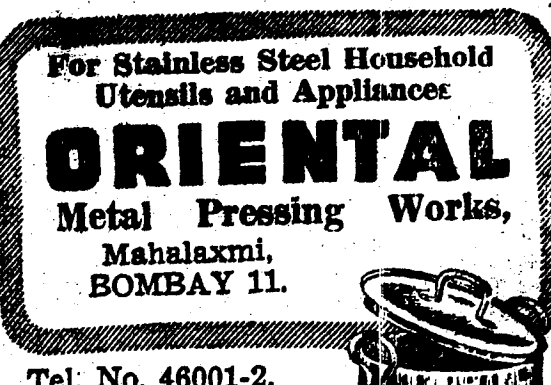
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## EDUCATION IN NEW INDIA

### Method To Suit Culture Of Nation

#### UNIVERSITY BODY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, August 25.

THE basic aim of the University Commission's recommendations, a report of which was submitted to the Government of India early this week, was to make education more Indian in character, in conformity with the genius and culture of the people of India, said Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Chairman of the Commission, at a press conference here today.

Dr. Radhakrishnan added that the proposed reorientation of the educational system in the country would also facilitate the evolution of a social and economic democracy, which formed the fundamental basis of the new Constitution.

While the mother tongue should be regarded as the medium of instruction in all stages of education, he cautioned against hasty displacement of English lest the general standard of education should deteriorate rather suddenly.

Other highlights of Dr. Radhakrishnan's elucidation of the Commission's report were:—  
Drastic changes had been proposed in examinations by adoption of what were known as "objective tests" in order to minimise the shortcomings of the existing systems of education.

Technological institutions should be "upgraded" in order to attain self-sufficiency in the matter of education. This should have a two-fold objective; more technicians, rather than technical graduates, should be produced to promote industrial and agricultural production; and, second, first class post-graduate research facilities should be provided in order to enable India to make her contribution to the world's knowledge of science and education.

Salaries of teachers must approximate to those in the higher services of the State so as to attract the best available talent to the field of education.

#### UNIVERSITY DEGREES

University degrees should not be considered as "prestige" but as a "passport" into higher Government service.

A more liberal system of scholarships for poor students should be introduced.

Bureaux of translation should be established to facilitate study of languages.

No college should have more than 1,500 students in a year as the Commission felt that over-crowding of colleges led to lack of individual attention and lowering of the standard of education.

Dr. Radhakrishnan said that the adoption of the general principles which the Commission had recommended would bring about uniformity in university education and eliminate discrimination between students of one university and those of another.

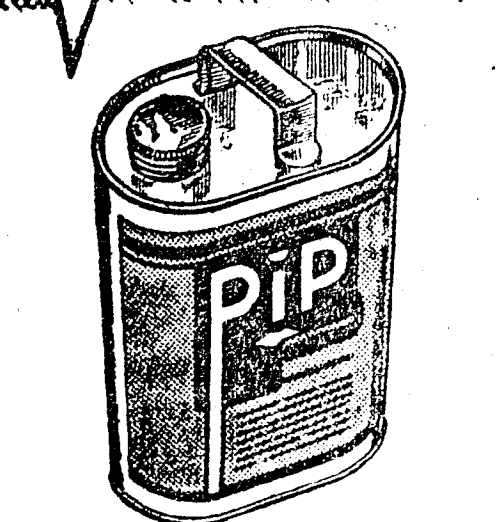
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## EUROPE'S RECOVERY SLOWS DOWN

### E.C.A. Reviews Past Year

WASHINGTON, August 25: The pace of European recovery has slackened, the Economic Co-operation Administration reported today in a review of its first year's operations. The dollars earned by European nations during the period were enough to pay for only one fifth of their imports from the Western Hemisphere. The report covered the year ending April 2, 1949.

However, the report added, the programme's "ultimate objective of a healthy economy independent of extraordinary outside assistance remains as a difficult but attainable goal." The report noted that Congress had set up three aims when it authorised the European recovery project: boosting production, stabilising currencies, and stimulating trade among the participating nations. "In each of these fields," the E.C.A. said, "the nations of Europe made substantial progress in the first 12 months of the European recovery programme."—P.T.I.-Reuter.



