

Evacuee Property Laws In Sind Attacked

MALADMINISTRATION ALLEGED: SPEAKER DISALLOWS MOTION

From Our Staff Correspondent

KARACHI, November 19. An adjournment motion given notice of by Mr. Sukhdev Udhavdas to consider the situation arising out of the alleged maladministration of evacuee property laws in Sind was disallowed by the President in this morning's session of the Pakistan Parliament.

Quoting ruling of Speakers of the pre-partition Indian Legislative Assembly and the House of Commons, the President pointed out that notices served on certain Hindus in Sind, as referred to in the adjournment motion, had been issued under certain laws of the land. The matter was not of recent occurrence and definite instances of maladministration had not been pointed out, he said.

Mr. Sukhdev Udhavdas, who was referring to "maladministration of evacuee laws in Sind that Hindus did not know what to do," was cut short by the Minister of the Interior, Khwaja Shahabuddin, who pointed out that the mover should not indulge in such general remarks as they might create a wrong impression on the public mind. The Minister said the mover should restrict himself to the eligibility or otherwise of the motion and not go into the merits of the case.

Mr. Dhirendra Nath Dutta stated that there had been a systematic maladministration of evacuee laws with the object of expropriating Hindus of their lands and belongings. He said that he had come to the knowledge of the mover only yesterday, and he had taken the earliest opportunity of moving the adjournment motion. The Chair pointed out that the fact that it had come to his knowledge only yesterday did not make it of recent occurrence.

PROHIBITION PLAN
The Prime Minister, Khwaja Nazimuddin, told Parliament during question hour that he had "some idea of taking up the question of prohibition so far as Karachi is concerned."

The acting Foreign Minister, Mr. Mahmud Hussain, told the House that during the first week of May this year Afghans had made four raids into Pakistan. Two persons, including a woman, were killed and four wounded as the result of these raids. There was some loss of property also. The protests made by Pakistan to the Afghan Government had been rejected, he added.

The House today passed a number of official Bills, including one controlling employment of persons between 15 and 17 in Railways and port areas at night and also in mines.

Telangana Quiet
HYDERABAD, (Dn.) November 19: There has been a lull on the Telangana front for the past fortnight, and no incident of any kind has been reported, it is learned from official sources here today. The last incident reported was on November 5.

It is not known whether this lull is a direct outcome of the statement of Mr. A. K. Ghosh, Secretary of the All-India Communist Party, during his recent visit here that his Party had called off the Telangana struggle, in due to the vigilance of the police or is purely a temporary lull.—P.T.I.

Weeklies Diverted
Investigation into complaints of copies of "The Illustrated Weekly of India" and Dharmayug not reaching a number of addresses has led to the arrest of a Railway Mail Service clerk at Fuli. In two cases the clerk was found to have diverted the postal articles by pasting slips of paper bearing addresses of his own relatives over the original addresses. The inquiries are being pursued.

Book Packets By Air
It has been decided to reduce the air surcharge on packets and registered newspapers carried inland from one anna to six pies per tola with effect from December 1, announces the Directorate-General of Posts and Telegraphs.

Village Patil Shot
From Our Own Correspondent
ELAPUR, November 19: The patil of the village of Nagralon, Mr. Bhimangoda Shandrappada Biradar, was shot at by some unknown persons on Friday last near the village while returning home after sunset, says a report from Singli. The miscreants carried away the dead body.

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AUDIT TALKS IN LONDON

Delegate Returns To Bombay

Several problems of a purely "technical nature" were discussed at the London conference of the Auditors-General of the Commonwealth countries, but no binding decisions were taken, said Mr. V. Narahari Rao, India's representative at the conference, on his return to Bombay by air on Monday.

The conference was convened primarily for exchange of views on administrative problems, Mr. Narahari Rao stated.

It was only in India that the anomalous position of the Auditor-General of the Union Government functioning in the same capacity for the individual States too, existed, he said, while in every other Commonwealth country the federating States shouldered independent responsibility. "It is my ambition that a similar reform should be brought about in India too," the Controller and Auditor-General added.

Mr. Narahari Rao, who arrived by an Air-India International plane, was received at Santa Cruz airport by a large number of officers of the Accountant-General's office.

Travelling by the same plane from Paris was Dr. C. Mani, Regional Director of the World Health Organisation in India. He told press representatives that the proposal for setting up a D.D.T. factory in Bombay had been approved. Four WHO experts for the penicillin factory to be set up near Poona will be arriving in Bombay on November 29, he added.

