

# RESTORING PEACE IN BURMA

## Government's Proposals To Aid Committee

From "Sunday News" Special Correspondent  
NEW DELHI, May 21.  
THE Thakin Nu Government have presented specific proposals to the Four-Nation Aid Committee in Rangoon for the Commonwealth Countries' help to restore peace and order in Burma, it is authoritatively stated here today.

The Ambassadors of the U.K., India, Pakistan and Ceylon are understood to be considering these suggestions in consultation with their respective Governments.

The Aid Committee is first expected to assess the Burmese requirements of money and arms and then determine the ways and sources of securing them.

### INDIA'S AID

India is understood to have already sent a small quantity of light arms and ammunition to Burma, but is stated to be in no position to supply any more. It is expected that in view of the limited resources of the three Eastern Commonwealth countries, the bulk of armament supplies to Burma would come from the U.K.

No indication is yet available as to when the Aid Committee is likely to finalise its recommendations, but it is presumed that the considered views of its members would be available to the Governments concerned by May 30, when the Burmese Premier is scheduled to reach London for his projected talks with the British Government.

Meanwhile, 10,000 Indian refugees and destitutes have arrived in India from Burma. Another 500 have crossed the frontier into Assam. So far no reports have been received of harassment of Indians either in the Government-held or Karen-controlled areas. An Indian Military Liaison Officer is touring the districts in which the rebels hold sway to see that Indians residing there are not molested.

**BURMA'S TIES WITH CEYLON**  
P.T.I.-Reuter states: Burma is considering entering into diplomatic relations with Ceylon and Australia in the near future, according to official sources here.

The Government of India at New Delhi will be directly linked with its Embassy in Rangoon when the Embassy's wireless station, now being installed, comes into operation very shortly.

The Indian Embassy in Rangoon is responsible for the welfare of the 700,000 Indians living in Burma. Some 200,000 of these Indians are trapped behind the battle lines of the rebels. They have been treated well so far either side.

Several hundred Indians leave Rangoon on every homeward bound boat. Over 12,000 have left so far.

## "BIG FOUR" TALKS ON GERMANY

Preparations in Paris  
PARIS, May 21: Three of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Mr. Dean Acheson and Mr. Robert Schuman, were already in Paris today, hard at work in preparation for their conference on Germany opening on Monday afternoon.

They were meeting at the French Foreign Office today, to review questions which their representatives have been considering here throughout the week.

Most observers here regarded the conference as a major attempt to find a formula to reconcile Russia and the West through agreement on Germany.

The Western Ministers and their advisers have maintained secrecy about the preliminary meeting and Monday's conference, but usually reliable diplomatic sources here think that no major differences now exist between the Western Powers on a Four-Power German settlement.

Meanwhile, the Boon constitution—basis of the proposed West German Federal Republic—has now been ratified by the required two-thirds of the "eleven West German States, it is learned.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, Soviet Foreign Minister, arrived at Orly airport, near Paris, from Moscow this afternoon to attend the conference here on Monday.

### GOODS SUPPLY SITUATION

Last reports of the goods supply situation in Germany told of German foodstuffs travelling freely to Berlin along the roads from the West. But in Berlin early today, Herr Heinrich Rau, chairman of the Soviet Zone Economic Commission, announced that negotiations between East and West German economic experts on resumption of inter-zonal trade came to a standstill last night.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

## LATE NEWS

**PARIS TRADE FAIR**  
PARIS, May 21: India was participating for the first time when the Paris Trade Fair, claimed to be the world's biggest, opened here today.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

**"REDS" CAPTURE SIAM**  
SANTO DOMINGO, May 22: Communist, Controlled Peiping radio claimed tonight that Siam, capital of Szechuan province, has been occupied by Communist forces. The largest city in North West China, Siam is a key communication centre.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

**CHILE & RUSSIAN VETO IN U.N.**  
SANTIAGO, May 21: President Gabriel Gonzalez Videla told the reassembled Chilean Parliament here today that in the U.N. Chile would seek to restrain the use of the veto which had been exploited by Russia to hold up the solution of important international problems.

