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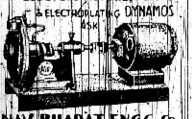

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TRANSMISSION I

8 a.m.—**News in Hindustani**; 8-15—**News in English**; 8-30—Recitation from Quran-i-Sharif; 8-45—Naat-i-Rasool; 8-50—Salaam (Electrical Recording); 8-55—Naaten (G. Records); Indian Music: 9-5—Narinder Kumar; 9-10—Padma Devi; 9-20—J. R. Kapoor; 9-25—Maharaj Kishore Kapoor; 9-35—B. S. Rawat; 9-45—Pran Nath (Lahore).

TRANSMISSION II

12 noon—G. Records; 12-55—**News in Hindustani**; 1—**Modern Music**; 1-30—**News in English**; 1-40—European Music; 2—**School Broadcast**.

TRANSMISSION III

Indian Music: 5 p.m.—Maharaj Kishore Kapoor; 5-10—G. Records; 5-17—Pran Nath; 5-32—B. S. Rawat; 5-40—Narinder Kumar; 5-45—Daya Mathur; Sitar; Vocal Music: 5-55—J. R. Kapoor; 6—Messages from Indian Troops Serving Overseas; 6-10—Padma Devi; 6-25—**Local Announcements and Weather Report**; 6-30—**News in English**; 6-40—**News in Hindustani**; 6-45—**For Villagers**; Indian Music: 7-45—Pran Nath; 8—**Waqt Ki Baaten**; Vocal Music, 8-15—B. S. Rawat; 8-25—Daya Mathur: Sitar; 8-30—Ganga Bai (Recording); 9—**News in Hindustani**; 9-20—**News in English**; 9-30—B.B.C. News Relay; 9-40—Musical Interlude (G. Records); 9-45—**World Affairs**: Talk from the B.B.C.; 10—J. R. Kapoor: Vocal Music; 10-5—Maharaj Kishore Kapoor; 10-15—Pran Nath; 10-30—B. S. Rawat; 10-40—Violin Par Bagheshwari: Vocal Music; 10-45—Padma Devi.

DELHI II

TRANSMISSION III

85.84 metres (3,495 kc/s)

7 p.m.—**Indian Troops Programme**; 9-30—Pran Nath: Vocal Music; 10—(European G. Records).

SALE OF GERMAN EMBASSY EFFECTS

HITLER'S PICTURES NOT INCLUDED

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Thirty-four pictures of Hitler, some in silver frames, will not be sold with the contents of the former German Embassy in London.

The Ministry of Works decided this today in view of the unfavourable public attitude to the sale for £500 of a Hitler bust last week.

The buyer of the bust was said to be a sympathizer with a Hitler worship organization called the League of Christian Reform whose activities, it was said in the House of Commons yesterday, are to be watched.

The bidders today cheered the ban on the sale of pictures and booed the offer of an empty Hitler frame.—Reuter.

MILITARY WOOL SEIZED AT LUDHIANA

(From Our Correspondent)

LUDHIANA, Dec. 6.—Ludhiana is the biggest centre of hosiery supply to the military. It is a general complaint that the people sell military wool in black market.

The Security Staff, on December 3, raided and seized 17 bales of military wool while they were being loaded in a lorry for export. The lorry driver ran away with the lorry leaving the bales on the road. The bales are in the possession of the police and it is alleged that they belong to Messrs. United Hosiery, military contractors.

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ANOTHER FOREIGN EXPERT FOR DELHI ADMINISTRATION

(By Our Staff Correspondent)

DELHI, Thursday.—The appointment of Mr. E. W. Harkness, a new arrival from England, as the Town Planning Officer for Delhi, is a sharp reminder to the citizens of the Imperial capital that both the Government of India and the Local Administration are determined to turn Delhi into a close preserve for demobilized British officers and so-called foreign experts. The function of Mr. Harkness will be to co-ordinate the development schemes for Delhi and New Delhi and to advise the Central and the Provincial Governments on their planning requirements.

New Jobs

There is already a Principal Planning Officer in Delhi, Major Dorsett, who is preparing a blue-print for a model Delhi. Whatever the blue-print turns out to be, it is already clear that the higher cadres of Delhi's services are to be manned by Britishers.

