

# Man With 18 Crushed Ribs Saved By New Technique

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CHICAGO, August 6: Wesley Memorial Hospital officials told today how they had saved the life of a man with 18 crushed ribs by using pulleys in a new technique to hold his chest up.

The patient was Matthews Milligan, 51-year-old brick mason, who was caught on June 20 between the wall of a blast furnace and a passing freight train and almost crushed to death.

He suffered 18 broken ribs and a broken right collar bone. Both lungs also were punctured.

When he was brought to Wesley, Milligan could scarcely breathe. Air was escaping from his lungs into his body cavity. Doctors placed strong steel pins under his chest muscles, and attached them by wires to a system of weights and pulleys.

In this way his chest was lifted up, but he still could not breathe. A new-type mechanical respirator, designed to feed in air through a surgical incision in the throat, was put to use.

Nurses used suction devices every half hour to remove fluids from the lungs. Milligan was fed intravenously. Milligan, grey-haired and smiling, appeared at a news conference and said that he expected to go home in about a week.

## Tagore Anniversary

By A Staff Reporter

The thirteenth death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore was observed in Bombay on Saturday at a meeting organised by the Bombay Branch of the Santiniketan Ashramika Sangh (Alumni Association).

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. G. L. Mehta, India's Ambassador to the U. S. described the poet as the "Father of Indian Renaissance" and said that Tagore touched nothing which he did not adorn. Dead though in physical form, he lived in his works and in the hearts of millions of people, Mr. Mehta added.

The meeting was followed by recitation of Tagore's poems by the members of the Sangh.

## LONDON CAUSERIE

# Dr. Kumarappa Arrives In We ttest Weather

LONDON, August 4.

IF this correspondence seems unduly obsessed with the weather it is because the weather is becoming an obsessive subject with everyone; as the weeks glide slowly past, on their dripping course through the small portion of the year when we can expect to be warmed and mollified by the sun, it becomes more and more obvious that we shall have to face next winter fortified only by artificial doses of Vitamin D.

It is not much consolation to know that we live in the healthiest climate of the world when we can so far count the hot sunny days of this year on the fingers of two hands; there have been nine when the sun shone without interruption from morning to night. And frequently we have had something like monsoon weather.

Dr. J. C. Kumarappa arrived in England for a few days last week in downpour which must have made him feel quite at home. The veteran Gandhian who has been, as he said with a complacent smile, "what my doctors call at death's door," had nevertheless accepted an invitation from the Bulgarian Government to visit their country for two weeks and from there came to England to spend a few days with old friends on his way to a meeting of the War Registers' International in Paris.

He looked as if his travels agreed with him remarkably well, and when your correspondent met him, he was addressing a gathering of quakers at the Friends' Meeting House in Hitchin, not far from London. His rather uncommon approach to economic problems found a more sympathetic hearing from this audience than from most others he could have found in this country, but there was no doubt about the warmth of the response which his charm and infectious humour provoked in his hearers.

Dr. Kumarappa makes no concessions to the climate; he wore a khadi dhoti and shirt under his homespun woollen jacket, and a Gandhi cap on his head. It was

a refreshing sight as he stood on the porch after the meeting, being a curtain of rain, waiting to be picked up and driven off; and he seemed to be the only one who was not shivering with cold.

## Celebration By Students

The West African Students Union is celebrating its 29th anniversary with a conference lasting four days. It was opened on July 29 by an evening of song and dance items contributed by people from all parts of the Commonwealth. A group of Indians took part. They sang a Punjabi folk-song with great spirit and held their own in one of the most boisterous evenings any of us have ever seen.

The Nigerian group set the pace with their folk-dancing; they staged an inspired cake-walk to the rhythm of drum-beats which had the audience holla-ing and laughing in response. This must be the jolliest and most uninhibited dancing in the world; there is not an atom of grace about it but the syncopation of the drums is complicated and exciting and makes a pattern which frames unrestrained gyrations and shoulder and belly rolling.

West Indian students sang folk-songs and delicately ribald calypsos; they have an irresistible combination of wide-eyed innocence and cynicism. There was an array of notables, both official and unofficial on the platform. The Indian High Commissioner was represented by Dr. R. Rozario, the Education Secretary at India House, and the International Union of Students sent Mr. Moku, a Bengali who is an official of the Union at its headquarters in Prague, with fraternal greetings and an embroidered banner.