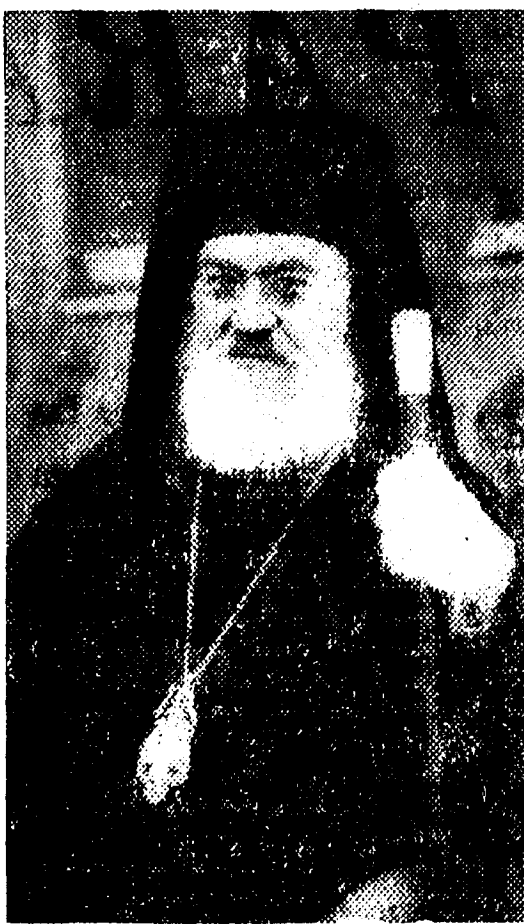
**KAREN CHIEF ARRESTED**  
RANGOON, May 21: Brigadier San Po-Thin, former Minister for Karen Affairs, was arrested today and detained in the Rangoon Central Jail, it was officially learned here tonight.

**AT PETERBOROUGH** Northamptonshire vs. Lancashire, Lancashire—47 (Place 101; Wharton not out 137; Greenwood 62).

**AT NOTTINGHAM** Nottinghamshire vs. Kent, Nottinghamshire—273 (Hardstaff 87; Poole 76; Harvey not out 50. Riggw 6 for 70).

**AT SHEFFIELD** Yorkshire vs. Worcestershire, Worcestershire—262 (R. Cooper 50; Bird 116; Wardle 5 for 93). Yorkshire 42 for one.

## GREEK PRELATE



Archbishop Damaskinos of Greece who died near Athens on Friday. He was Regent of Greece from the liberation until the return of King George.

# M. Tito's Charge Against Russia

BELGRADE, May 21: Marshal Tito, speaking on Yugoslavia's relations with the Eastern "bloc", declared that "the responsibility of the present situation falls in the first place on Soviet Russia."

"Russia must realize she has made a mistake and repair it," he added.

Marshal Tito was addressing the last session of a conference of members of his old Communist Guard Division in Belgrade. He said "that, in spite of everything, our situation is not bad."

Speaking of the tasks of the Yugoslav army, Marshal Tito declared: "We have seized power as the first part of our task. Now there remains the fight with the gross enemy, towards whom we must be vigilant."—F.T.I.-Reuter.

## Calcutta Subway Scheme BORING STARTED TO TEST SUBSOIL

CALCUTTA, May 21: Calcutta's underground railway may have to be laid deeper than in most other cities of the world owing to soil conditions resulting from the heavy monsoon. This was one of the points made in speeches last night at the Institution of Engineers, Bengal Circle, by members of the French Engineering mission who are now investigating problems of a subway system for this city.

Boring has been started in Wellington Square, in central Calcutta, to test the subsoil, and M. Andre Bois, a member of the mission, stated last night that it would be continued in other parts of the city to determine the nature of the soil in different areas.

