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By A Staff Reporter

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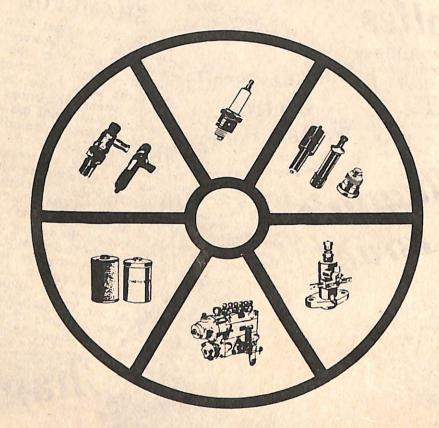
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Madness

"WHOM THE GODS DESTROY they first make mad."

The Congress Government in Maharashtra, drunk with its electoral victory, has resorted to what its Chief Minister has called a "radical" measure to restrict births in this State of 40 million people.

The Maharashtra Cabinet decided not to give concessions such as loans, subsidies, relief and grants to those families which fail to restrict their size to three children. The decision comes into effect on Independence Day 1968. The following benefits and facilities will not be available to families with four or more children:

Free medical treatment at Government hospitals; allotment of tenements in State Housing Board colonies; free books, book grants for families whose income does not exceed Rs 1200 a year; all scholarships (except merit scholarships) but including those available to children of different sections of society, children of freedom fighters and all defence personnel.

This decision is heartless, immoral and unconstitutional. The Preamble to the Constitution of India says:

"We, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens: JUSTICE, social, economic and political; LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; EQUALITY of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity of the nation...."

The Government of Maharashtra taxes all men and the benefits it offers the citizens of the State do not originate from the munificence of the Cabinet but from the hard-earned money of its people. The Cabinet's present decision will not stand the test in a Court of Law.

Not satisfied with this exhibition of authority the State Government urges the Union Government to take immediate "legal and constitutional" steps to make vasectomy or tubectomy compulsory in the case of those who have three or more children.

Are we going to permit an elected Government to treat the sovereign people of India like a herd of cattle, compelled to undergo operations on their bodies which have been bestowed on them, not by the State, but by Almighty God?

If the Opposition leaders have any clarity they could knock the Government hard on this issue.

Put the record straight

Not only India, but the world, will regret the strafing of the UN Force in Gaza by Israeli planes resulting in the death of 13 Indian personnel of the UNEF. The least Israel can do now is express its regret, both to the Government and to the families of those who have lost their lives.

Both the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister have used the strafing incidents as a public diversion from the failure of their policy during this period. Government spokesmen have condemned Israeli attacks on the UNEF as "deliberate" and tried to whip up the anger of our people against Israel.

It is pertinent to ask the External Affairs Minister Mr Chagla why he has not quoted before the Parliament the report to U Thant by the Indian UN Commander, Major General Rikhye. General Rikhye reported: "A contributing factor to the casualties suffered from artillery fire (of the Israelis) was the proximity of the UAR military positions to the camps (UN) concerned." As for the artillery attack on the UNEF men, U Thant mentions Rikhye reporting the existence of a UAR tank formation near the UN camp.

Anyone who knows the speed and intensity of modern warfare knows that under these conditions it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to differentiate between the various targets. It is important that whatever our feelings be, we put the record straight.

Violence may deepen scars

THE SECESSION of East Nigeria from the Nigerian Federation is tragic. The final outcome is unclear.

The decision of the Ibo East to secede followed 18 months of turmoil in Nigeria, culminating in the massacre of 30,000 Ibos living in the Moslem Northern Region, and the flight of one million of them back to the East. The Ibo people feel unable to stay in a Federation dominated by the Northerners, who make up over half the total population.

Biafra, as the new state calls itself, is the richest part of Nigeria with 68 per cent of the country's oil production—Nigeria's biggest export. The move by Col. Gowon, head of the Federal Government, to split Nigeria into 12 provinces (instead of four large regions) seems intended to isolate the East from its oil wealth which is largely located in areas occupied by minor tribes.

It is to be hoped the Federal Government will not carry out its threat to bring the East back forcibly into the fold. Fresh violence will deepen the scars left by the Northern massacres and make them even harder to heal.

Col. Ojukwo, the Ibo leader, says he is not against some form of association with the other regions. With patience, a *modus vivendi* might be established until fears have lessened, and statesmanship is given time to seek a lasting reconciliation.

Briefly speaking...

Infiltration strategy

A RETIRED GENERAL of the Indian Army sends Birbal a clipping from the Indian Express of May 27 headlined, "Kerala bar on political workers to go." The clipping quotes the Kerala Chief Minister, that persons associated with specified political parties will no longer be debarred

The retired general writes:

"As the Armed Forces recruit fairly widely from Kerala this opens the gates of the Armed Forces to Left Communists who may immediately begin to form cells in the various units. In case we have another scrap with China the dangers are obvious.

"As the police department which verifies recruits is entirely under the State Home Minister there will be

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infiltration. Central Investigation Organisation (of the Union Government) cannot reach every village in every state. This will give the Communists the opportunity to send in trained propagandists to subvert the forces. "Once certain bases in the Civil and Military organisation are captured, from Government service. there will be a country-wide revolu-

tion. It will be too late to curb it then." What is the Defence Ministry doing about this risk?

very little that the Armed Forces can

do in this matter to stop Communist

Crazy world

WHILE LONG bus queues wait patiently-and sometimes not so patientlyin every city of India, some bus chassis manufacturers have their vards filled with unsold chassis.

One of the best-known chassis manufacturers who had for years six months' standing orders has only two months' demand on the order books. Surely this is the time when city transport authorities should bid to get even on deferred terms, and if need be by raising loans, buses to augment their fleets. If the choice is waiting for hours or paying a few paise more, many of the public will not mind paying more. Perhaps this point might even make sense to our professional agitators.

Salute to Indian Press

A SALUTE to the Indian Press and its papers for their frontal stand against the policy of expediency followed by the Indian Government in the Arab-Israeli conflict. In paper after paper the Government has been slammed.

The Times of India, for example, in a forthright editorial entitled, "SHAMEFUL" says:

"It is incredible that New Delhi has deliberately taken no note of the strident Arab calls for the extermination of the State of Israel. To accuse Israel, in this situation, of escalation is to take leave of even a pretext of rationality and justice... The question that surely needs to

If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, 1917-63

be asked is whether the country can afford to remain at the mercy of those who are visibly incapable of shaping and conveying foreign policy with intelligence and discretion."

Sheikh to be released?

Is SHEIKH ABDULLAH about to be released-or to be transferred? Ostensibly the Sheikh has been flown to Delhi only for a medical check-up. But last week when he landed at Palam Airport from his detention place at Kodaikanal he had with him his entire luggage-20 big wooden

Officials denied speculation that the shift had any political significance but "the very vehemence of the denial created doubts", says the Hindustan Times and adds, "The possibility of a rethinking by the Government is not ruled out.'

