

Traveling With The Chief: India Small; Overcrowded

Editor's Note: This is one of a series of articles prepared by United Press International depicting some of the political views and the general reception that President Eisenhower will receive in the various European countries he is scheduled to visit shortly.

United Press International India is half the size of the United States, has twice as many people. One of the world's oldest civilizations, it became a nation nine years ago. Seventy per cent of its people are farmers; its major problem is starvation.

These contrasts set the scene for President Eisenhower's visit to one of the most over-populated, varied, historic, proud, individual nations on earth. It is the land of Gandhi, the Ganges, the Taj Mahal, cobras and elephants, Vishnu and Kali, tigers and "untouchables" and child brides and rajahs—a land of polygot people whose number one task is staying alive.

India is a huge triangle whose point is in the hottest regions near the Equator and whose base is in the arctic climate of

the Himalayas. Its people speak more than 200 languages and share at least a dozen major religions. Alexander the Great invaded it in 326 B.C.; the Chinese Communists invaded it in a small way in November, 1959.

Nobody knows exactly how many Indians there are—the latest estimate is 392 million or about one-fifth of the human race. The population grows so fast food production can't keep pace. Without superhuman increases in agriculture, India faces mass famine by the middle 1960's.

India has a history 5,000 years long, but not until the British took over in the 1700's did the sub-continent take the shape of a nation. The British started India on the road toward the modern world. Revolts failed to dislodge them—until Mohandas K. Gandhi invented non-violent civil disobedience and led a 40-year campaign which did throw the British out.

Jawaharlal Nehru, 70, Gandhi's political disciple and heir, has been India's prime minister since India became free. He inherited Gandhi's abhorrence of violence and of totalitarianism. He has campaigned endlessly for democracy, a non-religious state, social equality, industrialization, modernization.

His all-powerful Congress Party has fought communism at home in its own way, the "Gandhi way" of peaceful resistance.

Slowly, India emerges from the past. Its five-year-plan begun in 1957 concentrates on providing hydroelectric power for the industrialization to come. Iron and steel production, communications and transport, textiles and metals, oil and chemicals all are being vigorously expanded.

Communist China's incursions on India's northern frontiers present a new problem to a land which already has more than its share of problems.

The basic one, of feeding, educating, clothing and housing its massive and exploding population, remains.

Steel Tonnage Near Capacity

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — The nation's steel furnaces, roaring back after a record-smashing 116-day strike shutdown, approached 90 per cent of capacity production today — the 16th day of a Taft-Hartley 80-day cooling off period.

The American Iron and Steel Institute estimated the output of raw steel for the first two weeks of the Supreme Court back-to-work order at upwards of 3,533,600 tons.

Total steel tonnage poured from the furnaces was expected to reach 20 million tons by Jan. 26, the date when the strike by the 500,000 United Steelworkers may be renewed under provisions of the Labor-Management Relations (Taft-Hartley) Act.

Steel experts said raw steel production for this week would approximate 2,400,000 tons, or roughly 90 per cent of the rated capacity of the nation's steelmaking facilities. Output in the last week of the walkout was less than 330,000 tons, or about 13 per cent of the furnaces rated output.

With steelmaking booming, the "pipeline" to the finishing department, which shape the steel into customer products, was filling. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., the nation's fourth ranking producer, estimated that within two to three weeks shipments from its leading plants at Pittsburgh and Alliquippa, Pa., and Cleveland, Ohio, would be 90 per cent of the top rate.

Both the steel companies and the workers were staging a race against time. The producers sought to pile up production for steel-starved customers, particularly the automotive industry which was forced to layoff 227,000 workers because of material shortages.

New Card Game Costs \$200,000 To Vegas Hotel

LAS VEGAS (UPI) — A Las Vegas hotel opened the first legal card game of baccarat in the United States Sunday and today it is just about \$200,000 poorer.

Sixteen players beat the Sands Hotel out of \$251,000 in the first five hours the fast-moving game opened.

