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CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY'S FUNCTIONS

EXPERTS COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS ON LEGISLATIVE WORK

STATUS OF STATES MEMBERS

The Experts Committee appointed by the President of the Constituent Assembly has made its suggestions with regard to the performance by the Assembly of its dual work of constitution-making and legislative work.

If legislative work is to be undertaken immediately, the Committee suggests that the Assembly could be summoned separately for legislative work. It also recommends that a new President may be elected to preside over such sessions.

If no full legislative work is contemplated, it suggests that an hour or two may be set apart for legislative business when members could ask questions or bring up to the notice of the House matters of urgent public importance.

EXPERTS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

NEW DELHI, Aug. 23.

The Experts Committee appointed by the President of the Constituent Assembly to make recommendations as to how the Assembly should perform the dual functions of constitution-making and legislative work, has concluded its work.

The Committee has suggested that the House could be summoned separately for legislative work if regular legislative work is to be undertaken immediately. In the case of the States, the Committee suggested that a separate President should be elected to preside over these sessions as Dr. Rajendra Prasad is a member of the Government. It has been pointed out by the Committee that members of the Government, who are not members of the Constituent Assembly, could automatically attend such sessions even under the Government of India Act 1935, which is, in fact, being adapted.

If, however, no full legislative programme is contemplated, the Committee has suggested that an hour or two might be set apart, whenever necessary, during the regular session of the Assembly for constitution-making and during this time, members could ask questions or otherwise bring to the fore matters of urgent public importance.

In regard to the status of Indian States representatives, the Committee is understood to have realised the position that representatives of acceding States could be given a special status in the Constituent Assembly. The Committee has further expressed the view that although these representatives could not by right claim

PARTITION OF BENGAL

AWARD OF BOUNDARY COMMISSION

CALCUTTA, Aug. 23.

It is learnt that the Congress High Command is to be moved by the Bengal Provincial Congress authorities in regard to the award given by the Boundary Commission on the partition of Bengal and Sylhet.

The Secretary of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee has sent the relevant papers to the President of the B. P. C. C., Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghosh, who is in Delhi for the purpose.

A public meeting, held under the auspices of the Provincial Hindu Mahasabha yesterday, adopted a resolution demanding the revision of the award. It expressed the view that the award was not a decision of the Commission but an invalid decision by the Chairman, Sir Cyril Radcliffe, and it urged the Indian Dominion Government to take necessary steps to redress the wrong.

LEAGUE LEADER'S APPEAL

Maulana Akram Khan, President of the Bengal Provincial Muslim League, in a statement, says that the report of the Boundary Commission has created widespread resentment among Muslims in Bengal, particularly the Muslims of the affected districts. He said that they must bow down to the decree of the League High Command and we must be reconciled to our lot. No useful purpose could, in my opinion, be served by litigation now. The leaders of India and Pakistan would at a future date arrive at an amicable settlement, and ask the Muslims to realise that Hinduism is responsible for what has happened and I appeal to both Hindus and Muslims to do nothing which may destroy the goodwill created on the Independence Day.

P. C. Ghosh and Khwaja Nazimuddin, the Premier of West and East Bengal respectively, had earlier issued a joint appeal to the people of Bengal on both sides of the new frontier to maintain the era of goodwill and amity. They emphasised that the leaders of the people of India of all communities had given their word of honour that the award, whatever it might be, would be accepted.

INDIAN PROBLEM IN S. AFRICA

SMUTS AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS

PRETORIA, Aug. 22.

No further correspondence has passed between Field Marshal Smuts and Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of the Indian Dominion, in regard to the South African Indian question since Pandit Nehru's letter of August 8 and the Union Government now awaits further consideration of the matter by U. N. or any other move by the Dominion of India, it is learnt.

Though there is no official reaction to Pandit Nehru's last letter, Union's attitude as indicated in Field Marshal Smuts' letter, it is stated, remains unchanged, namely that the Union Government would readily negotiate with India on the basis of the U. N. resolution and not while sanctions imposed on India remain in force.—Reuter.

GREEK FRONTIER VIOLATIONS

U.S. WHITE PAPER TO BE ISSUED

'COMPLICITY OF NORTHERN NEIGHBOURS'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.

The United States State Department will shortly issue a White Paper covering the situation on the northern Greek frontier, it was announced to-night.

The announcement was made when the State Department published two reports summarising the results of the United Nations investigation of violations of this frontier.

The State Department said: "These summaries demonstrate that the evidence gathered by the United Nations subsidiary group is impressive to the point of being overwhelming. It shows the complicity of Greece's northern neighbours in the frontier incidents which have occurred since April this year."