But for a short break before Mr Nehru's death the Sheikh has been in detention for 14 years. How long will he be incarcerated in free India?

"Amazing Expo '67"

AN AMERICAN FRIEND WRITES after a visit to the "amazing Expo '67" in Montreal, Canada, that the Indian pavillion is "excellent". He is pleased with the British, finds the Soviet one impressive but says that "regretfully the US exhibit though beautifully housed in a striking glass globe is depressingly meagre inside".

The Swiss pavillion has a time clock which is the master control clock for a hundred other clocks in "Expo '67". It is supposed to lose only one second every 3,000 years. The Swiss firm from Neufchatel which made the clock, no doubt hopes to keep going till then.

Birbal



The Israeli blitzkrieg and after

by ANTENNA

NEW DELHI The Israeli blitzkrieg is over, scarcely 96 hours after it started, and with it many things have happened of vital consequence to India. By their unaided victory against the combined armed forces of the United Arab Republic, Jordan and Syria, together with the token support of the other Arab countries, the Israelis have earned the right to exist as a sovereign entity.

The Arabs will have to eschew their fanciful demands for a jehad to wipe out Israel and substitute instead a realistic and fruitful policy of peaceful coexistence which may burgeon later into economic and political co-operation which will be of mutual benefit. Israel can no more be wished out of existence than it can be militarily erased from the map of Asia, and this truth should, after three disastrous resorts to arms, have surely impressed itself on the Arab

Public opinion in the Indian capital generally accepts this fact. Even that section of Communists and their camp-following "progressives" whose guiding star is Moscow have muted their vociferous championship of the Arab case.

Contacts with Russian and other East European diplomats and newsmen here indicate that the Communists, never the ones to back a losing cause when they are sure it is losing, are backpedalling fast from their posture of full support to the Arabs. A very experienced East European newsman told me: "How do you expect us to support people who can't hold their ground? Before we could come to their aid, they had already collapsed."

Private feelings of Arabs

Arab diplomats here, greatly deflated by the events of the last few days, bitterly accuse the Soviet Union in private of having pulled the rug from under Mr Nasser's feet by not intervening when Israel committed "aggression". Privately they say the head of the United Arab Republic got caught in his own game of bluff, because he never really intended to fight and banked on the Russians to pull his chestnuts out of

There is an awareness here that after the disasters the Egyptians suffered last week, they cannot hope to retrieve their fortunes by recourse to war. Those who have been arming them will think twice before replacing their heavy loss of equipment. After all, it is not in the interests of the Soviet Union and its allies to furnish the Arabs with fresh arms which, as in the recent war and that in 1956, actually end up by replenishing the stocks of the Israeli armed

Unfortunately, there is no evidence that these simple facts have dawned on the architects of India's foreign policy. They still continue as if the events of last week had never taken place. The External Affairs Minister continues to speak as if, in the words of a foreign diplomat, he was "more Arab than the Arabs."

Indicative of the petrification of thinking in the headquarters of Mr Chagla's ministry is the fourpoint plan for peace the Indian representative at the United Nations has placed before the Security Council. This calls for the return of the Israelis to the positions they held before June 4, on the ground that they must disgorge the fruits of "aggression", when it is now obvious to most people that the Israelis fired the first shot in self-defence.

Parliament, public at odds

For the first time in the 19 years since India became independent, Parliament and public were at odds with the Government on a major foreign policy issue. This is evident from the editorial and correspondence columns of the national press, the speeches of opposition members of Parliament, bar the Communistsboth Moscow and Peking. To seasoned political observers, if there had been an open vote in the Lok Sabha on the Government's West Asia policy, it would have gone against the

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your toes

RED TAPE AND SEALING WAX

ONE MIGHT JUSTIFIABLY FEEL that every possible control has been thought of by Government; that those faceless little redtapeworms who dream up cunning traps for poor citizens had come to the end of their little game. After all, what possible curb remains to be enacted? Freebooter found it-innocently concealed amongst the sedate, bureaucratic language of Postal Notice No. 41, dated New Delhi, March 31, 1967.

The harrassment caused to lawabiding citizens who wish to post some little gift abroad can be well imagined. Under this arbitrary order some 304 items are banned from foreign parcels unless an export permit is first obtained.

For instance, it is forbidden to to post abroad any "Wild Life (dead or alive or part thereof)". The list includes lions, cattle and crocodiles. Strangely enough elephants are not mentioned. But, then, whoever heard of posting an elephant?

Iron ore, lead, bones, human

hair, coal and coke are also expressly forbidden. Heaven knows what alternative gifts one will find this year as closing time for foreign Christmas mail arrives.

Another section mentions aircraft and motor vehicles. This will trouble people less for the simple reason that local production of these items is now about seven years behind demand.

The authorities should have given more publicity to these regulations as public ignorance of them is bound to lead to embarrassing situations. After all, it is no joke to stand for an hour in the Foreign Registered Post queue only to be told that the tiger in your parcel is not acceptable.

THE DOCTRINE of Papal Infallibility is nothing beside the selfstyled infallibility of some politicians. Not long ago, it is rumoured, a veteran MP actually did rise to his feet to admit that, in the past 15 years, he had made one mistake. But that, he was in haste to point out, was on one previous occasion when he had admitted that he had made a mis-



VERDICT!

This week HIMMAT,

IS APPALLED at the reported "enticement" of a 15-year old boy to undergo sterilisation by an agent who wanted Rs 30 commission, and **DEMANDS** an end of the Union Government's policy of giving bribes to get people sterilised.

IS DISTRESSED by the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Tribes' report that in the 21st year of freedom millions are still not fully free, but subject to "untouchability" and discrimination in most parts of rural India.

NOTES a Tass report that one quarter of Soviet industry now uses a system of economic incentives and WONDERS what became of that old Communist ideal of "from each according to his ability".

WELCOMES Indonesia's proposal for the forming of an enlarged South East Asian regional group for economic co-operation.

IS DISTURBED by reports of the take-over of Indian-managed schools in Nepal, and the arrest of one Indian principal and seizure of his school's property.

congratulates Japan on increasing its economic aid to developing countries to \$538 million last year, 10.9 per cent more than in 1965.

COMMENDS prisoners of Ahmedabad's Central prison who raised Rs 3818 for Famine Relief by going without meals.

LAUDS India's one-eyed skipper Pataudi and injured bowler Surti for their fighting innings in the first Test against England.

SALUTES Zambia's President Kaunda on his state visit to India.

welcomes Pakistan's decision to cut defence expenditure this year by Rs 70 million.

ISRAELI BLITZKRIEG-from page 5

administration, as about 180 members of the Opposition and at least 100 members of the ruling party disapprove of it strongly.

approve of it strongly.

Observers here say that the Government's present policy on West Asia cannot continue long unchanged.

