

Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: May I know whether since January, 1966 the Government of India have sent any cargo to North Vietnam and whether the Government of India propose not to have any trade relations with North Vietnam as they are having today with South Vietnam on the plea that any trade with North Vietnam would pass on to China?

Shri M. C. Chagla: As the Prime Minister pointed out, we have no trade relations with North Vietnam after 1962 and the same position continues till today. It is not something new. In 1962 we stopped the trade with North Vietnam and it continues.

Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: Does the Government propose to review its trade relations with North Vietnam?

Shri M. C. Chagla: The Government can always review its policy but there is no need for it now. The reason behind this policy is that China should not benefit from the trade we have with North Vietnam.

Shri Jyotirmoy Basu: Government do not have the guts or courage to stand up to the United States.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: In the reply to the main question we understood the hon. Minister to say that this requirement of the American law did not put a restriction in any way on us and we are free to act as we like according to our national interest. Therefore, I would like to know from him whether in the light of our repeated professions of non-alignment we consider it to be in our national interest not to trade with North Vietnam on the ground that what we send may go to China, but carry on trade with South Vietnam where the goods may easily go to the United States Armed Forces which are conducting the war there. Is it in our national interest to do so?

Shri M. C. Chagla: We are sending any lethal weapons . . . (Interruptions). May I finish the answer? We

are not sending anything to South Vietnam which is of a type which will help the war effort of any country.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: What kind of non-alignment is this?

Shri Lobo Prabhu: May I know whether it is not in our national interest that we recognise our obligations to the United States, which has been very generous to us with help . . . (Interruptions). Should we not recognise our obligation to the United States and put a complete ban on trade with both Cuba and North Vietnam? . . . (Interruptions).

Mr. Speaker: We will go to the next question. Shri Ram Kishan.

Shri Lobo Prabhu: Sir, my question has not been answered.

Mr. Speaker: I have gone to the next question.

Chinese Red Guards on N.E.F.A. Border

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Shri Girraj Saran Singh;
Shri Srinibas Misra;
Shri Virendrakumar Shah;
Shrimati Sushila Bohatgi;
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Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news-item appearing in the 'Indian Express' of the 20th June, 1967 that Chinese Red Guards are active along the N.E.F.A. border;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Red Guards are carrying on their activities for a cultural revolution by

establishing camps in the Kameng district of N.E.F.A.; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government are watchful about the situation.

Shri Ram Kishan: Will the Minister be pleased to state if the nefarious propaganda by the Red Guards is being carried on inside the territory of NEFA also and, if so, what steps have been taken to check this? What is the reaction of the local people to this Red Guard propaganda and what steps, if any, are being taken to meet this propaganda? May I know of this propaganda is also being made in the defence services, security forces and among other government servants who are watching our frontiers? If so, what steps are being taken to check this?

Shri M. C. Chagla: The main question really deals with the Red Guards carrying on their activities for a cultural revolution by establishing camps in the Kameng district of NEFA. As far as propaganda is concerned, China is carrying on propaganda to propagate its ideas of a cultural revolution. We are taking every step to counter that propaganda. I am sure that those living in India who listen to these broadcasts are not affected by the stories and ideology put up by the Chinese.

Shri Ram Kishan: What is the reaction of the local people?

Mr. Speaker: The Minister has said that they are not affected by the propaganda. Members should carefully listen to the replies.

श्री यज्ञवल्क शर्मा: यह जो प्रचार उत्तर पूर्वी सीमान्त में चल रहा है सरकार इसको प्रत्युत्तर किस प्रकार से और किन साधनों के द्वारा दे रही है ?

मेरे प्रश्न का दूसरा भाग यह है कि जो सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र है वह चीनी घुसपैठियों ने किस क्षेत्र के अन्दर बनाये हैं ? क्या यह सब नहीं है कि वे कामन रिजन के अन्दर घुस आए हैं और अगर ठीक है तो फिर सरकार इसके लिए क्या कर रही है ?

Shri M. C. Chagla: As I said, the Chinese have not set up any cultural centres within our country. The propaganda is from across the borders which obviously can be met by counter radio propaganda, literature, trying to meet the people and explain to them what the situation is. We are using all media of communication and propaganda which are available to us.