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## DOLLAR LOAN TO INDIA



Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador to the United States, signing in Washington on August 18 the agreement providing for a loan of \$4 million dollars to India. At left is Mr. R. K. Menon, Finance Secretary to the Government of India, and at right is Mr. Eugene R. Black, President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which granted the loan.

## Economy In British Official Spending

### GESTURE TO MEET U. S. VIEW

LONDON, August 25.

The British Government had ordered an overall cut in Government spending by at least 150 million pounds sterling a year, it was disclosed today.

This order by the Treasury—described as "heavy pressure to make all possible economies"—came on the eve of the dollar crisis talks in Washington. It is understood that a five per cent. reduction in the estimates for next year's April budget was the target set, but it was hoped some departments could do even better. Some civil servants, it was stated, would inevitably lose their jobs.

British financial quarters indicated that the move was a gesture to meet the American view that internal British expenditure was an important factor in Britain's balance of payment.

The Labour Government have always contested this view, but today's move is described as an earnest of Britain's intention to retrench. This, it is hoped, will do much to ensure the Washington talks getting a good start.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

#### U. K. India Talks

LONDON, August 25: Mr. K. R. K. Menon, Secretary, Finance Department Government of India, who was here discussing with British Treasury officials problems of double taxation relief between the two countries, left this morning by air for Bombay. Mr. Menon said, before his departure, that the talks were "useful and satisfactory."—P.T.I.

## Petrol Quota For Provinces

### REQUEST FOR MORE SUPPLY REJECTED

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, August 25.

Bombay, along with certain other provinces, recently made a representation that the Government of India should give them additional supplies of petrol for the current quarter.

The Central request is such that the Government of India have intimated to these provinces that it would not be possible to enhance the present quota.

It may, however, be mentioned that the Madras Government informed the Government of India that before the decision enforcing a cut in petrol ration was announced, it had spent the additional quota which was sanctioned in June, specifically for the purpose of clearing congestion in ports. The Government of India, it appears, have decided to condone this, but no fresh allocation is being made to Madras.

The position is expected to be reviewed, at a later stage, when the overall petrol supply position improves.

#### Austrian Peace Treaty

LONDON, August 25: The Austrian Peace Treaty deputies today reached agreement on how Austria was to pay the Soviet Union 150,000,000 dollars over six years in return for war booty and certain former German assets.

There was still, however, little sign of concessions on the main points of disagreement in the important Article 35, dealing with German assets, before next Thursday, when the deputies required to report to the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

## CLOSER CONTROL OVER IMPORTS

### Open General Licence To Be Cancelled Forthwith

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, August 25.

THE Government of India announced here today their decision to have closer control over imports, after making a comprehensive review of India's foreign exchange position in the light of the recent Indo-British sterling balances settlement. The Open General Licence No. XV has been cancelled with immediate effect, and a shorter O.G.L. with about only 15 items is being issued.

It is authoritatively learnt that the new import policy will be maintained for a fairly long time, as the new list is believed to have been prepared after a complete and close examination of the whole position.

In coming to these decisions, the Government of India are stated to have kept constantly in view the criticism that the import policy was being manipulated too frequently and widely.

Most of the luxury items were removed from the list in the third week of July and it is suggested that only indispensable items of imports would now be found to have been included.

#### GOVERNMENT "COMMUNIQUE"

The following is the full text of the official Press Note:

The Government of India have made a comprehensive review of the foreign exchange position in the light of the recent Indo-U.K. Financial Agreement. As it is considered expedient in the present circumstances to have closer control over imports, it has been decided to cancel the Open General Licence No. XV, with immediate effect. All the minor items of machinery and machinery spares, which were on O.G.L. XV, and the following other items from

O.G.L. XV, namely, Electro-medical apparatus and books will, however, be allowed to be imported without licence and for this purpose a shorter Open General Licence (No. XVI) is being issued.

Goods now removed from the Open General Licence will be allowed to be cleared without licence, if shipped on or before September 15, 1949. Notifications giving effect to the above decisions are being published in a "Gazette of India" (Extraordinary) of today's date, to which reference should be made for a precise indication of items, which will continue on the O.G.L.