Soon, they say, realism must dawn

on the policymakers, and in India's enlightened self-interest the attitude to Israel and the Arabs must be redefined. Friendship with those Arabs who are India's genuine friends is not incompatible with the development of diplomatic and economic ties with Israel, they say. And the sooner this takes place, the better for India.

WEST ASIA: Truce or Peace?

A CEASE-FIRE is not a time for recrimination. All sincere men will strive for ways to bring peace to West Asia. It will not be easy. Added to the frantic emotions on both Arab and Israeli sides, there are the big power interests—economic and political.

The West wants oil and wants to keep Russia out.

Russia wants the allegiance of the Arab world more desperately than ever to retrieve its position.

On Monday last week, Russia's reputation soared like a rocket. On Friday, it fell like a stick. There were demonstrations in Sudan against the Soviet "let-down". To save face, the Soviet Union and its allies Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia have cut diplomatic relations with Israel. There are unconfirmed reports that Russia has offered to the UAR to replace all the tank, armour and plane losses in the campaign. Arab nations, led by Sudan and UAR, are planning an Arab Summit to discuss terms of settlement with Israel and the supply of oil to countries friendly with Israel.

Israel will not retreat

The Israel Cabinet has meanwhile declared that they will retain the whole city of Jerusalem and Gaza strip and the control of the Straits of Tiran under the Israeli flag. Israel has said there will be no retreat from the captured Arab territories of Egypt, Syria and Jordan until they sit down separately with her and negotiate the terms.

In the normal circumstances, the US could have used its influence with Israel and the Soviet Union with the Arab nations and pressurised both to arrive at a negotiated settlement. But as the Soviet Union has lost ground with the Arab nations, so the US has lost some leverage with Israel.

Israel and the Arab nations will now have to decide whether they actually want "a truce between two wars" or whether they are interested in a permanent peace. If it is peace that both are interested in Israel will have to be magnanimous in its victory and the Arabs wise in their defeat.

The open sore of the Palestine refugees will have to be tackled and there will have to be give and take on both sides. Both the Western powers and the Soviet Union need to learn that arms supply to either of the parties involved in West Asia doesn't pay in the long run.

It is true that China will try to move into the power vacuum but if the Western powers and the Soviet Union stick together, China need not be an insuperable difficulty. It is pointless both for India and the Arab nations to maintain the fiction that Israel does not exist, because she does.

R. M. L.



"How many times do I have to tell you

that too many cooks spoil the broth!"

HIMMAT, June 16, 1967

Our West Asian policy: Indian

interest or Soviet demand?

EVERYONE will rejoice that the ceasefire has been accepted by Arab nations as well as Israel and that there is promise of an end of the war in West Asia. But there is no need for any illusion that the issues responsible for West Asian tensions will be resolved simply. For the conflict has above all demonstrated that apart from the basic Arab-Israel conflict, there is the problem of Big Power clash of interest generated by the growth of Soviet influence in the Arab world. The hopes for peace and stability in West Asia would have been brought nearer but for this competition for influence and control over Middle Eastern oil and the Mediterranean Sea.

Unfortunately these interests, rather than any genuine desire for a permanent peace, dominated the deliberations of the Security Council on the West Asian situation.

Even the Secretary General of the United Nations was a partisan in the issue and bears some responsibility for the war which was precipitated by his hasty acceptance of the UAR demand for withdrawal of the

SAY THAT AGAIN...

It seems after achieving independence we do not know why we have become independent....Our children do not come out of their (educational) institutions as Indians.

PRESIDENT ZAKIR HUSAIN

We have proved that Nasser is a paper tiger.

GEN. MOSHE DAYAN Israeli Defence Minister

"P" forms for travel have given rise to a new class of touts who are thriving on this trade and who have acquired a vested interest in it.

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMISSION Study team, recommending "P" form abolition

United Nations Emergency Force without reference to the Security Council.

This was an unpardonable arrogation of power that the Charter never conferred on the Secretary General of the UN. It may have brought war nearer, for once the Arab nations directly confronted Israel, the rest would almost inevitably follow, given the tensions and border clashes of the previous months.

While the UAR was perfectly within its rights in demanding and obtaining a UN withdrawal, the Secretary General would have been acting legitimately and in the interests of peace if, by reference to the Council, he had obtained a little time in which he and others could work for avoidance of precipitate action leading to war.

The world, still less members of

Necessity ended war

the Security Council, cannot have the satisfaction that it was anybody's love of peace or impartial pursuit of an end to the war that brought about the termination of the conflict. The war was brought to an end not because of the Security Council or the Big Powers or the Secretary General of the UN, but because of the overwhelming military defeat inflicted on Arab armies by Israel. Necessity and not love of peace forced the UAR and Syria to agree to the cease-fire. And because this is so, the cease-fire is not only the biggest blow to Arab prestige and the hitherto untarnished image of a successful Nasser, but also a challenge to the Soviet Union which committed itself solidly behind the Arab nations.

India's role has been true to form as a dependant of our giant northern neighbour. For if there is one constant in our foreign policy, it is our anxiety to conform to Soviet interest.

The West Asian crisis came in almost like a god-send for Mrs Gandhi and Mr Chagla to re-establish our bonafides with the Soviet Union, increasingly suspect among the policymakers of that country. Here was an



unforeseen opportunity to prove that whatever the imperatives of the internal situation that had compelled concessions to private and foreign capital (questionable actions in Soviet eyes), we were still Socialist. We could still be relied upon to follow Soviet wishes.

The intemperate haste with which India out-Nassered Nasser in justifying the blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba, the unseemly speed with which we rushed to justify every Arab action, the ill-advised eagerness with which we condemned Israel as an aggressor, and the blatant partisanship of our role in the Security Council, will of course secure Arab gratitude. It will reassure Kosygin and company that Mrs Gandhi's Government is still a reliable "anti-imperialist" ally in South Asia and that they were after all quite right in urging upon the Socialists and Communists of India to support the Congress Government of Nehru and Mrs Gandhi.

It is true that the Arabs have much cause for resentment of Israel and that the plight of the million Arab refugees, homeless for the last 18 years, is a great human tragedy which is an indictment of our prestigious international institutions. Friendship and trade with the Arab world, stretching from the Persian Gulf to the Atlantic, is important for India. Nasser's friendship, despite the neutrality of his government's stand with regard to China and Pakistan, is an important asset to India.

Responsibility of India

None of this justifies our unqualified espousal of Arab causes. One would have thought that membership of the Security Council and the responsibility this puts on India to help end conflict and bring peace, would have been a restraint against a too-open advocacy of one side of the case.

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Australia's Asian responsibilities

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CANBERRA The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Holt, believes that the 21st century will be the century of Asia, just as the 20th century has been the century of Europe.

Mr Holt was speaking at a White House dinner after he had completed talks in Washington with President Johnson while on his way to London for consultations with the British Prime Minister, Mr Wilson.

At the dinner Mr Holt went on to describe the situation in Vietnam as "one of the most significant conflicts in modern history". And he added, "That conflict is fundamental to the future of free men. I believe Mr President you will go down in history because more clearly than any other leader of European race you have seen the Asia of tomorrow, the burgeoning, blossoming Asia of a new era."

