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BIRTH OF INDIA'S FREEDOM

Pandit Nehru

NEW CABINET OF INDIA

Fourteen Members

PANDIT NEHRU TO BE PREMIER

NEW DELHI, August 14.

The new Cabinet of India, which will function from August 15, announced tonight, will consist of the following:

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru—prime Minister, External and Commonwealth Relations and Scientific Research.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel—Home Information and Broadcasting-States.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad—Food and Agriculture.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad—Education.

Dr. John Matthai—Railways and Transport.

Sardar Balder Singh—Defence.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram—Labour.

Mr. C. H. Bhabha—Commerce.

Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai—Communications.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur—Health

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar—Law.

Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty—Finance.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerji—Industries and Supplies.

Mr. N. V. Gadgil—Works, Mines and Power.—A.P.I.

Mrs. Naidu's Message

NEW DELHI, August 14: Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, in a message on Independence Eve says: "O, lovely dawn of freedom that breaks in gold and purple over the ancient capital of Prithviraj O, splendid flag of new-born India to be unfurled on the morrow over the Red Fort of Shahjehan! We pay you the homage of our dedicated hearts and hands and pledge ourselves to translate into glorious deeds the dreams that were our share and inspiration in the long darkness of our bondage."—A.P.I.

The Arab seaport of Jaffa is to be completed, re-planned and modernised within the next 10 years at a cost of over two million pounds. Dr. Yusuf Haikal, Mayor of Jaffa, told Reuter in London.

NATION WAKES TO NEW LIFE

Mr. Nehru Calls For Big Effort From People

"INCESSANT STRIVING TASK OF FUTURE"

Assembly Members Take Solemn Pledge

WILD SCENES OF JUBILATION IN DELHI

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14.

ENTIRE DELHI KEPT AWAKE TO WITNESS THE HISTORIC EVENT OF USHERING IN THE FREEDOM OF INDIA AT THE HOUR OF MIDNIGHT.

Unprecedented scenes of enthusiasm were witnessed both inside and outside the Constituent Assembly Chamber, where seething, swaying humanity wildly cheered the momentous event, heralded with the blowing of conches.

Raising to the height of the occasion, Pandit Nehru made a speech in the Assembly which was at once notable and a masterpiece of literature.

"Years ago we made a tryst with destiny", he said, "and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom".

With becoming humility, Pandit Nehru reminded the House that freedom and power bring responsibility and "that the future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving, so that we may fulfil the pledges we have so often taken and the one we shall take today."

Choudhury Kaliquzzaman, leader of the Muslim League group, in a warm speech, wholeheartedly supported the motion moved by Pandit Nehru for the adoption of the pledge and assured "faithful and loyal" co-operation of the Muslims of India in implementing the pledge of dedication.

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the noted philosopher, supporting Pandit Nehru's motion, pointed out the sores in the Indian body politic and urged that every Indian at this hour should pledge himself to purge the society of corruption and intolerance, and took the occasion to pay a sincere tribute to the rule of British and British statesmen in bringing to

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"Go Forward In Tranquillity And Prosperity"

ATTLEE'S MESSAGE TO FREE INDIA

NEW DELHI August 14.

"My colleagues in the United Kingdom Government join with me in sending on this historic day greetings and good wishes to the Government and the people of India," says Mr. Attlee, Prime Minister, in a message to Pandit Nehru.

"It is our earnest wish that India may go forward in tranquillity and prosperity and in so doing contribute to the peace and prosperity of the world."

Pandit Nehru replied as follows: "On behalf of my colleagues in the Government of India and myself, I wish to express our grateful thanks for your message of greeting on this historic day when India emerges into freedom. That freedom means much to us, but it also means much to Asia and the world. We hope to utilise that freedom for the advancement of our own people as well as for the furtherance of the peace and prosperity of the world. In these great tasks we shall look forward to the closest co-operation with your Government".—

PRIVATE'S PRAYERS

The following is a message from his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to Pandit Nehru:

"At this time when India and Pakistan become independent Dominions and take upon themselves the full responsibilities of self-Government, on behalf of the Christian people of this country, I send you my greetings and good wishes. In God's providence, apparently insuperable difficulties have so far been overcome and all the toil of past ages has led up to this moment of fulfilment and hope. I pray that the two Dominions may go forward to a noble future ever growing in justice and peace, in brotherhood and prosperity".

