

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): The Government of Pakistan have not agreed to pay compensation.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Have we accepted their version that they were right in shooting down the aircraft?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Certainly not.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I take it then that there is wide difference in the viewpoints of the Pakistan Government and our own Government. I want to know whether there is any other procedure in such a matter where there is such wide difference with regard to facts, about a fatal incident?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: There is no international procedure about such matters. Either the countries can ultimately come to an agreement or, of course, they may agree by agreement, to refer it to some external authority. There is no other procedure.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I would like to know whether before we finally accepted defeat, there was any proposal for the Government to discuss the matter with the Pakistan authorities in order to resolve this difference?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Pardon?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Was it discussed with the Pakistan officials in order to resolve this difference?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Of course, the matter has been considered repeatedly.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: What I understand is there was correspondence and they did not agree to our claim for compensation. I would like to know whether apart from correspondence being carried out there was

any verbal discussion across the table with the Pakistan authorities?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Yes, Sir, it was discussed by our High Commissioner in Pakistan with the Pakistan authorities. I do not for the moment remember any other discussion, that is, I cannot say whether there was any discussion with the officers who came to Delhi, but this matter was certainly discussed repeatedly by our High Commissioner.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: May I know whether this question was discussed when the correspondence took place between our Government and the Pakistan Government or afterwards? When it was found that this dispute could not be resolved, was any further step taken to discuss this matter with the highest authority in Pakistan?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I do not know whether the hon. Member means the highest authority in Pakistan who does not normally deal with such things. I cannot say exactly as to with whom this matter was discussed but it was discussed with high authorities there.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: If Pakistan finally says that it will not pay any compensation, what steps do we propose taking further in this matter?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I thought I have answered that, Sir.

COTTON GINNING FACTORIES

***331. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of the cotton ginning factories lying idle in the country and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government have considered measures to ensure that these factories are put to proper use during the season?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) and (b). The information asked for is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as available.

SHRI D. N. CHATTERJEE'S STATEMENT ABOUT CHINA

***315. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a reported speech made by Shri D. N. Chatterjee, the Indian Charge d' Affaires at Washington, at a dinner organised there by the Harvard Club and held at the Occidental Restaurant towards the end of November, 1959;

(b) whether it is a fact that in his speech Shri Chatterjee spoke about the likelihood of a "major show down" between our country and China adding: "And by major show down he means a war that might bring the great powers into the conflict";

(c) whether he also said that "India is aligned with the West"; and

(d) if the above press reports are not a correct version of Shri Chatterjee's speech, whether the Prime Minister will lay on the Table of the House a copy of the full text of the speech?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) to (d). Yes. Reports of a speech towards the end of November 1959 by Shri D. N. Chatterjee, then the Indian Charge d' Affaires at Washington have appeared in the press. As we are informed the speech was impromptu, mainly on the economic reconstruction of India, and was followed by questions on matters of current interest. Among the answer to question were references to India's policy of non-alignment, her adherence to peace, freedom, justice and human values and to her democratic system of Government. Statements attributed to the Indian Charge d' Affaires about India's align-

ment with the West and "a war that might bring the great powers into the conflict" do not seem to have been correctly reported. As the speech was impromptu no transcript of it is available but a note recorded by the Charge d' Affaires is placed on the Table of the House.

NOTE RECORDED BY SHRI D. N. CHATTERJEE

On November 28 I addressed the Harvard Club at a luncheon function organised by the Club Committee. I spoke impromptu for about half an hour and then answered question from the audience. I did not have a prepared speech.

2. In my speech, such as it was, the question of China Tibet etc. did not come up at all. As far as I remember my speech was mainly on the economic reconstruction in India and on the gradual emergence of a new society in our country. I also dealt briefly with our foreign policy of non-alignment, touching on the futility of military alliances particularly for a country like ours.

3. When the question period opened some members of the Harvard Club criticised (with due politeness) the seeming attitude of acquiescence on our part in Chinese intrusion into our territory. The point of all these questions was that instead of sending notes to Peking we should send troops to the border. While dealing with these questions I stated, among other things, that we were capable of defending our own borders and were determined to do so, but that nothing would distress us more than that, out of the border incidents, should grow a major conflict involving great powers. I made it clear that it was not the intention of India to initiate measures which might bring about "a major show-down" between India and China. This point came out as some one asked whether we would bomb China.

4. As regards India being "aligned" with the west, I may say that while talking about our foreign policy of