

NECTILES
MOSAIC TILES
FOR
FLOORING

31, HAMAM STREET, BOMBAY-400023
Phone: 272031, 271981, Gram: "NECTILES"

REGD. NO. MH BY SOUTH-24 Registered as Newspaper in Sri Lanka
REGD. NO. M-9152

Published from Bombay, Delhi and Ahmedabad



AIR SURCHARGE

Goa, Hyderabad, Nagpur, Belgaum, Aurangabad and onwards } 10 paise
All other stations in India getting copies by air & onwards } 15 paise

SUPER HEATER & ECONOMISER COILS, STEAM PIPING

CONFORMING TO I.B.R. FOR BOILER INSTALLATION

TUBE WELD ENGG. WORKS PVT. LTD.
Bombay-9. Phone: 322114

THE TIMES OF INDIA

NO. 273 VOL. CXLII

BOMBAY: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1978

40 PAISE

Rebels may be main rivals: civic poll

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, October 17.

A RECORD number of rebel candidates from major parties will fight it out with the official party candidates in the ensuing municipal corporation elections.

It could not be ascertained from more than 1,300 nominations filed for 140 seats, how many of the candidates were contesting against their own party candidates. But there is hardly any ward where there is not at least one rebel candidate belonging to some party or another.

Although the picture will be clear by October 24 — the last date for withdrawals — it appeared that the contest in most constituencies would be between the official candidates and the rebel candidates of the same party.

REBELS DETERMINED

The fight between the two contending fronts, the Congress-Congress (I) front, on the one hand, and the Progressive Democratic Front of the Janata party and its allies, on the other, seems to have receded into the background. In many constituencies the Janata rebels have announced their determination to campaign under the party flag against the official Janata candidates.

On the other side there will be instances of several candidates in the same constituency using the Congress flag.

In a signed statement issued today 21 Congressmen, including councilors and office-bearers of the city Congress, denounced the "unholy alliance" between their party and the Congress (I) and said they disassociated themselves from the "motivated conspiracy of the MPCC leadership to surrender to the Congress (I)". Most of these Congressmen will be standing against the official Congress candidates.

The signatories to the statement included Mr. R. N. Chavan, vice-president of the BCCP, Mr. Baburao Shete, Mr. R. C. Ankleswaria and Mr. Prabhakar Vaidya, general secretaries of the city Congress, Mr. Ra-

manand Lad, Mrs. Alka Desai and Mrs. Manorama Patil, municipal councilors, and several youth Congress leaders and office-bearers of district Congress committees.

"We are members of the Indian National Congress and firmly believe that the Congress should maintain its separate identity in the larger interests of the country and its democratic institutions," the statement said.

Meanwhile, the BCCP has organised a meeting of the Congress candidates at Congress Sadan tomorrow evening when the MPCC president, Mr. N. M. Tidke, and the city Congress president, Mr. B. M. Yagnik, will address the party candidates and their workers.

The RPI (Kamble) has announced the names of four candidates who will contest from ward Nos. 46, 54, 131 and 133 with the support of the Janata party and its allies. The candidates are Mr. D. B. Mohite, Mr. H. L. Pujari, Mr. Y. K. Sudade and Mr. A. K. Gaiwad respectively.

Mrs. Winay Chacko, convener of

3 to share Nobel physics prize

STOCKHOLM, October 17 (Reuters). The 1978 Nobel Prize for physics was today awarded one half to Professor Piotr Kapitsa of the Soviet Union and the other half equally between Dr. Arno A. Penzias and Dr. Robert W. Wilson, both of the United States.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the prize to Professor Kapitsa, director of the institute of physical problems, Soviet Academy of Sciences, Moscow, for his basic inventions and discoveries in the area of low-temperature physics.

Western papers have often described him as the chief scientist behind Russia's atomic and hydrogen bombs. The other half of the \$165,000 prize was shared between Doctors Penzias and Wilson of the Bell Telephone Laboratories in New Jersey for their discovery in 1965 of the background radiation in the universe.

The Congress (I) women's front, has announced that she has accepted the decision of the party leaders to give the Byculla seat to a friendly party, and will go to Chikmagalur to campaign for Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

Meanwhile, the 140 candidates fielded by the Janata party and its allies filed their nominations today, the last day.