Pandit Nehru, in his reply to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, says: "I am deeply grateful to you for your greetings and good wishes on the occasion of India achieving freedom. We hope that this freedom will be utilised for the furtherance of peace, brotherhood and prosperity and for closer co-operation with the other nations of the world".

A daring dacoity was committed at Halvan in the early hours of Wednesday, the victim being Mr. K. V. Krishnaswami, an employee of the Bombay Corporation when the dacoits broke open the front door and forcibly removed gold jewellery on the point of a knife.

Your doctor

Shri B's DAPPE to buy your medicines from Chemists, Safe because they are the best medicines and because they have been stored according to the maker's instructions and under ideal conditions. Why because Chemists is a RELIABLE store and you can depend on Quality for all your medicinal needs and whether too, delivered to your door when you

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IDEAL ASSESSORS DO THE REST

STATE VISIT TO KARACHI

Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Mountbatten speaking to Service representatives at the Mauripur Airport on their arrival in Karachi from Delhi on Wednesday.

LORD MOUNTBATTEN GREETS PAKISTAN

Mr. Jinnah Re-Affirms Firm Friendship With Britain

From Our Staff Correspondent.

KARACHI, August 14.

"TOMORROW two new Sovereign States will take their place in the British Commonwealth of Nations, not young nations but heirs to old and proud civilisations," said Lord Mountbatten, addressing this morning the Pakistan Constituent Assembly.

This was the last act Lord Mountbatten performed a few hours before he ceases to be known as Viceroy.

Lord Mountbatten said the birth of Pakistan was a great event in history and conveyed at the outset the greetings and the warmest wishes of His Majesty the King and his own.

Quaid-e-Azam Jinnah, in his reply, reciprocated the good wishes of His Majesty and Lord Mountbatten and affirmed "We are parting as friends and we shall ever remain friends." He hoped that the great greetings of Prophet Mahomed and Emperor Akbar would continue to pervade in the Dominion of Pakistan. He also reiterated his assurances to the minorities.

HIGH GLEE IN KARACHI

Karachi was in high glee since dawn today. Perennial streams of people lined the streets leading to the Constituent Assembly buildings to watch the historic drive-in-state of Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Mountbatten and Quaid-e-Azam and Miss Fatima Jinnah.

Police pickets regulated the traffic and the surging crowds which stood gazing in spite of unusually warm weather. The premises of the Assembly was a veritable sea of humanity, predominantly Muslim.

The Viceroy and Quaid-e-Azam Jinnah arrived from Government House at 9 a. m. at the Assembly premises and inspected a guard of honour provided by the pick of the Pakistan army, in which the beret-capped men of the Second Air-borne Division were prominent.

Dressed in Admiral's uniform, Lord Mountbatten entered the hall with Quaid-e-Azam Jinnah and all rose to their feet. The Viceroy and the President sat in simple teakwood chairs with crowns on.

The speeches of both the Governors-General-designate were listened

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EARLDOM FOR LORD MOUNTBATTEN

LONDON, August 14: Viscount Mountbatten, Governor-General-Designate of India, was today awarded an Earldom.—Reuter.

MR. GANDHI TO FAST TODAY

Also League Leaders

CALCUTTA, August 14: In observance of Independence Day tomorrow Mr. Gandhi will undertake a 24-hour fast. He will spend the whole day in spinning and holding special prayers.

Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, the retiring Premier of Bengal, and Mr. S. M. Osman, ex-Mayor of Calcutta and Secretary of the Calcutta District Muslim League, will also fast along with Mr. Gandhi.—A.P.I.

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UNION JACK HAULED DOWN

Lucknow Residency

LUCKNOW, August 14: The only flag in the British Empire which was never lowered since 1857—the Union Jack fluttering on Lucknow Residency—was hauled down last night, about 24 hours before the transfer of power from British to Indian hands. The hauling down ceremony was kept a guarded secret by the military authorities.

