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1,000 INDIANS DIE IN FLOOD OF CAMP

Moslems Exculpate Enemies to Avoid Reprisals—Refugees Now Estimated at 7,000,000

LAHORE, Pakistan, Sept. 29 (Reuters)—About 1,000 Moslem refugees in a camp on the banks of the River Beas, in the East Punjab, near Lahore, have been drowned by floods, the West Punjab Ministry for Refugees announced today.

Fearing that even this natural misfortune would be attributed to the Sikhs and Hindus, and that trouble would result, the West Punjab Government sent criers with drums through the streets of Lahore's Old City on Sunday night to announce that the River Ravi floods were caused by heavy rains in the North Punjab hills and not by sabotage.

The floods put the power station and the water-pumping station out of commission for thirty-six hours on Saturday and Sunday and drove thousands from their homes in the low lying parts of the city.

Meanwhile the same West Punjab Ministry announced that the estimate of 1,200 Moslem refugees killed in the Amritsar train massacre on Sept. 22 was incorrect and that "not less than 2,000 Moslems were killed."

Refugees Put at 7,000,000

NEW DELHI, India, Sept. 29 (AP)—An official Indian military spokesman said today that the peak of communal killings had passed in both East and West Punjab and that India and Pakistan now faced the problem of organizing orderly evacuation and rehabilitation of refugees. He said these might total 7,000,000.

The announcement, made at a press conference, came as rains and heavy floods piled new miseries on refugees on both sides of the border attempting to flee the perils of communal violence.

A vast area around New Delhi is covered with flood waters, the overflow from the rain-swollen Jumna River. Virtually all evacuation of refugees from Delhi has been stopped because of the flooding of roads and railways.

While the military spokesman reported subsidence of frenzy in mobs of the Punjab and declining riot conditions in the Delhi area, the civil government told plans for meeting the refugee problem.

Border Crossing Expected

Tarlok Singh, private secretary to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Director General of Rehabilitation in the East Punjab, said that most of the 3,300,000 Hindus and Sikhs in Pakistan's West Punjab and the 4,000,000 Moslems in India's East Punjab were expected ultimately to cross the border because of the communal tension.

The East Punjab, he added, can handle not more than 2,500,000 Hindu and Sikh refugees, making it necessary for neighboring states and provinces to absorb the rest.

Tarlok Singh said that an acute problem arose from the fact that a large proportion of the fleeing Sikhs and Hindus were landlords, mill owners and white collar workers, while the bulk of the Moslems fleeing the East Punjab were artisans, field workers, laborers and small shopkeepers.

The statement that the violence was subsiding did not mean that it was over. A communiqué reported fanatical attacks on refugee columns in both India and Pakistan, but gave few details of casualties. Isolated stabbings continued here and elsewhere in the two new Dominions.

Observer Proposal Declined

KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept. 29 (Reuters)—A Pakistan Government spokesman said tonight that the Indian Government had turned down a Pakistan proposal that two Governments should make a joint request to the United Nations for neutral observers to be flown out to report on the communal riot position.

The Pakistan proposal, the spokesman said, was that the United Nations should be asked to send twelve observers of different nationalities, that they should first go to New Delhi and thereafter be stationed in the disturbed areas—six observers in India and six in Pakistan.

He added that Pakistan's proposal was made more than a week ago.

India Wants Local Body

NEW DELHI, Sept. 29 (Reuters)—The Government of the Dominion of India was ready to welcome the appointment of a body of impartial observers chosen from the Dominions of India and Pakistan to act in the disturbed areas of the West and East Punjab, it was authoritatively stated here tonight.

An appeal to the United Nations to send observers did not find much favor, mainly because these observers might not be thoroughly familiar with local problems, conditions, and languages and would not therefore be likely to be the most effective assistance in the restoration of peace.

U. S. Mills May Get Back Part of Japanese Scrap

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29—Some of the scrap iron sold to Japan before the war may come back to this country to help alleviate the steel shortage.

The Army Department announced today that part of the Japanese fleet would be scrapped and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters would like to receive bids for it.

Under an agreement by the Army, Navy and State Departments, the junked share of the fleet will be offered for sale in Japan, but must be shipped by the purchasers to the United States.