The Janata party has put up 100 candidates. The remaining 40 have been distributed among other "friendly" parties which include the Congressmen led by the chief minister, Mr. Sharad Pawar, the rebel Muslim League, the CPM, the Khobragade and Kamble sections of the RPI and the Peasants and Workers Party.

The Janata candidates include 18 Muslims and 25 representatives of the scheduled castes and backward classes, 20 journalists, 11 doctors, 10 school teachers and 17 lawyers. All the linguistic groups have found representation in the list which was announced today and include 81 candidates from the Marathi-speaking community. Many trade unionists have also been given Janata tickets.

After weeks of hectic bargaining by the various constituents of the PCC for allocation of seats and pressures within the Janata Party itself for the selection of candidates, the election committee of the party finally picked 100 names from about 1,500 aspirants. Mr. Era Sezhian, M.P., was appointed observer by the central high command for scrutiny of applications.

Other civic poll news, Page 5; Picture, Page 9

Chemistry prize for Briton

STOCKHOLM, October 17 (Reuters). The 1978 Nobel Prize for chemistry was today awarded to Dr. Peter Mitchell of Great Britain.

Dr. Mitchell, 58, of Glynn Research Laboratories, Cornwall, was awarded the \$165,000 prize for his contribution to the understanding of biological energy transfer through the formulation of the chemiosmotic theory.

Protocol with USSR on MiGs

By Our Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI, October 17.

INDIA and the USSR have concluded a new working protocol providing a framework for accelerating the pace of indigenisation of production of the MIG-21 aircraft in this country.

The two sides have concluded several agreements relating to the transfer of technology and supply of materials.

A team of Soviet specialists will soon be visiting India for follow-up action. A system of periodical review of the progress in the transfer of technology and indigenisation has also been agreed to.

The Soviet delegation, negotiations with which led to the new working protocol, also agreed to explore the possibilities of export of spares, accessories and avionics manufactured in India to the Soviet Union for use in the production of the MIG aircraft in the USSR.

The new protocol should accelerate production in this country of the improved version of the MIG-21 interceptor, called MIG-21 BIS ("BIS" is a Russian word for the "best").

TALKS WITH RUSSIAN TEAM

MIG-21 BIS will have a more powerful R-25 engine. The MIG-21 now being produced in this country has R-11 engine.

The Soviet team, which spent two weeks in this country, was led by the first deputy minister of aviation industry, Mr. I. S. Silayev. It included Mr. S. S. Nikolsky, deputy minister in the ministry of radio industry, and Gen. V. G. Gretyev of the USSR committee on foreign economic relations.

The defence production secretary, Mr. M. Meneses, headed the Indian team.

The visit of the team and discussions for increasing the pace of indigenisation was a sequel to the talks between the defence minister, Mr. Jagjivan Ram, and his Soviet counterpart Marshal Ustinov in May this year.

Delhi aid unlikely for cotton scheme

By Our Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI, October 17.

THE Union government does not appear to be in a mood to provide Maharashtra with the credit limit of Rs. 55 crores that it is seeking from the Reserve Bank of India to run the monopoly cotton purchase scheme.

Although the Union finance minister, Mr. H. M. Patel, has expressed his willingness to talk to the Cotton Corporation of India and the Reserve Bank of India on the matter, it is considered unlikely that any tangible results will follow. Even Mr. N. D. Patil, Maharashtra's minister for co-operation, was non-committal when he spoke to reporters after discussing the credit limit issue with Mr. Patel.

But the state will run the scheme all the same, although in a modified form. Despite opposition to the scheme from the Janata leadership, it has to be implemented because it is part of the 40-point programme enunciated by the Progressive Democratic Front government led by Mr. Sharad Pawar.

Mr. S. B. Chavan, state finance minister and Mr. Patil met the Union finance minister this afternoon. According to Mr. Patil, some further modifications contemplated in the cotton purchase scheme were aimed at maintaining the cultivator at a credit-worthy level right through and even providing relief by reducing the contribution to the price fluctuation fund from 25 per cent to five per cent of what he was paid over and above the guaranteed price.