The Union Jack fluttering on Government House, Lucknow, was lowered this afternoon with the departure from the city of Sir Francis Wylie, the last British Governor of the United Provinces.

The Indian National Flag will be hoisted on Government House by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu tomorrow morning.—A.P.I.

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Pakistan's First Cabinet

ELEVENTH-HOUR CHANGE

From Our Special Correspondent

KARACHI, August 14: Pakistan Dominion's first Cabinet, which will consist of seven Ministers, will be sworn-in tomorrow morning. It is learnt from reliable sources. This will be preceded by the swearing-in of Quaid-e-Azam Jinnah as the Governor-General of Pakistan by Mr. Justice Abdur Rashid of the Lahore High Court.

There is no doubt about the inclusion of the present five Ministers of the Provisional Government and of Mr. Ghulam Mohamed. A last-minute decision appears to have been taken at a conference at Government House this evening to drop Mr. Suhrawardy and in his place include Mr. Fazal Rehman, at present Minister in the Bengal Cabinet.

The final distribution of portfolios will be decided tonight and announced tomorrow. According to present reports, the Premier, Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan, will have the portfolio of defence and external affairs; Mr. Ghulam Mohamed, finance; Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Khan, agriculture and health; Mr. Fazal Rehman, home or railways; Mr. Abdur Rab Nishtar, communications and broadcasting; Mr. J. N. Chundrigar, commerce and industries and Mr. Jogendra Nath Mandal, law and education.

Mr. Liaqat A. Khan

British Debt Pact With India

NEW DELHI, August 14.

THE conclusion of an interim sterling balance settlement between India and the United Kingdom, covering the period to the end of the year, is announced in a 'communique' issued today.

The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of India have today (August 14,) concluded an interim agreement, to cover the period up to the end of 1947, relating to India's sterling balances.

The agreement is of an interim nature and without prejudice to further discussions for a settlement of India's sterling balances.

The Indian and British delegations have, in a friendly and understanding spirit, examined the economic and financial problems of the two countries. After a review of the situation in the U. K. and the probable requirements of India, it has been agreed that a sum of £35 million should be available from India's existing balances for expenditure in any currency area up to December 31. In addition, a working balance of £20 million will be at the disposal of the Reserve Bank of India.

Agreement has also been reached on the method of identification of capital transactions to be permitted between the two countries without charge against, or addition to, funds available for current payments. In particular, the two Governments have agreed that no restrictions will be placed by either Government on the remittances of savings belonging to persons of U. K. origin who are proceeding to the U. K. to take up permanent residence, or on voluntary repatriation of investments by India to persons resident in the U. K.

India remains in the sterling area, but will continue to impose certain restrictions on remittances from India to other parts of the sterling area.

FRENZIED ENTHUSIASM IN BOMBAY

Crowds In Festive Mood

THE national flag was hoisted over the 74-year-old Bombay Civil Secretariat at midnight when the citizens of Bombay greeted the dawn of independence with solemn invocation and frenzied rejoicing.

"Citizens of free India—you are now free",—said the Prime Minister, Mr. B. G. Kher, in raising the flag at the midnight ceremony, which was attended by all Ministers and departmental heads and employees of the Bombay Government.

His declaration was greeted with cheers from the thousands who gathered at the approaches to the Secretariat.

A strong police guard kept order with the greatest difficulty till the conclusion of the ceremony when they lost control and hundreds swarmed through the Building in wild enthusiasm. Their spirit was that of the hundreds of thousands who marched cheering through the illuminated streets of Bombay, uninterruptedly shouting slogans in a multitude of tongues, which turned the city at midnight into a Babel.

Bombay in the early hours of Friday morning was a pedestrians' paradise. Cars either drove on the pavements, if they got the right of way, or were marooned there. Rejoicing crowds held the streets and all traffic rules were ignored. Trams and buses were not only packed to doors, but carried passengers on their roofs. Everyone cheered as the spirit of the occasion spread infectiously through the city. And few slept as bands blared and trumpets sounded in wild cacophony throughout the memorable night.