Among the other passengers arriving by the plane were Mr. J. Krishnamurthi, the well-known theosophist, and Dr. Mulik Raj Anand.

Commonwealth Trade

LONDON, November 18: The Commonwealth maintained its position as the world's biggest single exporter in 1950, a Commonwealth economic committee memorandum said.

As an importer, the Commonwealth accounted for almost as much as Western Europe and about twice as much as the U.S. In a summary of Commonwealth trade in 1950, the committee said that the world's primary figures, Commonwealth exports increased appreciably in relation to world exports. The proportion for imports showed some decline.

Percentages of world exports in 1938 and 1950 respectively were: Commonwealth: 25 and 30. U.S. 14 and 18. Europe 37 and 28.

Percentages of world imports in 1938 and 1950 respectively were: Commonwealth: 33 and 30. U.S. 9 and 16. Europe 38 and 32.—P.T.I.

District News

SERVICE OF CONGRESS

Home Minister's Plea

From Our Own Correspondent
DEHARWAR, November 18: The Congress was the only party in India today which deserved to rule both by virtue of its past service to the country and the organisational strength it possessed to run the Government, observed Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, addressing a public meeting here yesterday.

He said that service of the people was the Congress ideal and it would continue to serve them whether or not it was returned to office. He criticised the Socialists as a group divided in its loyalty between Marxism and Gandhism and had gone out of the Congress having failed in their attempt to capture the Government. The Congress stood honestly and clearly for the Sarvodaya ideal blessed by Mahatma Gandhi.

FIGHT BETWEEN PARTIES

In a democracy of the size and magnitude of India, the real fight could only be between well-organised parties. It was impossible to consider individuals and their merits. Individuals, whatever their number, would not be able to do anything effectively, much less run a Government without a common policy and programme. He made a fervent appeal to people for according equal rights to women in all spheres of life.

Mr. D. P. Karimkar, Deputy Commerce Minister, Government of India, presided.

Earlier, the Home Minister laid the foundation-stone of the new physics building of the Karnatak College in the presence of a distinguished gathering. Principal A. Menezes, welcoming the Minister, said that the new building would meet one of the long felt and prime needs of the college—the demand for introduction of B.Sc. Physics course.

Sholapur Civic Chief

From Our Own Correspondent
SHOLAPUR, November 19: "The Congress Party candidate," Mr. Ramkrishna-Baldava, was today elected President of the Sholapur Municipality. He got 35 votes against 11 secured by his opponent, Mr. Janardhan Sonkamble. Mr. Ahmad Karigar was elected Vice-President.

The subject of fixing the term of office of the new President and Vice-President will be taken up by the Board at its next meeting.

NEWS FROM STATES

Orissa

Acharya Bhavé's Mission

DR. PRASAD'S PLEA FOR SUPPORT

CUTTACK, November 18: The President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, today appealed for full support to the mission of Acharya Vinoba Bhave for contribution of land to the landless poor.

He was replying to an address presented to him by the Chief Minister on behalf of the people of Orissa on his first official visit to the State.

Dr. Prasad declared that during the last three days he was in Orissa he was finding the same problem which he found on his previous visits, namely, how to help in removing poverty in Orissa, as the place had enough lands and mines. Poverty, therefore, was due to the non-exploitation of these natural resources.

RESOURCES UTILISED

The President said that he was confident that under the changed conditions of the country these resources would be fully utilised bringing prosperity not only to the State but also to the whole of India. Already some progress had been made during the last four or five years in development projects and he had no doubt that greater attention would be paid in future to achieve further progress.

He then referred to the present mission of Acharya Vinoba Bhave and called on the people to come forward with gifts of lands for the landless poor. He said that Orissa had a large population of Adivasis and Harijans and they had to be settled on and developed. The development of these persons and the areas inhabited by them should be foremost in the plans for improvement of Orissa. That, he said, required the help of the Centre and he had no doubt that it would be forthcoming.—P.T.I.

Hyderabad

"NO SUPPORT TO ATHEISTS" Call To Catholics

From Our Own Correspondent
HYDERABAD, November 18: A warning to Catholics not to vote for "candidates who deny the existence of God, the human soul, future life or for such a maintain the atheistic principles of Communism" is contained in a directive issued by the Catholic hierarchy of India which was read out from the pulpit in all Catholic churches in the diocese of Hyderabad on Sunday.