Betting on each hand by each of 12 players ranged from a minimum of \$20 up to \$1,500.

Players lined up 10 to 15-deep all day to get a chance at the blackjack-like game, and the house slowly whittled its losses down to about \$200,000 by the end of the first 24 hours.

The loss was reminiscent of the day the desert resort hotel opened in December, 1952. The house lost \$215,000 the first night.

But a Sands spokesman said: "We're not too worried. We think things will average out by the end of the year."

Biggest winner in the game was an unidentified Texan who pocketed \$172,000. A woman who gave her name as Marie Gragaud of Paris also was among the big winners.

A hotel spokesman said word of the winning streak by players spread up and down the street and drew natives and tourists alike into the hotel to get a crack at the new game.

There were an estimated 70 gamblers still waiting to get a shot at the game at midnight.

Singer Frank Sinatra, part owner of the hotel, was credited with getting the game brought here after having seen it played in France.

The game — which was originated in Greece — is played by 12 players, a house dealer and a house banker with six to eight decks of cards. The dealer inserts the cards into a mechanical contrivance and each player pulls out his own cards seeking a winning total of eight or nine.

"ANIMAL" LIFE STUDIES BOREHAM WOOD, England (UPI) — Father Christmas, the British version of Santa Claus, handed out gaily-wrapped press-button viewers to the little guests at a Boy Scout party.

The guests seemed so pleased that the jolly old man decided to take a look himself. He found the manufacturer had made "a dreadful mistake" by substituting nude pin-ups for "glimpses of animal life."

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Man's Best Friend Called To Aid In Police Shortage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cities faced with a rising crime rate and a shortage of police are beginning to turn to an old friend for help—the dog.

There are lots of advantages to using dogs as police companions. They are swift and silent trackers, fierce fighters and there are no squawks about the hours and pay.

But despite all these positive virtues, police experts who have worked with dogs find their chief asset is psychological: People are generally afraid of a big, powerful dog, especially when they know he's trained in police work.

One of the most successful canine cop operations is in Baltimore, where the program has been in use three years. St. Louis and Philadelphia are giving dogs a try, and Washington expects to have dogs on patrol in a few months.

Nearly all dogs used in police work are German shepherds—the Ein Tin Tin type. Their size, agility and strength are the chief reasons for their selection, but they also appear to be more temperamentally suited to the work than other breeds.

Drop Explained By Researcher

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A farm researcher has an explanation for the reason that food prices are rising while farm income is dropping.

W. E. Hamilton, research director for the American Farm Bureau Federation, said in a report to the National Planning Association Sunday that most retail food prices depend not so much upon farm prices but on the costs of the middleman.

He said that costs for hauling, processing, packaging and selling have had a persistent tendency to rise in recent years "regardless of whether farm prices were rising or falling."

Hamilton said many of the middleman's marketing costs, "such as non-farm supplies, taxes and union wage scales are largely independent of farm prices."

As a result, he said, a drop in farm prices "can be, and often is, offset by increases in other costs."

SHOOTING CHAMP KILLED

WAUPACA, Wis. (UPI) — The junior champion of the Grand American Trapshoot has been killed in a hunting accident.

Authorities said Eugene Durant Jr., 17, of Waukesha, Wis., was struck by a shotgun slug Saturday, the first day of the Wisconsin deer season. The shooting was ruled accidental.

Officer Urges Strike Fund

McKEESPORT, Pa. (AP) — Donald C. Rarick, who in the past has found fault with United Steelworkers' leadership, said today the AFL-CIO should set up a fund to assist steelworkers if they strike again.

Rarick gained prominence in 1957 when he unsuccessfully opposed USW President David J. McDonald's bid for reelection. He also headed a dues protest committee that fought against an increase in the USW membership dues.

Rarick, now president of the USW local at U.S. Steel Corp.'s Irvin Works in McKeesport, said he plans to write to George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO and recommended that a strike fund be formed immediately.

