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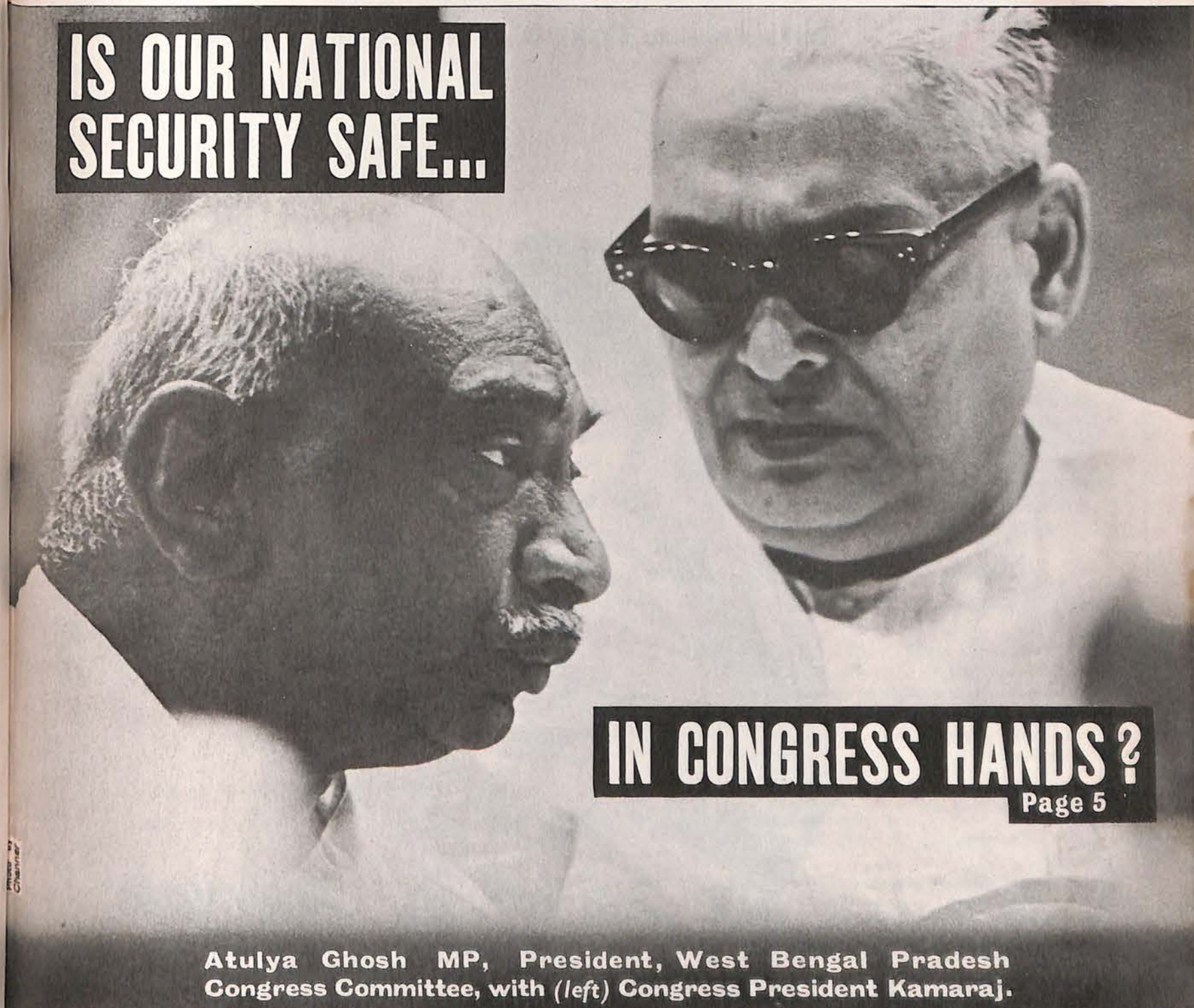
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IS OUR NATIONAL SECURITY SAFE...



IN CONGRESS HANDS?

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Atulya Ghosh MP, President, West Bengal Pradesh Congress Committee, with (left) Congress President Kamaraj.

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### Ballot and Big-Wigs

NOTHING AROUSED THE IRE of the Union Home Minister last week so much as a motion by the Opposition parties demanding the Government's resignation from office three months before elections. The reason: to prevent the misuse of Government machinery for the benefit of the Congress Party.

How could it be, said the Home Minister, that democracy could function for four years and nine months and then "commit harakiri" for the remaining three months?

If the Government is not keen to "commit harakiri", neither is the Opposition. Mover of the resolution, Mr. Dwivedi, contended that as the Election Commission had no adequate independent machinery for such an immense operation as the Indian elections, it had to depend on officials nominated by the Government not only to conduct elections, but also to investigate complaints. He accused persons in power of interfering with electoral processes.

Mr. Dwivedi has a point. The case of Mr. N. Dandekar, a Swatantra candidate who challenged election results and won, shows that there is interference by the Congress bosses working in league with civil servants and that ballot boxes can be tampered with.

Local officials who refuse to "play ball" with Congress bosses and ministers are threatened, harassed and victimized later. Should not Returning Officers be appointed to states other than their own? The pressure of local bosses will be thus minimized if not totally eliminated. They won't have the prospect of facing Congress candidates who asked their favours one week, as their ministers the following week.

Not only for the sake of the candidates and clean elections but for the morale of the Civil Service, this suggestion deserves the consideration of the Election Commission and the Home Minister.

### Educating Experts or Leaders?

THE RECENT CLOSURES of Rajasthan University and of Banaras Hindu University and the repeated suspension of colleges in different parts of the country, not to mention the numerous incidents of indiscipline, raises the question whether, after 19 years of independence, our education is adequate for the needs of the present.

Dr. John Gardiner, now US Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, in his last report as President of the philanthropic Carnegie Corporation of

New York, made a profound observation on his own country's education. It certainly applies to ours. It provides the clue to the present state of affairs and the bankruptcy of a rising leadership in the country.

Dr. Gardiner stated, "The academic world appears to be approaching a point at which everyone will want to educate the technical expert who advises the leader or the intellectual who stands off and criticizes the leader, but no one will want to educate the leader himself."

Youth are in revolt. They are searching. They want their lives to count in a purpose which is relevant to today's world. The challenge to education is to fulfil this need. The late Mr. Peter Howard described this task as modernizing man. "We can", he said, "no longer live safe and free when we allow prehistoric emotions of hate, fear and greed to divide us. The alchemy of science, political or otherwise, cannot create golden conduct out of leaden instinct."

The old adage "a little knowledge is a very dangerous thing" has been superseded today by the fact that a great amount of knowledge alone can menace society. For knowledge is power and unless education, in the nuclear age, takes into consideration how that power is to be used it is irresponsible.

"Give us a cause big enough to challenge and demand all our energy and spirit," wrote a HIMMAT prize-winning student contributor, "Dare us to take on humanity, to change the world."

An agonized nation looks for such a leadership. To provide such a leadership on a sufficient scale is surely the supreme task of our universities.

### Think Again, Mrs. Joshi

ANY IDEA that excludes any class, caste, race or nation is too small for this world.

A Congress M.P. from Uttar Pradesh, Mrs. Subhadra Joshi, has written to the Congress President urging that former rulers of Indian states should not be given the Congress ticket for the next General Elections. These people, she advises her party chief, cannot represent the "hungry millions of India".

She also cautions against issuing tickets to zamindars and big businessmen on grounds that they corrupt "both the Congress and the voters".

Some people would like to create in India an untouchable caste of their own choosing. A man is not necessarily crooked because he is a prince, a big businessman or a zamindar, nor is he a saint because he is a cobbler, tailor or trade union leader. Each man is shaped by his character and should be judged as such.

To exclude a man because of his birth is as bad as writing off a man because of his colour. Neither can a man help.

The talent and experience of the Indian Princes is needed as much as Mrs. Joshi's to build a new and a great India.



## Briefly Speaking ...

What on earth would a man do with himself if something did not stand in his way?

H. G. WELLS, 1866-1946

### Embarrassing Moscow

CONGRESS PRESIDENT KAMARAJ has returned from his first ever tour abroad (and this only to Communist countries) under the impression that he has now seen the world and can pronounce upon it.

The burden of his "eye-witness" report on Russia was that the Soviet has banished poverty. Two things strike one immediately. First, would he have laid such stress on this achievement had he visited any one of the developed countries where poverty has been abolished far longer than in Russia?

Second, Mr. Kamaraj in his eagerness to repay his host's hospitality does not seem to realize that the Soviet may not take too kindly to his measuring their success in terms of overcoming poverty, implying as it does that they are still an underdeveloped country.

Congressmen won't mind if Mr. Kamaraj excuses himself from his Party office work once again to visit a few more countries and see what is really going on in the outside world. He will find that lots of his old "Socialist" concepts are out of date and were buried by progressive Socialists long ago.

### CHALTA HAI...



"We seem to be making progress. Here's a letter from Delhi saying that this time they considered our case before turning it down."

### Tall Story

IN RESPONSE to a London newspaper advertisement asking for giants, over 100 applied for the job even though the minimum height requirement was 6 ft. 7 in. Overlooking them all was the tallest entrant who topped 7 ft. 3 in. Perhaps it indicates a trend away from the philosophy known as mini-Britain. The recruits are wanted for a parade down Piccadilly to publicize the forthcoming film "Cast a Giant Shadow".