As regards the procedure for licensing of items now removed from Open General Licence, for which commitments have been made and which cannot be shipped on or before September 15, 1949, a separate public notice will be issued.

#### LETTERS OF CREDIT

Where letters of credit have been opened earlier than August 26 for goods now removed from the Open General Licence, which are valid for shipments beyond September 15, 1949, importers can arrange for shipment beyond that date, but within the date of shipment validity of the letter of credit, at their own risk pending issue of special licences. Their clearance will be allowed on the importers executing a letter of (Continued on page 7)

## Waging War Against Food Shortage In India

### MR. R. K. PATIL ON NEED TO ROUSE PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM

From Our Staff Correspondent

NAGPUR, August 25.

HE sometimes thought that a war would be a blessing, for then the people would be forced to face a situation where they would starve unless they made themselves self-sufficient in food, said Mr. R. K. Patil, Food Commissioner, Government of India, addressing Congress workers here today.

People should be made to realise the stark reality that India would be left to starve in the event of a world conflict, he said.

Mr. Patil was explaining the manner in which every citizen, to whatever strata of society he belonged, could play an effective part in the war against food shortage.

He said: Making the country self-sufficient in food did not appear to him to be an impossible task. If they followed a planned method and everyone played his part, they could even produce a large exportable surplus. There were no doubt, practical difficulties in the way. The sum of all our ills was that as a nation, or as a people, we are at present in a depressed state. People had developed the habit of looking to others to do everything for them. One often heard people say that it was the responsibility of Government servants to grow more food. He would like to ask whether Governments were divorced from the rest of the people.

#### MAIN QUESTION

The main question before them now was how to rouse public consciousness and enthusiasm in their food drive and make people realise their own individual responsibilities in the matter. It was not enough merely to talk, but if everyone practised what he preached then it would rouse consciousness among others.

There were large areas of waste land in Nagpur City, but before they could proceed to cultivate them, they had to enclose them to secure against the great stray cattle nuisance. Referring to his previous press conference in Delhi wherein he had dwelt on the need to destroy wild pigs and other vermin, he mentioned crops, Mr. Patil said that an organisation from Ahmedabad had protested to Pandit Nehru against the proposal since it went counter to the principle of non-violence and had further asked for the removal from office of the Food Commissioner, for advocating such methods. Mr. Patil asked whether they were going to raise crops and allow animals to feed on them as they liked.

#### ENLIGHTENING VILLAGERS

The Commissioner offered a few suggestions in the matter of increasing production, avoiding waste, saving food and preventing the destruction of grains by vermin. Workers could explain to cultivators certain simple yet vital things such as the greater value of cattle urine as manure than even cow dung, because of its higher nitrogen content. School children could go round their villages and spread sand or hay where cattle were tethered and dig compost pits, remove the urine-soaked sand or hay and store it as manure and spread fresh sand or hay so that the cultivator's curiosity would be roused as to why children were doing "such strange things." He would then be possessed of the idea that more food had to be produced and he would begin to concentrate on such efforts.

Middle class people, who had the benefit of education, could go round and explain to villagers such things as utilising as manure refuse which not only went waste but at the same time also made the approaches to villages unclean.

By reviving the ancient system of avoiding food grains on "Elakasi" days, they could not only save a great deal of food for the country but also individually derive the benefits accruing from occasional changes of diet and fasting.

Pamphlets giving detailed instructions and guidance to each class of people, Mr. Patil added, were being not only sent but would be available to the public within a fortnight or so.

## INDIA'S STATE LANGUAGE

### Discussion On Revised Draft

NEW DELHI, August 25.

What is described as the "final draft" of the clause in the Draft Constitution pertaining to the language of the Union was discussed by the Congress Party for nearly three hours at its meeting today. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya was in the chair, the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, and other Cabinet Ministers and a large number of members being present.

The party has so far discussed a number of drafts with a view to accommodating all shades of opinion, but no decision could be arrived at. The latest one which is said to be "final" has been sponsored by Mr. K. M. Munshi and Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar and claims the backing of the Prime Minister and a large number of members. The revised draft includes Hindustani as well as English in the schedule of 14 languages.

