

Clever Nehru Keeps India Free of Chaos

By SIGRID ARNE
 WASHINGTON (AP)—For many reasons, India's handsome prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, is being received in Washington with more than the usual interest and curiosity accorded foreign leaders. Rich, educated, chosen by Gandhi to lead his nation, he has been conspicuously successful in keeping the general Far Eastern chaos from his own soil. How does he do it? The story of the rioting in the Punjab in the late summer of 1947 is probably the sharpest case in point. This is on the information of G. Milton Kelly, who was The Associated Press chief in India at the time.

Bitter Difference
 The Punjab is a northern province that lies at the junction of the lines now drawn between India and Pakistan, the two nations set up when the British got out. India is predominantly Hindu; and Pakistan, Moslem. The religious differences among the unlettered of both nations is bitter.

Right after independence day, August 15, 1947, when the two nations were separated, rioting broke out in the Punjab. Reports were too brief for Kelly, who was in Delhi, so he set out for the fighting area. He brought out pictures to prove what he found. He saw death and destruction. He remembers babies, cut in two, lying by the roadside; whole families cut down; their homes, buildings so wrecked that their streets were heaps of rubble.

Kelly estimated that some half million lost their lives in that rioting, although he says there will never be any way to know the death toll. To add to confusion, Hindus in the Moslem areas trekked home to their own kind. Moslems did the same. Kelly says perhaps nine million people migrated that autumn; just picked up what they could carry and walked. No one will know that figure, for sure, either.

Huge Camps
 The result for Nehru was huge refugee camps in India. Kelly saw camps with 40,000 to 50,000 people "hungry and living in incredible filth." It seems the Hindus were prevented by their religious practices from cleaning up their own filth. So they lived in it. Miraculously untold numbers died of disease.

But there was danger beyond disease. The communists moved in. They disdained to talk to crowds, but they did appear to go after leaders. Kelly sat in on one such talk in a small military shelter. The group included a Hindu communist, a Moslem army officer, a Japanese radio commentator, and two Hindu newspapermen. The communist told them that "in communism there is no room for communal fighting."

That sounds like gibberish here. But he was saying that different religious groups would never be forced to live together. At the time Gandhi was trying to prevent Hindu and Moslem from separating.

Also at that time the communists had infiltrated into Indian communications: telephone, telegraph, trucking and railroads. They could have paralyzed the country. Nehru faced that when he had to move into the Punjab to bring about order. He moved anyway. He sent in some military. He sent in housing materials to throw up little "bushes" for the refugees—wooden huts, many with thatched roofs. He sent in food.

Lucky
 Luck was on his side. Once the migration had separated most of the Moslems and Hindus, the bitterness died down. Gandhi's death finally stopped the rioting.

Nehru again had comparative peace in his newly free land, and the communists had won not a single province. Now most of the communist leaders are in jail.

Among Nehru's Far Eastern neighbors, China is almost lost to communist armies. There is still no settlement in the Indies. Viet-Nam and Burma have sporadic uprisings. Korea is split between communist and democrat.

Nehru's 400,000,000 people may be

hungry, as many have always been. But there is no civil war. There is no real communist threat at the moment. And the rupee is one of the world's comparatively sound moneys.

We're Going To Have More Teachers

By BILL JENKINS
 THE state system of higher education has released the latest figures on the school situation in Oregon with some rather significant facts outlined. Enrollments at the various higher education institutions in Oregon are off by only 2 1/2 per cent, which still leaves the campus in a pretty crowded condition. OSC shows a roster of 6763 with UC close behind at 5833. Vanport showed a big gain to 1591 and both OCE and SOCE showed good gains. The pattern of higher education seems to become better established every year.

Perhaps the most significant statistic, however, is the fact that enrollment for elementary teacher training at the three colleges of education is up anywhere from 20 to 50 per cent. The increase was scored even in the face of the ruling that this year only those high school students in the upper half of their class were allowed to enroll. With more and more population gain stacking up all the time it appears as though the teaching profession would once again appeal to many students as a life work. And we need them. Over-crowding in our schools is a menace from every angle. From the standpoint of health, safety and learning.

ED ANDERSON and Vern Shanley were over from Medford yesterday on a business trip but managed to get away from business long enough to remark about the Medford team's chances Friday night. According to Vern: "We've got a good team. The most outstanding thing — it is a fast breaking team. I think we'll give you a good game." Take it for what it's worth.

SPEAKING of Medford. Have you ever noticed the blind, unreasoning, almost hysterical fear that some folks over in the valley experience whenever they have to climb the Greensprings hump during a fog or snowstorm? You'd think that it was fraught with all the perils of a hunt for the golden fleece. I may be wrong, but it seems



WINS AIR AWARD — Virginia L. Sweet (above), 28-year-old WASP of Fort Henry, N. Y., won the 1949 Amelia Earhart Memorial scholarship, awarded each year by the "Ninety-Nines," international women pilots' organization. She will use the scholarship to obtain her commercial instrument rating.

A Slipcover Headboard



One of the simplest headboards is made of a plywood frame cut to the width of the bed which is padded and slipcovered with a gay cotton fabric. The cotton padding is held in place over the front of the plywood board by muslin stretched over it, then tacked to the back of the headboard.

To make the slip cover, cut material to fit plywood frame, allowing an extra inch at sides and top. Allow for the thickness of the plywood board by cutting a separate

strip two inches wider than the width of the board. For perfect fit, pin the material smooth and shape it directly on the padded headboard as the home-maker does (inset). The binding is pinned between the front and the back of the material to form a width of about 1/2 inch all around. When pinning operation is finished remove slip cover and seam-up. Then slip it over the padded headboard (picture, right) and tack below bedline. It can be removed for washing.

to me that it's no more than another narrow, winding road and no more dangerous than any other. Not as well equipped with guard rails as some, but not as crooked as some either.

WHILE you're thinking about driving here are some more figures. A report on the six-month traffic accident sheet for the state shows that 30 per cent of the accidents happen at night and 46 per cent of auto fatalities are suffered at night. Poor street lighting

is the major reason for these occurrences. Looks like Klamath Falls is going in the right direction with our new lights. A bright spot in a depressing record.

District Meeting—There will be a district meeting of Daughters of the American Revolution on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Pelican party room. Mrs. Marie D'Albini will preside, and Mrs. Twyla Ferguson will be the speaker.

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Modoc Fire Permits Not Needed

Recent storms have made it possible to lift the restrictions imposed for the fire season on the Modoc national forest under regulation T-1, according to Supervisor C. M. Reक्टर.

Campfire permits are no longer required and smoking in the forest is now permitted. There will be warm dry periods this fall when fires will spread in certain areas, and everyone is urged to be sure their campfires are dead out before leaving them and that lighted matches or burning tobacco are out before being discarded.

Under the provisions of the state law, permits are still required for debris burning until December 1.

The Modoc had 148 fires this year, 114 of which were caused by lightning and 34 by man's carelessness. Six of the man caused fires were started by hunters. The Modoc forest with 148 fires this year, which is about 50 per cent more than the past five year average, had a very heavy fire season.

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