

Nagas and their demand for independence; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to give a correct appraisal of the situation obtaining in the Naga Hills vis-a-vis the demand for independence so far as British interest in the movement of the Naga Hills, to know about it, is concerned?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika): (a) Yes.

(b) An article by our Deputy High Commissioner has appeared in the *Observer*, which refutes some of the misstatements made by Gavin Young in his articles. The book "Nagaland" by Dr. Verrier Elwin, which makes a balanced appraisal of the situation in Nagaland, has been distributed to our Posts abroad.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I am sorry there is another question still. Anyhow, may I say that there is evidently some contact between Mr. Gavin Young, the journalist, and these people, because, as the hon. Member pointed out, Gavin Young sent a letter from one of the airmen there to the father of that airman who is in Kanpur. However, the present position is this. Some people—again, I think, through Mr. Gavin Young—approached the International Red Cross, asking them if they can arrange to be present at the time of the transfer of these airmen prisoners. The International Red Cross sent the letter to the Indian Red Cross. The Indian Red Cross referred it to us. We said "we have no objection; if your people are present there they can certainly be present there when the transfer is made." That is the present position.

Mr. Speaker: I think the hon. Prime Minister had Question No. 343 in mind.

Dr. Bam Subhag Singh: Question No. 295 also.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: If you permit, Sir, Question No. 343 also may be answered.

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

Airmen held Captive by Naga Rebels

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Pandit D. N. Tiwari:
Shri Rajendra Singh:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shrimati Mafta Ahmed:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Naga rebel leader A. Z. Phizo has sent a communication to Government that the Indian airmen held captive by his followers in Nagaland would be freed soon; and

(b) if so, whether any mention has been made about the probable date of their release?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) and (b). The Government of India have received no such communication from Mr. Phizo. But in an article by Mr. Gavin Young in the *London Observer* on the 9th April, it was stated that the Naga hostiles would probably release the IAF airmen before long.

Mr. Gavin Young apparently also wrote to the British Red Cross Society for their help in arranging the release of the aircrew. This request was passed on by the British Red Cross to the International Red Cross who, in turn, addressed the Indian Red Cross. The Indian Red Cross informed us of this and enquired what they should do. They were told by the External Affairs Ministry that the Indian Red Cross representatives can be present along with the local Government officials at the time of the actual handing over of the aircrew.

Nothing further has been heard about this matter.

Shri Hem Barua: In reply to my question, the hon. Parliamentary Secretary made a reference to the article written by our Deputy High Commissioner that was published in the *Observer*, as also Dr. Verrier Elwin's book *Nagaland*. About that article, may I submit that that article is not at all enlightening in the sense that there is not one solid argument in that article. The only argument is, if the hostiles are so sure of their position, why do they not come and get themselves elected? About Dr. Verrier Elwin's book *Nagaland*, it is not very enlightening. Therefore, may I know what steps Government have taken to present our actual case for consumption in Britain in reply to Mr. Gavin Young's very serious allegations made in an article published in the *Observer*?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I am not here to argue about the quality of an article. I thought our Deputy High Commissioner's letter was a good one. It did not apparently appeal to the hon. Member opposite. It was an answer to Mr. Gavin Young's article and it was a good answer. As for Dr. Verrier Elwin's book, it does not deal, of course, with the present situation; it deals with the whole Nagaland.

Shri Hem Barua: I did not find that helpful at all.

Mr. Speaker: There can be difference of opinion.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether any man from our High Commission approached Mr. Gavin Young in regard to the release of these airmen?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not quite understand why we should approach Mr. Gavin Young on this subject. Of course, he sent the letter to us and an answer is sent to him.

Newsprint Factory in Kangra District

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Shri Pangarkar:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
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Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
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Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3339 on the 14th April, 1961 and state:

(a) whether necessary foreign exchange and collaboration have since been negotiated and settled for the proposed newsprint factory in Kangra District; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Not yet, Sir. The exact location in the Punjab will also be decided by the party in consultation with their collaborators.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know what is the estimated capacity of the proposed plant?

Shri Manubhai Shah: For the present they are thinking of 60,000 tons of newsprint per year and it will be raised very soon according to the latest report to 1,15,000 tons per year.

Shri C. D. Pande: A few years back experiments were made to manufacture newsprint out of sugarcane bagasse in Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh and that did not succeed. Now it is learnt that this process has succeeded. May I know whether Government will encourage the use of sugarcane bagasse as raw material, because that is the cheapest raw material?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is true that now this process has succeeded. We have licensed two projects for newsprint manufacture, one in Karad in Maharashtra for 60,000 tons and another in Moradabad in U.P. for 60,000