### Bengal Census

INTERESTING FACTS AND TRENDS have emerged from a recent study of census figures for West Bengal. More than half Calcutta's population of 2,900,000 (52.7%) are immigrants from outside: 23.2% from other states, 18% from Pakistan, 10.6% from other West Bengal districts and 0.9% from foreign countries.

Of West Bengal's rural population, 68% had hardly travelled beyond their village. Women were more mobile than men, having to shift their residence to the husband's home at distant places following their marriage.

### Cheaper Insurance

MOTORISTS THE WORLD OVER are finding that insurance premiums are on the rise. One insurance company in Sweden has found a way to keep premiums down even though the accident rates seem to rise continually. It has set up its own garage where repairs are done to vehicles at minimum cost.

The insurance company, having worked out proper costing for jobs, is then able to fix a fair price for repair work which in turn is used by other companies. They have been able to effect a 20 per cent reduction in costs. Garages who charge more are boycotted by the insurance trade which, after all, provides a large bulk of the repair work given to motor garages these days. The same system is also working in France. It could work quite well in India where, as every motorist knows, the garages inflate their charges and do extra work when they know the bill is being paid by insurance.

### Yellow Journalism

A BOMBAY WEEKLY which specializes in sex and hate has devoted yet another full page to opposing HIMMAT, Moral Re-Armament and Rajmohan Gandhi.

That yellow journalism, sold for years to the doctrines of class war, pornography and Communism, should oppose HIMMAT confirms our being on the right track. We are not surprised that a periodical which reserves page 2 for dirt would also spend another page on lies and libel. And yet we are pleased that quite a deal about HIMMAT's revolutionary aims manages to be conveyed by the writer to its readers.

At a time when every newspaper, including HIMMAT, is struggling to get allocation of newsprint sufficient for its needs, this Bombay sheet never seems to go short and never seems to use the more expensive white printing paper which the rest of the industry is legally required to use. HIMMAT has reason to believe that the authorities have been asked to investigate the matter.

Our attackers refer to the growing quantity and quality of advertising which is appearing in HIMMAT. This we must admit is true. More and more clients are realizing the value of HIMMAT as a medium for reaching a discerning public. At the same time it has been observed by many that the weekly opposing us has had the advertising support of several firms who have recently been involved in Lok Sabha charges of corruption and special favours.

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## Is Our National Security Safe in Congress Hands?

From HIMMAT'S Special Correspondent in New Delhi

Spies, charged S. N. Dwivedi, MP, in the Lok Sabha, have been functioning under "the protective care of the ruling party". The House sat up as the PSP leader from Orissa gave evidence how for two and a half months after Central Intelligence came to know of espionage activities of an AICC official and three others, the suspects were not arrested.

Mr. Dwivedi charged that the Government of West Bengal refused to take action—and he mentioned the Chief Minister—because pressure was exerted by Congress high-ups and more specifically by Mr. Atulya Ghosh, boss of the West Bengal Congress and Treasurer of the AICC.

The Government's performance that day was pathetic. The Home Minister was not present in the House. The Minister of State for Home Affairs, J. L. Hathi, neither gave specific answers to the charges levelled nor did he choose even to defend against Mr. Atulya Ghosh.

### Nanda Quizzed

Congress Party MPs, understandably agitated, demanded a party meeting the same day at which they quizzed Home Minister Nanda. The Home Minister "confirmed that he not only addressed communications to the West Bengal Government but also followed them up with telephone talks" (*Times of India*).

The following day in the House, Mr. Atulya Ghosh denied he had put any pressure on the West Bengal Government and said that his association with Mr. Sunil Das was in his (Atulya's) capacity as an office-bearer of the Congress.

Mr. Dwivedi submitted to the Lok Sabha that:

Mohit Chaudhuri, a Pakistani national who has many other names, was arrested in Jamshedpur in April 1966 on certain criminal charges. On May 20 he gave a voluntary confession to the Bihar police, stating that he was engaged in espionage activities for Pakistan, under the protection of important Congressmen. The confession states that his collaborators were:

(i) Sunil Ranjan Das, an employee of the AICC,

- (ii) Tarapada Chakravarty, of G. S. Emporium, Calcutta.
- (iii) Keshav Chandra Chakravarty, also of G. S. Emporium.
- (iv) Rabindra Choudhury, Secretary of the Pashim Bang Congress Karmi Sammelan.

Sunil Das, head of the Hindi Section of the AICC, has served 18 years with the organization. He was formerly PA to the General Secretary of the AICC and Mr. Dwivedi says that Das personally told him that he (Das) was "confidential secretary to Atulya Ghosh". As an important official of the AICC, he had access to the meeting of the Congress Working Committee where national matters of importance were discussed.

Tarapada and Keshav Chandra Chakravarty are partners of G. S. Emporium and Congressmen. Tarapada was Secretary of the Congress Industrial Exhibition Committee when Atulya was its President. Mr. Ghosh admitted he was associated

with such exhibitions but vaguely indicated that these two Congressmen were not on his side of the Congress Party and the latter actually organized an agitation against the Congress in 1960.

As for Mr. Rabindra Choudhury, described as an advocate, Mr. Ghosh said, "I never saw him in my life."

Mr. Dwivedi states that these four and Mohit Chaudhuri "carried on nefarious activities in this country through the G. S. Emporium". After the voluntary confession of May 20, Central Intelligence conducted an investigation and after the investigation communicated a directive to the West Bengal Government. The first letter went on May 30; the second on June 30; the third on July 20.

On July 27 in the Lok Sabha, when an MP questioned Minister of State Hathi whether Sunil Das had been arrested, the Minister replied, "No, no," and hastily added, "No state government flouts us; we are getting all the co-operation."

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## On your toes

### SEEING INDIA'S SIGHTS

On August 13 Spain welcomed its 11 millionth foreign tourist this year.

Do we realize what a source of foreign exchange tourism can be? I doubt it. The Government's best minds seek every cunning method to curb imports and foreign travel but never intelligently to foster tourism.

Enter from the East and what do tourists find? The drive from Dum Dum airport ought to make every Bengali tingle with shame. The filth and stench that lies in wait for every traveller to Calcutta ends any romantic idea they had about Rabindranath Tagore and Bengali culture.

The Gateway to India in the West is no better. Tourists arriving in Bombay had better come at night or their drive from the airport will be a nightmare memory—hundreds of people along the roadside staring at them as they perform their daily affairs. The lazy Municipal fathers let it remain a gateway to filth.

If I were Prime Minister I would say: "Clean it up or I won't visit your city again." There are Ministers for Tourism in nearly every state but apart from touring—often abroad—they don't achieve much.

These days most tourists travel by air. But in India they discover it is almost impossible to get a confirmed seat on an IAC flight.

If one wishes to reserve a seat on

some IAC flight originating elsewhere one finds that a handwritten signal is sent in the company mail on the next flight. It may not leave until tomorrow. The request is dealt with and this usually takes long enough to miss the next flight back, so another 24 hours is wasted.

We have teleprinters. Why can't IAC be linked up so that quick bookings can be given? It may cost more than the company mail but then IAC raised profits Rs. 40 lakhs last year by ending discount on return fares.

India has some fine hotels—world standard—but rooms at short notice are a miracle. What we need most is more clean, comfortable hotels with reasonable rates. Not all tourists are dripping with travellers' cheques just waiting to offload them for any rubbish the "cute natives" may offer.

Today's tourist is often a retired person who has saved all his life for this trip. Or maybe a youngster working his way round the world. They don't live in luxury hotels at home and can't afford to here. What they want is a home away from home where they won't be pestered by beggars and get dysentery because somebody forgot to boil the water.

India offers unrivalled sights of the past and adventures of the present. If we were serious about foreign exchange, the miserable Rs. 25 crores we get each year now could be multiplied by ten. Even then it would not equal the annual earnings of that energetic little country, Spain.

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## Ideological leap forward—Mao's call for vast transformation

Mao Tse-tung has presented the new leadership of China to his people and the world. Contrary to what many of us had believed, he is very much in the saddle. The "cultural revolution" as well as the considerable reshuffle of Party leadership that went with it are being carried out under his orders. Lin Piao, the Defence Minister, has emerged as his principal lieutenant and the People's Liberation Army as the main instrument in carrying out the new revolution that some have characterized as the "great ideological leap forward".

"The great mass proletarian cultural revolution", as the *Red Flag* calls it, launched by Mao himself, is a reflection of his deep fear that the revolution will founder after him.

An important editorial in the *Red Flag* entitled "Long Live the Great Proletarian Revolution" furnishes the background to present events.

The editorial in the "Red Flag" points out the danger of what it calls "capitalist restoration" after victory. In China, it says, "the ideology of the exploiting classes has a very big market. Some unsteady elements in the revolutionary ranks are prone to be corrupted by this ideology and consequently become counter-revolutionaries... Having seized political power the proletariat still faces the danger of losing it. After being established the Socialist system still faces the danger of a capitalist restoration."

The *Red Flag* traces in detail the ideological struggle in China from the time of the "Hundred Flowers campaign" in 1957 through the period of the Great Leap Forward and the

### SAY THAT AGAIN...

*I do not think we can expect any free and fair elections in this country if the Congress Government continues to remain in power (during elections).*

S. N. DWIVEDI, MP  
Praja Socialist Party

*If good people do not come forward to govern, they should be prepared to be governed by bad people.*

SHANTILAL SHAH  
Maharashtra Minister for  
Public Health and Law

controversies in all fields of thought including philosophy, economics, history, literature, art, education and journalism, to the recent struggle against the Peking intellectual group that led to the dismissal of Mayor Peng Chen and the overhaul of the Peking Municipal Committee.