To begin with, cultivators will be given account payable cheques on the day they tender the produce. Special instructions are being issued to banks to honour them within 24 hours. And instead of deducting 40 per cent from this payment as was being done till

now, only 25 per cent will be cut towards repayment of credit. Another 15 per cent will be deducted from the second instalment of the final price. Meanwhile, another 15 per cent will be paid on the 60th day after tendering of the cotton, retaining its creditworthiness.

The view gaining ground now is that the price fluctuation fund is not all that necessary as prices are not expected to fall or rise sharply. This is because the state will be paying to the cultivators the prices stipulated by the Agricultural Prices Commission. Earlier, its guarantee price used to be nearer the prevailing market price.

Mr. Patil discussed with Mr. Mohan Dhar, Union minister for civil supplies, co-operation and commerce, the possibility of the Centre buying all the state's cottonseeds (about 600,000 tonnes) worth Rs. 40 crores to Rs. 50 crores. This is being sold to oil mills presently.

The clashes occurred at the Sarafadal, Kavara, Kirgipura, Rajouri Kadal, Gavwara and Lal Bazar areas here between the supporters of Mirwais Maulana Mohammad Farooq-led Awami action committee and the ruling National Conference.

Maulana Farooq, in a statement, alleged that the police action in the area leading to the bursting of tear-gas shells was unprovoked and was meant to intimidate the supporters of the opposition candidates.

He said that his apprehensions about "rigging" by the ruling party had come true and alleged that there was large-scale booth-capturing, beating up of polling agents of opposition candidates and impersonation.

Srinagar went to the polls this morning to elect 29 members to the 33-member city municipal council. Four candidates, all from the ruling National Conference, have already been elected uncontested.

Clashes in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, October 17 (PTI): The police burst tear-gas shells to disperse rival groups who clashed soon after the polling for municipal elections ended here this evening.

The clashes occurred at the Sarafadal, Kavara, Kirgipura, Rajouri Kadal, Gavwara and Lal Bazar areas here between the supporters of Mirwais Maulana Mohammad Farooq-led Awami action committee and the ruling National Conference.

Maulana Farooq, in a statement, alleged that the police action in the area leading to the bursting of tear-gas shells was unprovoked and was meant to intimidate the supporters of the opposition candidates.

He said that his apprehensions about "rigging" by the ruling party had come true and alleged that there was large-scale booth-capturing, beating up of polling agents of opposition candidates and impersonation.

Srinagar went to the polls this morning to elect 29 members to the 33-member city municipal council. Four candidates, all from the ruling National Conference, have already been elected uncontested.

Gold price dips further

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, October 17.

THE prices of gold, which had soared to a record Rs. 960 per ten grammes before dropping to Rs. 930 yesterday evening, slipped further today to Rs. 900, indicating that the market was in a reassessment of the outlook.

For the second day running, the authorities raided the business premises of gold stockists on Sheikh Memon Street here. As a result the volume of business in the metal fell substantially and the sellers had to scale down their prices in order to conclude deals.

The activity fell also because of the total closure of the jewellery showrooms in the area as a result of the employees' strike.

Although the official search took the trade by surprise, there was no evidence of panic. The brokers engaged in the business shuttled freely from seller to buyer and the metal changed hands in the normal manner even if the deals were fewer in

lation to the experience during the past few days.

A spokesman of the gold control authority told this reporter that what the department had launched was not a series of raids but routine searches. He pointed out that the department had not effected any seizures and that the object of the drive was to carry out an inquiry into the records of gold dealers regarding their purchases, sales and stocks on hand.

Expressing his inability to throw light on the outcome of yesterday's raids, he said the authorities were engaged in evaluating the data collected and that it would take some time to complete the job.

Replying to a question whether smuggling had declined as a result of the official measures, he pointed out that, prior to the recent flare-up in the domestic market, the trend of illegal import had shown a healthy decline. This was partly the result of an increase in world prices which had reduced the gap between the cost of the smuggled metal, including insurance, carriers' charges and the loss involved in seizures, and the domestic price to a virtually unworkable level.

current year was, however, likely to be substantially smaller, he added.

Asked whether today's fall in gold prices indicated an end to the boom, a prominent bullion dealer said the market was in the process of determining the buyers' resistance level. Already the local market had received a modest quantity of gold from upstream centre where the prices were relatively low. If that trend persisted, the prices would not reach the peak again.