ILLUMINATIONS

A million lights over Bombay's public buildings made the Gateway of India a city of light and beauty. Floodlighting was effectively employed to emphasise all the artistry in the railway terminal and hundreds of other edifices, new and old. The Rajabai Clock Tower stood like a lone sentinel against the dark night in all the magic of electricity. An unbroken chain of lights stretched from the southern reaches of Colaba to Crawford Market and Kalbadevi and Girgaum were brightly ablaze in the glare of decorated and illuminated arches. Ships lay like jewels in the harbour.

Every street and every row of houses bore banners and bunting, and there were literally millions of national flags aloft in decorations which in their magnificence had never been excelled in the past.

The ceremony of raising the Tri-colour at the Secretariat took the form of a service of dedication to the new India. The Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay, His Grace Dr. Valerian Gracias, a High Priest of the Parsis, a Moulvi and a Shastri said appropriate prayers, after which Mr. Kher touched a switch set the Tri-colour ablaze in lights over the Secretariat dome and unfurled the flag. In doing so, the Prime Minister said: "We, the people of India have been awaiting this day for the past century. The attainment of this freedom has entailed sacrifice and suffering. We of this generation are particularly fortunate in seeing the realisation of a great dream. And it is proper that our hearts should be filled with thanksgiving to the Almighty on this occasion. Now we must prove deserving of the freedom we have attained and maintain the dignity of our national flag."

The Prime Minister added that a free India would hold a unique position in relation to subject countries in the East and that she should strive to obtain for those subject countries the freedom which was also their just due.

Mr. Kher then garlanded a picture of Mr. Gandhi, observing that he was the father of the freedom of the nation.

Mr. Kher concluded by emphasising that the freedom so dearly bought, brought with it great responsibilities. It was now for the nation to rise to the occasion and bear those responsibilities with nobility.

Vande Mataram was sung, all pre-

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"MAY BOMBAY PROSPER"

Governor's Message

GOOD WISHES TO FREE INDIA

Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, has sent greetings to the people of Bombay Province on the occasion of India's emergence as a full-fledged Dominion.

The message says: "This is the Appointed Day. At midnight last night the Indian Independence Act came into operation and today India has freedom, full and complete, to govern, to frame her constitution, and to decide her future relationship with all countries in accordance with the wishes of her peoples. On this day I send my heartfelt greetings to the people of this Province. May Bombay prosper—the Gateway of Free India.

Sir John Colville

"I esteem it an honour to have been invited to remain with you for a short time. Till the end of this year it will be my privilege to serve in Bombay, and today I am glad to share your rejoicings and to salute the flag of the new Dominion of India.

"As an old Parliamentarian whose teacher has been the Mother of Parliaments I rejoice to think that the future constitution of this great country may be framed on that model. May it bring peace and prosperity and may God's blessing rest on India.

Indore Joins Union

INDORE, August 14: H.H. the Maharaja Holkar of Indore has signed the revised Instrument of Accession and a standstill agreement with the Dominion of India Government.

His Highness has also announced reforms of a far-reaching character. He has directed his Government to submit to him as quickly as possible a plan for the setting up of a new constitution in consultation with Dr. M. R. Jayakar and representatives of the Legislature. The ultimate object of these reforms is the setting up of a Government which would be fully representative of the people.

His Highness has also announced his intention of appointing three non-official Ministers in the State Cabinet, which will have a strength of eight.

The control of Mhow was handed over to the Indore authorities today.

Jaipur Ruler's Decision

JAIPUR, August 14: The Maharaja of Jaipur has formally authorised the accession of Jaipur State to the Dominion of India.—A.P.I.

INDIA'S PREMIER THEATRE METRO (Every Seat A Cool Retreat!) DAILY at 3-30; 6-30 & 9-30 P.M.

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HAPPY SONGS:

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Today: "LOST" (Abbott & Costello)

Tomorrow: "OUR VINES HAVE TENDER GRAPES" (Margaret O'Brien)

Sunday: "BOY'S RANCH" (Butch Jenkins)