"The representatives of the bourgeoisie who wormed their way into the Party look like a colossus. Yet in fact, like all reactionaries, they are only paper tigers," it concludes.

Thus the fear of an ideological counter-revolution that would precede the defeat of the pristine aims of his own revolution is an important aspect of Mao's actions.

### Invincible "Man"

An equally significant aspect of the present "cultural revolution" is the emphasis on "Man", his capacity to sacrifice and overcome all obstacles against heavy odds.

Peng Teh-huai, the former Defence Minister, was dismissed in 1959 because he emphasized equipment and technology equally. He sought to convert the "revolutionary army", that had fed on millets and fought successfully only with rifles, into a modern professional army.

The Great Leap Forward of 1958 was an attempt at applying the principle of guerrilla activity to economic development. It failed because human labour, however heroic, can be a substitute for technology only at elementary levels of economic activity. Many who have been purged recently have merely paid the price of their objections to the Leap Forward in 1958. Perhaps Mao feels that under the more favourable economic conditions of today, he can undertake another "great leap forward" which will demonstrate that he is correct and the present purge is intended to get rid of objectors before he embarks upon it.

In any case, Mao is in no mood to grant any permanent concessions to reality at the expense of ideology. The recent closure of schools, colleges and universities for six months before the institution of a new type of education that would apply his ideas of physical work, Spartan life

## Under the Lens



by R. VAITHESWARAN

and strictly limited intellectual training in conformity with the Mao philosophy, will certainly put back China's revolution for modernization by some years.

Mao Tse-tung is apparently aiming at a vast human revolution that would transform his 700 million people into "all round men", "the new type Communist persons" "with hammer in hand they will be able to do factory work, with hoe or plough they will be able to do farming, with a gun they will be able to fight the enemy and with the pen express themselves in writing".

The army will lead the way. The *Liberation Army Daily*, China's most important paper now, carried an editorial on August 1, Army Day, which outlines "this revolution". The army's main job is now to train millions of successors as an example for the country. Army men are to acquire proficiency not only in military matters, but are to engage in agriculture, industry, politics and cultural affairs.

An editorial in the *Workers' Daily* on the same day makes it clear that the revolution applies to all 700 million Chinese. "Factories should be turned into great schools for the living, study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought." Workers are also expected to "study military affairs, politics and culture, take part in the Socialist education movement, criticize the bourgeoisie and even engage in agricultural production".

Whatever one might think of the Mao cult so rigorously imposed on the Chinese, no one can accuse him of abandoning the Communist aim of a classless, homogeneous society. To what extent it is practical, one cannot predict. Whether those who acclaim him today for his vision will work for his goal when he is no more, is a question for the future. But one may still admire the grandeur of conception as well as the ideological determination that inspires the leader of modern China.



# VERDICT

This week **HIMMAT**

**AWARDS TOP HONOURS** to Mr. M. R. Masani, MP, General Secretary of the Swatantra Party, for the lucid and vigorous, uncommon common sense of his Ahmedabad speech.

★  
**APPLAUDS** Mrs. Indira Gandhi's reiteration that India's Socialism is against violence and for democracy.

★  
**CENSURES** Home Minister Nanda for his usual obduracy in brushing aside the call for the Congress Government to resign three months before elections to ensure fair play. (See editorial.)

★  
**ADMIRE** the agility of Mr. Madhu Limaye, MP, in keeping the Government on its toes with one embarrassing charge after another but **DEPLORES** his underhand method of referring in the House to a veiled charge of corruption against the Speaker after obtaining the Speaker's personal denial.

★  
**COMMENDS** Speaker Hukam Singh for his clear-cut repudiation of the allegation aired against himself; and for his fair and unequivocal ruling on the breach of privilege motion against Food Minister Subramaniam who, he said, had made a mistake and would have done better to have admitted it.

★  
**IS TOUCHED BY** the spurt of patriotism of the Mysore Government in suddenly withdrawing the National Flag from a list of unserviceable items due for auction.

★  
**REMINDS** Mrs. Subhadra Joshi, MP, that former rulers of states, who she says should not be given Congress tickets as they cannot represent "the hungry millions in the country", are already representing them in several constituencies without Congress tickets. (See editorial.)

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**AGREES WITH** Mr. Mohan Dharia (Congress) who complained in the Lok Sabha that in one of India's well-known cars all parts except the horn make a noise.

## NATIONAL SECURITY—from page 5

It finally took the intervention of the Prime Minister to get the West Bengal Government to arrest Sunil Das in Delhi and the others in Calcutta, on August 10 under the West Bengal Public Security Act.

On August 18 they were produced before a magistrate in Calcutta. According to a Calcutta report: "The investigating officer alleged that Das entered into a conspiracy with the then Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan in Calcutta and received substantial pecuniary help from him. Das tried to create disaffection between Hindus and Muslims in India and transmitted secrets and maps relating to defence installations in the country to Pakistan." All the four accused have been released on a bail of Rs. 5000 each.

It is difficult to equate these serious charges levelled on August 18 by the Calcutta police against Sunil Das and others, with Home Minister Nanda's defence of the Government on August 19 in the Rajya Sabha.

Mr. Nanda is reported to have said that the charge against the persons is "one of subversion rather than espionage". The Home Minister added that the confessional statement related to the period of 1960-61 and not the later years. Even during that period these persons were only trying to foment communal tension and disturbances with the help of a foreign power.

### Not So Emphatic

The Statesman reporting on the Home Minister's statement shrewdly observes: "While his (Mr. Nanda's) denial of the Opposition allegation about pressure brought to bear on the Centre was firm and unambiguous, his reply to the same charge in respect of the West Bengal Government now handling the case, was not as emphatic." (Italics ours.—Ed.)

Facts disclosed by Mr. Dwivedi do give rise to very serious questions of national security.

The basic allegation of Mr. Dwivedi that the confession statement of Mohit Chaudhuri was of May 20, 1966 has been admitted by Minister of State Hathi. That arrests were not made in spite of repeated prodding from Delhi is also obvious from Home Minister Nanda's reply. The basic difference is that while Mr. Dwivedi alleges that the cause for

this delay was political pressure from Congress higher-ups like Mr. Ghosh, Mr. Nanda gave the excuse that time was needed for "corroborative evidence".

Mr. Nanda's excuse is treated as eye-wash. The West Bengal Government is most liberal in its use of the Preventive Detention Act where its political opponents are concerned. Why then did it ignore the Central Government in this instance until the Prime Minister herself intervened? There can be only one conclusion where the public is concerned. Political pressure was put on the West Bengal Government whether it came from Mr. Atulya Ghosh or elsewhere.

### Why the Delay?

The Union Home Ministry could arrange for several states to arrest at one fell swoop 1000 Left Communists barely twenty months ago. Surely the Home Ministry's power has not deteriorated so much in 20 months that it needed a series of letters and trunk calls to arrest just four characters on charges at least as serious and more specific than those against the Left Communists?

Would Sardar Patel or Pandit Pant have tolerated it? And surely there was nothing to stop the Central Government from arresting Sunil Das when he visited Delhi?

HIMMAT is in a position to know that both Mrs. Gandhi and the Congress President were aware of the charges against Sunil Das from the time of the investigation. Was it not the duty of the Congress President immediately to relieve Mr. Das of his duties, prevent his access to all confidential information and AICC meetings? Whether Mr. Das was guilty or innocent was for the court to decide later.

The way the whole case has been handled leaves it open for the people of India to question: "Is our security really safe in the hands of the present administrators?"

H. C. Mathur, prominent Congress MP, assured Mr. Dwivedi on the floor of the House: "We will be one with you where national interests are concerned." National interests demand that Congressmen like him openly and boldly question both President Kamaraj and Home Minister Nanda as to why Party as well as national interests were so endangered for so long.

## FROM THE WORLD'S CAPITALS

### De Gaulle Goes East Again

FROM PIERRE SPOERRI

Zurich

While the whole of French political life is enjoying a well-earned holiday and Paris is flooded by tourists, the French President is in his country home preparing his next spectacular voyage.

One thing de Gaulle's friends and foes have learnt during the last months is that nothing on his trips is done by chance or mistake and that the "old man" takes a lot of trouble to learn all his speeches—with a few sentences in the native tongue—by heart. The world has also come to know that very few of the General's friends will be told what intentions and plans he will pursue during his trip.

It is this complete silence surrounding the President's preparations which has given rise to speculation in many quarters about the General's real intentions. The first stage of the journey is relatively clear. A visit to Emperor Haile Selassie in Addis Ababa fits in well with the French President's growing popularity in Africa. The fact that the former French colonies are going through a period of relatively quiet development and that France gives more development-aid per capita than any other country in the world, will also help to raise the General's bargaining position with his Ethiopian hosts.

The next stop on the journey is more mysterious. Phnom Penh is the capital of a former French territory, Cambodia, and its ruler, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, has distinguished

himself by playing a very mysterious game on the world political scene. Phnom Penh is not far from either Vientiane, the capital of Laos, or from Saigon, Hanoi or Bangkok. It is highly doubtful that the General will undertake any mediation effort in the Vietnam conflict unless he is reasonably sure of success. But he may very well have some dramatic announcement up his sleeve if he feels that the atmosphere is ripe.

