

RAJYA SABHA

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The House met at eleven of the clock, MR.
CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE****I. PROPOSED SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN
INDIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND U.A.R.**

SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR <Kerala>
: Sir, I rise to call the attention of the Minister
of External Affairs to the proposed summit
meeting between heads of Government of
India, Yugoslavia and U.A.R.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DINESH SINGH) : Sir, the concept of
non-alignment which has been accepted by a
large number of countries, particularly the
vast majority of newly independent States of
Asia and Africa, has been recognised as
making valuable contribution - to peace and
international harmony. India, U.A.R. and
Yugoslavia have been among the countries
who have played an active role in promoting
the policy of peace and non-alignment.

As the hon. Members are aware, President
Tito, President Nasser and the Prime Minister
of India have met before twice, in Brioni and
in Cairo.

Since the Cairo Conference of non-aligned
nations, the idea of a meeting of non-aligned
countries has been mooted from time to time.
The difficulties in organising another large
conference of the Cairo type are considerable
and have been recognised. When the Yugoslav
Prime Minister visited India, the idea of
holding a summit meeting of selected
countries was discussed. The Prime Minister
recognised the importance of such
consultations for the purpose of exchanging
views on current international problems.

There have been consultations between the
Governments of Yugoslavia, U.A.R. and India
and it is felt that a meeting of the Heads of
Governments of these countries would be
useful. Diplomatic consultations

are still going on with regard to the mutually
convenient time and place of such a meeting.

The hon. Members are aware of the close
ties of friendship and understanding existing
between us and U.A.R. and Yugoslavia. A
meeting of heads of Governments of the three
countries will not only strengthen the ties
binding them on the basis of a shared
common outlook but we hope it would also at
this difficult and crucial time in world affairs
help to strengthen the forces of peace,
freedom and non-alignment.

SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR : I also
welcome this idea of a conference but I would
like to get some clarification about the topics
that will be discussed at the summit meeting
because in the present context certain
international development which is going to
have a bearing on our country also is taking
place. For example, there is a very strong
move to form an Islamic bloc. You know
when this idea of an Islamic bloc was first
mooted, it was at the time when Pakistan and
India were at war. At that time the U.A.R.
played a very positive role in keeping many of
the Arabic countries out of this kind of
alliance. Now also the U.A.R. has taken a
very strong stand against the Islamic bloc. The
hon. Minister must be aware that after the
visit of the Chinese leaders to Pakistan, the
Tashkent spirit is gradually getting eroded.
So, under such circumstances, I would like to
know whether this question of Islamic bloc
will be one of the points of discussion.

Secondly, I would also like to know
whether at the time of the meeting a peaceful
solution of Vietnam will be one of the issues
that will be discussed, because here also I find
that the position taken by India, that is,
stopping of bombing of North Vietnam,
withdrawal of American troops from South
Vietnam and conceding to the Geneva
Agreement—these are the main points which
form the basis of our policy. From the
statements of the U.A.R. and the Yugoslav
leaders, we find that they are also very
strongly in favour of such a move. Under such
circumstances, I would like to know whether
this will be a topic of discussion.

Thirdly, there is another new development.
West Germany and China are

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having better relations. Trade agreements I have been signed and through West Ger- ' many armaments are being sent to China. ! Under these circumstances, I want to know : whether better relationship with the German Democratic Republic will be a topic for discussion.

I would like to have clarification on all these points and other points that are going to be discussed, because it was unfortunate < that when Mr. Tito and Mr. Nasser met at Alexandria our Prime Minister could not go. Anyway, since the conference is in the offing, I would like to know what are the topics which are going to be discussed at the meeting.

SHRI DINESH SINGH : We have left j the question of agenda open so that all these important topics which the hon. Member \ has mentioned could be discussed.

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY ! (Mysore) : While welcoming the summit conference, particularly when Yugoslavia unconditionally extended its support during the Indo-Pakistan conflict, I would like to know whether the question of liberating | some African countries and some countries in the other parts of this region, particularly Fiji, Rhodesia, Angola, Mozambique, etc., will be raised at the summit conference, and whether this will be a preparatory meeting for holding a larger non-aligned conference either in India or in some place which is convenient to all the powers concerned.