श्री यज्ञवल्क शर्मा: अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरे सवाल का पूरा उत्तर नहीं आया है। स्पष्टीकरण ही पूरा नहीं हुआ है। बात अधूरी रह जाएगी इस वास्ते स्पष्टीकरण होना आवश्यक है—

Mr. Speaker: What is the point that he has not answered? Do not ask another question.

श्री यज्ञवल्क शर्मा: किस भाषा में उनके प्रचार का उत्तर दिया जा रहा है। वे लाउड स्पीकर लगा कर प्रचार कर रहे हैं क्या यह सही नहीं है ? जानना चाहता हूँ कि लाउड स्पीकर किस जगह लगा कर वे प्रचार कर रहे हैं ? क्या यह भी सही नहीं है कि रेडियो द्वारा वे प्रचार कर रहे हैं ? क्या वे किसी जगह हमारे क्षेत्र के अन्दर घुसे हैं या नहीं घुसे हैं ? लाउड स्पीकर वे अपने यहां चीन में कोई छत पर तो नहीं लगा सकते हैं। उस क्षेत्र के अन्दर सब कुछ कर रहे हैं। ये बातें हैं जिनका स्पष्टीकरण नहीं हुआ है।

Mr. Speaker: It has been accepted that they are carrying on propaganda.

Shri M. C. Chagla: I understand the language they use is highly Sanskritised Hindi. We are trying to meet the

propaganda by using the language which people understand. That is the only way to carry on propaganda. It is no use carrying on propaganda in a way which people do not understand.

श्री जगन्नाथराव जोशी : भ्रमी बताया गया है कि लाल रक्षकों की जो गतिविधियाँ सीमा क्षेत्रों में चल रही हैं, उतकी और सरकार का ध्यान है। किन्तु भ्रमियों ने जान बूझ कर उत्तर पूर्वी सीमान्त क्षेत्र जो है, इसको भारत से अलग रखने की कोशिश की है, क्या यह सही नहीं है ? क्या यह भी सही नहीं है कि लाल रक्षकों की गतिविधियाँ जितनी भारत के लिए खतरनाक हैं उतने सई गुना ज्यादा खतरनाक भ्रमियों के जमाने में यह जो व्हाइट गार्डेज ने प्रचार करना शुरू किया था पादरी माइकल स्काट जैसे पादरियों ने, उनकी गतिविधियाँ हैं। पादरियों की खतरनाक गतिविधियों के बारे में सबूत आपको मिल चुके हैं उनसे जिन पादरियों को कि आपने भारत से निष्कासित किया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि पादरियों की गतिविधियों पर रोक लगाने की क्या आपने कोई कोशिश की है यदि की है तो क्या ?

इस क्षेत्र को भारत के अन्य भागों के समीप लाने की दृष्टि से जैसा विद्यार्थी परिषद ने कार्य कर अपनाया था कि वहाँ से विद्यार्थियों को बम्बई में बुला कर एक महीने के लिए यहाँ रखा...

Mr. Speaker: What is all this? Where are you going? You went to Michael Scot. Then you go on to Bombay. This question is about Chinese propaganda. Come to NEFA. This is the question hour. You can ask a supplementary, which is related to the question.

Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi: I want to know whether it is not a fact that the students from NEFA were brought to Bombay by the Vidyarti Parishad and they stayed there for about a month.

उत्तर पूर्वी सीमान्त क्षेत्र को ही नेफा कहा जाता है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस तरह से और विद्यार्थियों को भारत के अन्य नगरों में ले जाकर ठहराने की व्यवस्था की जाएगी ? उत्तर पूर्वी सीमान्त भारत का एक अंग है। अब जब यह भारत का एक अंग है तो क्यों जो गलती एक बार इसको एक्सटर्नल एफयूजेन के अन्तर्गत रख कर की गई है, उसको दोहराया जा रहा है और क्यों नहीं इसको गृह मन्त्रालय के अन्तर्गत लाया जाता ?