From Phnom Penh, de Gaulle flies to Tahiti where he will witness the last atomic test in Mururoa. The fact that from a highly neutral country like Cambodia he flies straight to see the explosion of his new atom bomb, would confirm the impression one gets that the General will not yield on the question of French independent defence to any pressure and that he expects his allies and friends to respect this conviction.

Nothing has yet been announced about the General's return journey. There have been speculations about a possible Johnson-de Gaulle meeting somewhere in the Pacific. But again, unless there is some hope of advance, de Gaulle does not like to meet other statesmen. He just does not believe in that kind of diplomacy.

### Ten Million Due at World Fair

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

Montreal

Montreal is abuzz with preparations for next year's World Fair, Expo '67, on the theme "Man and his World". For six months starting in April, more than 10 million people will flock here to see a demonstration of how 60 nations of the world live, work and play.

Over 7 million of this total will arrive in the family automobile and 130,000 a day will need a place to stay. A casual visitor today would say that preparations are well advanced, but Montreal is snowbound for four months of the year and anything that is not finished within the next three months doesn't have much chance of being ready in time.

Montreal is determined to make its mark next year on the world map. With its French and English-speaking population—both languages are given equal prominence—Montreal's Expo is likely to attract many overseas visitors, and appeal to many from African and Asian nations where one of these two languages is in use.

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## The week in Asia

**KUALA LUMPUR**—Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei will have separate currencies from June 12 next year, it was announced here.

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**SAIGON**—Twenty-eight were killed and 123 wounded when a plastic bomb exploded in a crowded restaurant in Hue, South Vietnam. It was the second worst Vietnam bomb attack this year.

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**CAIRO**—The UAR and Saudi Arabia have reached a tentative agreement to end the four-year-old undeclared war in Yemen. Representatives of the two nations met in Kuwait.

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**DJAKARTA**—At an Indonesian Independence Day rally President Sukarno insisted recognition of Malaysia would only take place after a referendum in Sabah and Sarawak to decide their future. Later a powerful student group accused him of giving a cautious command for a new Communist drive.

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**CANBERRA**—Australia's defence bill will rise 34 per cent to 1000 million dollars (Australian) it was announced in the national budget.

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**BEIRUT**—Two Syrian MiGs were shot down over the Sea of Galilee by Israeli fighters during a three-hour Israeli-Syrian clash.

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**ISTANBUL**—Thousands were reported dead and injured during an earthquake that left 80 per cent destruction in four Turkish provinces. The entire town of Varto, with 3000 inhabitants, was reported wiped out.

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**RANGOON**—Nearly 200 Communist rebels attacked the town of Mindo in Arakan, Western Burma. Police and rebels fought for two hours.

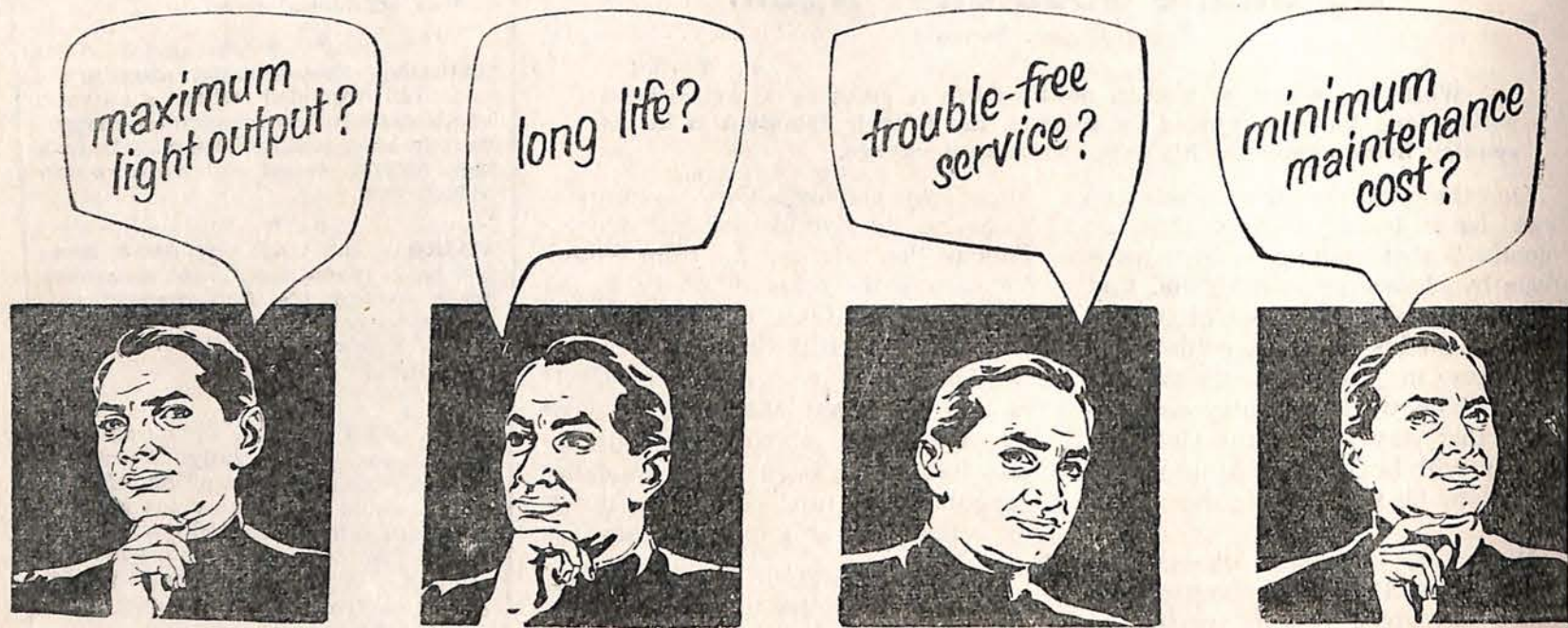
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**BANGKOK**—Thai police have arrested a number of people alleged to be involved in a Communist plot to assassinate Government leaders.

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**TOKYO**—North Korea has swung from Peking to Moscow, judging from a leading article in the North Korean daily Rodong Shinmoon which said that Communists must be "ideologically free".

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**SEOUL**—A record rice crop is expected in South Korea this year, according to the Ministry of Agriculture. A 23 per cent increase over last year and food sufficiency by 1971 are predicted.




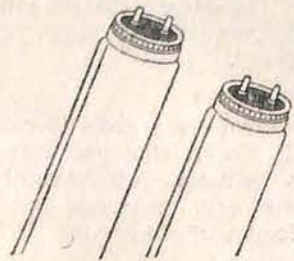
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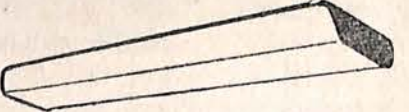
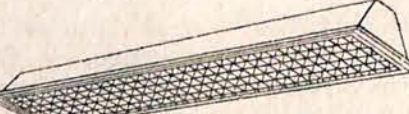
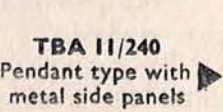


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### New President Bars Hate

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bogota

Carlos Lleras Restrepo, the newly-elected President of Colombia, has brought a challenging note to friends and foes alike. He let it be known that he wanted to govern without three things: hate, tobacco and alcohol.

"Without hate" is the only weapon to pacify this South American country whose political parties have fought each other with arms for a century. Although the open violence has decreased during the last year, deep divisions of hate and vengeance need still to be healed.

"Without tobacco" means a profound discipline and self-control for a man who until recently was never seen without a cigarette. "Without alcohol" means a challenge to many high-ranking people whose minds have become obscured at certain late evening hours.

Altogether it is the mark of a man who is, in his own words, "convinced that the country needs a national transformation", and who seems to sense that this transformation will need to be started in people.

### Ex-Minister Ousted by Election Judge

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

Colombo

The former Minister of Communications under Mrs. Bandaranaike, Mr. Anil Munasinghe M.P., has been unseated by an election judge on charges of bribery, undue influence and general intimidation.

Mr. Munasinghe is one of the leaders of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party, a professedly Marxist party which, with the Communists, formed a threesome coalition government with Mrs. Bandaranaike's "Sri Lanka Freedom Party" until March, 1965.

The judgement by Justice A. L. S. Siramanne said that the bribery was in the form of issuing "notes" to an official of the Ceylon Transport Board asking him to employ certain voters in Mr. Munasinghe's electorate. His

Montreal citizen, strikes capture the newspaper headlines today—hospital workers, steelworkers, packers, carpenters, construction workers, these last at a dam site where 400 police had to be flown in to keep order. Hospitals are being staffed by volunteers in place of the 32,500 workers from 119 hospitals who have been on strike since July 15.

### The week in India

**NEW DELHI**—A privilege motion against Food Minister Subramaniam was ruled out in Parliament because there had been "no breach of privilege or contempt of the House".

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**JAIPUR**—Rajasthan University closed indefinitely after police used tear gas to disperse 2000 students who stormed the main administrative block. Student demands included one that Hindi should not be made compulsory for third year examinations.

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**NEW DELHI**—Serious famine prevailed in Mysore due to the failure of the kharif and rabi crops, said Sri Rama Reddy in the Rajya Sabha.

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**BOMBAY**—Agreement will soon be reached between Indian Film Producers and Radio Ceylon, it was reported here, to end the ban on broadcasting Indian film music.