"It is also clearly shown that Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia have openly and defiantly rejected any co-operation with the subsidiary group."

Describing the forthcoming White Paper as "comprehensive", the State Department said that it would include not only background material and an analysis of the work of the Balkan Investigating Commission but also detailed information about recent border incidents.

The reports published to-day give evidence of the unco-operative attitude of Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, and dates and details of incidents which occurred between April and the middle of July.

CABINET CRISIS IN GREECE

SEQUEL TO RESIGNATION BY THREE MINISTERS

ATHENS, Aug. 23.

Three leading Greek Cabinet Ministers to-day handed in their resignations. They were: M. Sophocles Venizelos, Vice Premier and Minister for National Economy (Liberal), the Social Democrat Minister of the Interior, M. George Papandreou, and the Air Minister, M. Panagiotis Kanellopoulos of the National Union Party.

The three Ministers, leaders of the three centre parties in the Government, walked out of a Cabinet meeting after handing in their resignations to M. Maximos, the Prime Minister.

M. Maximos, Premier, left the three Cabinet Ministers walked out, to go to the Royal Palace to hand in his Cabinet's resignation to King Paul. King Paul asked M. Maximos to remain in office until the crisis was over. When the Premier presented the Cabinet's resignation.

The King was this afternoon received the different party leaders.

Afterwards, the King received M. Tsaldaris, Leader of the majority Populist Party, who returned only last night from the United States after putting the Greek case on frontier troubles and guerrillas before the U.N. Domestic measures discussed by the Ministers at a meeting yesterday included one to outlaw the Communist Party. The meeting ended without decision to-day, the three Ministers resigned. Their walk-out brought down the fall of the Government.

DANGER OF POPULIST-LED GOVT.

U.S. quarters here, while very reserved in their comments, were reported to be afraid of the "dynamic policy" of a possible Populist-led Government of the Right Wing, which Mr. Dwight Griswold, head of the U.S. Aid Mission, said might "involve a severe strain on the country's slim resources."

Some political observers here suggested three possible solutions of the crisis: (1) A Rightist Government led by the Populists and headed by M. Tsaldaris; (2) a new Coalition between the two historical parties of Greece, the Populists and the Liberals, in a Cabinet of "national salvation"; or (3) a Government of personalities under some name, such as the Prime Minister, Archbishop Damaskinos, or General Nicolas Plastiras.

A Populist-led Government would, it was believed, pursue an extreme policy to suppress the guerrillas and the Communists.

A Liberal-Populist Coalition might follow a middle-of-the-road policy and include all parliamentary elements in favour of a peaceful solution in Greece. But differences between the 88-year-old Sofoulis, the veteran Liberal leader, and M. Tsaldaris were considered "irreconcilable."

A caretaker Government or a "Cabinet of personalities" with the task of granting a general amnesty and paving the way for new elections would probably not meet with parliamentary approval.—Reuter.

REHABILITATION OF GERMANY

U. S. TO GIVE ALL-OUT HELP

RALIEGH (North Carolina), Aug. 23.

Mr. Kenneth Routh, United States Secretary of the Army, said to-day that in occupied Europe, "the chips are down in this worldwide political game, and food and clothing are the initial plays."

His speech was taken here as giving support to the belief that the U. S. Government was giving Germany top priority in the Marshall Plan.

"A for selfish reasons, to stop the drain on the U. S. Treasury, we must establish the ability of Germany to support itself by productive work of all kinds, to pay its own freight," he added.—Reuter.

SIR B. N. RAU MEETS GANDHIJI

CALCUTTA, Aug. 23.

Sir B. N. Rau, Constitutional Adviser to the Government of India, called on Mahatma Gandhi this morning, in Bellaghat.

Sir B. N. Rau is leaving for Burma to-morrow, at the invitation of the Burma Government, to advise them on Burma's constitution.

Mr. S. N. Chatterji, Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, also called on Mahatma Gandhi this morning.—A.P.I.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, Aug. 23.

A communique from the Cabinet Secretariat says that Sardar Patel, Home Minister, will be the Deputy Prime Minister of India.

FREEDOM OF BURMA

LEGISLATION BY END OF THE YEAR

BRITISH ASSURANCE TO THAKIN NU

RANGOON, Aug. 23.

The British Government has assured the "transfer of power in Burma in December this year or January next, at the latest," Thakin Nu, the Burmese Prime Minister, told correspondents here to-day.

The Burmese Cabinet were at present considering the principles of a draft treaty with Britain, he added.