The "anti-Indian" policy of importing British officers into Delhi started during the war when several new jobs were created. The job of the Secretary of the Chief Commissioner created during the war was given to Colonel Gibbs, a former official of the Supply Department. Major Dorsett, another army officer, who was a businessman before he joined the army and who is still running an establishment in Bombay (H. G. Dorsett and Co.), was appointed Principal Planning Officer for Delhi although the Government had never been keen about planning anything for Delhi during the last 10 years and had been thwarting all schemes for slum-clearance and other improvements sponsored by the Delhi Improvement Trust. The Government appointed another British army officer, a brigadier this time, to take charge of the Health Services in Delhi Province.

It is a notorious fact that for every key job that fell vacant, Mr. Askwith, the former Chief Commissioner, tried to secure the services of a Britisher. Distrust of Indian officers became so marked that there was no Indian officer, with the exception of Mr. Ramaswami, Director of Civil Supplies, in the higher services. Even temporary establishments like those dealing with petrol rationing were put under European bosses.

As regards town-planning, it must be pointed out that if the authorities had really been earnest about improving living conditions in old Delhi for the slum-dwellers, who form the bulk of the city's population, they would not have formed a policy of exploiting the boom period by selling the Nazul lands to the war-rich at fancy prices and thus making over a crore of rupees. If they had the welfare of the people at heart, they would have reserved all these lands for large-scale housing schemes for the benefit of the middle classes either carried out by the Delhi Improvement Trust on the lines of the Pout House scheme or by erecting Housing Credit Societies subsidized by them. This would have enabled many thousands of poor families to have houses of their own at reasonable cost. They, however, preferred to sell lands in the open market with the result that the people with surplus money purchased them at uneconomic prices. The purchasers are now planning to get a return on their money by constructing small cramped dingy houses on these sites.

The question that naturally arises now is that with hardly any public land in their hands, what are the Town Planning Officer and the Principal Planning Officer going to plan for. Do they intend to acquire all the land that they had sold out during the war? This does not seem probable, in view of their timid attitude in declining to undertake urgent slum-clearance schemes merely because the cost of acquisition will be too high.

Demolitions

Another question which has a bearing on planning is the Government's policy of demolishing temporary structures built during the war. Where were these planners when thousands of houses were being built in Delhi and New Delhi for war purposes? Could they not have evolved a plan under which they could co-ordinate war-time housing requirements with peace-time housing needs? What was the New Delhi Development Committee doing all these years? Or was it because those who were charged with the responsibility of constructing these houses wanted them to be constructed in order to be demolished later so that their friends, the contractors, could make a good business out of construction, demolition and reconstruction of buildings?

HEAVY STORM LIKELY IN SOUTH INDIA

MADRAS, Dec. 6.—The general weather bulletin for Madras Presidency and Mysore reads: "A depression has been formed in south-west Bay of Bengal. It was located today morning about 400 miles south-west of Madras and may move west or north-west."

Forecast for 30 hours ending evening of December 6: There will be widespread rain, heavy at places in Southern Tamil Nad, thunder showers at some stations in Kerala and the northern districts of Tamil Nad.

Weather warning to farmers: A storm in the Bay, now about 350 to 400 miles to the south-east of Madras, is likely to move west or north-west. [illegible] for two days with [illegible] heavy rain in South Arcot, Tanjore, Tinnevelly, Ramnad, Madura and Trichinopoly districts [illegible] to moderate rain in the rest of Tamil Nad and in Malabar district. A strong wind will blow in Trichinopoly, North and South Arcot, Ramnad, [illegible] and Madras districts.

A further forecast for three days [illegible] Tamil Nad [illegible] South [illegible]

POONA CONGRESSMAN GOES ON FAST

POONA, Dec. 6.—Mr. [illegible] a local Congressman, [illegible] days, [illegible] in the Yeravda Central Prison, Poona, [illegible] protest [illegible] against the [illegible] staff [illegible] demanded of the Inspector-General of Prisons [illegible]—A.P.I.

SECTION 144 ENFORCED IN ALLAHABAD

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 6.—The District Magistrate, Allahabad, has issued orders promulgating Section 144 Cr. P.C. [illegible] Allahabad [illegible] Cantonment [illegible] force from December [illegible] to 17.—A.P.I.

SUPPORT CONGRESS

U.P. NATIONALIST CHRISTIAN LEADER'S APPEAL

(From Our Correspondent)

ALMORA, Dec. 6.—That every Indian Christian should contribute his all in the service of the motherland, is the view expressed by Mr. Henry Pant, Organizer, Nationalist Christian Association, U.P., in an appeal. "Ours is a small community with a high percentage of education and, as such, we have a greater responsibility for national uplift and service. Let it not be said in free India that we lagged behind when our services were needed. Let us not forget the example set by the late Victor Mohan Joshi, whom Gandhiji described as the flower of the Christian community."