The directive states that Catholics should vote for candidates who will uphold the dignity and liberty of human personality, safeguard the integrity of family and of society, and defend the freedom of religion and education thereby effectively checking totalitarianism. The directive goes on to say that Catholics have not the slightest desire to enter into controversial politics, but are anxious to safeguard religious and educational liberties guaranteed in the Indian Constitution. Catholics should vote for men of character and integrity who will promote social justice by securing for the working classes the right to living wages and to employment in industry, agriculture and other professions. They also should stand for equal treatment of the Scheduled Castes and the Backward Classes.

The directive further urges Catholics to take an active part in public life, come into closer contact with administrators and make use of every opportunity to remove suspicions or prejudices which may lurk in the minds of non-Catholics.

Another directive read out on the same occasion warned the people against artificial limitation of family which was an offence against the laws of God and Nature. Mahatma Gandhi's observations on birth control were quoted from "Harijan" in support of the Catholic Church's attitude on the matter.

"FAKED" TRIAL BY TRIBUNAL Razvi's Charge

HYDERABAD (Dn.), November 19: Syed Kazim Razvi, one of the accused in the "Ex-Ministers Case," told a Division Bench of the Hyderabad High Court today that the proceedings of the Special Tribunal on January 24, 29 and February 5, 12 and 15, last year, were "faked."

He was arguing his application for a transfer of the case from the file of the Special Judge to any other ordinary court. Razvi contended that one of the members of the Special Tribunal, Mr. Ahmed Ali Khan, could not have attended the Special Tribunal's court on those dates as, according to other documents available, he was deposing of cases in the City Civil Court as its first judge. He filed certain documents in support of his contention.—P.T.I.

Madras

WATER FAMINE AVERTED Heavy Rain

MADRAS, November 19: Madras city had heavy rain for more than an hour shortly after midday yesterday converting roads and streets into streams and holding up traffic for some time in certain areas.

The weather has been very cloudy since Saturday morning with intermittent light showers, but the conditions became more marked on Sunday morning and it has been raining incessantly.

The city recorded a total fall of over 3.7 inches between 8-30 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. on Sunday. Indications are that the present weather will continue and this sudden welcome change has given great relief to the city which is experiencing acute water shortage after the failure of the monsoon this year, for the fifth year in succession.

The Municipal Corporation has reduced the city's already restricted daily supply of water from 15 million to 13 million gallons a day from November 16 and more stringent measures are to be introduced from next month. The city will be saved from a grave water famine, however, as the result of the heavy rains, the Madras races fixed for Monday (the opening day of the season) were not held.—P.T.I.

West Bengal

Perfect Working Of Democracy

ADVICE TO ROTARIANS

CALCUTTA, November 18: Mr. C. C. Biswas, minority Minister, Government of India, inaugurating here today the Inter-State Rotary Convention, appealed to Rotarians to change their old outlook and to bring in conditions conducive to the perfect working of an enlightened democracy in India.

He said: "We are now in the throes of an election on the basis of adult franchise to be exercised by a population largely illiterate. To say this is not an argument against this great experiment in democracy. It is a reminder that all the conditions conducive to the perfect working of an enlightened democracy do not yet obtain in this country and this is where Rotarians can help."

Welcoming delegates from Burma, East Pakistan and some of the neighbouring States, Mr. Biswas stated that it was indeed a pleasure to welcome delegates from these countries, not only because they were so close to them, but also because "there is and always has been a deeper and more significant affinity among us all in this part of the world."—U.P.I.

Mysore

LABOUR HOUSING SCHEME Centre's Loan

From Our Staff Correspondent
BANGALORE, November 19: The Central Government has sanctioned a loan of Rs. 20 lakhs to the Mysore Government to implement the State's labour housing scheme. Mysore State has also earmarked Rs. 10 lakhs for the same purpose. A Labour Housing Corporation, which will be formed shortly, will be entrusted with the work of constructing houses for labour at Bangalore, Bhadravati and Davangere among other industrial areas. Each house is expected to cost Rs. 2,000.

Madhya Bharat

Dr. Katju's Tour

From Our Own Correspondent
RAJLAMPUR, November 19: Dr. Kailas Nath Katju, Home Minister, Central Government, arrived here on a five-day election tour of his home constituency, Mandla and Neemuch, from where he is contesting as a Congress nominee for Parliament. He was accorded a rousing reception. During his brief stay, he created a good impression in favour of the Congress by addressing a public meeting in which he stressed the need to have the Congress Government. Difficulties are there, but they are not insurmountable," he added.

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