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## Taxation

We have observed with considerable concern the high taxes that the people of British Guiana are made to pay in order to bolster the revenue of the colony.

We feel that Government is lacking in proper planning with regards to the economy of the colony's revenue and expenditure; as a matter of fact it is managed in the most haphazard manner imaginable, leading to continuous speculation, as to the ability of the colony to balance its budget and to promote any long range development scheme.

We are of the opinion that owing to the high taxation levied on the population, the value of a dollar has depreciated to be worth only fifty cents.

Further, we find that the people who suffer intensely under the pres-

## NEWS FROM INDIA

# Rice Research Scientist's Discovery

Bangalore, December 11: Research of a far-reaching consequence in the field of nutrition and therefore of considerable importance and utility to countries like India, China, Burma, Japan and Malaya, all countries whose staple food is rice, has just been very successfully concluded by a scientist in Bangalore.

From the nutrition viewpoint, rice presented nutrition experts with a difficult problem, in that, although paddy is rich in vitamin and mineral contents, after it is milled, polished and washed before cooking it is made to lose all those nutritive qualities.

The problem of treating paddy to make it retain its vitamin and mineral contents even after milling, polishing and washing has presented nutrition scientists with a difficult problem. Mr. M. A. Srinivasan, former Food Minister, Mysore, having come across in a foreign magazine a process of treating paddy to ensure retention of 90 per cent of its vitamin qualities, initiated a similar line of research in Bangalore. After some months' research, a Bangalore scientist has succeeded at last in standardising a simple process, which is considered by several leading scientists here as superior to any

ent system of taxation are the poor working class who cannot afford to pay indirect taxation to such a high extent.

We feel the Government should plan means whereby the lower income groups, should not be made to pay indirect taxation as at present and lay down the foundation of a proper long range planned economy.

known process in vogue at present.

The process consists in treating paddy in a such manner that one may polish rice as much as possible and wash it thoroughly before cooking without in any manner losing its vitamin and mineral contents. This new process enables one to meet the large demand for polished rice from the public, assuring them the maximum nutritional value, assessed at 80 per cent.

"I have succeeded, beyond expectations", observed the scientist enthusiastically.

The process is estimated to cost one rupee for treating 200 seers of paddy, and the apparatus required can be easily manufactured anywhere. (Times of India)

## POSITION OF INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA

In New Delhi yesterday the Central Assembly adopted a Congress Party's motions on the position of Indians in South Africa

The motion alleged that the South African Government had failed to protect Indian interests and referred to the proposed Bill mentioned by General Smuts recently to confine the purchase or lease of land by Asiatics in Natal to certain areas. The motion was carried without a division.

A spokesman of the Congress Party said that the question of sending a delegate to discuss an alternative method of settlement with the Union Government would be taken up with the High Commissioner on the spot as the Government of India realised the serious implications of the proposed legislation.—BBG.

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READERS THE PROPOSED RICE  
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(Continued from last week)

7 Eight members present at any meeting of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

8 The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy among the members thereof.

9 The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or other member presiding at a meeting of the Board shall have an original and a casting vote.

10 A member of the Board shall not take part in or vote on the decision of any matter with respect to any transaction between the Board and himself or between the Board and any person in whose business he is pecuniarily interested whether directly or indirectly.

11 The Governor may grant leave of absence to any member of the Board.

12 Where leave has been granted, the Governor may, subject to the provisions of paragraphs a, b and c of subsection 2 and of subsection 3 of this section, appoint another person to act in the place of the member of the Board who has been granted such leave.

13 A member may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Colonial Secretary, resign from the Board.

14 Where a member, without the leave of the Governor, absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Board, he shall be deemed to have resigned.

15 The Governor may, at any time, revoke the appointment of a member of the Board.

16 Where a member of the Board has resigned, or is deemed to have resigned, or where the appointment of a member of the Board is revoked, the Governor may, subject to the provisions of paragraphs a, b and c of subsection 2 and of subsection 3 of this section, appoint another person to be a member of the Board during the unexpired portion of his predecessor's term of office.

17 A meeting of the Board shall be held on a convenient date in every alternate month in each year and at such other times as may be necessary.

18 The reasonable travelling expenses incurred by members of the Board in attending meetings of the Board or of any committee of the Board or while engaged, whether within or outside the Colony.

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## NOTICE.

### British Guiana East Indian Association

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the British Guiana East Indian Association will be held at the Pavillion of the British Guiana East Indian Cricket Club on Sunday 10th February, at 1 p. m.

