

TRICONTINENTAL SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE

11. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India was represented at the Tricontinental Solidarity Conference held at Havana in January, 1966;

(b) if so, who were the members of the Indian delegation; and

(c) under whose auspices the Conference was convened?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) A non-official delegation from India attended the Conference.

The delegation was led by Shrimati Aruna Asaf Ali. The other members were:

Shri Noor Mohammed.

Shri Chander Shekhar, M.P.

Shri Kalimullah.

Shri A. S. R. Chari.

Shri Homi F. Daji, M.P.

Dr. Sat Tandon.

Shri Harbans Singh.

Shri J. N. Sharma.

Shri Ladli Saran Sinha.

Shri Nallam Narsimha Rao.

Shri E. P. Menon.

Shri Balraj Mehta.

Shri C. Narayan Malaviya.

(c) The Conference was convened under the auspices of a Special Preparatory Committee set up during the Accra Conference of Afro-Asian Solidarity Organization.

RHODESIAN CRISIS

12. SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any initiative to resolve the Rhodesian crisis; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this connection, and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Government of India have been acting in concert with African and other Governments in the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conferences, the United Nations and the Non-Aligned Nations Conference to meet the crisis posed by the white minority regime in Rhodesia. We have condemned the unilateral declaration of independence in unequivocal terms. To demonstrate our solidarity with the African people the Government withdrew its diplomatic mission from Salisbury and also broke off trade and economic relations with Rhodesia. While supporting the economic sanctions against that country we have made it clear that it is Britain's responsibility to bring the rebellion to a speedy end with a view to restoring democratic rule on the basis of one man one vote.

COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING BY A.I.R.

13. { SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA:
SHRI U. S. DUGAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision regarding the introduction of commercial broadcasting by the All India Radio; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the decision?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

INDIAN ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL KILLED AND INJURED

14. SHRI U. S. DUGAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the total number of Indian