A branch of the U.P. Nationalist Christians Association has been formed here. A resolution expressing its wholehearted support to the Congress in its struggle for independence was passed at a meeting of the local branch of the association. The meeting also requested the U.P. Congress Parliamentary Board to adopt Mr. Wilson as a Congress candidate to the U.P. Assembly.

APPEAL TO SABHAITES TO JOIN CONGRESS

POONA, Dec. 5.—An appeal to the leaders of Hindu Mahasabha and its supporters to join the Congress to strengthen it in its fight for freedom was made by Dr. N. V. Gadgil, president of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee at a meeting in Bombay. Mr. Gadgil said that once the Indians were united in their struggle the Britishers would have to leave India.

The meeting was held at the Congress House to congratulate Mr. Gadgil and Mr. B. S. Hirey on their success in the elections to the Central Assembly.—A.P.I.

HINDU MAHASABHA TO CONTINUE OPPOSITION

PATNA, Dec. 5.—Dr. B. S. Moonje in a statement says that the Hindu Mahasabha will not give up contesting the elections against the Congress even though Pandit Malaviya wants it to do so and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel would like Hindu Sabhaites to join the Congress.

Dr. Moonje wants the Congress Working Committee to "repudiate and announce uncompromising opposition" to the Communal Award, the idea of vivisection of India, the principle of self-determination and the party proposals.

Referring to Mr. Jinnah's demands, Dr. Moonje says that if the Muslims cannot live under the democratic majority rule of the Hindus, then the Hindus are equally determined, whatever the Congress may say or do, that there shall be no other Raj in India except the democratic majority Raj which will certainly be of the Hindus.—A.P.I.

FORTNIGHTLY SUGAR RETURNS

CAWNPORE, Dec. 5.—An abstract statement of sugar production and stocks issued by the Director, Imperial Institute of Sugar Technology, reveals that on the basis of returns received from the central sugar factories in India, 50,754 maunds of sugar were produced and 797,716 despatched in the fortnight ending October 15, 1945.

These figures relate to 122 factories representing 92 per cent of the total cane crushing capacity. The opening stock of the sugar at the factories at the beginning of the fortnight was 34,01,425 maunds.—A.P.I.

Municipal Servants To Get Benefit Of War Service

CAWNPORE, Dec. 5.—The servants of local bodies and municipalities in the country, deputed for military services during the present war, shall be treated in the same manner as civil Government servants deputed to military service in the matter of transit pay and provident fund, it is learned.—A.P.I.

STAY-IN-STRIKE IN CAWNPORE MILL

CAWNPORE, Dec. 5.—A fairly large section of workers of Cooper Allen Mills went on a stay-in strike today as a sequel to a discharge [illegible] to 100 workers last evening. Negotiations between mill authorities and representatives of the workers are proceeding.—A.P.I.

CAWNPORE STUDENTS' STRIKE

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE CLOSED INDEFINITELY

CAWNPORE, Dec. 6.—The Government Agricultural College, Cawnpore, has been indefinitely closed following resumption of the strike by the students as a protest against the [illegible] attitude of the college authorities in restoring the College Union.

It is understood that the College authorities intimated to the students that all papers regarding the restoration of the Union had been sent to the Director of Agriculture, U.P., and as soon as his approval was received the Union would be restored [illegible]

[illegible] the College, Dr. [illegible] [illegible] students were [illegible] examination hall [illegible]

FUND TO HELP LUDHIANA RAIN VICTIMS

LUDHIANA, Dec. 6.—Collections [illegible] victims of the [illegible] Rs. 2,000 [illegible] Relief Committee [illegible] the Deputy Commissioner [illegible]

LAHORE POLITICAL WORKER ARRESTED

LAHORE, Dec. 6.—Mr. Ved Prakash, a political worker of Lahore, was arrested this morning by the city police under the Defence of India Rules. He is alleged to have [illegible] meeting held [illegible] He was later produced before the City Magistrate who remanded him to judicial lock-up till December [illegible].—A.P.I.

TIDAL WAVE HAVOC

Survivors Left Without Food

KARACHI, Dec. 6.—The havoc wrought by the recent tidal wave on the fishing townlets of Ormara and Pasni is described by a correspondent of the A.P.I. who visited them in H.M.I.S. *Hindustan*.