He felt, however, that the government's sales policy, which had never been made public, was primarily to be blamed for the hectic rise in prices. That the demand for gold increased substantially at this time of the year was a well-known fact. Had the government released adequate quantities in the recent auctions the prices would certainly not have risen as much as they had.

He said the wholesale rejection of the bids for the latest auction clearly showed that the government had departed suddenly from the policy of releasing gold at a discount of Rs. 30 to 50 in relation to the prices ruling at the time of each auction. The decision was obviously prompted by

Continued on Page 9 Column 1

Rally: Shekhar not aware of plot

By Our Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI, October 17.

ANY formal directive to members of the Janata party on the proposed kisan rally will depend on the objectives of the rally, the party president, Mr. Chandra Shekhar, explained today.

If the purpose of the rally goes beyond the aims stated by its sponsors, namely, celebration of Mr. Charan Singh's birthday and ventilation of farmers' grievances, "I shall have to request my friends to desist from joining it," he said.

However, no one could object to the celebration of Mr. Charan Singh's

birthday by his friends and admirers. Nor could anyone say anything against farmers voicing their grievances. But the rally could be used as a springboard for creating confusion in the party.

In a chat with newsmen, the party president recalled his earlier directive to party members against participating in the rally and said it had been issued in a different context when the rally was called to protest against the Prime Minister's decision.

Subsequently, the organisers themselves dropped the proposal to call the rally as a protest demonstration. On the charge of "political conspiracy" reportedly made by the Prime Minister, he said he did not know what contact Mr. Desai had made with the observation. He personally was not aware of any conspiracy, but he thought the Prime Minister's remarks were possibly justified in the context of party affairs in Gujarat where a section was creating difficulties.

STATEMENT ON RSS

Asked about the criticism of his statement exonerating the RSS on communal violence, Mr. Chandra Shekhar replied: "I do not have to issue any certificate of praise or condemnation."

Mr. Chandra Shekhar explained that his personal contacts with top RSS leaders left him assured that in the changed circumstances, the RSS was not interested in creating any trouble. The Janata team which went to Aligarh was told by some people that certain persons associated with the RSS were involved in violence, while another section had complained that the Muslim League has started the trouble.

In any event, Mr. Chandra Shekhar said, he was against jumping to generalisations in such a critical situation. He added that it had become a "symbol of progressivism" to make such generalisations. This would not solve the problem.

The party president has requested the state unit chief, Mr. Abbas Ali, to send him a report on the charges against Aligarh functionaries.

Asked whether efforts were being continued to narrow down the differences in the party, he said that unity without purpose would be meaningless. Such unity could be based only on purposive programme and objectives.

Later, while chatting with students of the teachers' training college of Gujarat Vidyapith Mr. Desai said competitive examinations for recruitment to the Central services would be held in the regional languages in the near future.

On Other Pages

- Weather, radio & TV 4
- A library tuned to the times 5
- Music review 6
- Faster economic growth urged 7
- The non-aligned news pool 8
- Kerala Congress differences settled 9
- Commercial 10 & 12
- Sport 11 & 13
- Advice to tax officers 12
- Beg's claim 14
- PM's call to scientists 15
- Alleged kidnappers held 18
- Foreign news 19

Installation of Pope on Sunday

VATICAN CITY, October 17 (Reuters). Pope John Paul II will be formally installed during a mass next Sunday, the Vatican announced today.

The official Vatican statement said Pope John Paul II would celebrate a solemn mass on October 22 to start his ministry as supreme pastor of the church.

Pope's address, Page 9

Jatti to shift house

NEW DELHI, October 17 (UNI): The vice-president, Mr. B. D. Jatti, is to shift to the bungalow at 5, Dupleix Road, on October 30, official sources said today.

Mr. Jatti had already approved of the accommodation after having a look at it last Friday, the sources told UNI.

The bungalow, at present housing the Reddy commission of inquiry, was the residence of Mr. Morarji Desai before he moved to the official residence of the Prime Minister at one, Safdarjung Road.

India undaunted by record Pak score

By K. N. PRABHU

FAISALABAD, October 17.