Ever since he stepped into the Prime Ministership a little over a year ago, Mr Holt has sought to convey a sense of urgency and priority about Asia.

In Australian eyes the US is much. more realistic about Asia than a Britain beset by severe economic problems. But it recognises that the US is reluctant to stand as the lone world power in Asia.

Australia has accepted that its fortunes are irrevocably embroiled with those of Asia and the Pacific. Through its active participation in the Vietnam conflict it has served notice that it takes its responsibilities seriously and sees them as going way beyond developmental aid.

But Australia is not in a position to assume the military responsibilities which Britain has. The presence of the British forces has been a major stabilising influence in the area and one which neither Australia nor New Zealand can readily assume.

However, according to the Chief of the Malaysian Armed Forces, General Tunku Osman, Australia has indicated that it will keep troops in Malaysia even if Britain withdraws.

This is a major step towards taking over Britain's military legacy, though it is not likely to be tested immediately as Britain's East of Suez scale-down is to be a gradual process. But it is a policy that represents growing maturity, for hitherto Australia has only committed troops for overseas service in support of a major

The next step in maturity could be for the US to be willing to stand alone on the mainland of Asia, if necessary, and for major democracies like India to throw off their aloofness towards collective arrangements for South and South-east Asia.

Hong Kong wants peace and order

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

HONG KONG The City is calm again after the failure of the local Maoists to disrupt the economy, subvert the Chinese police and create permanent confusion among the population. Until the Government brought in special legislation to prevent it, the Bank of China in the heart of Hong Kong was the centre from which the demonstrators and rioters were urged over a loud speaker to attack the police. From sixteen other buildings the local Communists broadcast sedition.

Meanwhile the Courts proceeded to dispense justice in spite of the rioting and the threats from Mainland China. The Hong Kong public

voted against the Maoists in two ways. The first was that over 500 organisations sent letters of support continued on next page

The week in ASIA

KATHMANDU-The Nepal Government introduced a licensing system for import of major items from India like fine varieties of cotton textiles, artificial silk, synthetic fibres, silk and readymade garments.

SAIGON-US Marines claimed a smashing victory over a Red regiment in two days of fighting in the northern sector of South Vietnam.

COLOMBO-Ceylon is making determined efforts to cut its imports from India because of continuous adverse trade balance. Dried fish is one item heavily imported from India.

ADEN-Curfew was clamped on many parts of Aden after a Briton and eight Arabs were killed and 14 Arabs wounded in a fresh outbreak of anti-British violence. Some 200 people stormed a police station and destroyed a photograph of Queen Elizabeth.

PUNAKHA-Bhutan is sending N. Wangchuk, a half-brother of the King, as an observer to the next UN session. This move is seen in New Delhi as a prelude to Bhutan seeking membership of the UN.

TAIPEH-The Nationalist Chinese Government claimed it had conducted a successful commando mission on the mainland coast. 800 miles north of Formosa. The mission was to contact anti-Communist elements, to reinforce them with guerillas and supply them with ammunition.

KATHMANDU-The State is taking over all life insurance business in the kingdom.

SEOUL-The Democratic Republican Party won over two-thirds majority in the new National Assembly. President Chung-Hee Park had won his second term by a landslide margin last month.

MOSCOW-Reports spoke of a Red Guard torture chamber hidden behind a Peking school in which opponents of Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung were forced to write in their own

CANBERRA-The Western Austtralian Government approved the big Mount Newman iron ore project whose firm holds contracts to sell 100 million tons of iron ore over the next 15 years to eight Japanese steel mills.

FROM THE WORLD'S CAPITALS

for the Government on its wise and firm handling of the situation; the second was the creation of an Education Fund for the children of the police in appreciation of their outstanding patience, restraint and upholding of law and order in the face of extreme provocation.

Communist newspapers both here and in Mainland China have complained about the pro-British attitudes of Hong Kong's 99 per cent Chinese population. Actually their attitude is not pro-British. It is pro-peace and

Significantly, the Hong Kong Communists are divided in their loyalties between Mao and Liu just as they are on the mainland. A Chinese rightist paper here published a letter said to have been signed by 200 teachers and students from two of the Communist secondary schools supposed to be anti-Mao. The translation reads in part:

"We are against violence and bloodshed in settling political pro-

blems. We are all for the Communist movement, but we are against the Mao-Tse-tung way of Communism. Without any doubt the present policy in China is a total failure. Its atrocious persecution of the Chinese people is intolerable. We are of the opinion that the recent disturbance arising out of a mere labour dispute is the work of Mao Tse-tung followers and not the real Communists from China."

In Peking the newspapers continue to claim that 200 people were killed in the Hong Kong disturbances by the police and the army. The army was never called in, the police did not use their guns and the single death was a boy killed by a stone.

The South China Morning Post

comments on the present wave of token strikes being called by the Leftists just to show that they have not failed completely and still have power. It points out that the masses in Hong Kong have spontaneously endorsed the Government's handling of the disturbances and that this minority of Leftists should therefore follow the teachings of Mao.

"Even according to Mr Mao's saying," said the editorial, "the Government was right in using the measures it did to restore law and order, for it is a Communist crime 'to see someone harming the interests of the masses and yet not to feel indignant or dissuade or stop him or reason with him but to allow him to continue'."

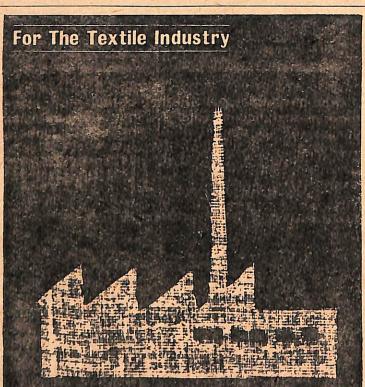
Wilson's freeze pays off

FROM GORDON WISE

LONDON One of the most impressive achievements of Mr Wilson is his success in getting a Labour Government to do what a Conservative Government would have found well nigh impossible at this time: carry out Conservative policies.

For it is orthodox conservatism to clamp down on over-spending,

balance the trade accounts, curb wages and prices in a bid to restore



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solvency. Many Socialist regimes in lands less experienced politically have spent themselves into a pile of indebtedness.

Where some of Mr Wilson's critics may be mistaken is in accusing him of abandoning long term objectives. Mr Wilson ranks with President John-

son as being a politician of consummate skill. In one respect, at least, his critics may do him an injustice. He is often accused of being a brilliant tactician

Mr Wilson

but a poor strategist; that

he lives a kind of ideological hand to mouth existence, thinking mainly of short term wins to stave off possible losses in the long run.

In truth the Prime Minister seems to be thinking on the present unpalatable and unpopular measures taking effect in the nasty present so the economic and therefore political prospects will improve in the sweet by and by. The public, it is said, have notoriously short memories and tend to measure the political worth of a government by the impact on their pockets at election time itself.

