

Pandit Nehru's Visit To U. S. Outstanding Event Of History

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A dozen years from now we are likely to be reminding ourselves that today's arrival of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his first trip to this country was a far-reaching event.

The prime minister of India is one of the outstanding leaders of our time. As head of this great new nation, with its population of more than 300,000,000, Nehru already is demonstrating a leadership which is making itself felt throughout Asia. His influence on world unity will be vast.

Therefore Nehru's visit to Washington, where he is to be entertained by our president, becomes a matter of moment. For upon the impressions which this brilliant and highly sensitive guest forms may well depend future relations between the United States and an India which is going to play a dominant part in the development of the Orient.

Nehru, who will be 60 on the 14th of next month, not only was born into a family of great wealth but he is a Kashmiri Brahmin—the highest aristocracy of all India. He was educated in England. He attended Harrow, one of the country's famous "public" schools (really private) and at the University of Cambridge. Later he studied law in London and returned to his native land as a polished intellectual, who had the marks of genius.

At the outset he showed little interest in the independence movement, but soon he joined and thereafter devoted his whole life to the ideal. He became one



THEY'LL GIVE MOVIES TECHNICAL ADVICE — Here's the Harry Bayly family of Troy, N. Y.—mother, dad, and all 14 kids—as they checked in at the 20th Century Fox studio at Hollywood and met a movie star, Jeanne Crain (far left). The studio is making a movie about large family life so they invited the Baylys to come out with a bit of technical advice. They did, in the specially made bus shown behind them. The childrens ages range from 18 to one year. The Baylys are (front to rear): Benard 2, Beryl 3, Bernadette 4, Brenda 6, Bernice 9, Blake 8, Brian 10, Bradley 12, Bette 13, Beverly 18, Barbara 14, Barry 16, Buddy 17; mother, Mrs. Veronica Bayly; Benjamin Neale, 1, in mother's arms, and father, Harry Bayly, 38.—(AP Wirephoto).

of the most devoted disciples of Mohandas K. Gandhi and followed the saintly little Mahatma faithfully in the drive for Indian independence until the latter's assassination on January 30, 1948.

The disciple, like the master, became a plague to the British and he was several times in prison, serving all told some 13 years. Like Gandhi, Nehru toured the highways and byways of India to preach independence to the people until he became an object of hero worship among the masses.

So it was natural that Gandhi should have designated Nehru as his "political heir" and that the disciple should become the first prime minister of the Dominion of India when Britain granted independence.

Nehru is an Internationalist

and a socialist and is a bitter opponent of dictatorship. He is, however, what might be described as a middle-of-the-road socialist. He believes in what he calls a "mixed economy" in which the state assumes management of key industries but still allows plenty of chance for private enterprise to operate.

The prime minister hadn't long been in office when he initiated a movement for closer cooperation among the Asiatic nations.

And there you have the personality who now is about to get his initial first-hand impressions of our country.

Harvard Law School To Be Opened To Women

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The doors of Harvard law school will be open to women for the first time next year.

Dean Erwin N. Griswold announced Sunday that a "small number" of women graduated from accredited colleges will be eligible for admittance to the

132-year-old school in 1950. "Opportunities for women in law still are limited, however, and the faculty is well aware that many able men are turned away from our doors every year," Dean Griswold said.

Electricity Traps Boy Because Of Hole In His Shoe

DETROIT, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Because a hole was worn in the sole of his shoe, 11-year-old Leon Banks became the conductor of a heavy electric current when he touched a high-tension wire Sunday night, Detroit firemen reported.

The youngster's finger touched the wire while he was climbing a tree near his home. Since his bare foot touched a branch where the shoe was worn through, his body grounded the current and he was unable to move.

Firemen removed the partly conscious boy from the tree 13 minutes later. Witnesses in the horrified crowd that watched the rescue reported sparks had flown from Leon's head and fingers.

The boy's finger, hopelessly burned, was amputated at receiving hospital. Physicians said Leon also had a large blister on his foot.

107 YEARS OLD

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, England, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Spry and hearty, Mrs. Matilda Coppin celebrated her 107th birthday Tuesday. In Stroud, Kent, her brother, Charles Evans, 94, said he would drop around to his local saloon tonight to drink a toast to her health.

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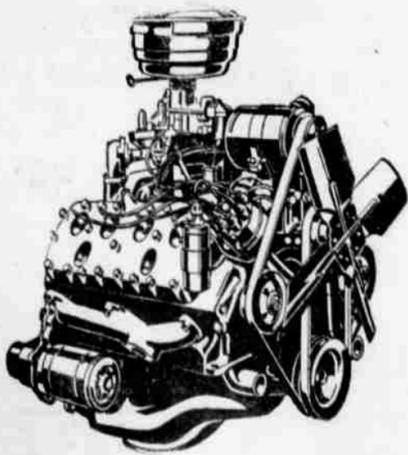
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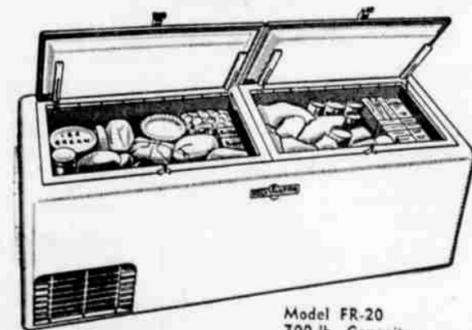
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