INDIA moved slowly and warily in the face of Pakistan's monumental score of 503 for eight declared in the first Test here today. Their openers, Gavaskar and Chauhan, put on 64 runs without fuss or hurry in the 90 minutes before the close. They showed that there are runs to be had for any batsman with a properly organised technique on this cold grey strip that passes for a wicket at the Iqbal Stadium.

Except for one momentary lapse when Gavaskar at 20 took a flir from Imran on his glove and the ball curved out of Sadiq's reach at short square, there were no alarms. Indeed, in this awkward phase of the day, with the dust and the mist forming a haze in the distance, India's

opening pair batted with ease and assurance.

Early on both batsmen tended to duck when Imran and Sarfaraz pitched short and were in danger of being incapacitated by these potential bouncers. But the moment they had gained the pace of the pitch they pushed the score along with neat and tidy strokes. It was encouraging to see Chauhan face the openers with confidence with none of those wild flourishes he is sometimes tempted to play at anything pitched outside the off-stump.

Indeed, through the last hour he quipped Gavaskar. One squarecut of his—the first boundary of the innings—was a stroke good as any we had watched through the long stadium of Mianad's performance. There is little in this wicket for either pace or spin. There are runs in it, every batsman who has the technique and the will to soldier on.

Every run was a landmark as Pakistan advanced to their highest-ever score of 503 for eight when the innings was declared at tea. Zaheer looked invisible. His swift instinctive responses to the bowling

Continued on Page 11 Column 1

Billa too wants to confess

NEW DELHI, October 17 (PTI): Billa, one of the two alleged killers of the Chhota Raju, today expressed his desire before a magistrate to make a confessional statement.

The metropolitan magistrate, Mr. P. K. Dham, while fixing October 19 for recording the statement warned him that he was not bound to make any statement and if he made one he could be convicted and punished on the basis of his statement.

Billa and his accomplice, Ranga, were produced before the additional chief metropolitan magistrate, Mr. K. K. Gupta, who extended their judicial remand (till October 21). The same date was fixed for scrutiny of documents.

Both the accused were today provided with copies of the documents — 274 handwritten sheets and 17 photographs — which were filed as part of the charge-sheet by the crime branch of the Delhi police yesterday.

After Mr. Gupta had remanded them to further judicial custody, Billa moved an application saying he wanted to make a statement. Mr. Gupta then ordered that he be produced before the metropolitan magistrate.

Ranga has already made a confessional statement.