All three political parties were represented: the Labour Party by Mr. R. W. Soren, the Christian Peace M.P. who is so well-known to all overseas students. He is the chairman of WASU Ltd., the company formed to acquire the fine new hostel which the West

African students now own, and he presides over what he describes as "the legal side." "Not," he added, "that Mr. Ibemere, the president of the Union presides over the illegal side; or at any rate not very often."

He reminded all overseas students, especially those who might have been snubbed because of their colour, that the world is not divided into white and black or brown or yellow, but into generous people and mean people; and he asked them to take home with them memories of all the good things which England still has to offer and to disregard the rest.

## India Losing Goodwill

It is sad to have to record, even in this unpolitical correspondence that the goodwill which India won for her outstanding though unofficial role at Geneva has been shadowed by the report of the difficulties with Pakistan over the canal waters. The dispatches of the *Times* correspondent have created a most painful impression which the official handouts from India House have done nothing to allay.

They sound, as the schoolboys say, "too clever by half" and, while trying to score technical knock-outs on points in the discussion, ignore the fact reported by reliable eye-witnesses that large areas of Pakistan's crops are dying for lack of their expected irrigation water.

India's friends are waiting very anxiously for the outcome of the resumed talks with the International Bank; it would be tragic if the moral leadership which is more and more devolving on India should be tarnished by the most un-Gandhian bitterness of her relations with her sister State.

## Frescoes Of Ajanta

The publication in New York under the joint sponsorship of UNESCO and the New York Graphic Society of a volume of reproductions of the Ajanta frescoes is a major event in the book world. The story of the successive disasters which befell the early painted copies of the frescoes is well-known, and only a few canvases survive today in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Previous attempts to reproduce the wonderful living colours have all failed, although one enormously expensive collection of prints was produced a few years ago. These reproductions have been made by a photolithographic process and printed by an Italian firm in Milan.

The volume is priced at £5.10 in England which is costly but not prohibitive and it will be welcomed not only by those who are fortunate enough to have seen the originals but by the growing number of lovers of art whose appetites have been whetted by accounts of these unique masterpieces.

UNESCO is following up this initial venture by two further volumes of reproductions of little-known art-treasures, early tomb-paintings from Egypt and the cave-paintings of the Australian aborigines.

Stella Alexander

## ANDHRA "INAM" ESTATES BILL P.-S.P. Criticism

"The Times of India" News Service KURNOOL, August 7: Mr. P. V. G. Raju, Secretary of the Andhra Praja-Socialist Party, today described the Andhra Government's Bill on *inam* estates as a piece of legislation "heavily loaded in favour of *inamdars*."

The Bill, which was published in the *Gazette* today, seeks to stabilise the existing rates of rent payable by tenants to *inamdars* and to ban further evictions of tenants from *inam* lands.

Mr. Raju told reporters that it was deplorable that it should not have reduced rent levels and that it should have no retrospective effect.

He contended that during the last five years *inamdars* had carried out mass evictions and that the proposed Bill would merely legalise these evictions.

# THE SOCIAL WHIRL

Comptroller And Auditor-General In Bombay — First Indian Colonel — Mathematics In Police Headquarters—Vegetarianism A broad

NUMEROUS and touching have been the farewells wished to Mr. V. Narahari Rao, Comptroller and Auditor-General of India who will retire shortly.

On his last official visit to Bombay, Rao has been having a hectic time in the city, what with visits of inspection to government accounts establishments and meetings with friends.

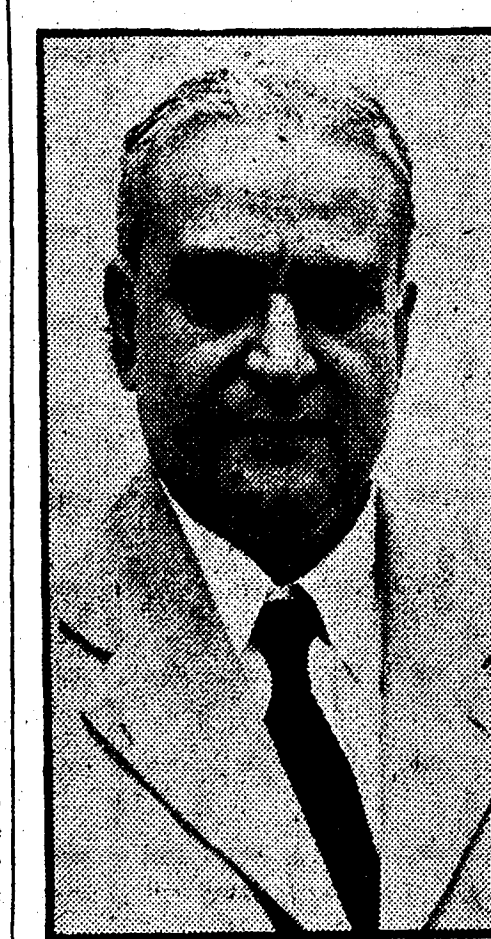
Narahari Rao is the keeper of the nation's purse. Little known before independence, Rao came to occupy the onerous and exacting position in August 1948. He can now retire with the satisfaction that he has effectively regulated the spendthrift habits of some of the Union ministries. Demure, taciturn and shy of publicity, Rao, who hails from Mysore, has had tremendous power and responsibility vested in him. But he exercised them unobtrusively and with restraint.