The main controversy, however, appears to centre round the provision where choice of numerals, Arabic or Hindi, has been provided. A large number of members are understood to have expressed themselves "strongly" on the subject, those from the South asserting that the provision would remain a dead letter "if foisted upon" the country. After a three-hour debate the discussions had to be adjourned as the lights went out. It is understood that rates would be taken on amendments tomorrow.

#### TEXT OF DRAFT

The following is the text of the revised draft by Mr. K. M. Munshi and Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, which the party discussed today:—

"3011A. (1) The official language of the Union shall be Hindi in Devanagari script with the international form of Indian numerals.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (1) of this Article, for a period of 15 years from the commencement of the Constitution, the English language shall continue to be used for all the official purposes of the Union, or for which it was hitherto used:—

"Provided that the President may, during the said period, by order authorise, for any of the official purposes of the Union the use of the Hindi language in addition to the English language.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained above, Parliament may, by law, provide for the use of the English language after the said period of 15 years for such purposes as may be specified in such law.—P.T.I.

#### U. K. Coal Strike Ends

LONDON, August 25: All pit cage winders in the Yorkshire and Lancashire coalfields were back at work today after their unofficial strike, the National Coal Board announced today.

The strike, which began last Saturday, made about 50,000 men idle and cost 350,000 tons of coal. The winders' pay grievance is to be heard by the National Arbitration Tribunal.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

## INDONESIAN REPUBLIC'S CONSTITUTION

### Joint Draft To Be Submitted To The Dutch

THE HAGUE, August 25.

THE Republican and Federalist delegations to the Round-Table Conference on Indonesia aimed to draw up as quickly as possible the "definite text of the provisional Constitution of the United Republic of Indonesia," it was learned here today.

The Political Committee, which begins work tomorrow on drafting the provisional Constitution, will have before it working papers from each of the Indonesian delegations.

Spokesmen of both delegations said today that "no special difficulties are anticipated" in fusing the two sets of ideas on Constitution details. A special committee of Indonesians has been at work in Indonesia for some time preparing a draft.

The Republican and Federalist delegations both admit "the reasonableness of the Dutch desire to have the definite draft of the Constitution submitted to them so that the Netherlands Parliament may know the kind of administration to which sovereignty is being transferred."

#### SOUND ADMINISTRATION

They also accept the Dutch contention that the Netherlands Constitution, as amended last year, lays it down that the Netherlands-Indonesian Union must have definite guarantees of a sound administration.

The two Indonesian delegations intend to start the new administration immediately general agreement is reached with the Dutch on the draft of the Constitution.

One of the first tasks will be the choosing of a President by the Republicans and Federalists, "and to gain time we wish to begin that here in The Hague," said a Republican spokesman today.

The President will then choose three Cabinet members who will add two more to their number to form an inner Cabinet of five Ministers holding the portfolios of Defence, Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, Finance and Economic Affairs.

The remainder of the Cabinet, to deal with such internal departments as Education, Transport and Social Affairs, will then be appointed. The inner Cabinet will make emergency decisions which will have the same legality as those taken by the full Cabinet.

When the President and Cabinet have been appointed the United States of Indonesia "will be ready to receive sovereignty from the Netherlands," said the inter-Indonesian agreement put it.

#### PROVISIONAL ASSEMBLY

Immediately sovereignty is transferred and the United Republic is instituted, the provisional Assembly will be formed from four members of the two Indonesian delegations to the Round Table Conference, augmented, if necessary, by members of the provisional Republican Parliament.

This Assembly, like the provisional Cabinet, will hold office until the general election finally establishes the regular Parliament. It is expected elections will take place from six to nine months after the transfer of sovereignty.

A general outline of the proposed administration of the United Republic of Indonesia has already been prepared by the two Indonesian delegations.

The Federalist and Republican delegates to the conference held separate private meetings today to consider the draft Constitution and the Charter of the Netherlands-Indonesian Union.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

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Benares State's Merger  
From Our Own Correspondent  
BENARES, August 25: It is reliably learnt that the Ruler of Benares has signed a merger agreement at New Delhi. It is understood that the State will be merged with the United Provinces on November 1.

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