Discussing the general situation throughout Burma, the Prime Minister condemned the "disruptive tactics" of anti-Government elements and declared, "The Government believe in seeking the help of the masses to maintain law and order rather than depending on foreign aid to suppress whatever disorders might arise throughout the country."—Reuter.

REPORTED INVITATION TO PANDIT NEHRU

RANGOON, Aug. 23.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of the Indian Union, has been invited to attend the September session of the Burmese Constituent Assembly, authoritative sources told the Associated Press of America to-day. The Burma Constitution Bill is expected to be passed at the September session.

Asked to confirm or deny the reported invitation to Pandit Nehru, the Foreign Relations Department of the Government of Burma said, "We have no knowledge such an invitation has been sent."—A.P.A.

NEWSPAPER EDITOR ARRESTED

RANGOON, Aug. 23.

Burmese police to-day raided the premises of Amakhit, leading Burmese daily, and arrested the Editor and publisher and seized some important documents from the Press.

It was alleged that the arrested men were connected with the illegal "Red Flag" Communist Party and with U. Aung Chien, Police Commissioner, expressed satisfaction to-day over the "marked improvement" in Burmese law and order. He said he thought it indicated a good response on the part of the public to his appeal earlier this week against the misuse of firearms. He is maintaining all possible security measures in the City.

PREMIER'S CONFERENCE WITH PRESSMEN

The Burmese Press to-day reported that Premier Thakin Nu met a number of Burmese newspaper editors, were connected with the illegal "Red Flag" Communist Party and with U. Aung Chien, Police Commissioner, expressed satisfaction to-day over the "marked improvement" in Burmese law and order. He said he thought it indicated a good response on the part of the public to his appeal earlier this week against the misuse of firearms. He is maintaining all possible security measures in the City.

NATIONALISATION OF KEY INDUSTRIES

PAKISTAN GOVT.'S PROGRAMME

KARACHI, Aug. 23.

Nationalisation of the key industries came under discussion yesterday at the Pakistan Government, according to the Dawn, the official newspaper of the Muslim League.

The paper stated: "A Government spokesman said that finance would be provided by the sale of National Savings Certificates. The holders of these certificates would not be guaranteed any interest on their investments, but would share the profits of the industries in which the money is invested. The system of interest on these certificates would be totally abolished."

The spokesman continued, "The Government of Pakistan have in view not only nationalisation of the key industries, but an extensive programme of starting all essential industries, which are at present non-existent in Pakistan, for the economic development of the State."

"An extensive programme for oil, coal and iron in the Pakistan areas will shortly be undertaken by expert geologists."

"A beginning will be made by collecting sufficient funds for financing these schemes. To achieve this object the Pakistan Government propose to launch a country-wide drive for the sale of national savings certificates. Every possible means of propaganda and persuasion would be utilised by the Government publicity experts to make the drive a success."—A.P.I.

BHOPAL AND INDIAN UNION

REPORT OF ACCESSION NOT CONFIRMED

BHOPAL, Aug. 23.

The reported decision of Bhopal State to accede to the Indian Union is not officially confirmed here. It is stated that a conference of the leaders of all sections of the Government of Bhopal is being held here to-day and to-morrow, and no official announcement is expected until after the Conference.—A.P.I.

BHOPAL RULER CONSULTS JINNAH

KARACHI, Aug. 23.

The Nawab of Bhopal, accompanied by Sir Zafarullah Khan, who arrived here yesterday, held consultations with Messrs. Jinnah and Liaqat Ali Khan, the Governor-General and Prime Minister of the Pakistan Dominion. The Nawab left Karachi this morning.—U.P.I.

DISMISSAL OF MINISTRY

FRONTIER GOVERNOR'S ACTION

CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION EXAMINED

NEW DELHI, Aug. 23.

Constitutional experts, both official and non-official, are frankly puzzled how and under what provision of law was the Frontier Province Ministry which still commands a majority in the Legislature, dismissed. Presumably, the Ministry has been dismissed by the Governor under instructions from the Governor-General. It may be mentioned that under the Frontier Province Order in Council, the Frontier Province Order, Section 93 has been omitted for both the Dominions. While Section 51 Sub-section 5 has been omitted for the Indian Dominion, it has been adapted for Pakistan in a modified form, which reads as follows: "The exercise of his functions under this Section with respect to choosing and summoning and dismissal of Ministers, the Governor shall be under the general control of and comply with such particular directions if any as may from time to time be given to him by the Governor-General."

THE SOVIET UNION REPRESENTATIVE, M. GROMYKO, IMMEDIATELY TURNED DOWN THE UNITED STATES' PROPOSAL ON THE GROUND THAT IT WOULD BYPASS THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

He declared the British and French and American positions on the Indonesian question are favourable to the Netherlands.