Shri M. C. Chagla: NEFA is very much part of India. All of us realise it and, I am sure, the people of NEFA themselves realise it. The whole attempt of China is to break up the integrity of India by subversion, by propaganda of every means open to them; it is not merely in NEFA but in Mizo Hills and Nagaland. As I said, it is absolutely certain that our people living in these parts want to remain with India and do not want to play into the hands of China by breaking up the integrity of this country.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : भ्रमी बताया गया है कि वे हिन्दी में प्रचार करते हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि सांस्कृतिक क्रान्ति के बारे में जो साहित्य वे बांटते हैं क्या उसको आपने कभी पकड़ा है और क्या किसी व्यक्ति को गिरफ्तार किया है इस साहित्य को बांटने हुए ? जो प्रचार वे माइक से करते हैं या रेडियो से करते हैं या आपने उनके साधनों को पकड़ने की कोशिश की है या किसी को गिरफ्तार किया है, या कोई साहित्य जब्त किया है, यदि हाँ तो कितना जब्त किया है ?

Shri M. C. Chagla: We cannot stop the radio broadcasts unless we try to jam them. As I said, we are doing counter-propaganda. What else can I say?

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : उस क्षेत्र में उनके लोग आकर प्रचार करते हैं, साहित्य बांटते हैं, इस प्रकार के समाचार समाचार-

पत्रों में प्रकाशित हुए हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उस सम्बन्ध में आपने कितने लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया है। माइक लाकर जो प्रचार करती हैं, उनको तथा माइक्स को क्या आपने पकड़ा है? अगर नहीं पकड़ा और किसी को एरेस्ट नहीं किया तो क्यों नहीं किया? मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि कितने लोग इस सम्बन्ध में पकड़ गए हैं? इसका उत्तर नहीं आया है।

Mr. Speaker: Evidently he is asking about the position within our country.

Shri M. C. Chagla: If any literature is distributed in NEFA, it is seized. If any people go there, who are not the nationals of our country, they are detained and prosecuted. But, as I said, there is no case of any Chinese having entered into NEFA.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Ealanthi.

श्री हुसैन खन्ड कछवाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय जवाब पूरा नहीं आया है... लम्बी घंटी बजा कर मुझे आप बिठा ही देंगे और मैं बैठ ही जाऊँगा। लेकिन उत्तर तो दिलायें।

Mr. Speaker: I have already called the next member. Shri Ealanthi; Shri Singh Deo.

Shri K. P. Singh Deo: May I know whether the Government of India is aware of the threat on our borders as an off-shoot of the Chinese cultural revolution which might develop into Chinese military adventure to divert the attention of the people of China from the bitterness and the discord which has been caused by the so-called cultural revolution and, if so, what steps Government is taking in the matter?

Shri M. C. Chagla: We are conscious of that danger that when a country has got domestic troubles, it often turns to external menace in order to divert the attention of its own people. We are taking necessary steps to meet any such eventuality.

Shri Girraj Saran Singh: Can the Minister inform us whether any particular political party in this country is trying to set up a movement similar to that of the Red Guards and, if so, what is Government going to do about it?

Shri M. C. Chagla: We are not aware of any attempt to set up Red Guards in this country.

Shri Srinibas Misra: When the hon. Minister says that they have not set up any Red Guards in any camp inside the Indian Union, does he also include the area which belongs to us but which is in illegal occupation of the Chinese?

Shri M. C. Chagla: I meant that part of India which is in our occupation. I was not referring to the part which is in occupation of the Chinese.

Shri Virendrakumar Shah: In reply to the main Question, the hon. Minister stated that there are no Red Guards in that area. Is there any likelihood of there being Indian Red Guards, but who for the colour are like Hithers' Brown Shirt that might be operating in NEFA or in Kerala or in Naxalbari? Is that the vanguard of what is called by the Peking Radio that the spark of Mao's thought is shining in the Indian soil? If the hon. Minister is not aware of it, would he find out whether such a movement is there and, if so, what steps Government propose to take to curb this movement?

Shri M. C. Chagla: I hope the hon. Member will not accept whatever the Peking Radio says as a gospel truth. China is noted for exaggeration and the story that the puts out has no basis whatsoever. So far as we know, there are no Indians who have started any Red Guard movement. Certainly, we have to watch and see. (Interruption).

Shri Samar Guha: On a point of order, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: No point of order during Question Hour.

Shri Samar Guha: The last part of the question cannot be answered by the Minister of External Affairs.