With the exception of submarines, which have been sunk, all operable Japanese warships of destroyer size or smaller have been divided equally among the United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union and China. The Army said bids should be addressed to the commanding general, Eighth Army, APO 313, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

GHAVAM'S DEPUTY BIDS IRAN KEEP OIL

Propaganda Chief Tells People Threat of Atomic Bomb Will Deter Would-Be Aggressor

By GENE CURRIVAN
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

TEHERAN, Iran, Sept. 28 (Delayed)—Ibrahim Khajeh Noori, chief of propaganda, told the Iranian people in no uncertain terms tonight that Iranian oil should be exploited by Iranians and by no one else.

In a broadcast he stressed that he was speaking as the national poet, a title he has held for the last quarter of a century, and not as Deputy Premier, his technical title. He is one of the closest men to Premier Ahmad Ghavam. His disavowal of an official role apparently was meant to give his remarks a nonofficial basis in the event of repercussions.

Speaking in parables, he said: "Our situation as far as oil is concerned is like that of a mother whose daughter's hand has been asked by two suitors. The idea for the mother to follow is to accept the son who is more free, quieter and wealthier."

His meaning unmistakably was that the "mother" should accept the hand of the United States rather than of Russia. Although the United States is not seeking oil here, he presumably alluded to its influence and backing.

Retention of Oil Suggested

"It is difficult for us," Mr. Noori said, "to cooperate with a certain very powerful nation. What is our duty? The people have several ideas, some to strengthen the idea of the formation of a Soviet-Iranian combine, others to depend on America for support and still others—and these latter are the majority—to keep the oil for Iranians to exploit."

"Everyone will agree that the political affairs of the world have focused the atomic bomb on the Middle East, and especially the 'Victory Bridge' [wartime name for Iran]. This bomb, if used, will finish an aggressor, but fortunately we have no Hitler nowadays. The general commanding a population of 200,000,000 is clever enough not to destroy the whole world for the sake of a few barrels of oil from Iran.

"He will not jeopardize his services and achievements over a great number of years. There is no panic to fear, and Iran should not worry."

Immigrants Transferred

TEHERAN, Sept. 29 (AP)—Parliament appropriated 2,000,000 rials (about \$50,000) today for the transfer of "mohajirs" (illegal immigrants) from Azerbaijan Province in Iran. Official sources said the first group of 400 to 500 had been moved to the south.

Brig. Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of the United States mission that is training Iranian gendarmes, said in an interview that the round-up of these persons had probably inspired a Moscow radio report that personnel of Soviet organization were being arrested in Tabriz, capital of Azerbaijan.

TO RELEASE U. S. SOLDIER

Poland Will Send Trenton Man to Berlin by Plane

WARSAW, Sept. 29 (AP)—The United States Embassy said tonight that the Polish Government had decided to release Pvt. John William Sczubrowski of the United States Army. He has been held here since March pending investigation of possible connection with Polish underground groups.

Private Sczubrowski, 35 years old, lives at 520 Lambert Street, Trenton, N. J. He will be flown to Berlin Wednesday and turned over to United States authorities there, the embassy said.

A Polish Foreign Ministry spokesman reported that the soldier was arrested after he had deserted from a United States Army constabulary unit in Germany and had entered Poland bearing a falsified passport.

PRESS GROUP BACKS NEED FOR FREEDOM

Sigma Delta Chi Reports to U. N. Stress Need to Remove All Barriers to Information

The need for the unhampered flow of news between all countries and the right to publish the news freely is stressed in majority and minority reports, made public yesterday, of the Sigma Delta Chi Committee on Freedom of Information.

The reports are to be submitted this week to the United Nations Economic and Social Council for possible use at the forthcoming International Conference on Freedom of Information at Geneva. The seven-man committee which drafted them was named last November by George W. Healy Jr., managing editor of The New Orleans Times-Picayune and president of Sigma Delta Chi, a national society of 14,000 working newspaper men.

The majority report, which asserts at the outset that "unqualified phrases such as 'freedom of information' are inadequate," was signed by six members of the committee, and the minority report by the remaining member, Hugh Ballie, president of the United Press Associations.