SHRI DINESH SINGH : The question of colonialism will certainly come up for discussion in a meeting of this kind. As I mentioned in the body of the statement, convening of a large conference entails certain administrative and other problems, and I have no doubt that this matter will also be considered.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY (Mysore): I would like to know whether in this summit conference India proposes to raise the question of certain non-aligned countries clandestinely helping Pakistan in the last aggression she committed against India.

SHRI DINESH SINGH: Non-alignment does not prevent countries from taking independent action. This is the basic

essence of non-alignment that they are entitled to take positions on issues as they wish.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Uttar Pradesh) : Does it mean that they will help the aggressor ?

SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS (Orissa): May I know whether after the meeting of the heads of Governments of Yugoslavia and the U.A.R. certain misunderstanding has developed as regards the non-alignment policy of India as reported by the special correspondent of the "Statesman", whether that has been clarified, and whether India is going to raise the question of aggressive postures of China and Pakistan after the Tashkent Declaration ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : The aggressive postures of China and Pakistan are very closely related to the concept of non-alignment because non-alignment is based on peaceful co-existence where the national boundaries of countries should not be violated, and also there should be no interference in the internal affairs of countries. This matter will certainly come up for discussion.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Does non-alignment mean that the so-called non-aligned countries should be non-aligned between the aggressor and the addressee. What did the United Arab Republic do when Pakistan attacked India ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: There is no question of non-aligned countries necessarily taking a certain position. It is quite true that Pakistan committed aggression on India and that we desire.—and naturally so— that countries should understand our point of view and condemn Pakistan for its aggression on India. But we should not take it to the extent of saying that those who do not openly support us are not non-aligned. Maybe we failed to convince them, maybe they had other reasons. But that is not directly linked.

DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TAL-WAR (Rajasthan) : I would like to know if the Prime Minister has received any official intimation from the Presidents of Yugoslavia and the UAR; whether the meeting would be held in Cairo or in New Delhi, if anything has been decided, and

also what are the subjects that are likely to be discussed at this summit meeting.

MR. CHAIRMAN : This third question has already been dealt with.

SHRI DINESH SINGH : Sir, if we have decided about the time and the place, I would have said so in the statement. I mentioned in the statement that this is yet to be decided.

SHRI C. D. PANDE (Uttar Pradesh) : A certain slant or impression is being created in world public opinion that these two distinguished statesmen are very much worried on account of the deflection from the course of non-alignment and that therefore they are keen to have a conference of this type. Will the Government make it clear ...

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: (Uttar Pradesh) : That is what the American Press says.

SHRI C. D. PANDE : That is what the world Press says. Will the Government make it clear that as far as our policy is concerned, we are the sole masters to do what we like and what is to our interest, that those distinguished statesmen will be welcome but they should not interfere in our policy matters ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: This point is one of the basic concepts of non-alignment ! that there should be no interference in the internal affairs of other countries and that countries are free to follow foreign policies as they wish to. So far as our policy is concerned, we continue to accept non-alignment as one of the basic tenets of our foreign policy. I do not think there is any serious doubt about it.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA : May I know if this opportunity will be utilised to make an attempt to solve the world's biggest problem, that of Viet Nam, and an effort made to evolve a common approach by the non-aligned countries in order that the hostility in Viet Nam may be brought to an end and a settlement achieved on the lines indicated in the Annual Report of the Ministry of External Affairs ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Arora, this point was raised by Shri Govindan Nair at the beginning.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA : Not in the manner in which I put it.

(No reply)

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN (Andhra Pradesh) : Will the hon. Minister look into the fact that whenever there was any progressive idea or progressive movement some of the interested countries brought in the question of Islamic Pact or Islamic bloc? In view of this fact and further that there are countries where there is a majority of Muslim population, for instance, Afghanistan and Nigeria, which do not look at this problem from a narrow religious point of view, will our country contact them and make a thorough study of this problem before we meet at the summit with the Presidents of Yugoslavia and the UAR ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: We shall do so, Sir.

SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY (Madras) : From the statement of the hon. Minister, I find that the Government of India is in favour of this Summit Conference. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he has got any information about Pakistan, attitude towards this Summit Conference ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : Pakistan is very much aligned country. We have not tried to find out its reaction.