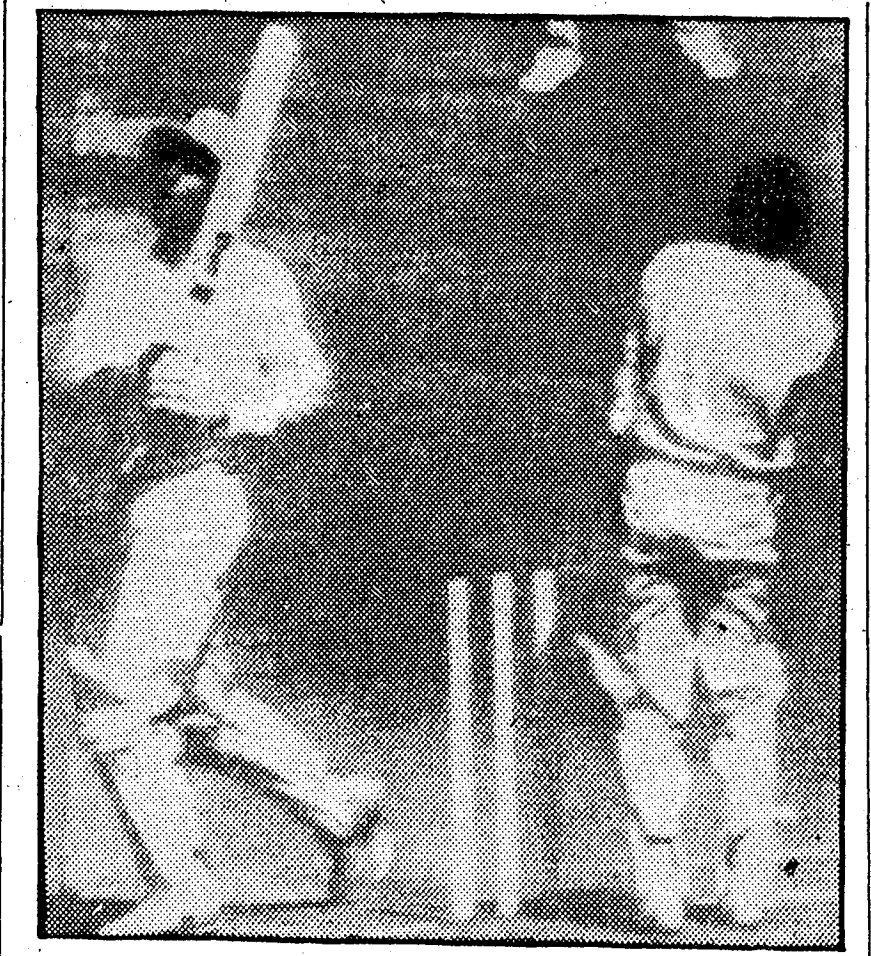
Call for Tamil Nadu bandh

MADRAS, October 17 (UNI): The opposition parties today called for a Tamil Nadu bandh on October 23 to protest against the "anti-labour" policy of the AIADMK government.

The decision was taken here at a meeting of political parties and trade unions barring those affiliated to the AIADMK and the INTUC.

The strike call was given in the wake of the police action near the T. I. cycles factory at Ambattur yesterday.

The meeting was attended, among others, by the DMK president, Mr. M. Karunanidhi, the CPI leader, Mr. M. Kalyanasundaram, M.P., and Mr. T. Ramanamirthi (Cong-I).



Majid Khan is bowled by Bedi on the first day of the first Test.

PM to keep off Chikmagalur

By Our Special Correspondent

BANGALORE, October 17.

THE Janata party will launch its election campaign in the Chikmagalur Lok Sabha constituency tomorrow.

Among the expected participants are the party president, Mr. Chandra Shekhar, the general secretary, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde, Mr. L. K. Advani, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Mr. Jagannathrao Joshi and Mr. Ravindra Varma.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, is understood to have decided not to visit Chikmagalur on the principle that no prime minister should participate in a by-election campaign.

The by-election in Chikmagalur has been caused by the resignation of Mr. D. B. Chandre Gowda (Congress-I).

Statisticians are busy. The assumption both in the Congress (I) and the Janata in the by-election due on November 5 is that the votes they

polled respectively in the assembly election earlier this year of the Lok Sabha poll in 1977 are good enough foundation on which to build their hopes.

It is to be pointed out that the Lok Sabha constituency consists of the entire Chikmagalur revenue district (six assembly segments) above the western ghats plus two talukas (two assembly segments) of coastal South Kanara, or Dakshina Kannada district, as it is now called.

BREAK UP OF ELECTORATE

The names of the segments with the electorate in brackets are: Chikmagalur (74,290), Sringeri (75,774), Mudigere (74,686), Birur (70,477), Kadur (72,401), Tarikere (81,678) (all in Chikmagalur district) and Belthangady (75,391) and Karkala (70,696) in Dakshina Kannada district, making a total of 595,393.

In other words, the bulk of the electorate, 449,306—over 75 per

cent—is in Chikmagalur district and 146,087—slightly less than 35 per cent—are in Dakshina Kannada. It is thus understandable that the campaign is going to be more brisk in Chikmagalur district than in Dakshina Kannada.

Overall, the Chikmagalur Lok Sabha constituency is Congress (I)-oriented, but there are pockets in which the Janata, now supported by all anti-Indira and anti-Urs forces, including the Congress (Swaran Singh), the CPM and the DMK, can wield considerable influence.

How have the contending political parties fared in the comparable previous elections—the 1977 Lok Sabha election and the 1978 assembly election?

In the 1977 Lok Sabha poll, the Congress (I) got away with a lead of 64,760 votes in an electorate of 534,676. The lead was reduced to

Continued on Page 14 Column 4

Mummy, may I eat before the party?

Irresistible dishes cooked and served in CORNING OVENWARE

CORNING OVENWARE

A pride of a possession a jewel of a gift to give or receive.

A range of six dishes to choose from.

Made in India by **Borosil Glass Works Ltd., Worli, Bombay 400 018**

CONCEPT-BGW-3950