Shrimati Sushila Rohatgi: Seeing that the so-called cultural revolution in China has climaxed in the ill-treatment and public trial of our diplomatic corps in Peking, and also that it resulted in tremendous disturbance in Burma, will the Government take steps to see that this high-sounding cultural revolution does not lead to disorder here and to unauthorised occupation of our Indian territory by the Chinese?

Shri M. C. Chagla: The hon. lady Member is right. We have to guard ourselves against any such eventuality. I assure her that we are taking necessary steps.

Shri Hem Barua: Is it a fact that the idea mooted out in certain quarters in India that India should have a joint defence pact with Nepal and Burma is getting on their nerves at present and may I know whether the concentration of Red Guards on our frontier indulging in all sorts of anti-India propaganda is only a prelude to the creation of a passage to India through NEFA? That is my question.

At the same time, I want to say one thing. Possibly, the hon. Minister is wrong in saying that the Chinese are not getting into NEFA. When I visited NEFA sometime ago, I found inscribed on the floors of the military barracks which the Chinese occupied during 1962, "Whenever you want us, tell us and we will come". That is what they have written there...

An hon. Member: That has been removed.

Shri Hem Barua: I was informed that in a cultural show, in a dramatic performance, some Chinese came and attended the show organised by the Army people but before they could be spotted, they retraced on the floor of this House, when we repeatedly asked whether, before 1962, there was a restaurant in Bomdilla... (Interruption) That was denied...

Mr. Speaker: You are giving information to the Minister; you are not putting a question.

Shri Hem Barua: The Minister said like that. I wanted to tell him all these developments because the security of the country is my concern, your concern, the Minister's concern and everybody's concern. Therefore, I say all these things.

I would like to have a reply to my original question.

Shri M. C. Chagla: My hon. friend asked me whether the suggestion of a defence pact gets on the Chinese' nerves. I do not know what gets on the Chinese' nerves. Their nerves are already very bad, I know. I cannot say what is the basis for the present attitude of China. There is no rational explanation for this. I cannot give any rational explanation as to why the Chinese are behaving like that.

Shri Bal Raj Madhok: In view of the fact that the Red Guards represent the spearhead of the Chinese propaganda and political offensive to prepare the ground for military offensive and to subvert the lawful government in the border areas, and also in view of the fact that there are parties, and groups in India which are particularly active on border areas and that some of the members, particularly from the Naxalbari area, have crossed into Tibet to get intensive training, may I know whether the Government of India has taken steps to contact the Governments of Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan and co-ordinate action to prevent such Red Guard counterparts taking roots in those areas, and secondly, whether they have taken steps to have some kind of a counter-offensive to this propaganda offensive of Chinese through Tibet and to suppress their counterparts working and operating in the borders of the country, particularly NEFA and the surrounding neighbouring areas?

Shri M. C. Chagla: As I said before, we have taken all possible action to

counter the Chinese propaganda in NEFA. I have said that so far no Chinese has entered into that area.

With regard to the countries which my hon. friend mentioned, they are friendly countries, they are aware of the situation, and we are constantly in touch with these countries.

Shri Bal Raj Madhok: My specific question was this. Have they taken any steps to get in touch with those countries and also to start counter-offensive and also to suppress those people in the border areas who are collaborating with them?

Shri M. C. Chaglia: My hon. friend realises that Nepal is an independent sovereign country and it would not be right for us, even in discussion, to suggest anything which might be looked upon as interference in their internal affairs. But being a friendly country, naturally we have constant exchanges of ideas and thoughts. I cannot go beyond that.

श्री हरदयाल देवगुण: श्रीमन्, क्या मन्त्री महोदय यह बतायेंगे कि यहाँ जो साहित्य बाँदा जा रहा है वह साहित्य कुछ आप के अधिकार में आया है ? यदि आया है तो वह यहाँ भारत में प्रकाशित होता है या चीन से प्रकाशित होकर आता है ? दूसरी बात कि क्या चीन के लोग वहाँ पर अपने एजेंट्स को रुपया बाँद कर अपना प्रचार करवा रहे हैं ? ऐसी घटनाएँ क्या आपकी जानकारी में आई हैं और ऐसे लोगों को आपने गिरफ्तार किया है जो चीन का रुपया लेते हुए पकड़े गए हैं ? यदि हाँ तो कितने को आपने गिरफ्तार किया है ?

