

been received from Shri ' Abid Ali from Geneva: —

"I am this side participating in various committees and conferences and will have to go to other countries in the same connection. Therefore, regret my inability to attend the Rajya Sabha till the end of its present sitting.

I shall be grateful if my absence will be excused."

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri Abid Ali for remaining absent from all meetings of the House during the current session?

(No hon. Member dissented)

mission to remain absent granted.

REFERENCE TO INDIAN DIPLOMATS HUMILIATED AND MAN-HANDLED IN PEKING, CHINA

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let the Deputy Minister for External Affairs make the statement now on the expulsion of Indian diplomats from China.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): Sir, may I make a small submission with your permission? It is true that the Foreign Minister was to have made a statement today in regard to this question of deportation of our diplomats from China. It was thought at that time that we would have fuller information, regarding the events that took place following their deportation from China, before now and we would then come before the House and explain the whole situation. Now the position is that information from our own sources has just begun to come in. We have received only one or two telegrams and they have been deciphered. But we do not possess the fuller information yet but we are hoping that by this evening by 4.30

or 5, the fuller information would have come and we would be in a better position to come before the House and make the statement. Therefore, it is my submission to seek your permission that the statement may be made tomorrow morning, so that we have fuller information to divulge to the House.

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY (Mysore): Mr. Chairman, some of us have already filed notices demanding a debate on this China affair. He can make the statement tomorrow with your permission but the debate should take place tomorrow; at least a two-hour debate on this China affair should take place tomorrow.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: As I said, Sir, there is no statement to be made at the present moment, but if the House insists, the statement could be made later on in the day, in the evening or tomorrow morning.

MR. CHAIRMAN: In the circumstances it is better that the statement is made tomorrow, and then you can have the time to discuss the matter.

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: It is in your hands, Sir. So we request you to fix a time for discussing the statement, and the other situation now created on account of the cities committed, by China.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I propose this way; on Saturday you can have the debate. Before that the statement will have been made. I propose it day afternoon.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY (Mysore): May I submit, Sir, that Saturday will be too late and the discussion, I am afraid, will be a little too stale, if you propose it to Sunday?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It will certainly not be stale. You will have all the information then to speak on.