شری عبدالغنی (پنجاب) : کیا وزیر
صاحب فرمائیں گے کہ ہونے والی کانفرنس
میں چائنا نے جو کولمبو پروپوزل پر چپکی
سادہ رکھی ہے اس کے اوپر کچھ
وچار کیا جائے گا اور چائنا نے ہائیڈروجن
بم کا تجربہ کر کے پھر دنیا کو خطرہ
میں ڈالنے کی کوشش کی ہے اس کے
بارے میں کیا نان الائنڈ کٹریز آپس
میں مل کر کچھ فیصلہ کریں گے کہ
ایک دوسرے کی کس طرح مدد کرنی
چاہئے ؟

†[श्री अब्दुल गनी (पंजाब) : क्या वजीर सहव फरमायेंगे कि होने वाली कांग्रेस में चाइना ने जो कोलम्बो प्रॉपोजल पर चुपकी साथ रखी है उसमें ऊपर कुछ विचार किया जायेगा और चाइना ने हाइड्रोजन बम का तजुर्बा करके फिर दुनिया का खतरे में डालने की कोशिश की है इसका बारे में क्या नान-अलाइन्ड कंट्री आपस में मिल कर कुछ फैसला करेंगे कि एक दूसरे की किस तरह से मदद करनी चाहिये ?]

श्री विनेश सिंह : हम कोशिश करेंगे कि किन्हीं दो देशों के आपस के झगड़े के बारे में तो इसमें बात न हो, लेकिन जहाँ तक उसका सिद्धान्त से सम्बन्ध है, हम उसके बारे में जरूर बात करेंगे। जैसा कि मैं एक सदस्य के प्रश्न के जवाब में पहले बता चुका हूँ, जो सिद्धान्त की बातें निकलती हैं, उन पर हम जरूर विचार करेंगे।

SHRI CHITTA BASU (West Bengal) : I would like to know whether the Government proposes to point out at the proposed Summit Conference that a large chunk of Indian territory is still under the domination of the Chinese forces and whether the Government would seek assistance from the powers to the Summit Conference to vacate the aggression on India in that large part of Indian territory ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: In all these matters, where our own national interests are concerned, where our territories have been taken away by other countries, the effort will have to be made by us; there is no use in going round and getting support from others. We must be prepared to make the effort.

II. REPORTED STATEMENT OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA RE GRANT OF LICENCES TO INDIAN SHOPKEEPERS

DR. B. N. ANTANI (Gujarat) : Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of External Affairs to the reported statement made by Sheikh Karume, Vice-President of Tanzania, regarding the grant of import and export licences to Indian shopkeepers in Zanzibar.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : The newspapers reported that the first Vice-President of Tanzania, Sheikh Karume, in a speech on May Day at Zanzibar, said that, in future, import and export licences for Indian shopkeepers would be granted only to those who played a satisfactory role in voluntary agriculture.

Enquiries made *so far* have revealed that Sheikh Karume brought in the question of trade licences in the context of an appeal to the people to contribute voluntary labour in self-help agricultural projects. He said that everybody would be asked to work on the land irrespective of whether they were Ministers, Judges, Government employees or shopkeepers. In regard to the last category of persons mentioned, the Vice-President appears to have suggested that licences of those refusing to contribute labour to the national cause, would be reviewed in June.

Our Mission in Tanzania has reported that the Tanzania Government were requested to provide a full text of the speech referred to in the Press. The Tanzanian authorities replied to say that the speech in question was not an official pronouncement. It was added that Sheikh Karume had spoken in Swahili and the Press reports based on the speech had not been authorised.

DR. B. N. ANTANI : It emerges from the statement that the Government of India has not yet received the full particulars of the statement and the policy behind it. Does the Minister know that now and again whenever our missions or our representatives have visited Zanzibar, they have delivered to them patronising cermons and speeches to identify themselves with the Government and with the natives of Zanzibar, which we have done ever since we have settled down there and done pioneering work there ? For this reason that we identified ourselves with the natives of Zanzibar, we were looked with disfavour by the then British Government. Today when we have identified ourselves with them, there is no protection against this sort of a continued policy of squeezing us out of the entire business of Zanzibar. The Minister should be aware that a few of the