Despite Labour's electoral reverses in local elections, there is bound to be

an upswing soon. One evidence of this was the recent buoyant statement of Mr James Callaghan, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that the standstill is over. As the *Times* correspondent put it "the siege is being lifted". Another Minister, Mr Michael Stewart, Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, has forecast that there will be a rise of about six per cent in the hourly wage rates by the end of this year by comparison with this time last year.

It is also expected that in July, when the freeze is due to become a period of "severe restraint", over six million workers will get pay awards which were deferred last year. In addition to these claims there are others launched on behalf of some seven million more workers and it can be expected that most of these will get through the screening process, certainly in part.

Then, larger and poor families can expect increased allowances to help them through their difficulties.

The course which Mr Wilson and his colleagues have been running has taken a certain amount of courage and the loyalty of the millions of workers who support the Labour Party has been severely tested. But a Conservative Government, faced with the same economic difficulties, would have great pain and anguish in meeting them.

The week elsewhere

CHINESE WHEAT FOR UAR

CAIRO-China has offered the UAR military aid if Soviet promises of support come to nothing, according to reports here. The reports say that in the last fortnight China has made a secret trade agreement with President Nasser and has promised 50,000 tons of wheat although short of it herself. The Chinese moves were believed to be of serious concern to Russia.

E. AFRICAN TREATY

KAMPALA-Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania agreed to establish an East African Economic Community. Under the new treaty, an East African Development Bank will be formed with headquarters in Kampala,

Uganda. Its aim will be to encourage industrial growth, mainly in Uganda and Tanzania whose industry lags behind Kenya's.

RED GAINS IN THAILAND

BANGKOK-Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn states that Communists have taken control of 200,000 people in Northern Thailand, reports Tarun Press. Every month about ten village officials or teachers were murdered by terrorists. Poor communications make it difficult for the Thai Government to control the north and north-east or the border with Laos. Captured guerrillas admitted they had training in North Viet Nam. Captured weapons were mainly Chinese.

The week in INDIA

NEW DELHI-While Members of Parliament called for a cautious and objective approach to the West Asian crisis, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi squarely blamed Israel for escalating the conflict.

CALCUTTA — The Government directed its field publicity units in the State not to take notice of the Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry circular on gherao since the matter was sub judice. The circular had asked publicity units to speak on the "menace of gherao".

AHMEDABAD-The Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat University alleged State encroachment in the University's autonomy in granting partial affiliation to a college. The University had discontinued affiliation because of "irregularities and mismanagement".

BHOPAL-Two industrial projects planned in the co-operative sector have been stalled due to delay in receipt of a loan from the Indian Finance Corporation.

NEW DELHI-The Gajendragadkar Commission recommended more DA ranging from Rs 6 to Rs 12 per month to Government employees drawing between Rs 70 and Rs 575. It said compensation for future rise in prices "can only be through increased DA as no alternative form of aid is feasible and practicable."

TRIVANDRUM — Middle class Government employees offered satyagraha before the Secretariat demanding enough rice. They also proposed to halt work for a

JAIPUR-The Rajasthan Government reduced the retirement age of Government employees from 58 to 55 years. Class IV servants will retire at 60.

POONA-The Maharashtra Jana Congress will be a unit of the Akhil Bharatiya Kranti Dal formed at Patna on May 15. A meeting of the Jana Congress asked all socialist forces to unite at a time when Congress rule was crumbling in all States.

BOMBAY-"A sweet smile but no sugar" was the position in the city last week. Hoteliers, confectioners, sweetmeat shops faced grave problems following drastic cuts in their sugar quota.

We are the INDIA ARISE team. Gur names are Shah and Rao, Singh, Iralu and Chowdhury, Carvalho, Mathur, Jedhiya, Paithankar and Subramaniam. Some amongst us are Harijans, others are Brahmins. Some were brought up in cities, others in villages. Some are rich, others are poor. With us are men and women from many nations—Ceylon, Taiwan, New Zealand, Australia, Britain, the West Indies and others.

We are in Europe alongside Europeans who work and fight to make Moral Re-Armament the philosophy of their countrymen and the policy of their Governments. Today, somewhere in Europe, people will pour in to see the musical 'India Arise' which shows India's present and the future as it might be. We are training to serve India. India has a great part to play in human history and we want to make sure this happens.

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THE HOUR IS LATE, but there is still a way. God has a plan. God has the ways and means. There is enough grain—if not in Bihar, elsewhere, if not in India, then abroad. There are enough ships, planes, trucks, railways and roads. In the Bihar Government, in Delhi and in foreign capitals there are people who know how. They know how to divide up the grain, send it to fifty thousand villages, set up one lakh ration shops, parcel out five crore adequate portions.

All these resources—granaries, vehicles, manpower, brainpower, organisational skills—are available. These resources, mobilised, can save lives today and spare children from scarring by malnutrition. Even at this eleventh hour it can be done.

Hyprocritical poojas or piosity are not going to get these gargantuan mechanisms into action. Difficult, humiliating acts coming out of costly changes in our hearts can put wheels in motion.

- 1 The rulers in Patna and Delhi must unite, every politician and official hurling his bulk into the fray shoulder to shoulder with the man who might be his bitterest rival.
- 2 The Opposition leaders must be given a chance to play a practical part and they must take that chance forsaking the desire to get their pound of Congress flesh.
- 3 The true statistics, the mortality, the conditions of health, the actual available quantities of grains, the real state of rail and road links, the performance of our docks must be published far and wide, to all the people of India and the nations of the world.
- 4 Radio, newspapers, television, films, Government agencies, voluntary organisations throughout the world all must now be drafted into the search for men, money, food and ideas.

WE KNOW WHAT CHANGE COSTS, and what it means. Putting right past wrongs is necessary. Some of us had to pay unpaid college fees, return stolen things, shatter the rose-tinted image of ourselves we had projected before parents and friends, make excruciating apologies to old enemies or to friends behind whose backs we had whispered tales. We are learning to be honest, to admit our blunders, learn the lesson and instead of trying to impress others are beginning to help them.

Though daily we feel jealous of one another, we are learning to work as a team and are even beginning to rejoice at our colleagues' successes. Though by inclination lazy, we are seeing how not to do what we wish to do or feel like doing, but how instead to foresee what tomorrow will demand of us and do the thorough preparation work today.

No man, and no syndicate of men, leads us. We do not spend our hours shouting, "I am No 1!" "No, you are No 2!" "I am the leader, you are not!" Instead we are resolved together to obey God, each one honestly seeking out His will. And we find it is true that God speaks most clearly to a group of united, committed individuals, more than to anyone by himself.

There is no easy political road to unity. There is no short-cut to the world's respect. Four phrases, when they become popular among us Indians, will fuel the most potent of political revolutions. "Please" when we want something, "Thanks" when we have got it, "Sorry" when we have made a mistake, and "I don't know" when we don't know. These will give India national integration and adequate foreign policy as well.



