

there have been changes and more changes are in progress. I should like to know why the Government is not categorically making its position clear and telling the editors of these papers through its agencies and so on that the Government proposes to stick to these policies and also answering by way of proving their case that no changes have taken place. I should like to know how this matter is being treated. The hon. Prime Minister and her Government should look at themselves through foreign mirrors at times . . .

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : Not your mirror.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Anyway whatever it is, this is our information. I do not know which that mirror is but we have concave glasses nowadays.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: I have personally, and the Government has, taken every occasion to restate our firm belief in the policies which this Government is wedded to.

VIETNAM

♦342. SHRI U. S. DUGAL: SHRI JAGAT NARAIN : DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently received any communication of the Government of U.S.A. in connection with the bombing of some important towns in North Vietnam; and

(b) if so, what is our Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SRINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. But as the House is aware, Government are opposed to the bombing of North Vietnam by U.S.A.

The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri U. S. Dugal.

श्री जगत नारायण : बजीर साहब ने जो इस बात को 'डिनाई' किया है कि कोई चिट्ठी अभी रिसेन्टली नहीं आई, तो मैं उनसे यह पूछना चाहता हूँ कि क्या बार्निंग करने से पहले यू० एस० ए० ने उनको कोई चिट्ठी लिखी या अपने अम्बेसेडरों के जरिये यह बतलाया कि इस तरीके से यू० एस० ए० की फौजें बार्निंग करने के लिये जा रही हैं और अगर यह उनके नॉटिस में आया था तो उसका क्या जवाब उन्होंने उस वक्त दिया ?

श्री दिनेश सिंह : यहाँ मैंने अर्ज किया अध्यक्ष महोदय, कि ऐसा कोई खत हमारे पास नहीं आया कि वे बार्निंग करने जा रहे हैं इसलिये उसके जवाब का कोई सवाल नहीं उठता ।

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : May I know why the Government is not asking the U.S.A. to withdraw all the three hundred thousand American troops from Vietnam and demolish their bases from which the bombing raids are being carried out ? Why is there a pause after having asked them to stop bombing ? Logically that does not follow when they have asked the Americans to withdraw. I should like to know what comes in the way. Will the Prime Minister make it clear what comes in her way of telling the Americans pointedly that they have no business to be in Vietnam and they should withdraw their troops in consonance with the Geneva Agreement of 1954?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : This is what exactly we have been saying. If we all go back to the Geneva Agreement, then these troops would be withdrawn and they should be withdrawn.

श्री जगत नारायण : प्राइम मिनिस्टर महोदय यहां बैठी हुई हैं, मैं चाहता हूँ कि वियतनाम के मुतालिक हिन्दुस्तान की सही पालिसी क्या है यह जरा वे हाउस में बतला दें ताकि वह अच्छी तरह से साफ हो सके ।

श्री सभापति : यह जो फारेन अफेयर्स की डिबेट हो रही है उसमें इस पर बहुत लम्बा स्टेटमेंट हो गया है ।

SHRI CHITTA BASU : May I know whether it is the opinion of the Government of India that the U.S.A. has violated clauses 16, 18 and 19 of the Geneva Agreement and committed aggression on North Vietnam ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : So far as the question of interpretation of the Geneva Agreement is concerned, this is made by the Commission and whenever questions are referred, the Commission gives its findings.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY : May I know whether as a member of the International Control Commission we have taken up this question of bombing with the U.S.A. ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : The question of bombing as such has been brought to our notice by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and I do not know at what stage it is in the Commission.

ISLAMIC ALLIANCE

*343. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY :† SHRI NAGI REDDY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state .

(a) whether there is a move to establish Islamic Alliance among all the Islamic States; and

(b) if so, which are the Islamic States that have shown interest in the Alliance.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b) The ' concept of an Islamic bloc or alliance is not new. In December, 1965 during the visit of King Faisal to Iran a proposal was made for holding an Islamic Summit Conference. This proposal has also been interpreted as being a proposal to form an Islamic Pact or Islamic Alliance. In pursuance of this proposal, King Faisal has visited a number of countries including Jordan, Pakistan, Sudan, Iran and Kuwait while the Shah of Iran has visited Morocco. Apart from these visits, no ins-

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri N. Sri Rama Reddy.

titutional arrangements have yet been made for holding this Summit. Many Arab countries including the U.A.R., Syria, Iraq and Algeria have not favoured the proposal. Some of them have stated that the idea has been inspired by other interested countries against the progressive forces in this area.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY : Will I be right in taking therefore that this Islamic Alliance has been finally given up by those Middle East countries.

SHRI DINESH SINGH : No, Sir.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY : I would like to know whether it has come to the notice of the Minister with regard to the attitude of Pakistan to this alliance.

SHRI DINESH SINGH: I suppose Pakistan would welcome and try to take advantage of this.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY : I would like to know if this alliance intends to act in the spheres of politics', military alliances, economics, cultural and other things, whether it is a comprehensive alliance, or whether it is confined to or it is proposed to work against all non-Muslim States.

SHRI DINESH SINGH : We have no details of the alliance as I mentioned. So far only the Conference as such had been envisaged, and something may have emerged from this Conference, and it seems that a large number of countries do not welcome this Conference itself.

SHRI D. THENGARI: Has the Government verified whether any non-Islamic big power has inspired this move, and if so, what is it for ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : It is very difficult for me to say which powers have inspired it. I leave it to the Members to decide.

♦344. [The questioner (Shri J. C. Chatterji) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 1913-14 infra.]

*345. [The questioner (Raja Shankar Pratap Singh) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1914 infra.]

♦346. [The questioner (Shri Niren Ghosh) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1915 infra.]