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**NEW DELHI**—Dr. Malik, Indonesian Foreign Minister, will visit Delhi to discuss means of improving relations and trade with India.

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**CALCUTTA**—AICC employee Sunil Das gave secrets to Pakistan, police alleged. Das and other conspirators are accused of receiving large sums from Pakistani missions in Delhi and Calcutta.

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**NEW DELHI**—Phosphate, a basic raw material for chemical fertilizers, has been discovered in large deposits in Rajasthan.

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**SRINAGAR**—Lamas and laymen in Ladakh protested against Delhi's cancellation of the Dalai Lama's visit to Ladakh.

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**IMPHAL**—Naga rebels armed with automatic weapons clashed with a village volunteer force in the cease-fire area of Ukhrul.

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**PANJIM**—Satyagrahis demanding the resignation of Goa's Bandodkar Ministry clashed with police who lathi-charged twice. 29 people were injured and 249, mainly women, were reported arrested.

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**NEW DELHI**—The National Development Council approved the draft outline of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

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**BOMBAY**—Leftist parties called a Bombay Bundh on August 25 to protest against "the ever-growing misery" of the people. Congress and INTUC said the Bundh should be ignored.

The task ahead of him is gigantic: the population is increasing by 2.9 per cent annually. It was reported recently that only 60 per cent of the workers have employment and that the 80,000 young people who reach working age this year are unlikely to find jobs. Food prices have gone up 25 per cent in the first four months of this year.

To carry out major national changes President Restrepo also needs a two-thirds majority in parliament which he does not have.

Nevertheless in the last weeks a wave of hope has gone through the country—all pinned on his person. People long to see their nation in peace and progressing and there is a general longing to see Restrepo succeed.

Lordship described the intimidation as "acts of planned violence calculated to strike fear and apprehension in the minds of those who might vote against the LSSP".

Another MP, this time from Mrs. Bandaranaike's SLFP, has just had his appeal challenging a judgement which unseated him on similar charges, set aside. There have been a number of other similar cases highlighting the widespread violence and

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corruption in the election of 1965.

Trade unions are also a political weapon in this country. The *Daily News* commented editorially that the recent "Democratic Workers Congress" plantation strike was political and "a bid to outflank the present government". The strike has now collapsed but did considerable harm to the tea business, Ceylon's main foreign exchange earner, which

## West Germany's Shifting Loyalties

FROM PETER HINTZEN

*The Hague*

"A measure to preserve peace," was what the head of the East German regime, Walter Ulbricht, called the erection of the Berlin Wall. He was speaking at a ceremony to celebrate the fifth anniversary of this monstrous structure which splits the former German capital in two halves.

Russian helmeted East German troops goose-stepped through the stately Under Linden while on the other side West Germans were mourning the 71 people who were shot dead by East German bullets during the last years as they were climbing over the Wall.

West Germans have many more worries in addition to Ulbricht's cruel partition of Berlin which inexorably separates families and loved ones. Positions, so far considered secure, are shifting in the Federal Republic. Chancellor Erhard, who is both the creator and physical em-

is suffering anyway from world over-production and consequent depressed prices. This strike was backed by all Marxist and Communist-led unions.

The Prime Minister has just inaugurated a new federation of trade unions friendly to the National Government. Two hundred and fifty delegates from seven trade unions, including the Ceylon Workers Congress, the largest plantation union, have now launched the Ceylon National Trade Union Confederation.

bodiment of West Germany's economic miracle, was badly beaten in last month's elections in the Ruhr area. Commentators blame waning prosperity and weak leadership for this success of the Socialists who have lived in the political wilderness since the Federal Republic was founded. Some conclude this is the beginning of their rise to power which might well result in a radical change of the country's attitude.

### European Pull-out

While domestically the situation seems unsettled, the foreign policy prospects are equally far from sure. Astute 90-year-old former Chancellor Adenauer has complained in an interview with Cyrus Sulzberger of *The New York Times* that the USA is neglecting Europe, deeply engrossed as she is in Vietnam affairs. He fears that while American eyes are glued to Asia, the Soviet Union may snatch away Germany and France with their vast industrial potential.

It is said America has pulled out of Germany more than 15,000 well trained soldiers for service in Asia whom she has promised to replace

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with new draftees. In addition, Britain is expected to withdraw 20,000 of her 50,000-strong Rhine Army in order to cope with her sterling crisis. Though American spokesmen have reiterated their absolute loyalty to their European defence commitments, there is apprehension in German hearts. This has induced Erhard, even though France's 70,000 soldiers stationed in Germany no longer belong to NATO, to request President de Gaulle to leave them there in spite of the fact Paris has refused to negotiate a new treaty basis for their presence.

### Paris or Moscow?

Will all this drive Bonn into de Gaulle's outstretched arms? The choice, as seen through German eyes, may soon be between accepting partnership with Paris and buckling under mastership of Moscow. Needless to say the latter alternative would be a calamity. Sailing by Paris' compass would, however, mean a complete reorientation for Bonn. So far West Germany has hoped to realize reunification with the Eastern part of the country on the basis of free democratic elections guaranteed by the three big Western powers as well as the Soviet Union. This would be a result of negotiations backed by Western strength. The Paris line, however, is a patient process of encouraging disintegration of power blocs, possibly resulting at long last in reunification.

### Fact versus Speculation

West Germany's NATO partners believe Russia has radically changed her attitude since Stalin's days of attempted world conquest. The newly nominated German Commander of all NATO troops in Central Europe, General Johann Adolf von Kielmannsegg, indicated, in an interview with *Der Spiegel*, that he is deeply concerned about these speculations. He does not deny the reality of a detente in Europe. But, he says, policies can be changed overnight and military men must take into account the ability of a potential enemy to attack and not merely his real or supposed intentions.

An East German armoured car patrols the Berlin Wall, erected five years ago this summer. Despite the armed guards, a trickle of refugees still escapes to the West.



## Polish Dockers Oppose Pay Cuts

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

*Gdynia*

An unusual happening is crippling the ports of Poland at the moment.

Although work there is supposed to go on 24 hours a day, in three shifts, and for liner trade, seven days a week, this weekend there was only one gang working in the Baltic port of Gdynia near Danzig and none at all in the port of Szczecin (formerly German Stettin).

This was because the workers were withholding their labour in protest against a reduction in their payments for loading and discharging ships.

Previously they were paid 5 zlotys per ton for sixty tons per shift and 7 zlotys per ton for 100 tons.

Now they have to move 100 tons to qualify for 5 zlotys. This is in effect a loss of 200 zlotys per shift (three pounds sterling or about Rs. 60 at the official rate, or one pound at the black market rate).

## The week elsewhere

### WAR IN LAOS

VIENTIANE—The US now has 3500 special service troops in Laos, according to diplomatic sources—despite official denials. They are operating against Laotian Communists and North Vietnamese troops guarding the Ho Chi Minh Trail through Laos.

### IRONSI SLAIN REPORT

LAGOS—General Ironsi, military ruler of Nigeria till the recent coup, was slain by army mutineers from the North and is buried near Ibadan, West Region capital, according to reports here. No official statement

These new regulations came into force simultaneously with an increase of 5 zlotys per packet of cigarettes, which is 50 per cent, increase of up to 200 per cent on some medicines and other price rises.

As strikes are illegal the ever-ingenuous Polish workers found a way of demonstrating their anger at the changes—they all left the ports and went to the farms to bring in the harvest.

It has been suggested that this might have been the reason why the government instituted these changes at this time, but it seems unlikely as in Szczecin the port has had to be worked by the army who are usually engaged in getting in the harvest.

The dissatisfaction at this drop in the living standard has been openly expressed, far more so than usual.

about Ironsi's fate has been made by the new military government of Lieutenant Colonel Gowon.

### USSR IN UNESCO

PARIS—Russia aims to increase her influence in UNESCO, whose executive board meets here next month, writes the London *Sunday Telegraph's* Paris correspondent. Russia's aim, he writes, is to increase her representation on UNESCO's staff; get recognition for Communist controlled organizations such as the World Federation of Democratic Youth, and to inject Communist thinking into

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UNESCO's policies and publications. A tussle is expected when the board meets over the post of assistant director for education, which is vacant. A Russian already holds the post of assistant director for science.

NEXT SPACE FLIGHT

WASHINGTON—American astronauts will shortly attempt a first-orbit rendezvous with an Agena

satellite and try to link their Gemini-II spacecraft to the Agena with a 100-foot line in a stability test. Astronauts Charles Conrad and Richard Gordon are scheduled to blast off on September 9 on this 71-hour rendezvous and space-walking journey. Meanwhile America's Lunar Orbiter rocket successfully moved into orbit and prepared to send back pictures of the moon's surface, including the dark side never seen by man.