SINCE FEBRUARY we have been overseas. We have found that the world is puzzled and suspicious about India's famines. First it is told, "We are starving. Give us food." It delves deep and gives fistfuls. Then it is told, "The whole story has been exaggerated. It was never so serious." And seldom a word of thanks.

Dutch banks gathered 18 million guiders within hours after TV broadcast an appeal for India's starving people. Later 7 million more guilders were collected, Dutch school children went without meals to help Indian boys and girls. The Italians gave 1 billion lire last year — and the money came from clerks, labourers, housewives and students, not only from Treasury vaults.

There are plenty of people who care. We have met many. Pope Paul VI who received us in Rome. The Indian caterer in Bristol who gave us £100, the British dockers who have volunteered to come to India any day. The Dutch schoolmaster who welcomed us to The Hague and whose pupils fasted.

THERE ARE ENORMOUS RESOURCES of greatness in the heart of India. The minds of modern India are second to none. No problem is too intricate for their united and undistracted endeavours to solve. Our people are hardy, their sinews are strong, their bones can bear heavy blows. We can work hard if we need to.

It is time for a great change. The Bihar famine could be the last episode of a dead era—and the triumphant response to it could mark the beginning of a new age.

We can build from today the entire Indian nation into a team. Not a team of regimented, faceless, mindless ones. Indian politics could become a new creation very quickly. Different backgrounds and opinions could serve as windows flooding national life with many-angled light; personal rivalry and hate would no longer dictate the dividing lines; ancient resentment would be replaced by a united assault on essential matters. Direct threats of floods and drought can be rendered powerless with the knowledge and the power in human hands today.

The world needs and expects a new initiative from India.

Arabs, Cypriots (both Turk and Greek), Europeans from many countries, Africans, East Europeans and British have come to see 'India Arise'. They say that it not only gives them hope about India's future but also points them towards a solution of their own problems.

The peoples of the world are seeking new paths. Communists and anti-Communists are seeking new advances. The Cold War is being followed by a world divided into zones of Super-Power hegemony. Non-alignment is a worked-out mine.

Despite what we know and feel about our helplessness, God may want to use the Indian nation for His purposes in this century. Not because of our virtue—if we are honest there is far too little of that! Not because of our wisdom — for that, too, we lack. But He will use us if we take one step towards Him.

DO YOU WISH to have a hand in changing India? Whoever you are, whatever your background or profession, there is a role for you.

The first thing to do is to measure your life against the standards of absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness and absolute love. Perhaps you don't believe in absolute moral standards. You may still have points in your life where you are conscious of something that is wrong. That is the point to start work upon.

The inner voice of God is available — an everready source of information and direction in every man's heart. Perhaps you don't believe in God. In that case, no harm can come to you from simply, honestly listening. We find that He does not give us great emotional storms of ecstasy. He gives us very practical suggestions. Nor does He give a 20-year plan to save India in nine bound volumes with appendices. It is the next step we are shown. It could be a simple apology.

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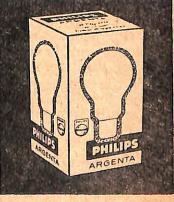
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"Socialism must be international" says former Dutch Premier

FEW PEOPLE have done more to shape post-war Holland than Socialist veteran Dr Willem Drees, now eighty years old. From 1948 to 1958 he served his country as Prime Minister. His great gift was to preside over and reconcile conflicting views. Under his leadership a grand edifice of social security was built which culminated in a universal old-age pension that bears his name. HIMMAT went to call on him in his simple rented home in The Hague where he lived throughout his ministerial career.

Democracy's "missionary duty"

Dr Drees still takes a keen interest in politics. In many ways he embodies the best of Holland: he is frugal, clear-thinking, sober and has an intense dislike of over-statement and pomp. The fact that in Holland democracy lacks winning zeal, though it is not in acute danger—as is now the case in Greece—concerns him.

"We should conduct our affairs in a way that outsiders say: it works. Democracy does have a missionary duty. Even if we cannot influence non-democratic countries, we may impact their citizens who visit us in such a way that they say: freedom is something better," he says.

"In the years immediately after the war it was easier. The country was destroyed. All felt the need for sacrifice. Reconstruction was a unifying purpose. But poverty is in some respects easier than growing, but unequal prosperity. Though people have more money to spend, they are not conscious of it; commercial advertising has whetted their appetite for new products like TV. So they feel less well off. They blame the Government for this. There is less sense of purpose."

Dr Drees speaks about the resulting dissatisfaction. Though unintentionally, the mass media have helped to foster it. "TV men have got to fill their programmes. Hence there is a colossal news hunger. I do not envy their job," he says. "Day in day out there have to be news-casts and critical comment. In this way the unusual, however

unimportant, gets blown up to something of national concern. That is how Amsterdam's handful of provos acquired world fame."

How to get a new sense of purpose? Dr Drees agrees that it may be found if Holland tries to answer other countries' needs. "But this requires a campaign of information and education in which mass media may help. Democratic governments should remember that they cannot move faster than their electorate." he thinks. His own Socialist Party got a serious beating at the recent General Elections for not heeding this. "Election campaigns are not the right time to plead for sacrifices without the necessary preparation. The job of persuasion has to be done beforehand.

It is topical in Holland to muse over the need for change in party structures. Dr Drees is all for it. "We may change the name and part of the programme of our party. But one thing we should never give up: our party's membership of the Socialist International. If we would sacrifice that for a so-called broader base, we would be foregoing essential international contacts." Dr Drees wants Socialism to be international and feels the trap of narrow nationalism should be avoided.

Further contribution

The Dutch Socialist leader refers to his brief encounter with HIMMAT editor Rajmohan Gandhi some years ago. We quoted Mr Gandhi's recent statement: "We can make you in the West poor long before you can make us rich, unless you give us the spirit of Moral Re-Armament." Dr Drees replies: "I know too little about India to judge the truth of this." Yet he is inclined to think that the West should contribute moral qualities along with material goods and know-how. "There is poverty in Asia, Africa and Latin America. We industrialised nations have a duty to do something."

He agrees that Holland has pioneered a unique system of labour-management co-operation in the so-called "Foundation of Labour".





Though at present it is functioning less fruitfully than in earlier years, this experience may help developing countries avoid costly social conflict. "In Holland we have had less strikes than elsewhere. So we could get on with the job of rebuilding the country. Internationally this has been noticed and praised. Once I was invited to speak on the BBC about this achievement. But we can only speak about our own good deeds when asked."

According to Dr Drees people make too much of the often mentioned "conflict between generations". "Youth have always been radical and out for change. Differences of experience need not necessarily cause a rift." Some people have, he feels, fomented this conflict to further their own political ambitions.

Dr Drees is a staunch supporter of NATO, though he agrees adaptations are needed. All the same, he can understand the present deep emotions about war and peace which the tragic Vietnam war has caused and which culminate in perpetual demonstrations in congested Amsterdam. "Some people however, use this issue to encourage anti-American feelings. On the whole, people pay too little attention to the fact that the Americans have expressed the sincere wish to negotiate."