#### AGENDA:

1. Presidential Address
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer and Auditor's Reports
4. Motions
5. Any other business.

Harry Barron,  
Hony. Secretary,  
B.G. East Indian Association.

## NO CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT

Mombasa, Saturday.

A unanimous vote of no confidence in the present Kenya Government was passed by the East African Indian Congress today. The congress is represented by 100 delegates from Kenya, Uganda and other territories. The Congress passed a resolution demanding increased representation on Kenya Council, stressing the urgent need for an inquiry by a Royal Commission and another factors concerning the implementation of the Kenya proposals" said "it is pointed out that even Britians's Labour government was unable to withstand racial aggression on the part of European colonialism in the colonial Empire". The delegates also called for a special session of the wartime immigration committee to be achieved before April, 1946. The resolution approved in principal of the appointment of an Indian Government Commissioner for Kenya, but not until the government was established in 1946.

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# Manufacture of Motor Cars In India

LONDON, December 15—As part of a drive by the Nuffield manufacturing organization to extend pre-war markets and share motor vehicles sales in the new territories, Sir Miles Thomas, Managing Director of the Nuffield organization, arrived in Karachi from London today.

He is leaving for Calcutta tomorrow in connection with arrangements for starting Hindustan Motor Works which will assemble Morris cars in India.

In an interview to the Associated Press in India, Sir Miles said that in conjunction with Bata Brothers, they had floated a company with a capital of £1,000,000 for the production of Indian cars made by factories to be established, one at Port Blair and the other, probably, at Calcutta. He estimated that the first batch of cars would be in the neighbourhood of 2,500 and that figure would be increased during the second half of the next year.

In line with the principles underlying the drive, Sir Miles said that as the largest industrial engineers in Britain they would embark on a new kind of technical relationship with importing countries. A great nation like India which wanted to build her own secondary engineering industries deserved to have much labour done on her own in the goods she produced. If British industrialists wanted to cooperate with India to their mutual benefit, they should with their experts, technical knowledge and brains, instruct Indians how to reach quickly the state of technical efficiency when they could fabricate goods that would sell at competitive rates with current products of any land.

His organization believed that if Indians were willing to finance an enterprise of this kind then obviously the control remained in their hands. In his judgment the day was past when either British or any other business man could look upon the Indian market as one in which something could always be done.

The proper way to regard the vast potential sources of India was that they must put some seed into her fertile soil before they could hope to reap any crop and Indians themselves must have most of the benefits from the activities of their own brains and hands.

The Nuffield industries would be sending teams of British technicians to India to instruct Indian labour in the intricacies of automobile manufacture.

## INDIAN EMIGRATION

New Delhi, Wednesday.

Emigration from India to other parts of the Commonwealth and Empire is suggested by a commission of inquiry into the 1943 Bengal famine in its final report published today. The analysis indicated that in the absence of major calamities the population would increase from 400,000,000 to 500,000,000 in the next 20 or 25 years. The report looks forward to the day when the people of India will be able to emigrate as colonists entitled to full rights of citizenship to sparsely populated parts of the Empire. The report says that there is a general tendency for the excess of births over deaths to increase and that great possibilities exist for a further reduction of the death rate by the development of public health services.

Sir Miles believed that Indian labour would soon obtain a high standard of skill. One of the reasons of his visit was to study conditions here so that designers in England, working in conjunction with builders in India, could incorporate into the designs of cars and trucks such features that made them specially suitable for Indian markets.

The Indian cars would have special features such as extra coiling for hot weather and seating arrangements designed to give them maximum comfort for long journeys. (AP)

## CURFEW WITHDRAWN

Bombay, Thursday.

The curfew order imposed in Bombay a fortnight ago because of the Hindu-Moslem disturbances was withdrawn today in view of the return to normal conditions. The riots which started on September 26, resulted in 31 deaths with over 170 people injured mostly from stabbing. British and Indian troops called in during the troubles were withdrawn two days ago.

## ROYAL INDIAN AIR FORCE

600 STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

Six hundred men of the Royal Indian Air Force have returned to work at their airfield near Calcutta. They went on strike because they were dissatisfied with the rate of demobilisation and other matters. The men were told the grievances would be considered at B.A.F. Headquarters in New Delhi.

## PATAUDI TO LEAVE FOR TEA

The Indian Cricket team tonight selected the captain of the Indian team for the tour to England.

Pataudi who toured Australia with the M.C.C. team in 1932 making 102 in his first Test Match at Sydney, has hitherto never played for India against England.

(Reuter)

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