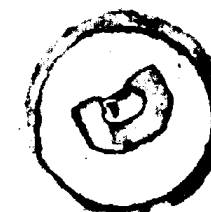


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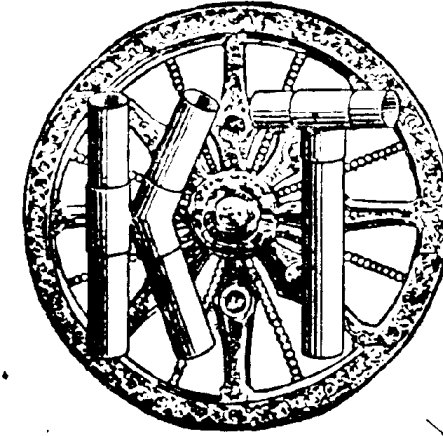
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CURRENT AFFAIRS

Ayub-Kennedy Talks

President Kennedy joined Pakistan's President Ayub Khan, at Washington in affirming the U.S.'s desire to see a satisfactory solution of the Kashmir issue. A joint communique summing up three days of talks said that Mr. Kennedy expressed the hope that "progress towards a settlement would be possible at an early date" in the dispute between Pakistan and India.

The communique dated July 13 said American military assistance to Pakistan is being extended to assist in the preservation of its security. The two statesmen had agreed on the need for outside aid to fulfil the financial requirements of Pakistan's Five Year Plan, and that the United States had promised to find adequate funds to help toward implementing this Plan.

"President Ayub reaffirmed the desire and objective of his Government to maintain friendly relations with all neighbouring States based on mutual respect and the integrity of Pakistan's borders. He reviewed his Government's position on the Kashmir issue and stressed the great importance attached to this issue by the people of Pakistan. He stated that current development in South Asia had made an early resolution of this issue imperative.

Commonwealth countries and E.C.M.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, Britain's Aviation Minister, who returned to London on July 17, after a tour of Ceylon, Pakistan and India, said that none of these countries would obstruct Britain's entry into the European Common Market.

"I think I found it clear that the countries I visited think it is the responsibility of the United Kingdom to decide whether or not to join 'The Six,' he declared.

The note of "grave concern" sounded by Canada in the joint communique after Mr. Sandys' talks with Canadian ministers reflects Canada's outright opposition to any British move to join the Common Market.

The British Government, meanwhile, has reiterated that any move for negotiations must depend on safeguards for the interests of the Commonwealth, of Britain's own agriculture, and those of her partners in the European Free Trade Association.

Mr. Duncan Sandys, Commonwealth Relations Secretary, after what he called "earnest, thorough and searching discussion" in New Zealand, Australia and Canada on the issue, told reporters on July 18 that "we have made it clear, should the need arise at the proper moment and should the Commonwealth Prime Ministers wish it, we, of course, would be very happy indeed to convene a Commonwealth Conference at whatever level might seem most appropriate."

Britain may therefore convene a Commonwealth conference, if the Prime Ministers desire it, to discuss UK's entry into the European Common Market.

Japan's New Cabinet

On July 18th Japanese Premier Hayato Ikeda formed a new Cabinet in what appeared to be

Berlin

The Western allies have warned Mr. Kurusch on July 18 that if he proceeds with his declared aim of ending Western rights in Berlin a serious and dangerous situation will result.

The warning was contained in notes handed over by the U.S.A., Britain and France in Moscow. The three allies stated that they were "in full agreement" on their stand.

The American note declared: "The U.S.A. considers the exercise of its right together with its British and French allies in order to maintain the freedom of over two million people in West Berlin, a fundamental political and moral obligation".

All the three notes—in reply to recent statements of the Soviet attitude on Berlin—expressed agreement with the Soviet view that a peace settlement was long overdue.

But they insisted this must be achieved through peaceful negotiation. Any unilateral attempt to impose a *fait accompli* would be completely illegal.

The U.S. note said America "is insisting on, and will defend its legal rights against attempts at unilateral abrogation because the freedom of the people of West Berlin depends on the maintenance of those rights."

Moscow Radio, in the first Soviet reaction to the Western notes on Berlin, has said that the Western powers were "aiding and abetting the sinister forces which seek to start another war."

The broadcast delivered in the German language on July 20 accused the United States, Britain and France of opposing a peaceful settlement with Germany which would include "normalisation" of the status of West Berlin.

Congo

Mr. Tshombe in Katanga speaks and behaves in manner entirely different from his deportment in Coquilhatville and Leopoldville. He is now raising one objection after the other to a meeting of the Congolese legislature in Leopoldville. Also, the Leopoldville regime took the precaution of sending a large group of its military officers to Katanga with Mr. Tshombe. As if to off-set this, Mr. Tshombe apparently has come to some kind of agreement with General Mobutu. Interference by Mobutu and his

mob of armed men in the political developments in the Congo is expected. During the last few weeks, Katanga's Belgian "advisers" have not been too much in the picture. This is due to the U.N. presence in Katanga. The U.N. has now to persuade Mr. Tsh

General

SRI PURSHOTAMDAS THAKURDAS

Mr. Purshotamdas Thakurdas, well-known industrialist and businessman, passed away on 3rd July. He was 83.

Mr. Thakurdas who was knighted in 1923, served as a member of the Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance in 1926, and during 1930-33 was a delegate to the Round Table Conference. He was the President of the East India Cotton Association and was on the Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank, Associated Cement Companies and many important business houses for many years, till he retired from active life a few years ago.

He was the second president of the federation in 1928 and was closely associated with it from its very inception in 1927. Till he fell ill a few years ago, he evinced keen interest in the work of the federation.

SARDAR BALDEV SINGH

Sardar Baldev Singh, M. P., and a former Defence Minister, died of a heart attack at New Delhi on June 20. He was 59.

He was a moderating influence on Sikh politics. He broke with the Akali Party in 1946 because he felt it was veering towards sectarian politics. He then joined the Congress and was a member till his death.

He entered the Constituent Assembly in 1946 as one of the two Sikh nominees of the Congress. He was included in the Interim Government in 1946 as the member in charge of Defence. He retained that post when the country attained independence and was Defence Minister till 1952 during a crucial period.

He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1952 and again in 1957.

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