**CEMENT CONCRETE TUNNEL**  
M. Philippe Picard, another member of the mission, said that they were proceeding with the idea of building the underground tunnels of the Calcutta system with cement concrete, as India could not afford to import 2,500 tons of cast-iron pipes, the quantity estimated to be required for the system.

M. Picard, who is Chief Engineer, Operation, in the Paris Metropolitan Company, said that the mission proposed to follow the main streets of the city for the underground railways and not delve under areas where building had been restricted.—A.P.I.

## Plea For Release Of Nepal Leader

RAXAUL (Bihar), May 21: At the instance of Pandit Nehru, Mr. B. Koirala, a former President of the Nepal National Congress in Nepal prison, has started taking glucose and fruit juice, it is learnt.

The Prime Minister of India is also stated to have addressed a message to the Maharajah of Nepal requesting him to release Mr. Koirala on humanitarian grounds. The message was sent to the Maharajah through the Indian Ambassador in Nepal.

Mr. Koirala, has been on hunger-strike since May 1, demanding better amenities in prison.—A.P.I.

## "ALLIED OCCUPATION MUST END SOON"

### Austrian Minister's Demand

"Daily Telegraph" and "Sunday News" Correspondent

VIENNA, May 22: A vigorous and outspoken attack against the Allied occupation Powers was delivered by Dr. Gruber, the Foreign Minister at a Second Party Congress of Right-Wing Peoples held here on Friday.

He threatened that if necessary, the Austrian Government would refuse to pay any more occupation costs and demanded the immediate creation of an Austrian army to ensure the country's security.

After stressing that it was imperative that the Austrian question should not drag on indefinitely he declared: "We must make it clear to the Great Power that this occupation, camouflaged as liberation, must now end. We must make it clear that from now on the Austrian Government will follow a policy of increased activity. It is necessary we will say to the Occupation Powers that we will not pay a penny more. Get on as best as you can."

The speech, which was quite unexpected, has made a very strong impression in Allied circles here. Though delivered with an eye to party propaganda for the forthcoming elections there is no doubt it is an accurate reflection of the impatient mood of the whole Austrian people.

# London Pact In Accord With Congress Directive

## LIVELY FIVE-HOUR DEBATE AT A.-I.C.C. SESSION

DEHRA DUN, May 21.  
THE momentous session of the All-India Congress Committee, meeting for the first time in the picturesque setting of Dehra Dun to ratify the London agreement on India's continued membership of the Commonwealth, commenced its proceedings at 3-15 p.m. this evening with Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya in the chair.

The convocation hall of the Forest Research Institute where the A.I.C.C. is meeting was tastefully decorated with Congress flags and on the rostrum was placed a life-size photograph of Mahatma Gandhi in his famous Dandi march pose.

Besides the President on the rostrum were seated the Central Cabinet Ministers and the Working Committee members, including Pandit Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant.

**MAJORITY RESOLUTION**  
The official resolution before the A.I.C.C., that on the Commonwealth declaration, was moved by Dr. Rajendra Prasad and seconded by Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant.

"The All-India Congress Committee, having considered the declaration agreed to by the Prime Minister of India on the membership of India in the Commonwealth of Nations, as set out in the official statement issued at the conclusion of the conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London on April 27, 1949, records its approval of the action taken on behalf of India," says the resolution.

It adds: "The Committee is of the opinion that this action is in accordance with the directive given in the foreign policy resolution of the Jaipur Congress, and it maintains the full sovereign independence of the Indian Republic, while at the same time keeping the free association of India with other Commonwealth countries in a new conception of the Commonwealth which in no way interferes with the sovereignty and freedom of action of each member country."

**OPENING ADDRESS**  
In his opening address, the President, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, welcomed the Commonwealth decision, dwelt on the situation in Hyderabad and Kashmir and discussed organisational problems before the Congress.

