

"Bright Future For Anglo-Indians"

MR. FRANK ANTHONY ON SAFEGUARDS

CALCUTTA, October 9: As a result of the generosity and understanding of the Congress leaders specific safeguards had been provided for the Anglo-Indian community, said Mr. Frank Anthony, member of the Indian Constituent Assembly and President-in-Chief of the All-India Anglo-Indian Association, addressing the combined general meeting of the All-India Anglo-Indian Association for 1948 and 1949, here today.

The community, he stated, had been recognised in the new constitution as one of India's minorities. More than that, its special needs with regard to education and employment, had been generously guaranteed. Two years had elapsed since they had last met. Those two years had represented a momentous period for the country and a critical period for the community. They had met today under a reassuring background. They were encouraged by the thought that they had been given a place of self-respect and of no negligible importance in the constitution of free India.

The Anglo-Indian leader added that he was aware of the anxiety still present in the minds of many members of his community. Much of this anxiety, he observed, was due to sheer ignorance of the generous guarantees given to the community and also of the fundamental rights guaranteeing the religion, language and culture of the various communities. Anglo-Indians today were getting opportunities which they had never previously had, particularly in the armed forces and on the railways. They were receiving opportunities, which they could not possibly get in any other country. He said that the community had an increasingly bright future before it.—
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