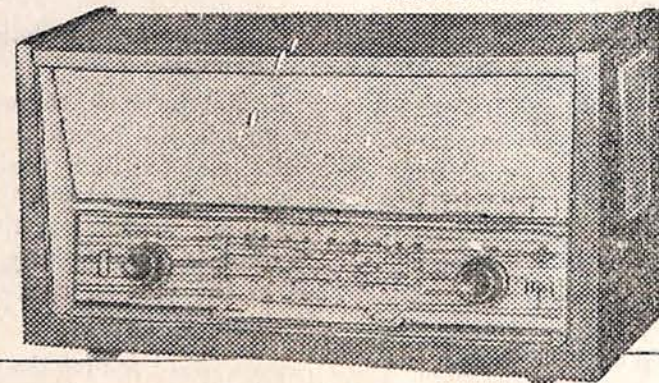
CHINA'S "NEW MAN"

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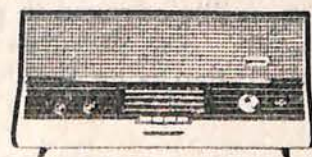
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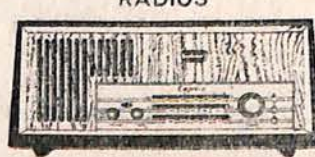


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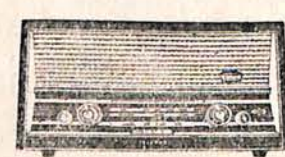
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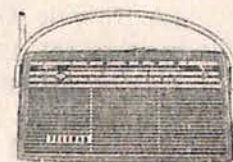
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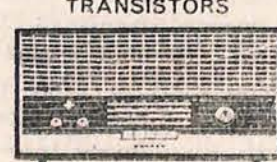
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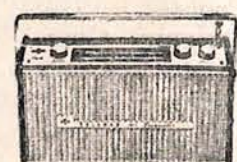
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Under the escort of Benugopal Ghosh, these cadets were making their way, when suddenly this leopard leapt at Ganesh. Almost instinctively Ganesh shied away. This saved him. The most the leopard got was Ganesh's boot heel. Quick as a flash, Ganesh rolled over and hid behind a bush.

Ghosh thought the leopard-noises came from Ganesh who was trying to frighten him. He turned around to tell Ganesh to keep quiet. The leopard stood there, majestically dreadful in Ghosh's eyes, its tail twitching almost hypnotically.

It literally sailed through the air towards Ghosh. Ghosh kept his head (literally and metaphorically). He ducked. The leopard's paw tore his rucksack in half. Again the tense

wait. The high, erect tail. Again the leap. Ghosh dived sideways. Another miss. The third time, Ghosh dived—at the leopard! Anyway, Ghosh clamped the leopard's mouth tight and held on for dear life while Ganesh and Narayana kicked the beast. A last, desperate jump into the air by the leopard. And then calm. The trio, bruised and bleeding, sagged in relief.

It hardly seems credible that as frail and wiry a person as Benugopal Ghosh could have played such a vital role in this incident.

He cleared my amazement when I went to meet him at his home in Kardah. Dressed informally, he waived my question aside till he had me comfortably seated and provided me with a hospitable and refreshing cup of tea. Then he said: "Courage comes when you want to help. My first thought was to help Ganesh. I knew if I left him, he would die."

Was there no other motivating force?

"Yes," he replied, "I felt I was going to die. So I told myself I would not die without a fight. You do not know your strength until you come to use it."



Did your status as leader and a warrant officer have any bearing on your action?

"Definitely. Leadership is always to lead—never to run."

What could the Indian youth learn from your behaviour?

"To think. If only for two minutes. After all, we got less than that!" He allowed himself a broad smile.

Did your NCC training help you?

"Definitely. The NCC builds true leaders. It teaches you to control yourself. If you can do that—you can lead. Also, my father's help should be mentioned. I kept cool because I had been on hunting trips with my father."

As I was leaving, I had a last glimpse of this heroic youth; a B.Sc. student; a District Sports Champion; ambitious to join the Air Force—and I know he will succeed in his "second life" as he put it. He had already shown that no leopard was a match for a Royal Bengal Tiger.

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## ASSAM — India's Himalayan Hotspot

From Ajit Das in Calcutta

ASSAM IS PAYING the price for her sins of indifference, indulgence, indiscretion and inactivity.

The students have forced on this hilly Himalayan frontier State a shock treatment, though in a questionable way. But the shiver of it, though felt statewide, has yet failed to generate the desired shake-up. As a result, like the smouldering fire in Shillong's fashionable Police Bazar on August 12, which refused to be put out despite the joint efforts of the army, the police and members of the public, discontent and distrust must continue to rock Assam.

In the last few months I have paid four visits and each time I returned with a feeling that another visit could not be far off.

### Death Stampede

My first was to cover the visit of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Assam was proud that she chose Shillong and the tribals for conferring the honour of visiting and talking to soon after her selection as Premier. In an overzealous move to be nice to her, Assam committed a Himalayan blunder. About 100 people died in the stampede in Tinsukia soon after Indira left the place after addressing a big crowd in a football ground. As darkness fell the Prime Minister was kept totally in the dark about the disaster.

I had a feeling that if Indira had known about it she would have rushed to the Tinsukia hospital where the injured had filled up every inch of space on the verandah after the beds were all occupied. She was not given the opportunity. And surprisingly, the following morning when she came to know of it, she did not think it important enough to spare half an hour or so to make even a hurried visit. Many Assamese told me that they were terribly disappointed at this apparent "indifference".

Today it is not so much the indifference of New Delhi as of Shillong to the vital needs of the people that has made the Assamese indignant. And the students took upon themselves the task of giving expression to this mounting indignation.

The students are angry that prices should rise in Assam in spite of the

fact that in food production Assam is a surplus state, and the other essential items of everyday life are not so much in short supply as greedy traders would make them believe. The price resistance movement started in the State's easternmost town, Dibrugarh, on August 5. Fast moving westward to other cities and villages, amidst Section 144 and curfews, and in defiance of the army called in at many points, it had twin targets: the Government and corrupt unsocial traders.

### Acid Weapon

Panic-stricken, apparently trying to assuage the feeling of the students, Chief Minister B. P. Chaliha almost gave them his blessing by saying in a public statement that he welcomed the movement to resist rises in prices. But he did not have a word to say that they must also behave properly. While a section of the students in some places took to looting shops that so long denied them their necessities, some traders in Jorhat waged a violent war against the student agitators and poured acid from shop tops on a peaceful though angry procession of demonstrators.

The Jorhat temerity was soon put right. But the business community started a new silent campaign of punishing the consumers by keeping their shops closed indefinitely.

In Gauhati, on the day of the general strike protesting police arrests and firing on students, I went around trying to discover one single instance of violence or intimidation by the strike volunteers, and could not find one such instance. For a newsman the city was disappointingly quiet!

Up to the time of writing, the Gauhati business community has enjoyed an uninterrupted spell of peace in this, Assam's largest trade town. The students have been rough and violent in some places, but also showed tolerance in places like Gauhati.

As they pleaded for peaceful resistance, shops still remained closed, and fine rice in bagfuls has been seen flowing literally down the drain into the River Brahmaputra, thrown away under cover of darkness by frightened hoarders. What sympathy does this community expect from the man

in the street, even though he may not be a student and may hate violence?

While the plainsfolk of Gauhati are clamouring for some more food and some more action on the part of the police against unsocial traders, the hillsfolk in Shillong—principally the Khasi tribals—are complaining that the Government has developed an allergy to their demands and treats them with studied indifference.

It was not just indifference but unpardonable inactivity at government level in face of mounting unrest in the Mizo hills that gave the Mizo rebels an opportunity to revolt, those close to the Mizo developments believe. The Shillong Secretariat—and even the Government of India—slept in sweet oblivion of its responsibility to the country as reports of Mizo rebels drilling in foreign uniforms in the open, preparing to strike when the hour came, reached Shillong and New Delhi.

And now the hillsfolk, the Khasi, Mikirs and others have called for a conference in Shillong to decide on their programme of direct action to squeeze out their rights.

The students have given the call for an Assam *Bandh* to activate further their price-resistance moves.

And the Chinese are marking time to strike when the hour is hottest.

Assam's problems are no longer just the problem of one of many Indian States. Assam is now India's national problem.



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## VIEWPOINT

First Prize

# How to Get the Railways Efficient?

By A. F. S. Talyarkhan, Bombay

FIRST OF ALL appreciation of the fact that the volume of traffic on Indian Railways has multiplied since 1947.

Second, that the discipline and supervision connected with the Railways has degenerated considerably for which both the public and the authorities are to blame. It seems the one-time strict supervision has disappeared and I blame for this the selection of those entrusted with en-

### RARE TRAVELLER

CONTRIBUTORS SUGGESTED a wide variety of means for getting the railways back on the track. R. Kesava Iyer from Trivandrum advocated a Department of Morals to inculcate the Gandhian spirit among railway staff; Mrs. Rema Chandrasekhar of Hyderabad proposed a Commission of Enquiry into malpractices arising from the contracting out by the railways of maintenance work. More than one contributor, including Arun Chintopanth of Bangalore, remarked that the Railways Minister himself "very rarely travels on the railways... he thus does not realize the difficulties inflicted on passengers". But running through most replies was the theme that change must start in people, in a new discipline practised by both railway workers and users, and in a new pride in one of India's greatest national services.—Ed.

forcing the rules of proper travel and transport.

Apart from the great need to provide more trains and better amenities for the train-travelling public, the first thing to do is to appoint officials of the type who will enforce the rules very rigidly. This includes ticket-office clerks, ticket-collectors, station masters and guards. The present lot either cannot or will not compel train travellers to adhere to the rules.

Unless we enforce regulations the result can only be the present chaos. Only after the human element is adequately fashioned can we hope for the Railways to function efficiently and get "back to the track".

Lack of discipline is the first factor which has caused so much trouble, serious trouble, these last few years.

### Second Prize REWARD GOOD WORKERS

By P. V. V. RAJAN, Calcutta 1

INADEQUATE WAGES coupled with over-work, corruption, favouritism and nepotism are day in and day out eating away the vital limbs of administration of the Indian Railways.

