

[Shri Bhupesh Gupta.] taken and I hope that the Prime Minister, would tell us whether this information is right or wrong. . We should be very happy to be told that this information has a foundation but how can you be satisfied when "Dawn" coming from Karachi tells us day in and day out that such talks are in progress?

Now, Sir, let me come to the SEATO and the Baghdad Pact. The hon. Prime Minister thinks that the Baghdad Pact is moribund. Yes, in a way it is moribund thanks to the kicks it has received from the Iraqi revolution but then when a person becomes moribund, there are some persons who become desperate also. Here, I need not tell the Prime Minister that even in spite of the developments in Iraq, even in spite of their distress so far as the developments in Iraq are concerned, the authors and the architects of the Baghdad Pact have become hopelessly desperate. That is the point. And that is why today they are concentrating not only on bilateral military pacts but also on training of Pakistan with American arms, which the papers are writing. Much more attention should be given to Pakistan. Therefore, I should not like any hon. Member to get away with the idea that the Baghdad Pact has become so moribund that we can almost ignore it. I wish it were so. Unfortunately it is not so. On the contrary, the attention is being concentrated on Pakistan. As you know, when one has two children, if one dies, the affection is concentrated on the other. Now, it so happens that from the Baghdad Pact, Baghdad has virtually fallen out. Now, they are concentrating. It is a link in the chain of SEATO and Baghdad Pacts poised against the independence and security of the free countries and the freedom loving countries of this entire region. That is how it should be viewed. I should like to tell the House that the Baghdad and SEATO pacts, among others are directed against the so-called un-

committed nations, directed against the United Arab Republic, the Iraqi Republic, India and Indonesia. Let there be no mistake about it. I know there are aggressive designs against the Soviet Union and China. These are all known. But now it should be more and more clear to the hon. Members that these are directed against these few countries which stand for Afro-Asian freedom, fight for Afro-Asian freedom and have some policies and some standard to offer to a world struggling for independence and peace.

In this connection, I would like to draw the Prime Minister's attention to another gentleman, Mr. Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State of the United States of America. They like touring. Mr. Henderson came and went and provoked, as you know, the events in the Lebanon and Jordan. And now it is revealed in the Iraqi trials. Now, there is another gentleman. Mr. Rountree. He has come on another tour and he is touring those countries, holding consultation as to how those countries could be drawn closer to the American war plans.

And from the international angle they are to be drawn more and more into the aggressive alignment. There again discussions have taken place already in Italy and it seems Italy has agreed to offer bases near the West Asian region, bases to be started by the United States of America, which will be kept clear for American rocket weapons. In this connection, the hon. Prime Minister has mentioned the case of Algeria. Then, I do not say much on this. All that I want to say here is that the United States are still supplying arms to the authorities in Algeria who are suppressing the freedom struggle there. Then, an interesting development is also taking place against the Indonesian Republic, where our President is visiting today. Recently a meeting of the rebels was held and there the United States is in the picture, under the cloak, under the slogan-