Signers for the majority were Seymour Berkson, general manager of the International News Service; Robert U. Brown, editor of Editor and Publisher; Kent Cooper, executive director of The Associated Press; Richard Fitzpatrick, associate editor of The Quill; Donald D. Hooper, associate editor of the Indianapolis Times, and John S. Knight, president of Knight Newspapers.

This report declares that the basic right of all free people is to know what is going on around them in the world, to know what others are saying and doing and thinking. Describing this right as the "keystone in the archway to all freedoms," the report adds:

"The important cornerstones upholding that archway are the right of free speech, the right to read and listen, the right to gather information and form opinions, the right to print and broadcast news and opinion, the right to disseminate news and opinion across international boundaries."

The report says that free speech "cannot be truly exercised without the accompanying guarantees of freedom to read and listen" and that it cannot exist "in the presence of any attempt at thought control by Government."

The minority report, which covers only one page, urges that three principles be applied to the international gathering and distribution of news, as follows:

"(1) All sources of news, particularly official sources, shall be competitively open to all.

"(2) All transmission facilities shall be competitively available to all.

"(3) There shall be a minimum of official regulation of the flow of news itself."

FIVE IN THE U. N. DENY SLAVE LABOR CHARGE

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Sept. 29—Britain, Belgium, Brazil, Argentina and Canada joined today in rebutting Ukrainian charges that European refugees and displaced persons were being recruited for virtual "slave labor" in those five countries.

Before the General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, the five delegates denied the Ukrainian accusations made at the committee's last meeting. They also replied to charges that propaganda and pressure were being used in camps in the American and British occupation zones to discourage people from returning to their native lands.

The strongest denunciation of the Ukrainian claims was made by the Canadian delegate, L. R. Beaudoin, who told the committee that residents of Canada, "refugees or otherwise, are at perfect liberty to leave Canada tomorrow and go live in the Ukrainian Socialist Republic or any other part of the world."

Mr. Beaudoin declared that within the last two years representatives of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia had "gone about freely" in Canada and had organized groups to be "led back" to their countries.

In defense of his remarks, Stephen P. Demchenko, the Ukrainian delegate, said he had not contended that the Canadians "forced people to migrate, but that conditions were made so intolerable in the displaced persons camps that it was a choice of life or death."

VISA WAS NOT REFUSED

Poland Did Give One to Fred Lyon of U. S. State Department

A dispatch to THE NEW YORK TIMES from its correspondent in Warsaw, published Sept. 8, said that the Polish Government had refused permission to Fred Lyon of the United States State Department to enter Poland with the Congressional committee headed by Representative Christian A. Herter, Republican, of Massachusetts.

In a letter to THE TIMES, Tede Jawsorski, First Secretary of the Polish Embassy in Washington, declared that a Polish visa, good for six months, had been issued to Mr. Lyon by the Embassy on Aug. 21. This was confirmed by the State Department Passport Division.

A subsequent message to THE TIMES from its Warsaw correspondent reported that Viktor Grosz, Foreign Office spokesman, had told a press conference on Sept. 12 that United States Embassy officials called at the Warsaw Foreign Office the previous day to explain that Mr. Lyon had been prevented from accompanying the Herter committee the previous week-end only because he forgot to apply for a visa.

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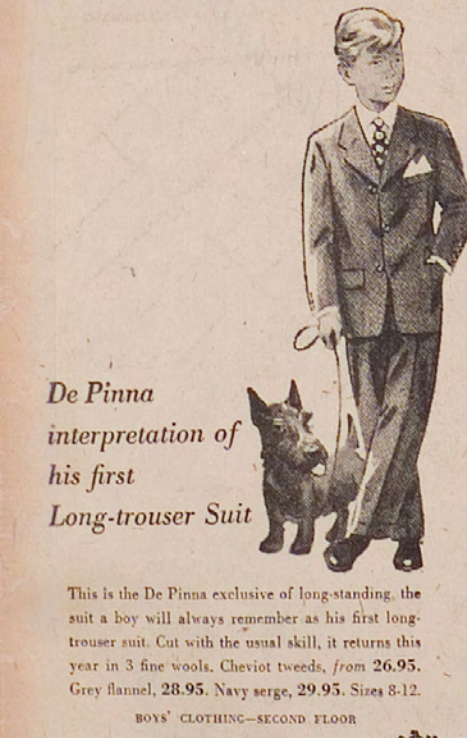
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