

## PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy of each of the following papers :

(i) Report of the Government of India delegation to the 34th Session of the International Labour Conference, June 1951. [Placed in Library. See No. IV. R. 01 (214) S. 34.]

(ii) Text of the Conventions and Recommendations adopted at the 34th Session of the International Labour Conference, June 1951. [Placed in Library. See No. IV. R. 01 (213) S. 34.]

(iii) A statement on action proposed to be taken by the Government of India on the Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 34th Session held in June 1951. [Placed in Library. See No. IV R. 01 (213) S. 34.]

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Prime Minister will not be able to come and move the motion standing in his name for another half an hour. He has asked us to adjourn till 11.30, as there is no other business before the House.

PROF. G. RANGA : You were pleased to inform the House that the Prime Minister had asked you to give us this assurance that he is already taking steps for the formation of an Andhra Province. May I request you and through you the Leader of the House to give us some time to get some more information from the Prime Minister and also give an opportunity to this House to express its views ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : I think that if you put a short notice question I will consider it.

SHRI P. V. NARAYANA : We would like to make a statement.....

MR. CHAIRMAN : You give a short notice question and I will consider it. What does it matter whether you make a statement or put a short notice question ? Give a short notice question and I will consult the Prime Minister and see.....

SHRI P. V. NARAYANA : A short notice question will come up we do not know when.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I will see that it comes up soon if submitted.  
11 A.M.

The Council then adjourned till half past eleven of the clock.

The Council re-assembled at half past eleven of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

## OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO QUEEN ELIZABETH

SHRI H. D. RAJAH (Madras) : On a point of information from the Prime Minister. There was a fantastic nonsensical statement being made that our Prime Minister is going to take an oath of allegiance to Queen Elizabeth. I should like to know from the hon. Prime Minister categorically, as India is a part of the Commonwealth, as the Head of the Commonwealth is there any intention on the part of the Prime Minister to have any form of allegiance to that Lady or not ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : The hon. Prime Minister has made a statement.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : If the hon. Member desires I will repeat. May I refer the hon. Member to the Constitution of India on this subject ? There is nothing in the Constitution of India which refers to the Commonwealth or head of the Commonwealth or to anyone else. The person with the least knowledge of past events would of course brush this aside. Some things might have been said by a person who does not know, and who is ignorant.

[ Shri Jawaharlal Nehru. ]

As a matter of fact, curiously enough after this argument was raised in the other House and it was reported, I received through our Ambassador in Germany a message from the Editor of that German paper which had been quoted here and he was saying that he was rather disturbed. He said "What is this ? I did not write anything. This is a translation by somebody from the German; it was mistranslated. I know very well that the Prime Minister of India is in no way bound by any allegiance. I am not so ignorant." He is quite angry about it and said, "Somebody mistranslates it in this way, and I am accused of saying something which I did not." Because the whole thing is not correct.

## RESOLUTION RE FIVE YEAR PLAN

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Prime Minister to move the following Resolution :

This Council records its general approval of the principles, objectives and programmes of development contained in the Five Year Plan as prepared by the Planning Commission.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : Sir, with your permission may I add a sentence to what I was just saying ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : It will be irrelevant now.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU : May I at least express my regret that I caused you and the House some inconvenience by not being present here at 11 o'clock as I ought to have been but it is difficult to be in two places at the same time.

About a week ago I presented to this House the Report of the Planning Commission containing the Five Year Plan. Now I have much pleasure in moving the Resolution which you have read out, viz.

That this Council records its general approval of the principles objectives and programme

of development contained in the Five Year Plan as prepared by the Planning Commission.

I have a sense, if I may say so, of great satisfaction at being privileged to move this Resolution in this House today. In some way or other I have been connected with this kind of planning for a large number of years. I have talked about it, written about it and 14 years ago the then President of the Congress, Shri Subhash Chandra Bose, appointed in consultation with others a National Planning Committee and he was good enough to invite me and then appoint me as Chairman of that Committee and for about a year or so I functioned as such with great benefit to myself—I don't know how far others benefited by it—but it was a work which brought the whole picture of India before me, the many problems of India, the variety of them, the difficulties of them and it was a fascinating subject. The work of the Planning Committee was going on in which a very large number of people had been associated, firstly as Members of the Planning Committee and secondly as Members of about 29 sub-committees which the Planning Committee formed. We really got into our fold about 200 to 300 eminent experts from all over India. That work however had to be suspended because of other developments in the country which resulted in some Members of the Planning Committee being removed from their normal scenes of activity, by being sent to prison and other places. After that, an attempt was made to carry it on but it was very difficult. Other things happened and again we were removed from our normal activity. That was unfortunate. Nevertheless, even in that period very useful work was done by that National Planning Committee and it could not be completed but it has produced, as many hon. Members might know, quite a large number of reports—more than 20 or so—of the sub-committees as well as that of the Planning Committee itself. I mention this not only to show my personal connection with this business of planning