"McDonald has my full support in the USW effort to win a new labor contract with the steel industry," Rarick said, referring to a 116-day strike that was halted Nov. 7 by a Taft-Hartley injunction.

"As conditions now stand there seems no other course but to renew the strike when the injunction expires Jan. 26," he added. "But the AFL-CIO should bear some of the burden and aid the steelworkers if the strike is renewed."

Rarick said he plans to ask Meany to make plans for establishment of a strike fund which would guarantee steelworkers some weekly income if the strike is renewed.

"I think each international union should contribute a lump sum to the fund and then assess members a certain amount each month," he said.

"Even the steelworkers who are back on the job while the injunction is in effect should contribute to the fund."

Rarick said the steelworkers are engaged in a fight with the steel industry that is sure to have some effect on the entire labor movement and "all of labor should lend a hand."

Steelworkers who joined in the fight against a dues increase in 1956 have put those differences with the international officers aside, Rarick said, and are solidly in back of the officers in the contract struggle.

Rarick said his letter to Meany will be written as a steelworker and not as a leader of the protest committee. He said he feels that McDonald has much to do and cannot think of everything.

STEAL CAMERA TRAP

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UPI) — Burglars who broke into Mahon Motors Inc., took only one item — a camera hidden there by police to trap burglars.

Shah Becomes Engaged; Grants Ex-Wife Pension

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — The Shah of Iran, who divorced two empresses because they failed to bear him a male heir to the peacock throne of Persia, will become engaged tonight to a 21-year-old beauty.

The formal engagement party will take place tonight in a private ceremony at the Shah's marble palace when the 40-year-old monarch places a gold ring on the finger of the lovely Farah Diba, the imperial palace announced.

The wedding will take place Dec. 21. The announcement of the Shah's intention to marry Miss Diba, whose first name Farah means "joy," followed her return Saturday from a trousseau-shopping spree in Paris.

The Shah only last year divorced Queen Soraya and he was previously wed to Princess Fawzia. Neither produced him a son. Soraya was reported several weeks ago to be devastated by reports of her former husband's forthcoming marriage. She was said to be still in love with him.

Miss Diba, a small, elfin-like Persian beauty, traces her ancestry back 27 generations to the Prophet Mohammed. She captured the Shah's heart in a whirlwind two-week courtship and he packed her off to Paris to buy a wardrobe fit for a queen.

"I want to give the Shah a son and heir," Miss Diba said in an interview. "Three children is what I want. I love children. They will come to me."

Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi has written a letter to former Queen Soraya wishing her happiness and granting her \$1,000 a week living expenses for life, palace sources disclosed today.

"Whatever steps I took was for the good of my people and for the continuance of the democratic constitutional monarchy," he wrote to the empress he divorced in 1948 because she failed to bear him an heir to the throne.

"I wish you luck," the Shah wrote. "You will always have a place in the thoughts of the people of this country and myself."

Government sources said the former queen now was free to marry but that she could never return to Persia.

Flames Claim 2 Oregonians

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Two deaths from fire were reported in Oregon over the weekend.

Mrs. Ruth Daniels, about 57, of Eugene, died in a house blaze at Lebanon. She was at Lebanon to attend a church conference and was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sherrill. The Sherrills and two other house guests escaped uninjured when flames engulfed the house Saturday.

Diane Doersch, 9, the daughter of Donald Doersch of Milwaukie, died in a Portland hospital Friday from burns suffered when her clothing accidentally caught fire Nov. 13.

PAID IN FULL

BEDFORD, Ind. (UPI) — A man who took a free ride on a bus 34 years ago paid his fare over the weekend.

Charles Pelizzari, who has operated the Bedford-Mitchel bus line since 1923, said he found \$2 in his office. Attached to the bills was a note explaining the money was owed for a bus ride in 1925.

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State Police said William Penn Allen, 38, an area rancher, died when the truck apparently went out of control after hitting a slick place on the road. Ray Forrest Hopper, 45, of Ontario, Ore., was hospitalized at Burns.

Police said several animals died in the accident.

SAW STONE

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