Ormara, an area of one and a half square miles with a population of 5,000, lies 140 miles west of Karachi in the Las Bella State and is an important fishing port.

Pasni, an area of two square miles with a population of 8,000 lies 70 miles from Ormara in the territory of the Kalat State. Cotton, piece-goods and seeds are exported *via* this port to Iran.

In this area of 300-mile coast-line from Karachi to Makram, about 200 persons died, 250 injured and 12,000 have been rendered homeless. The material damage is estimated at Rs 12 lakhs.

Foodstuffs Washed Away

In Ormara, 100 people died and 170 were injured. Seventy-nine bodies have been recovered from the debris. The rest are believed to have been carried away into the sea. The villagers, mostly fishermen, have lost everything and have nothing to eat. Their fishing boats and nets have all gone. Seventy per cent of the houses have been damaged.

The Director, Posts and Telegraphs, Sind, Mr. H. L. Jerat, who immediately rushed to the scene from Karachi, has managed to restore the communications. The offices have been located in tents.

The H.M.I.S. *Hindustan*, which was the first relief ship to arrive there on December 2, carried flour, sugar and tents. The Medical Officer aboard the ship treated the injured.

Survivors Living in Tents

After dropping relief and a detachment for rescue work at Ormara, the *Hindustan* sailed for Pasni arriving there on December 3. The village has been completely razed to the ground. The Customs House, the Guest House, and other Government buildings have been destroyed. About 7,000 people have been rendered homeless and destitute. Fifty persons died and 50 were injured. Forty-seven bodies have been recovered. The survivors are encamping in tents. In the panic which followed the disaster, some looting and rioting took place. The Tahsildar of Pasni area is among those who were injured.

The Minister of Makram Province, Khan Abdul Karim Khan, who rushed from Kalat by a motor lorry on December 2 to render assistance, reported that the State Treasury deposits amounting to Rs 1,40,000 were recovered from the safe which was buried under the debris.

The communication between Pasni and Karachi is expected to be restarted in about a week, while communication with Ormara has already been restored.

While there can be no two opinions about the material damage caused, the estimate of human loss varies widely. The Congress Relief Worker's estimate of loss of life at 4,000 for the southern sector is considered exaggerated, but it is admitted that several hundred fishermen have perished. So far as the north-western region from Karachi to Pasni is concerned, the death toll may not exceed 200. The Government of Sind has not yet received full reports from the affected area under its jurisdiction. A *communique* on the damage caused is expected to be issued in a few days by the Sind Government.—A.P.I.

TWO NEW ISLETS IN MID-OCEAN

KARACHI, Dec. 6.—The earthquake shock and the disastrous tidal wave that followed it that occurred in the early hours of November 28 were the result of a submarine volcanic eruption.

Two triangular masses of granite colour have appeared in mid-ocean about 180 miles west-south-west of Karachi. These islets are about three miles apart, one being about 30 feet above the surface and the other about 100 feet. In shape they are oval. The bigger one is about one and a half square miles in area and the other is about a square mile.

Describing the phenomenon the [illegible] villagers in the affected area said that immediately after the earthquake a deafening rumbling noise was followed by a huge [illegible] accompanied by columns of smoke. This was followed by the unprecedented tidal wave rising to a height of 30 feet that swept everything before it.

The tidal wave is estimated to have developed a velocity of 140 miles.

Some experts are expected to fly [illegible] to survey the erupted [illegible]

The earthquake shock was one of very great intensity and was recorded on seismographs all over the world. [illegible] of the earthquake were recorded by the seismographs of the Bombay and Delhi observatories.

The earthquake shock is also said to have been felt in many parts of Baluchistan [illegible] at Kalat [illegible] 44 miles from [illegible] also reported [illegible] have [illegible]. On the west [illegible] Gwadar.

The [illegible] South Baluchistan [illegible] 24 degrees north [illegible] the distance [illegible] the Quetta earthquake [illegible]

DEATH OF CONSTABLE IN CAWNPORE VILLAGE

CAWNPORE, Dec. [illegible]—A police constable on duty is reported to have been killed in Chaparghata [illegible] the village of Mosinagar [illegible] in Cawnpore district on Saturday, according to a report received here. It is stated that [illegible] the [illegible] practice [illegible] something [illegible] resulting in the instantaneous death of the constable.—A.P.I.

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