### COMPETITION

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During the British administration, even though the wages of railway employees were not as at present, they were feeling satisfied and working sincerely, honestly and efficiently. But after the taking over of the administration by the Congress Government, the efficiency of the work started dwindling gradually. What was the reason?

Soon after the changing of administration to our hands, facilities that were prevailing during British days to railway employees, were curtailed to minimum and the cost of living has also steadily increased. All this made even the most sincere and honest employee feel disgusted and forced him to join hands with others in practising dishonest methods. But an attempt on the following lines can be made to avoid human failure:

1. Regulation of working hours.
2. Replacement of free passes with bonus as per Bonus Ordinance.
3. Awards for constructive suggestions.
4. Special increment for efficient work.
5. Attendance to grievances of employees without delay and partiality.
6. Supervision of Railway Offices by higher Railway officers to avoid any delay in execution of work.
7. Issuing of free passes of high class for travel all over India for exemplary work by employees of any category.
8. Polite orders to employees.

These facilities will give the employees a sense of "our Railway" and interest and enthusiasm in doing work in a sincere and honest way.

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## LETTERS

### UNDEMOCRATIC INDIA

The other day I read the article "Undemocratic India" (HIMMAT, August 12). It is a real good article and I was very much surprised to learn that there are still some progressive editors.

It is true that it is very difficult to occupy a seat in the Parliament without the backing of money or caste. This is in a country which calls itself Socialistic. We achieved independence 19 years back. A person born on August 15, 1947 completed 19 years. What type of youth have we produced in democratic and independent India? Irresponsible, burning and destroying the nation's property, coming forward whenever there is a linguistic riot or a strike in the university. In 19 years we have failed to teach him responsibility, the capacity to bear hardships with a smile and to work for the nation.

We used to blame Britain for producing clerks in India. What is the achievement of Congress?

We need a hundred highly educated youth who can sacrifice their pleasures for the sake of the nation, who will go from village to village and explain the true meaning of democracy. This is a big project which requires sincere and educated youth belonging to several linguistic states.

If we wait and see, I am sure a day will come when we will be a prey to Communism and only machines will think, act and speak.

S. M. SALAPAKA\*

Roorkee, UP

\*This week's Rs. 10 prize winner

### BERTRAND RUSSELL

The political stunt of Lord Bertrand Russell in calling a "tribunal to try the criminals of the Vietnam war", including President Johnson, has no doubt captured the attention of people.

Lord Russell would do a great justice to the noble cause of peace that he so often proclaims at the top of his voice, if he called a similar tribunal to try the criminals who were said to be responsible for atrocities in Tibet including Chairman Mao of Communist China.

Has Lord Russell got enough courage and conviction to do that?

A. S. TATA

Bombay 26

### FALSE FRIENDSHIP

Please convey my warm appreciation to Shri Rajmohan Gandhi for the daring article, "Mr. Kamaraj Is Wrong", published in HIMMAT of August 5. Let it carry a piece of advice to all our leaders who are visiting foreign lands that we do not want to win friendship by flattery. Friendship based on flattery can crumble any moment.

S. K. GAMBHIR

Secunderabad

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### "BELOW BEASTS"

I have the HIMMAT of August 12 here on my table and going through it, I felt I had to write you these few lines. Reading about the "Health Ministry Scandal" by "Freebooter" and the letter of V. R. Subbarchar of Bangalore, I am happy to see that the common idea that the Catholic Church is the only bogey-man that is opposing the policy of family planning is not true. All self-respecting citizens seem to share an almost natural disgust for this debasing policy that aims at bringing God's noblest creature, man, to the level of the beast, nay more, even below, for beasts faithfully conform to the law that God has given them.

God bless HIMMAT!

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### NEHRU'S MIRAGE

Immediately after achieving independence, the late Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru promised to hang all the black marketeers by the nearest lamp post. Since then, millions have thrived—profiteers, bootleggers, etc.—under the very nose of the law. The Congress leaders do not miss an opportunity to exhort of the need to live a praiseworthy life. But there has been all round degeneration of morals.

The cost of living has gone up terribly with the result that the poor have lost all hope of existing at all. The Government issues half-hearted measures to check rise of prices and the officials are so corrupt that they are not bothered a wee bit about their implementation. The utopia promised by Nehru with sweetened phraseology like "Socialistic pattern of society" has remained a mere mirage to the common man.

There should be a real change of heart amongst the poorer section of society. I am afraid, and ashamed,

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that basically the Indian is not even a patriot, otherwise the general condition of the country would not have drifted to such a low ebb.

Of what use is our ancient, much bragged about culture, if we cannot live an honest and uncorrupted life? I think the affairs are far happier in South Vietnam and Indonesia, than in our God-forsaken country!

D. SATHYA RAJ

Guntakal

### TAPPED 'PHONES

It is disturbing to read a report that recently a correspondent's conversation over the phone was tapped. It is also understood that there have been numerous such instances of "hidden-hearing". One would tend to presume that interference and over-hearing are being resorted to because there is a divergence of views from those of official policy. This trend is dangerous and perhaps is the initial step leading to a "guided" press.

So, in the greater national interest, "official pressures" should be resisted by the press and in the long run by the people themselves.

What needs to be done is not "hidden hearing" but stretching out hands and taking the press into confidence and providing the necessary co-operation.

NATESAN SUBRAMANIAN

Calcutta 29

### LOVE OF COUNTRY

I have been reading HIMMAT for almost half a year now. India is in need of such a magazine which will speak frankly. The magazine makes me aware of the weaknesses of our country and increases my love for her.

L. R. SAILO

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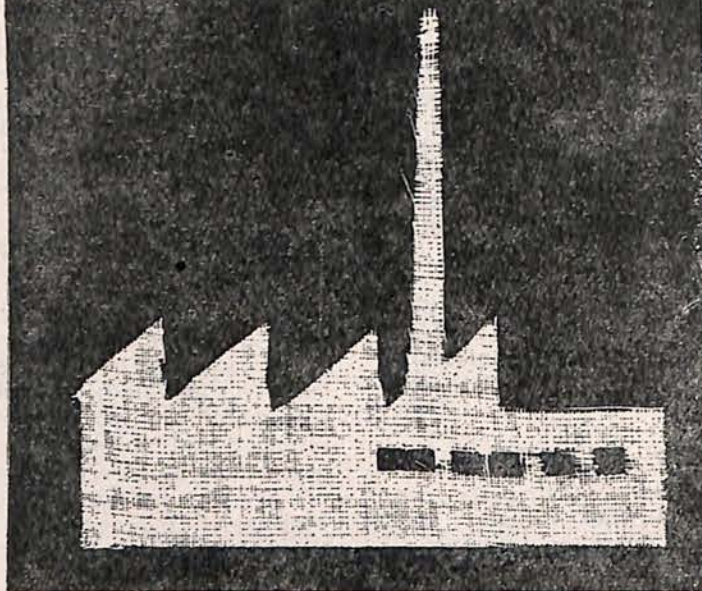
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TO HAVE GROWN UP in an occupied country and suffered poverty without resentment is not the least endearing quality of Manya Sklodowska, better known as Marie Curie, pioneer of radium.

Manya was born in Warsaw. Her home was radiant with piety and culture in spite of hard times and her father losing his teaching job. She early learnt the principle, "never be beaten by persons or events".

By 1890 she had decided on her career. She saved enough to get to Paris. Living in a garret with a minimum of food she devoted days and nights to study. In four years she gained degrees in mathematics and physics and had made the acquaintance of another brilliant physicist, Pierre Curie, with whom began a "collaboration of genius" which lasted through their marriage to his death in 1906.

**DESPITE ILL-HEALTH**

Regardless of ill-health and poverty, the happy pair pursued their endless calculations, discussions and experiments in their cold, damp, dingy laboratory in a Paris back street.

Their studies led to the discovery that pitchblende contained plutonium and a new element, radium. This discovery brought fame but not wealth. When urged to take royalties for its commercial development, Marie Curie replied, "Radium is not to enrich anyone. It belongs to all people."

Even when she and Pierre found it could cure sores and cancer they thought it was contrary to the spirit of science to take money for it, though needing a new laboratory.

By 1913 an Institute of Radium had been erected and was taking students under Marie's direction. She was a consummate teacher, as she had found when forced to teach in a girls' school to make ends meet.

The 1914 war brought new tasks. Unable to help her native Poland, she threw herself into the organization of mobile X-ray units for the French troops. She was appointed director of this service and had 200 vans on the roads, using one herself at great risk. She refused a decoration.

After the war she was in great demand as a lecturer in many countries. She twice shared a Nobel Prize, for Chemistry and Physics.

She completed her great work on Radioactivity and was engaged on research into actinium when the approach of death made her stop.

"Madame Curie," said Einstein, one of her many friends, "is, of all celebrated beings, the only one whom fame has not corrupted."

H.B.

**FRONTIERS OF science**

**Planning for the 21st Century—II**

By Reginald Holme

OUR SPECIAL SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT

AIRCRAFT WILL BE speeding up to 4000 m.p.h. by 2000 A.D. and 5000—6000 m.p.h. by 2016 A.D., fifty years hence, though the average speed of all aircraft would be much less.

In the next few years from now there may well be nuclear-powered airships.