Shri M. C. Chaglia: Any literature which is anti-Indian or anti-national is banned and proscribed. As I said, if there is any literature, we would see. But as far as I am concerned, I have no information that any such literature has been distributed in NEFA.

About money being given to the people in NEFA, I do not have any

information. But if we come to know of any such case, we will take strict and severe action against the persons who take money in order to carry out subversive activities in our country.

श्री कंवर लाल गुप्त: मन्त्री महोदय ने अभी कहा कि वह भारतीय इलाके में आकर चाइनीज प्रोपेगेंडा नहीं करती है । मैं मन्त्री महोदय से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि जहाँ हमारी सेनाएँ हैं उससे लगभग 20 किलोमीटर आगे तक भारत का इलाका है जो खाली पड़ा है जहाँ हम चाइनीज एग्जेशन के बाद अभी तक गए नहीं हैं, क्या यह सही है कि चाइनीज उस इलाके में आकर के प्रोपेगेंडा करते हैं और अगर यह सही है तो आप उन को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रहे हैं ? जो प्रोपेगेंडा वे चाइनीज कर रहे हैं, उसका हमारे इलाके के लोगों पर क्या असर पड़ा है ? क्या कोई लोग चाइनीज के साथ मिल कर काम करते हुए गिरफ्तार हुए हैं ?

Shri M. C. Chaglia: I have already answered the second part of the question. To my knowledge, the propaganda has not been successful, I have also said that I have no information whether any people have been arrested.

With regard to the first part of the question, all that I know and all that I can tell the House is that this propaganda is carried on from within China and not from any part of our country. I am sorry I am not in a position to give any more information.

Shri D. C. Sharma: The so-called cultural revolution initiated by the Red Guards in China has also provoked counter-revolution in some of the provinces of China such as Yuman, Sinkiang and others and there is a great deal of tension in the mainland of China between the so-called forces of revolution and the forces of the

so-called counter-revolution. May I know whether these facts are being brought to the notice of the people of the border areas by books, by pamphlets and through the medium of All India Radio etc.?

Shri M. C. Chagla: Yes; the people are being told what reaction is there in China to Mao's philosophy and his attempts at converting the whole of China to his ideas of cultural revolution.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: May I know whether Government feel that the present propaganda to counter the propaganda of the Chinese is sufficient? May I also know whether Government propose to take necessary steps to coordinate with the activities of other countries wherein China has started an offensive, as for instance, Indonesia, Nepal and Burma, and whether Government would mobilise the public opinion in those countries also against the Chinese propaganda by constantly being in touch with those countries?

Shri M. C. Chagla: Fortunately, the only friends of China in the whole wide world are Pakistan and Cambodia in Asia and Albania in Europe. But I welcome the suggestion of my hon. friend, and I am sure my colleague the Minister of Information and Broadcasting has this in mind that we should co-ordinate our propaganda with friendly countries.

Shri Swell: The first part of the original question is whether the attention of the hon. Minister has been drawn to the news item that Chinese Red Guards are active along the NEFA border, and the answer is 'Yes'. What does this 'Yes' mean? Does it mean that the attention of Government has been drawn to this news item, or does it mean that the Chinese Red Guards are active on the NEFA border? If they are active, what form of activities are they indulging in? Then, the hon.

Minister has said that the suggestion of a defence pact between India, Nepal and Burma is getting on the nerves of China. Does that mean that, that suggestion is under the active consideration of these three Governments?

Shri M. C. Chagla: I never said so. My hon. friend Shri Hem Barua had asked me whether the possibility of any defence arrangement between the three countries was getting on the nerves of China, and my answer was that I did not know what got on the nerves of the Chinese. Therefore, I never said that, that was so. As regards the first part of the question, the answer obviously is to the question put namely whether the attention of Government had been drawn to the article, and the answer is 'Yes.'

Shri Swell: My question is whether the hon. Minister has any information that the Chinese Red Guards are really active on the NEFA border and if so, what form of activities they are indulging in.

Shri M. C. Chagla: I have already answered the question by saying that the activities are propaganda and hostile propaganda from within their country.

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Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Foreign Minister of Pakistan,