Referring to the Commonwealth agreement, the President said: "The Western countries and ourselves are now bound together by ties of friendship which in fullness of time let us hope may ripen into friendship. Let us not raise up past quarrels."

About foreign possessions in India, the President said: "I am sure that, if there is a proportionate awakening in these possessions, ere long they will also be able to obtain freedom."

In Hyderabad, Dr. Pattabhi said, the problem was two-fold. How to deal with anti-social elements which had long terrorised certain border districts, and, secondly, how to change over the present provisional administration to a democratic form of Government and eliminate the reactionary forces.

The Congress President expressed the hope that peace and order would soon be restored in Hyderabad through the firm rule of the States Ministry and its representative body, the State Government.

### KASHMIR'S FUTURE

On Kashmir, Dr. Pattabhi said: "Pakistan has been condemned on its own admissions. Even so, the Government of India, seated in Delhi, subject to the basic principle that peace cannot come if it is based on untruth, immorality or acceptance of brutal aggression. We must discharge our duty in defending Kashmir from aggression, and allowing the will of the people to prevail."

Kashmir's future lies with India. "There have been rumours of a division of Kashmir. Let it be clearly understood that we do not approve of any such division or of any appeasement of the aggressors."

## RESERVATION FOR MINORITIES Abolition Move Hailed

Dr. Pattabhi welcomed the recommendations of the Advisory Committee of the Constituent Assembly abolishing reservation for minorities except for Harijans, and paid a tribute to Nationalist Muslims and Sikhs.

About refugees Dr. Pattabhi said: "It behoves every one of us to ask ourselves every day 'what has been done to ameliorate their lot? the cumulative effort of millions may well achieve what even organised labours of Government may not.'"

The President, called upon everyone to follow Mahatma Gandhi's constructive programme and end his speech saying: "Today India's prestige and reputation are high in the world. Nations of the world look for inspiration to our Prime Minister for the establishment of a world State based on truth and non-violence."

The House stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. This followed a moving reference made by Dr. Pattabhi to her death.

Before Dr. Rajendra Prasad moved the main resolution on the Common-

Manufacture Of Radio Sets In India

RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICIAL COMMITTEE

From Our Special Correspondent  
NEW DELHI, January 25  
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**Congress Executive Meets**

DEHRA DUN, May 21: The Congress Working Committee met this morning at Circuit House with Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Congress President, in the chair.

The Committee, besides finalising the official resolution on the Commonwealth issue, discussed some of the non-official resolutions.

**FLAG HOISTING**

The need for discipline among Congressmen was stressed by Mr. Kala Venkatrao, General Secretary of the Congress hoisting the national flag at the parade ground here today.

He appealed to the people to serve the nation selflessly. He pointed out that out of a population of nearly 30 crores only about 200 persons were Ministers in India. Everybody could not become a Minister, he said.

Mr. Venkatrao deprecated the tendency among some Congressmen to aspire to become a Minister, and said that they should put service before self.—A.P.I.

**Frontier Premier's Warning**

PESHAWAR, May 21: A challenge to the Opposition to remove the present Ministry by constitutional means has been given by Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan, the Frontier Premier, addressing a public meeting here last night. He warned the sponsors of the newly formed Muslim League against employing any violent or unconstitutional methods, and added that Pakistan would not hesitate to crush any subversive attempt.

He asked the rival groups not to exploit the name of the Muslim League. If they honestly stood against the Pakistan Muslim League, they should have some other label for their proposed party and not call it the "Muslim League," he added.

**Stalin's Son To Wed**

LONDON, May 21: The Soviet Vice-Premier, Mr. Molotov's daughter, Svetlana, and Premier Josef Stalin's son, Vasily, are going to get married, says the Star.

The newspaper described Svetlana as "a well read, thoughtful, good Russian Communist who knows a lot about Western ideas and knows a lot about Stalin's son."

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