

India's Factions Seem Near Accord For Independence

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We appear to be close to one of the historic moments of our day—an agreement by India's Moslems and Hindus to bury their age-old strife and sit down together for the first time to figure out ways and means of implementing the British government's offer of independence for that great sub-continent.

The Moslem League under the presidency of Mahomed Ali Jinnah—representing 90,000,000 Mohammedans—has finally agreed to negotiate with the viceroy, Lord Wavell, regarding participation in a provisional federal government. Mahatma Gandhi, guiding light of the other great political party—the All India Congress, which is comprised largely of Hindus who outnumber the Moslems three to one—has expressed hearty approval of the British plan which will be voted on Sunday by the congress working committee, and the Indian princes have manifested willingness to join the federation.

One swallow doesn't make a summer, and certainly this armistice doesn't ensure success, for it may prove to be a fleeting thing. However, the big point is that these warring politico-religious factions have decided tacitly to try to work together and that India seems to stand on the threshold of freedom after long centuries of subjugation to various conquerors.

The British plan calls for a constituent assembly which will frame a federal constitution. This assembly would comprise delegates—both Hindus and Moslems, according to proportional representation—from the provinces of British India, and delegates from the major Indian states.

R. L. Collins, Retired R. R. Conductor, Passes

Robert Lee Collins, 58, retired railroad conductor, and former Roseburg resident, died in Eugene Friday. He was born April 29, 1888, in Denison, Tex., and located in Eugene in 1911. He was married to Cloy L. Mathews in Roseburg, August 29, 1917. He was a member of Laurel Lodge No. 13, A. F. and A. M. of Roseburg, Oregon. Consistor No. 1, of Portland, Hillah Temple of the Shrine, and of the Order of Railroad Conductors.

His widow, his mother and three sisters survive. Funeral services will be held at the Simon Mortuary, Eugene, at 2 P. M. today, with interment in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

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By D. HAROLD OLIVER

WASHINGTON—The road of a President is not all rocks and ruts. For example, consider the gifts he receives. President Truman gets about 200 a month, more at Christmas.

They come from persons all over the world, mostly by mail. Some are presented in person, sometimes with photographers present, sometimes not.

The President is allowed to keep all gifts addressed to him and intended for him personally, even if they come from a foreign government. Gifts to the government—say a valuable book for the White House library—remain the property of Uncle Sam.

Variety Not Lacking
A great variety of things are mailed to the President and members of his family. Shirts, nylon stockings, some yellowed with age; hand-painted neckties, bedspreads, hand-embroidered tablecloths, vases, cakes, hats, suits, prize-winning pies, fish, turkeys, crates of asparagus, cans of honey.

More than 200 shirts have been received at the White House since the President tried unsuccessfully to buy some on a trip to Kansas City. Just his size too, most of them. They came from firms and individuals. A farmer sent one of his old ones, freshly laundered.

Mr. Truman has given some of these away. Three went to a reporter, same neck and sleeve

length, during a news conference.

Display Maintained

There are several repositories for gifts. The President has a built-in case in his office where he displays some of them. Wearing apparel and household goods go to the living quarters. On the third floor is a "gift closet" for gifts that probably will never be used; ties a little too loud for the dignity of the office; red-white-and-blue salt and pepper shakers, etc. Down in the basement is a "chamber of horrors" for gimcracks.

Carved portraits of FDR and his successor recently arrived from Colombia as a gift from that country's Evangelical churches.

A Peoria, Ill., donor sent an "invasion prayer" on copper plate, commemorating June 6, 1944.

No Chances Taken
Each gift was acknowledged, by the White House if personal, by the State Department if governmental. The Secret Service gets the first crack at them, with an X-ray machine. Doubtful ones are tossed into water.

Eddies go first to the Agriculture Department for tests. If a cat survives a hunk of prize salmon, it goes back to the White House kitchen.

Negro GIs Accused of Bad Conduct in Germany

WUERZBURG, Germany, June 10.—(AP)—German police complained to American military authorities today that some troops in the area consort openly with "immoral" German women in fields surrounding this Bavarian city and threaten civilian police who seek to interfere.

The report, now under investigation by U. S. Third Army military police, stated that soldiers—all Negro—are in the company of the women, many of them nude, in the fields during the daytime and have German school boys posted as guards along the

roadside to warn of the approach of strangers.

By night, the report said, tents are erected in the fields and the soldiers stay with "German women and children." The report said the soldiers are frequently seen snapping pictures of nude frauleins.

Briton Fined \$80 for Feeding Spuds to Horses

MINEHEAD, England, June 10.—(AP)—It cost a hunting stable proprietor an \$80 fine and a severe judicial reprimand Saturday for placing his horses on a potato diet.

Joseph Collings pleaded guilty

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in a local court to feeding his horses a ton and a half of potatoes fit for human consumption because, he claimed, hay and oats did not give the horses sufficient stamina. He added that he did not realize that Britain

had prohibited the feeding of potatoes, as well as bread to animals.

Brigham Young, Mormon leader died in 1877, was survived by 17 wives and 47 children.

Reds in U. S. Have Russian Support, Congress Advised

WASHINGTON, June 10.—(AP)—The House Committee on un-American Activities claims the Soviet Union supports a Communist movement in this country whose leaders "have openly proclaimed that it advocates revolution and the overthrow of the present government of the U. S."

A 73-page report made public last week declared "the United States must fear communism because it is a foreign-controlled movement" forcibly committed to "renew class warfare, agitation between the races and in other ways promote revolution in this country."

The committee urged individuals, organizations and government to be on guard against communist and "communist front" organizations.

Labor unions, in particular, were urged to "clean out" communistic elements.

The committee asserted it is keeping an eye on communist groups.

The group criticized the War Department for publishing a pamphlet in 1945—identified only as "orientation fact sheet No. 64"—which the group contended supported communism. It said some organizations still are circulating this document.

New York delegates were not authorized by their state convention to sign the Declaration of Independence until five days after the historic signing on July 4, 1776.

Mrs. Merta Mehl, Former Roseburg Resident, Dies

Mrs. Merta Mehl, an early-day music teacher of Roseburg, died at her home near Prosper, Coos County, May 30 last, at the age of 80. She was a sister of the late H. D. Graves, a pioneer photographer of this city. Surviving is her husband, Fred Mehl, with whom she was associated in business partnership for 40 years in the operation of a planing mill near Bandon. She was a member of the Eastern Star and of the Episcopal Church. For many years she was the organist of the church at Bandon.

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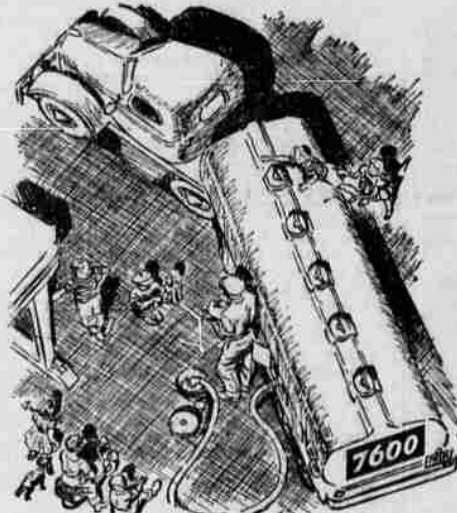
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