Despite all that he has done to regulate public expenditure, he is personally not very frugal in his habits. His acquaintances speak of a kindly personality, seldom unmoved by things deserving of help and attention.

Rao has had a distinguished career of 33 years in the Indian Finance Department.

The position and power of the Auditor-General is guaranteed by the Constitution. He is appointed by the President by a warrant, the salary is not votable, and the terms of appointment cannot be modified without the sanction of Parliament. Coupled with this is his authority to question any item of expenditure incurred by the Government of India.

MR. J. K. Bhonsle, better known as General Bhonsle to millions, was once travelling by car from Bombay to Poon. He saw



V. Narahari Rao policemen and officers lined up at short distances all along the route.

Getting curious, he stopped his car near a sub-inspector of police, and asked: "Whom are you expecting?"

"The Minister," said the police officer.

"Which Minister?"

"The Deputy Minister for Rehabilitation of the Government of India."

"I am that person," Bhonsle said simply, and told the officer to order his men not to wait on the roadside any longer.

That incident is illustrative of Bhonsle's dislike for pomp and show. He rarely flies the flag on his car, and is unobtrusive in other ways.

Mr. and Mrs. Bhonsle, and their little daughter, Beverly, are in Bombay. When they arrived from New Delhi a few days ago, a policeman, sent by courtesy of the Bombay Government, arrived at their apartment at Chhurbage to keep watch. Bhonsle promptly asked him to go.

One who meets Bhonsle will rarely suspect that he is a scion of a princely family and a Minis-

## WORK AWARDED TO GERMAN FIRM Banihal Project

NEW DELHI, August 7: The Government of India has awarded the work of constructing the Banihal tunnel (first stage) in the State of Jammu and Kashmir to Messrs Baresel and Kunz of Germany at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.03 lakhs. The contract was signed yesterday. The first stage involves driving a pilot heaving of about 10' x 10' section.

The firm specialises in tunnel and shaft driving and has submitted the lowest tender in open competition. They have been asked to start work as soon as preliminary arrangements have been made and machinery collected.

The tunnel will be bored at an altitude of 7,250 ft. and will remain open for traffic throughout the year. It will provide an all-weather road to the Kashmir valley which, at present, remains cut off during the winter months. When completed it will cut the road distance by 18 miles. Benefits accruing to the trade and economy of Kashmir will be considerable.

The tunnel will be 8,200 ft. long and will be one of the 12 longest road tunnels in the world. It will also be the longest among the road and railway tunnels in India. The work is being executed by the Central Public Works Department.

## E. Pakistan Refugees

"The Times of India" News Service NEW DELHI, August 7: Various schemes for the early rehabilitation of displaced persons from East Pakistan in the States of West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Bihar and Orissa, are to be discussed at a conference of officials at Ranchi commencing on August 11.

The conference will be presided over by Mr. K. P. Masrani, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Rehabilitation.



Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bhonsle with their sprightly daughter, Beverly.

ter of the Government of India. But beyond these distinctions, he has several more.

He was the first Indian Lieutenant-colonel in the Army; the first Indian to get a double promotion in the Army; the first Indian officer to command a unit of the army; the first Indian to be awarded a medal by the Royal Humane Society for con-

ference, for he is a scholar of oriental religions and culture, and was closely associated for some time with Rabindranath Tagore and Gandhi. In England, besides attending the conference, the Dastur will be busy performing Navjots, Jashans and delivering lectures on metaphysical, religious and oriental subjects.

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