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Moshe Dayan—Israeli strategist

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ONE-EYED Moshe Davan, recalled as Israeli Defence Minister two days before lightning Jewish attacks smashed Egyptian and Jordan



General Dayan

armed forces, was born in Palestine in 1915.

Brought up at Nahalal, the first Kibbutz or co-operative settlement, he joined the Jewish militia (Haganah) while still a schoolboy. In 1937 he became second in command to Britain's Orde Wingate (creator of the Chindits in Burma during World War II) in operations against Arab terrorists. In 1939 he was imprisoned by the British for his Haganah activities, but was released two years later to lead a reconnaissance unit in the British invasion of Syria where he lost an eye in action.

In the 1948 fighting that followed the creation of Israel, Dayan commanded a jeep battalion. After a course at Britain's Staff College at Camberley, he became Israel's Chief of Staff in 1953. Though regarded as hero of Israel's successful Sinai campaign in 1956, in his book Sinai Diary, Dayan criticised its planning, saying Jewish success was largely due to the Franco-British attack on Suez.

By upbringing a farmer, he left the army in 1958 to study law. In 1960 he entered the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) and was Minister of Agriculture till 1964. In 1965 he joined elder statesman Ben Gurion in forming the RAFI, a right wing splinter group of the dominant MAPAI party of Prime Minister Eshkol.

Dayan's recall as Defence Minister (he had been working as war corresdent in Vietnam) had political, rather than military significance. The plans that crushed Arab opposition must have been laid well before. His return to office followed public demand despite opposition from

MAPAI leaders. Still only 52, he is a man to watch in Israeli politics.

General Dayan has been described as an "inventive military strategist and obsessive archeologist" who is said, even in the midst of battle, to have stopped to search for archeological finds.

Standing last week in Old Jerusalem (last held by Jews in AD 70 when Roman legions crushed heroic resistance), Dayan declared, "We have returned here never to depart." To the Arabs, he said, "At this hour we extend the hand of peace."

This is his testing time.



INDIA ARISE abroad

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN GLASGOW

THE RIVER CLYDE, home of giant ships like the Queen Mary and one of the world's great commercial waterways, could export to nations a cure for crisis. This is the challenge 50 young Indians have been bringing Clydeside's 2 million people through their show India Arise, in press and TV, and meetings with management and labour leaders from the Clyde's shipyards.

"Why not Britain the most revolutionary nation in the world?" asked Mr Rajmohan Gandhi at a Glasgow luncheon given in his honour by Dame Flora MacLeod, Chief of the Scottish Clan MacLeod, attended by 315 people. Why shouldn't these

islands "demonstrate to the world a society where free men with full independence, out of their own choice choose a life of care, discipline and sacrifice?" "

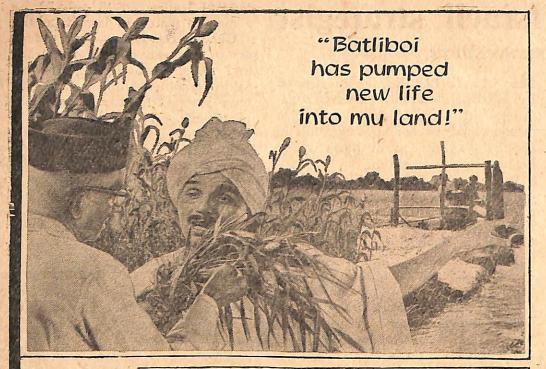
India Arise's Scottish premiere took place in Greenock, heart of British shipbuilding. "My eyes welled up when I heard their song 'Will we have rice tomorrow'?" said a veteran union leader afterwards. "An electric experience," declared the mayor of another Clydeside city. Management and union officials from every yard on that stretch of the river crowded the performance in Greenock's Town Hall.

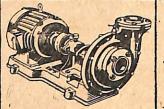
Earlier the Indians conferred with

top management of the shipbuilding industry and Boilermaker's Union leader John McKenzie, who, with others trained in Moral Re-Armament, has helped bring a new spirit to the shipyards, resulting in new agreements between unions, and more orders for ships.

As India Arise has travelled Britain, many young Britons have offered to leave their jobs or studies for six months or a year to work with MRA in India. "I love nursing passionately," student nurse Jennifer Ross told the cast in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, "but I have decided to leave behind my career and security and to work with you."

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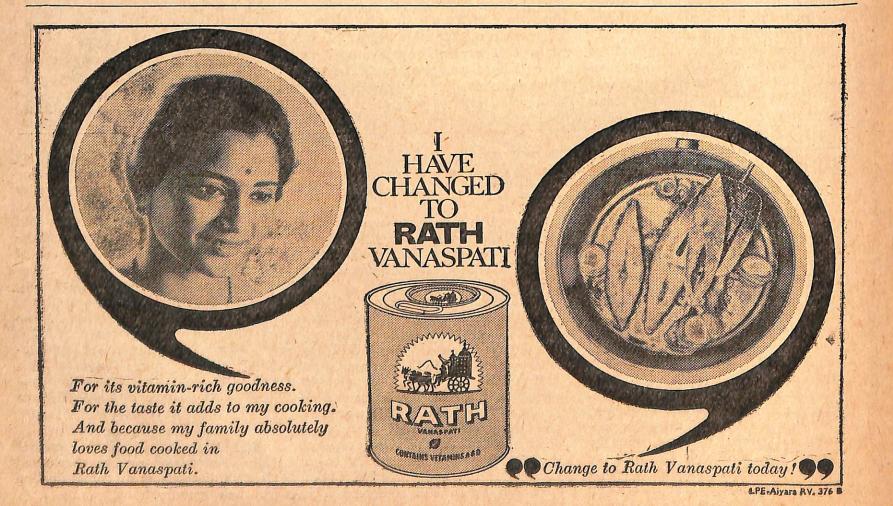
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VIEWPOINT Do women make good Prime Ministers?

Yes, if they are cast in the right mould

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Women make as good (or bad) Prime Ministers as men; it depends on who the woman is and on whether she has been cast in the Prime Minister's mould.

Male prejudice against women through the preceding centuries cannot conceive of a woman at the head of a country. Yet if we turn back the pages of history we will read of queens like Boadicea (the head of a tribe), Cleopatra and Elizabeth I of England, who made forceful rulers.

Asia has seen two lady Prime Ministers recently; Mrs Bandaranaike of Ceylon and our own Mrs Gandhi. They have been no better or worse than any masculine counterpart.

I believe that if a human being (man or woman) has qualities of leadership and a desire for sacrificial service, that person will be a good Prime Minister.

But, says the male cynic, "Minister" means "man"-there being no feminine. But consider some great women of position.