Manned orbital vehicles will fly round the earth at the limits of the atmosphere, as present astronauts do, by 2016 and could become passenger-carrying transport by 2030—2040 A.D. They would also fly to and around the planets.

These are the views of Professor K. L. C. Legg, Head of the Department of Aeronautical and Automobile Engineering at Loughborough University of Technology.

Professor Legg does not feel that "regular holiday flights to the moon or Venus are likely to become available in the next 50 years." So the more adventurous, or those who go in for exotic holidays as status symbols, will either have to find the secret of living longer or turn their cravings into more constructive courses.

**Rocket Vehicles**

Rocket-propelled ballistic vehicles, however, shot off like missiles, may become paying propositions for very fast earth transport by the turn of the century.

Two other new developments are possible, especially if controlled thermo-nuclear fusion can be mastered. Fusion would save the heavy weight of shielding that present nuclear engines need. These developments are:

1. A nuclear-powered airship. In the next few years there might be developed a 150-ton nuclear-powered airship, like the Hindenburg in shape. It would be "lighter than air" by using a light inert fire-proof gas. It would be specially useful for freight carrying.

2. A nuclear-powered aircraft. This would be a "flying liner" of some 500 tons, carrying 400 passengers and cruising indefinitely on inexhaustible fuel supply round the world. It would pick up passengers by a ferry shuttle service of smaller aircraft to and from the ground.

To develop such machines would need a combined effort by a European consortium and would draw together the nations working at it.

Another possible revolutionary development is the use of electromagnetic methods of motivation instead of the present petroleum methods which are "noisy and contribute to the unhealthy air pollution problem".

**Cities under Sea**

If the world population goes on exploding, we must prepare for two further developments in the Twenty First Century, he believes.

First, cities under the sea with transport going from land to sea, then under the sea and up to air. This will open up a whole new field of transport.

Second, interplanetary transport with its need of launching sites on earth, landing and launching sites on other planets with their different conditions of gravity and atmosphere, plus ground or near-ground transport systems on those planets. "These will first of all be for communications research and military activity", he believes.

The Professor ended his interview at the Fleet Street Press Club by sipping down his coffee after this unusual lunchtime glimpse into the future. He went off to a date at the Senate House of London University.

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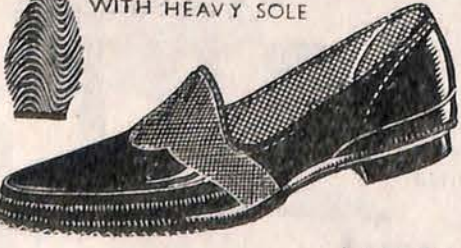
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# Goodbye, Communism

By Rajmohan Gandhi

THE OPPOSITION MPs, with Socialist Madhu Limaye easily outdistancing the rest, have secured clear-cut victories in New Delhi. The Cabinet has been embarrassed and Congress Party morale in the House has sagged.

The Opposition's shots have been precise and unceasing. Where the ground for their attack has been weak they have made up for it by a combination of skill and passion. Government spokesmen, on the other hand, have often messed up a good case by incompetent and maladroit handling.

Congress's massive majority in the Lok Sabha is, of course, completely unrelated to the mood of the country today. It also is a distortion of the less than 45 per cent popular vote it received in the last elections. But it is technically adequate to mow down every Opposition assault. However, all the Congress ayes have not drowned the Government's unconvincing pitch.

Minoo Masani, the Swatantra leader, calls Congress a "paper tiger". In many ways he is right. Viewed objectively, Congress is weak today. However, what people wish to know is the practical alternative to Congress.

Who are the men and women who can give us good government, they ask? They look at the Lok Sabha, admire the sharpness of Opposition attacks and relish Congress discomfiture. But as yet they do not know the force of men and women to whom they can entrust their future.

## Congress Inadequate

Today Congress has been judged and found wanting by almost everybody in the country, and particularly by Congressmen themselves when they discuss their colleagues. The country is close to anarchy, the ruling Party is dismally inadequate and yet to whom should the people turn?

Men who would be leaders are lacking in trustworthiness. If we can produce a few hundred men and women who are fearless, honest and unselfish, and can work in unity without jealousy, they will command the loyalty of our nation. Their popularity will reform or replace Congress, or both. Men from all parties, including Con-

gressmen, as well as men who have kept away from politics, should without a moment's delay forge such a force. In its absence we are running fast towards anarchy and tyranny.

"Explosive" and "revolutionary" are the expressions used these days to describe our situation. Personally, I believe that they err by being on the mild side. My conviction is that India today is in a more serious state than China in the late 'forties.

Our corruption, the self-absorption of men who should be responsible, the pre-occupation with irrelevant issues, the steady choking of our convictions and others' around us, the buying and selling of consciences that goes on all the time and the galloping inflation constitute a condition deadlier than Chiang had to contend with.

Those who maintain that our Communist Parties are nowhere near as well organized or popular as Mao's Party was in China are accurate. Apart from a few pockets in Kerala, Bengal and perhaps Andhra, the Indian Communist Parties have little mass following. Even in these areas Communists are not trusted for being Communists, but merely preferred by a number of people to Congressmen.

## Purge of Demi-gods

The average Indian by now is aware of the failure of Communism on the national and world fronts. He sees the complete division between Moscow and Peking. He observes the sudden purge, the kicking out into extinction, imprisonment or political isolation of men who until yesterday were heroes and demi-gods. He knows that this happens not only in China but also in the Soviet Union. To him Khrushchev's banishment of Stalin, the dismissal and demotion of Stalin's colleagues and the abrupt removal of Khrushchev are recent events still. He doubts the capability of a group of men who would betray one of their own to look after a whole nation.

The average citizen, or his elder brother or father, also remembers the Communist obstruction of the freedom struggle and the turns in Communist policies in India caused

by Moscow's strange link with Hitler's Germany. Nor has it been possible for the Communists to erase from his mind the contemptuous epithets thrown at Gandhi and Nehru by Moscow and Peking.

The wrangling among Indian Communists for power and for control over money, furniture and printing presses has further heightened the citizen's disenchantment. He has concluded that he cannot possibly ask these men to govern his affairs and his country's.

All this does not, of course, mean that Indian Communists are not bidding systematically for control. And in this attempt, apart from methods of the ballot box, strikes and threatened or concealed violence, sabotage and subversion, they also use their knowledge of influential men's corruptions. "Our ideology can penetrate every man, including an anti-Communist, through the weak points of his character," Chou En-lai is believed to have said.

## Afraid of Truth

The man who is afraid of the truth about himself coming out is always in danger of being controlled by Communism. He may still talk anti-Communism, but at every crucial moment he will toe the Party line.

It has now become the duty of everyone who loves the country to show our people a revolution better than Communism. The explosive situation demands a profound, exploding, multiplying, galvanizing answer. Nothing short of a transformation in the aims and motives of men is now enough.

Men who live by absolute standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love, men who have cured hate, fear and compromise in their own lives, are the only ones who will be trusted by the average citizen.

The India of today is not worth perpetuating. It has to be cleaned out and rebuilt. The reins of power must come into the hands of those with the guts and unselfishness to bring this clean-up.

A renaissance that makes everything different—home, school, college, office, factory, farm—is what we have got to fight for. The alternative is an agonizing decade of lawlessness and a break-up of the country.

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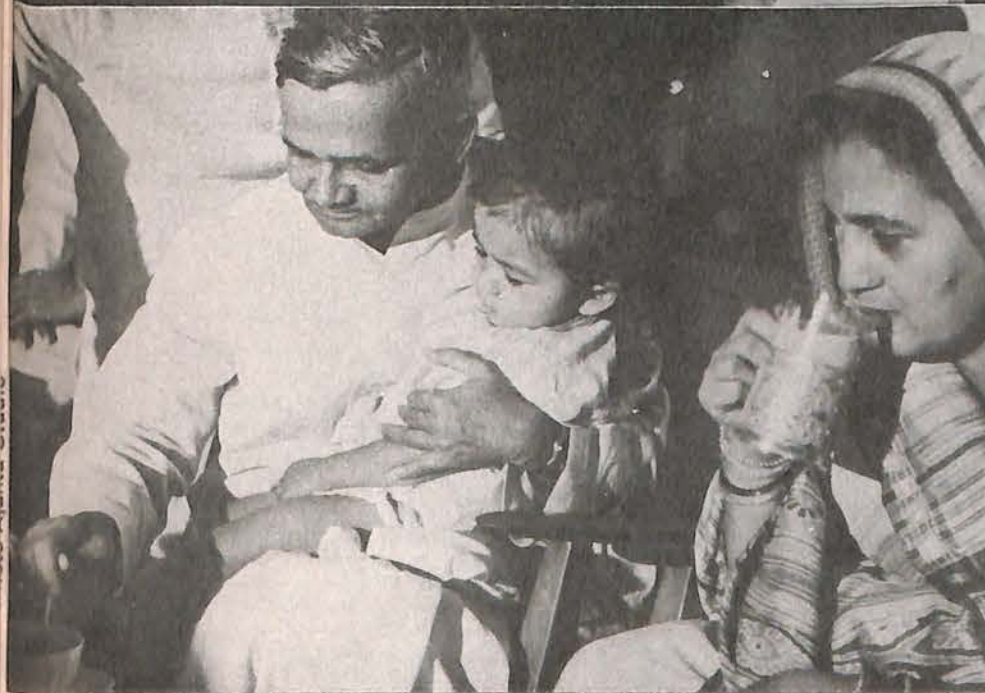
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