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## INDIA

Recent called messages reaching these parts from India and England indicate the possibility of a solution to the long standing Indian political situation.

We, however, removed as we are, by thousands of miles from India cannot assess the situation realistically or make any prediction on the outcome of the deliberations that will take place as from Monday, the 25th of this month.

We are happy to know that the working Committee of the Indian National Congress will take part in these discussions and that the Congress president Dr. Maulana Kalam Azad is making every effort to pull the full weight of Congress at the Conference. It is indeed unfortunate that the main leaders of India's political life were in prison for about three years and has just been released; a factor which will be ever present at the conference. Whatever the outcome we are certain of one fact that Indians and for that matter the peoples of the world, have complete confidence in the Indian National Congress and therefore whatever decisions they will arrive at will have to meet with the approval of all.

India with one fifth of the world's population and ranking fourth among the great Industrial Nations of the world cannot continue in her present political situation and Indians as well of the British are convinced of it.

We pray and hope that a satisfactory solution will be reached at the Conference table on Monday. We do so because we are fully aware of some the difficulties that lie in the path of the negotiations, the main problem being the demand by the Indian people of "Complete Independence;" and the framing of a constitution to suit themselves.

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## COLONIAL APPOINTMENTS

We have read with deep concern recent despatches that four thousand Englishmen are to be recruited to fill posts in British Colonies. We cannot understand the policy of the English Government in this respect are we to understand that the native population will not be given an opportunity to do something for themselves. The main hindrance in the development of the Colonies has been the packing of the Government Departments with men who have no interest in the welfare of the native population.

Outstanding examples of such a situation can be seen in British Guiana in the Department of Agriculture and Education

It is time the colonists as well as the British Government realise that the preservation of things as they stand at present cannot survive with any degree of dignity and honour for all concerned and therefore the earlier the native population take their proper place in the functioning of their respective country the better for them.

Now we want to make another point clear when we say native population, we mean just what we have said we do not mean local whites with a little native blood in them and who thinks himself more of an Englishman than the one that comes from England.

We ask concretely that our local Government, take steps to fill our departments

## DAILY NEWSPAPERS COLDNESS ON INDIAN MATTERS

Last Friday Dr. C. Jagan was to lead the Library Discussion Circle in a discussion on "The Problem of India" by Palme Dutt. On previous occasions, publicity was always given these discussions by the local daily papers. On this occasion, however, the three daily papers failed to give publicity. Could it be that it is against the policy of those papers to let the people of British Guiana know the true facts about the situation in India? Or is it that they were advised by Government? In any case, for the benefit of those Guianese interested in the problems of India, this highly documented book will be found to be very revealing and illuminating.

To Mr. A. M. Edun,  
Editor Labour Advocate.

The Editor of the Indian Opinion will not go to the gutter to reply to you, as Indian Opinion is not a gutter journal.

## THOSE Sensations Of 1945

Cab-Calloway & Woody Herman with their Bands are coming soon at the

## Rialto

with local men even if they have to be sent out for training at the expense of the colony's revenue.

# \$5,000,000 Govt. Loan

## Chance For Guianese Investors

The Government of British Guiana invite applications for \$5,000,000 three and one half per cent Debentures to be issued at par on the 1st day of January 1946 under the provisions of the General Local Loan Ordinance No. 25 of 1941.

The loan is required to defray in part the cost of War Services and for such other public purposes as the Secretary of State and the Legislative Council may from time to time approve, as well as for the redemption in par of outstanding 4% bonds of the 16th and 18th issue under Loan Ordinance No. 6 of 1916.

The Loan is secured on the general revenues and assets of the Colony, and the principal will be repaid at par on the first day of January, 1986, but the Government of British Guiana will have the option of redemption at par on or after the first day of January, 1976, on giving six calendar month's notice in the Official Gazette.

Debentures will be of the denominations of \$1000, \$5,000 and \$10,000, will bear interest at the rate of 3½ per cent per annum payable half-yearly, and will be transferable by deliver. Each debenture will have attached thereto coupons for the half yearly interest payable thereon. Repayment of the debentures and payment of the interest thereon will be made at the Colonial Treasury, Georgetown.

Application will be closed on 1st November 1945 or on such earlier date as may be notified in the Official Gazette.

Prospectuses and application forms may be obtained from the Treasury, Georgetown, or from any Post Office.

(For full particulars see prospectus published in Daily Newspapers of 3rd June)

# THE NEW ORDER

By DAVID DHARRY

Any individual living in British Guiana today, even one with the most moderate mind and outlook, must be appalled and shockingly surprised at the startling outburst of Father Fenn in what may be termed a twentieth-century revelation.....The New Sin.