The joint Chinese and Australian proposals would mean bypassing the United Nations.

M. Gromyko added: "In substance it means that the Security Council voluntarily step aside and accept a proposal dictated by the Netherlands delegate—party to this dispute—by the guilty party."

If the Council accepted the proposition it would let in through the window something it chases through the door.

"If the Council has to deal with the question it must create two Commissions: one to supervise the recent 'cease fire' order and the other to arbitrate or one Commission with dual functions."

"The Council must act rapidly and the Commission or Commissions must be composed of members of the Council."

"All eleven members of the Council must be appointed to the Commission or the number might be smaller if desired, but they must be Security Council members."

M. Gromyko declared: "This is a question of principle. The Security Council must deal with the matter of arbitration by the Security Council. The Soviet Delegation cannot agree that on such an important question, the Security Council should be bypassed."

JINNAH'S NAME READ IN PRAYERS

KARACHI, Aug. 23.

Qaid-e-Azam Mohd Ali Jinnah's name was read in Khutba on Friday at the Pakistan Colony Mosque here, Haji Pir Ilahi Bakhsh, Education Minister, Sind Government, who led the prayer in a statement said: "It is customary among Mussalmans to recite the name of the Caliph or King, if any, of the Muslim country in Khutbas after the Friday prayers. Since Pakistan is now an independent country it is but fair that the name of Qaid-e-Azam, the head of a Muslim country, be included in Khutbas throughout Pakistan."

"I appeal to Muslims to start this in all mosques throughout Pakistan, as this is an indication of an independent Muslim State, Qaid-e-Azam, the head of the independent Muslim State, Pakistan."

The name of Qaid-e-Azam was read as Amirul Millat Qaid-e-Azam Mohd Ali Jinnah.—A.P.I.

SINGAPORE DOCKERS' STRIKE

SINGAPORE, Aug. 23.

Singapore docks were paralysed for the second day to-day when striking Harbour Board workers this morning reversed yesterday's agreement with the Harbour Board. All failed to return to work.

A general meeting of workers reaffirmed the demands for compensation for the dependents of the Indian labourers who were shot by the police on Thursday afternoon and guarantees of no further shooting.

Indian pickets this morning turned away Chinese reporting for work. The Harbour Board authorities state that the strikers' demands are entirely a hoax and that the workers are responsible for the shooting.—Reuter.

A. P. A. NEWS SERVICE TO CLOSE DOWN

NEW DELHI, Aug. 23.

The Associated Press of America will suspend distribution of its news services in India to-day, it was announced by Mr. Kent Cooper, Executive Director of the Organisation.

Mr. Cooper said that leaders of the Indian Press, although they had given a definite commitment, found themselves unable to materialise their plans to use the Associated Press of America in the development of their own news organisation. Mr. Cooper also said that Government regulations respecting leased tele-type circuits prevented the Associated Press of America from serving Indian newspapers directly.

The announcement concerned only news distribution within India. Mr. Cooper explained, The Associated Press of America would continue to maintain adequate American and Indian staff to cover Indian news for the world at large.

Mr. Cooper said that other plans for service to Indian newspapers were being formulated by the Associated Press of America.

"WOULD MEAN BY-PASSING OF UNITED NATIONS"

U. S. MOVE FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INDONESIA OPPOSED

RUSSIAN DELEGATE'S OBJECTION

When the U.N. Security Council took up the Indonesian case on Friday, M. Gromyko, the Russian delegate, stoutly opposed an American move to get a special committee of three to assist in the settlement of the dispute.

Arguing that it would mean by-passing of the United Nations, he also voiced his objection to the joint Chinese and Australian proposal that three of the Consuls stationed in Batavia at present should be asked to report on the situation to the Security Council.

M. Gromyko urged that the arbitration commission for Indonesia should consist only of members of the Security Council.

BORNEO'S REQUEST FOR HEARING REJECTED

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 22.

The Security Council of the United Nations for the second time rejected a demand that representatives of East Indonesia and Borneo be heard in the debate on the Dutch-Indonesian question.

Mr. Herschell Johnson (United States) submitted a resolution that the Security Council "tender its good offices to the parties in order to assist in a pacific settlement of their dispute."

The resolution added: "The Council expressed its readiness, if the parties so request, to assist in the settlement through a Committee of the Council consisting of three members of the Council, each party selecting one and a third to be designated by the two so selected."

The Soviet Union representative, M. Gromyko, immediately turned down the United States' proposal on the ground that it would bypass the Security Council and the United Nations.