Elizabeth Fry was a tough leader of men. Mary Slessor became the white jungle Queen of Africa and trained African men. The Right Honourable Margaret Bondfield was the first British lady Cabinet Minister, who could rub shoulders with

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men, and be as good a minister as any male.

So being a woman doesn't put you one down when it comes to Prime Ministership. If a woman is cut out intellectually and morally and has personality enough to lead, she will make a good Prime Minister. Consider what an asset being a woman will be, when she is in the Prime Minister's gadi.

A woman Prime Minister must be feminine enough to bring out the best in the men she commands. Being a lady, she will be polite, cultured and decent. As a lady, she will make gentlemen of the men in her presence.

If a woman is cut out for Prime nation.

Ministership, she will be a better instrument for promoting human happiness than any man will. She will siphon off some of the coarseness of politics. In the presence of a lady Prime Minister the opposition will not only be on guard against unparliamentary behaviour but ungentlemanly conduct. (If you are ready to be disillusioned, a visit to the Parliament is recommended-Ed.)

A woman will find it easy to inspire service in her people. Witness how Elizabeth I, who was her own Prime Minister, was able to sustain the whole of England in facing the country's external enemies.

Educate a boy, they say, and you educate an individual; educate a girl, and you educate a family. If the girl grows into an educated Prime Minister, she will educate the whole

Men are generally better suited

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IT WOULD BE WRONG to generalise on an issue like this. While it is possible to have a good woman Prime Minister, the chances are that a man Prime Minister will generally be better. A woman Prime Minister suffers from the following handicaps:

1 Her male colleagues are reluctant to accept her leadership.

- By nature, women cannot be as objective as men in their dealings with other people. The fact of their femininity comes in the way of their giving a balanced judgement. This results in either incorrect decisions, or weak implementation, or at the other end of the scale, it can lead to harsh decisions and ruthless implementation to prove who is the master.
- Women are jealous of other women, particularly when they are intelligent or good-looking. It would be a safe bet that a woman head of government will keep only mediocre women around her in her government. There are rarely

any exceptions to this rule, because the element of personal jealousy among women is greater than in men, who are more tolerant of each other. This would result in inadequate representation of other women.

Women are by nature happy to be dominated by man. Biologically a woman is assigned to look after the home, whereas man looks after the outside needs of the family. This is a fact of nature, and is not a myth created by the male species for their own supremacy.

The advantages of a woman Prime Minister are:

- She can hold together in loose federation a group of men who cannot agree on a strong male leader, thus giving the outward appearance of stability even if none exists.
- She would receive greater courtesy from international statesmen, even when dealing with unfriendly nations.



nation's strength

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THE QUICK DEFEAT of the Arab forces should cause Arabs, Africans, Asians and all peoples to enquire into the foundations of a nation's strength.

In economic resources the Arab nations were superior to Israel. Their civilian population greatly out-numbered Israel's. Their armour and war planes were not inferior to Israel's. What happened?

The London Times suggests in an editorial that the explanation lies in Israel having a "technological basis" and the Arab nations not having one. The Times does not amplify this phrase, but it goes on to say that in future, both America and Russia would be wary of giving modern military weapons to Arabs, Asians and Africans.

Evasion of facts

I do not understand the Times expression. If the suggestion is that Arabs, Asians and Africans cannot use or look after modern machinery, it is not wholly accurate. Given the right training. Arab, Asian or African brains and muscles can cope with any equipment. The clue lies deeper.

A nation's strength has a direct relation with the proportion in it of responsible citizens. By a responsible citizen I mean a person who feels that the health, welfare and defence of his countrymen and countrywomen is as much his job as his President's or his Prime Minister's, and who lives accordingly. A country where a good proportion are aware that not holding an official post does not reduce their commitment to the nation, will win its wars and grow in peace.

Modern wars are not won by individual leaders with charisma. They can only be won by the teamwork of rulers, generals, officers, soldiers, civil servants and workers.

The lamentations over Nasser's offer of resignation and the wild rejoicing over its withdrawal cer-

tainly prove his popularity. They are not a demonstration of strength. They reveal, in fact, the weakness of the United Arab Republic. The UAR's economic and military strength will not vary much with a change in its central leadership. It will go up and down depending on the vigour and enterprise of the individual Egyptian, and on the intelligent teamwork of all the Egyptians.

Illusions do not win wars, and the great defect of the Arab, African and Asian peoples is in their investing their leaders with magical qualities. Everything is made the leader's responsibility. If things go well he is praised, if they go badly he is blamed.

It is all a massive evasion of facts and truth, and we Indians are great masters of the game. This irresponsible way of life leads to the expensive erection or demolition — of statues and to childish exercises on what would have happened if so-and-so had still been living. It is a pre-occupation with a dream world.
Churchill led Britain to victory.

His part was crucial, but he would have gained nothing without the active and responsible comradeship of a large number. Other men, too, in his place might have brought about the same triumph.
And the British thought it fit to defeat in the first post-war elections the man who had steered them to victory in war.

To lead and serve

Our countries have a number of people who are prepared to receive what they feel are the perquisites of leadership - prominence, pictures, statues and applause. Through the national heroes we worship, we satisfy vicariously our own appetites for fame and what we think is greatness. But our leaders, and we ourselves, miss the simple but fundamental point of leadership which is the training of men around us to be daily more responsible and to work daily in close and more effective teamwork.

We think that leadership means

that others will now serve us and forget that it only means a better opportunity to serve others. We substitute speaking at people and lecturing to them for the painstaking work of building individual men around us one by one and welding them into a force. Or we diagnose, with cleverness and often rare penetration, the follies and foibles of those who lead us, but do nothing either to lead ourselves or to help change them. In truth, most of us could do both.

Nations can give one another strength. But treaties on paper, little summits and emotional protestations of solidarity are not enough.

Cure for wars

Responsibility means above all the willingness to do what is needed rather than what one likes to do. It is a voluntary decision to become involved with the lives of other people and to forego the freedom of doing what one pleases. It is a life commitment as well as a daily, hourly decision.

Personally I believe that this humanly impossible task of transforming the long-established attitudes of our people can be tackled with God.

The world needs a cure for the causes of war. And I believe that the secrets of peace are not much different from the keys to a responsible citizenship.

Nations of the West have efficiency and power today because their past has seen the practice of Christian unselfishness and selfsacrifice. The citizen of these nations has behind him a tradition of care and concern in which large numbers of people have participated. But the way of life that has brought the West to greatness is under relentless assault today. The West needs the help of the Middle East, Asia and Africa to re-discover and apply again the truths it has known.

And we in the poorer, weaker section of the world need the help of the West to bring to our people wealth and strength and peace.

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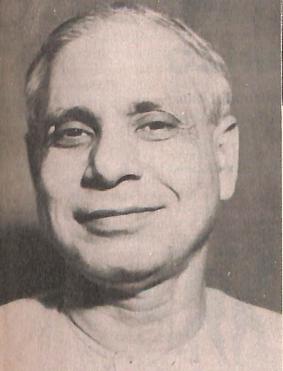
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