Discussing this remarkable broadcast with many friends we wonder if it could ever be true. The question is all over asked as to whether there be such a man of European descent in British Guiana, whose convinced conscience, irrespective of the very many and serious consequences that may result would yet thunder out with an irrepressible expression of gross denunciation of the evils of a Government so inimical and Satanic. Inimical in that it encourages and permits the base destruction of the souls of its benefactors and satanic in that it perpetuates and pursues with unparalleled determination its avowed object to 'DIVIDE AND RULE.'

But let us to business. Is Father Fenn serious? Has he at hand projects for the immediate solutions to the problems confronting the colony? Does he realise his commitment? Is he prepared to face facts

and to correct them if necessary? Are we certain that there be men about us who are prepared to set aside self and who are further prepared to fight fearlessly to make the burdens of the depressed somewhat lighter? "Give us men, and not measures". This is the cry of the world today. But candidly, it must be admitted that there is a hopeful glow of sincerity in that remarkable broadcast and let us without delay lay the charge at Father Fenn's door. He has the heart. He can do it. He has the unrestricted privilege of the Press and more than all, a move in the right direction will surely court the goodwill of the depressed and yearning hearts of over 300,000 pitiable sufferers.

Will the good Father Fenn permit a survey to assist in the setting of the stage, for concerted action and drive? As a peep into the life of the Church is taken, whilst it is admitted with deep gratitude the very important part it has played, it is generally believed that it is missing its aim and there is a bitter dissatisfaction, which it is regrettable is becoming more pronounced daily, as to whether some of the things associated with the CHURCH can ever be worthy of its precious name. It would be admitted

## News From India

Mr. Ram Ratan Gupta, member of the Indian industrialist deputation, told the Chamber of Manufacturers at a reception recently: "If Australia wishes to capture the Indian market, she must make herself better known." Their intention was not merely to restore India's economy to the 1939 position; the Bombay Plan showed that Indian public opinion was ready for a considerable step forward. The delegation had seen greater industrial development in Australia than it expected. The delegation will fly to Tasmania on March 4.

On arrival in Melbourne Sir Datar Singh said: "India needs more woolen goods, yarn, wheat, oats milk products, wine, meat and machinery. We are also searching for suitable breeds of cattle which would withstand Indian diseases."

—The Observer.

## Meeting at Pln. Diamond on Sunday, 1st July.

There will be a meeting of the Association at the Diamond Theatre at 3 P.M. all Indians are invited.

that in very many cases churches, as it is the case of the state also, strive zealously to acquire the material even at the expense of the very soul of the individual. If the State, a political contrivance, cannot be pardoned, what chances for condonement could there be for a Spiritual Body? Are the leaders of some of the churches not aware that every entertainment given in aid of the CHURCH that while the CHURCH barely gets a nett of thirty cents per caput, the homes of a good many of these poor people are destroyed beyond repair. All their hard-earned savings for a rainy day must go towards 'frills and fancies' for the occasion. Does it not strike the churches guilty that those very things they stand to protect they destroy in such ventures. And should the Christian CHURCH stand by and remain complacent at this unhappy wreckage of human souls? How much of self-respect and family pride would there be when a home is despoiled of just bare living financial competence? Rather the other side of the picture turns up—a happy situation results for vested interest...hungry mouths and therefore cheap and subjected labour. The CHURCH must remain indissolubly enjoined in every home so that the unfortunate may have just what they should be entitled to...a just and square deal. Let the churches so guilty address themselves to wipe forever this old and grievous sin and assist the people to healthy thinking and clean living.

(To be Continued)

# Indian Adviser To Japanese Dies In Tokyo

## Nationalist Who Tried To Kill British Viceroy

Rash Bahari Bose (not to be confused with Subas Chandra Bose, the ex-President of the Indian National Congress and now head of the so-called Free India Government with headquarters at Singapore), is reported to have died at Tokyo at the age of 60. Rash Bahari Bose was one of the most notorious Indian terrorists. He had to escape from India to Japan in 1912 after throwing a bomb at Lord Harding, the then Viceroy of India.

## Adviser to the Japanese Premier

Bose became a naturalized Japanese citizen and organised the so-called "Indian Independent League of East Asia" an organisation had branches in various Japanese harbours where he contacted Indian seamen calling at these ports in British ships before the war. He also maintained branches of his Indian Independent League in Manchuria, China, the Philippines, Java, Malaya and Singapore.

When Japan attacked the British and Americans, General Tojo who was then Japan's chief War Lord appointed Rash Bahari Bose his "adviser" to the provisional government of Free Independent India. But when his rival, Subas Chandra Bose, escaped from Bombay and arrived in Tokyo, the Japs dropped Rash Bahari and installed Subas Chandra as head of the "Free India Government."

