

SHKI BAHARUL ISLAM: May I know whether Government is contemplating any action in regard to the integration of NEFA with Assam?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: In. tegration in a sense is slowly taking place but pushing in a few or large numbers of outsiders does not help integration but the opposite arrangement.

*501. [The questioner (Shri R. S. Khandekar) was absent. For answer, vide cols, 3713-3714 infra.]

*502. [The questioner (Shri Sitaram Jaipuria) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3714 infra.]

CONFERENCE OF INDIAN ENVOYS IN AFRICAN AND WEST ASIAN COUNTRIES

*503. SHRI R. K. BHUWALKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the main items that came up for discussion at the recently-held conference of the Indian envoys in African and West Asian countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON): All aspects of India's relations with the African and West Asian countries were discussed, including economic and technical co-operation with those countries as well as political, trade, publicity and cultural matters.

श्री आर० क० भुवालका : क्या प्रधान मंत्री जी यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि यह जो अफ्रीका और पश्चिम एशिया की कॉन्फ्रेंस हुई उस में बहुत ज्यादा प्रचार हुआ चाहता की तत्काल से, तो उसमें क्या विचार किया गया ? अगर कुछ विचार हुआ है, तो उसका परिणाम क्या निकला है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : मेरी कुछ समझ में नहीं आया कि यह प्रश्न क्या है ? जाहिर है कि जो चीन का सवाल उठा हमारे लिये,

उस पर बहस हुई और जो उस पर हमारा विचार है उसकी निम्नत कहा गया और उस पर बहस हुई। मैं इस में कहूँ क्या ?

SHRI C. D. PANDE: May I know whether the Ambassadors, who assembled here recently, brought to the notice of the Government the cooling down of the Afro-Asian solidarity sentiment in African countries and also that they are not to a certain extent extending co-operation in the United Nations to Asian countries resulting in the Asian countries having to organise a separate organisation as against the Afro-Asian block?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I would not say, Sir, that any precise thing like this was brought to our notice. Some ambassadors who were present told us about the changing conditions in Africa, how they sometimes do not agree with what we suggest to them here or in the United Nations. They generally discussed about these matters.

SHRI N. C. KASLIWAL: May I know whether, at this Conference, any definite steps were suggested to assist the developing countries in respect of economic development?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Yes, Sir; some definite steps were suggested. Some we agreed to and the others are being examined.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: May I know whether it is a fact that normally the Indian diplomats are not willing to go to African countries because conditions there are different? If so, what steps are Government contemplating to take to provide them with inducements to go to African countries?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I do not think that is correct, Sir. They have not refused to go there. They do go there. Some of our good diplomats and ambassadors have been sent there and they have gone there.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: Is it not a fact, Sir, that some of the Western countries provide certain special inducements for top diplomats to go there and stay there? Have our top diplomats refused to go there? Or, if they have not refused, have they expressed unwillingness to go there?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: There is no question of being unwilling to go there. If they are sent there, they have to go there.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Was the question of the effect of Chinese propaganda on African nations one of the items discussed at the Conference, and was this question specifically considered from the viewpoint whether the Chinese propaganda in regard to this aggression or dispute has made an impression or no impression on African nations?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I suppose it has made some impression, which varies. What I mean to say is that to begin with it had made some impression. Later it did not. Any activity taken by a great country like China has some impression and makes some impression. But subsequently this impression rather faded out.

SHRI K. SANTHANAM: May I know, Sir, whether as a result of this Conference, provision will be made for a larger number of students to come from Africa and West Asian countries to India for higher technical education or other higher education?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: That is one of the suggestions made by the Conference.

NAVAL DOCKYARDS

*504. SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether naval arsenals are attached to naval dockyards for the manufacture of naval arms;

(b) whether there are naval shipyards for the building of small naval vessels with gunboats, corvettes and other small naval aircraft; and

(c) whether there are technical schools and workshops attached to naval shipyards for the training of craftsmen in the manufacture of naval instruments like chronometers, ship compasses, etc. and for giving training in naval architecture, design and construction of small naval vessels?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) The Naval Armament Depot, Karanja attached to the Naval Dockyard, Bombay has limited capacity for the manufacture of certain spare parts.

(b) The Naval Dockyard under takes repairs of naval vessels and the construction of small wooden craft. The Mazagon Docks Ltd., Bombay and the Garden Reach Workshops Ltd., Calcutta which are under the control of the Ministry of Defence undertake the construction of boats and smaller ships.

(c) A Dockyard Apprentice School is attached to the Naval Dockyard, Bombay, where technicians are trained for all departments in the Dockyard including the repair of specialised instruments such as ships' compasses, etc. The Dockyard has no facilities for training naval architects.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: May I know, Sir, whether there are any facilities for the manufacture of small naval craft like gunboats, corvettes and other small naval craft? From the answer it would appear that only repair work and maintenance work is being done at these naval arsenals. Are there any small naval craft being manufactured in these arsenals attached to our Naval Dockyards?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: It has already been answered in reply to part (b) of the question.