

U.S. threat to cut contributions to U.N.

*795. SHRI H. S. NARASIAH

SHRI J. S. ANAND:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report to the effect that the United States had threatened to cut its contribution to the United Nations; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) Yes, Sir, Government's attention has been drawn to some press reports to that effect.

(b) In the U.N. General Assembly on 6 December 1974, during discussions on the item entitled "Strengthening the role of the United Nations", the representative of the United States referred to the investment in the U.N., including financial contribution to it, over the years by the American people. He further stated that recent decisions of the General Assembly and of other U.N. bodies have deeply affected public opinion in the U.S. and that his country cannot participate effectively in the UN without the support of the American people and of the American Congress.

About 40 speakers, including representatives of Algeria, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and several other Arab countries replied suitably to the points made in the U.S. statement and to similar points made by representatives of some other developed countries.

Improvement in the quality of stainless steel

*796. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Tohoku University Research Institute for Iron, Steel and other Metals in Japan has developed an amorphous alloy of iron, chromium, phosphorus and carbon which is stronger than stainless steel and also costs less; and

(b) If so, what steps Government have taken to explore the feasibility of introducing that process in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV) :

(a) Hindustan Steel Ltd. are aware of this reported development.

(b) The process is still in the developmental stage and commercial exploitation would take time.

Playing of vehicles on Sundays*797. SHRI B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY:
SHRI B. RACHAIAH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to enact a law prohibiting plying of vehicles, except those engaged in agricultural operation, on Sundays for economising oil consumption; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMALAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.