## Subas Chandra Bose

Subas Chandra Bose, who was educated at Cambridge University, held a government appointment in India before he joined up with the Gandhi movement. Shortly before Gandhi issued his "Quit India" notice to the British, Bose disappeared from India and turned up in Japan. Nobody knows how he got away from the British Secret Servicement who had been shadowing him night and day. But it is generally believed in London that he was smuggled out of the country in a Japanese submarine. After meeting top-ranking Japanese generals and politicians, Bose suddenly turned up in Berlin and was given the rank of "Indian Ambassador" by Hitler. Ironically enough, Dr. Goebbels arranged for himself and John Amery, son of the Secretary of State for India to deliver a series of broadcast talks against British rule in India.

After the German defeat at Stalingrad, Bose realising that Hitler's days were numbered disappeared from Berlin as suddenly as he had appeared in the Reich.

On his arrival back in Tokyo Tojo took him up and made him head of the so-called "Free India" government at Rangdon, Burma. With the death of his namesake, Subas Chandra Bose, is today, the most prominent India revolutionist outside the Gandhi camp.

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## NO FUTURE FOR INDIANS IN B.G.

Government's failure to provide Land Settlement creates much dissatisfaction among the people of the Colony

The Future of the Indians in British Guiana looks gloomy, the only solution is that all Indians must be prepared to leave for India at short notice with their families; We will do our best to ask the Indian Government to give us a place for land settlement in India and in a few years we will require the greatest culture we have partly lost. We cannot call ourselves Guianese in this way, in British Guiana we are fast losing our language and culture. Government does not want to give us Land Settlement but wants us to be slaves, although the V-E victory was celebrated, this Government is content that in B.G. there must be slaves, why is the Government content to let us remain in slavery no one can understand. Why is the Government not doing anything about land settlement? When there is horrible congestion in Sugar Estates everyday I see before my eyes someone coming to me with "Notice to quit," and the poor people have no place to go, Government must make it publicly known that there will be no Land Settlement so that we will know and understand what to do. At present our people here have made up their mind to leave and go anywhere, but not to remain in somebody else's land there is no security of tenure in Sugar Estates and yet Government is content to be dormant. The Legislative Council is quiet over this vexed question of Land Settlement, Irrigation and Drainage, Land Settlement is needed very urgently in B.G. but it must be land settlement as God makes day or heaven help us,

What is Government doing over General Elections, are they content to have yes men to represent the people and call it a Democratic country, who is representing who? The Governor should ask himself this question as he sees for himself; will the present members in the Legislative Council win their seat? are they truly representing the people? The answer will be surely no; then it is the duty of the Governor to have election this year if he considers this country's welfare, worth anything. This country which is so far away from England can't have election with excuses of war, England just after war in Europe have decided on Election. America had election during the war; what has happened to us.

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Port Morant

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## Inspector Of Labour Accused Of Partiality

### Bath Workers Not Given Prices For Task Work Until Next Day

#### Investigation Asked

We have received a report from our Berbice correspondent to the effect that on the morning of Wednesday 2nd May 24 female workers were offered weeding and moulding and relieving trash by the headman Gopiechan, who informed them that the Overseer would give them the price in the afternoon. The Overseer did not turn up that day, with the result that the workers did no work on Wednesday, the whole day being wasted

On Thursday, 3rd May when the price was offered at a late hour, in the morning the workers were not satisfied with the price but as they had done no work for the week they were compelled so to speak to work late on Thursday and long hours on Friday and half day on Saturday with the result again that they are reported in the books of the estate of having worked only 2½ days that week.

On Thursday 17th May a similar incident occurred, but on this occasion the price offered was actually given by the Overseer at about 3.30 p.m. Again the workers did no work that day, they were practically forced to work 1½ days that week.

Our correspondent emphasises the fact that the management of Bath estate is in the habit of offering no work until Wednesdays and Thursdays so that the workers will be forced to do task work at their prices.

When the matter was reported in writing to the Labour Inspector on the 2nd and 17th May he replied in writing on the 19th May as under:—

"This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th May and in reply say that from your information the Manager made no breach of the Law which reads:—

"Section 18. When any employer offers work to an employee, he shall inform him either at the time of the offer or as soon thereafter on the same day as may be practicable, whether he is to be paid for his services by the task or by the day, and at what rate for the task or day, as the case may be. I am assured by the management that every endeavour is made to give prices, as soon as work is given out, but sometimes this is not practicable."

The Labour Inspector conveniently omitted to refer to the report dated 2nd

May when the price was not given until the following day.

It is understood that the workers are going to ask a Trade Union to make representations in these matters.

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