M. Gromyko also criticised a proposal by Australia that the Security Council should appoint its own commission to investigate the Indonesian question. The Council must also insist on groups of troops returning to their original position.

Declaring that events in Indonesia were being scrutinised with anxious eyes in the whole of Asia, M. Pillai declared: "The Charter gives the Security Council all the authority it needs to deal with the dispute. Any attempt to bypass the Security Council at this stage would have very sinister consequences on the development of the United Nations."

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ARBITRATION IN INDONESIA

SHOWDOWN IN U. N. COUNCIL EXPECTED

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.

With the gravity of the Indonesian crisis mounting hourly, an early showdown over the issue in the Security Council is expected, a decision cannot be put off any longer. They must proceed to vote now," the Philippines General, Senor Romulo, told me to-day.

Attempts to evolve a compromise formula acceptable to the majority of the Council members have thus far failed. It remains uncertain whether the representative Dr. Katz-Suchy, sought to reach an agreement with the Chinese delegate, T. S. Tsang, but failed to find any common ground.

This is not surprising in the view of the observers, as Poland stands for arbitration by the Security Council, and ending the colonial system in Indonesia. The Chinese resolution pays lip-service to the authority of the United Nations, but concedes the main points of the Dutch position and leaves the initiative for a settlement in Dutch hands.

The Indonesian delegation headed by Dr. Sutar Sjahrir, who arrived yesterday visited Washington and interviewed State Department officials, but there has been no change in its attitude. The Indonesian source said they recognised their own heavy loss in the immediate future, for insistence on action by the Security Council. The source added: "However, if we yield now, it would be ultimately disastrous to ourselves as well as to all subject peoples."

The United States' policy in this respect is being severely criticised even by newspapers like the New York Times and The Herald Tribune. The New York Times calls for active intervention and arbitration by the United Nations which The Herald Tribune fears might pose a threat to American prestige throughout the east. The paper says: "The entire performance has been one that may increase suspicion of those Asiatics who contended that Americans profess to be idealists and usually wind up supporting white men against the brown and Conservatives against Liberals."

India, however, has no motive in the Council, as Dr. Pillai's intervention is necessarily confined to speeches. Something along the lines of the Chinese resolution, it appears likely, will be passed by the Council. It is acceptable to the United States, Brazil, and Columbia. It may also be reluctantly swallowed by Britain, France and Belgium. Soviet opposition, however, may take the form of negative vote or veto in which case another deadlock would be created.

"NO JURISDICTION FOR U.N."

DUTCH DELEGATE'S CONTENTION

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 23.

Van Kieffens, the Netherlands delegate to-day warned the Security Council, approaching the climax of its debate on Indonesia, "all you can do and all you have done is to play into the hands of extremists."

Dr. van Kieffens repeated the Dutch claim that the Council lacked jurisdiction to deal with the case, considered by his Government as a domestic matter not endangering international peace.

He then appealed to the Council "to see things as they are and not as you think, or would like them to be."

"The Council had failed in its earlier 'cease fire' action 'because you did not realise what this Republican Government is like'."

He warned the Council against allowing itself to become a dupe of the group which, he said, was led by "sinister characters."

Dr. van Kieffens added that difference of race was not a fact which gave the Council jurisdiction in the present case.

"If that were so, we would soon see India sitting here giving an account of race riots in numerous Indian cities, which they have claimed as many victims 'than our brief police action'."

he said, "Or else—that is, if the Security Council asserts its jurisdiction—shall we see Hindustan or Pakistan here next month and the Council take upon itself to discuss their difficulties? No two weights and two yardsticks, Mr. President."

"If you really want the fighting to stop, you must either send troops or allow us to bring about together, with freedom, that security for which millions there are yearning."

INDIAN DELEGATE'S SPIRITED REPLY

India's Dr. P. P. Pillai, taking up Dr. Van Kieffens' comparison regarding India said the Dutch delegation had tried to suggest that the war in Indonesia was comparable to the unhappy incidents in India and Pakistan. This comparison, he described as "quite gratuitous and irrelevant."

"Tension in Asia is getting difficult to control," he added.

"It is intolerable that for the world to be a theatre for democracy and self-determination, colonial war should be allowed to continue."

"No European country has any business to use an army in Asia. It is an outrage against Asiatic sentiments and

EVACUATION OF INDIAN OFFICIAL FROM JAVA

BATAVIA, Aug. 21.

A delegate of the International Red Cross to-day broadcast instructions for the evacuation of the Government of India's Food Department Transport Officer, Mr. Salim Shah, from Jogjakarta. Mr. Salim Shah was one of the several Indian officials organising the loading of rice cargoes for India.