

Belgrade Conference

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 Shri Sadhan Gupta:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Tangamani:
 Shri Shree Narayan Das:
 Shri Radha Raman:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
 Shri M. B. Thakore:
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Hem Barua:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the matters discussed and the conclusions arrived at, at the Belgrade Conference of non-aligned nations;

(b) the position taken up by India on anti-colonialism;

(c) whether such position was different from that taken up by other Afro-Asian nations; and

(d) if so, the reason for taking up such position?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) The matters discussed and the conclusions reached at the Belgrade Conference have been published in full in the press. A copy of the Final Declaration of the Conference is, however, placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-3289/61].

(b) to (d). The position taken by the Conference on 'Colonialism' is stated in its Final Declaration, in the drafting of which the Indian delegation took an important part. The question of there being any difference of approach between India and other participating countries does not arise.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know whether in the course of the conference, a difference arose between our representative, that is, the Prime Minister, and some of the other Afro-Asian representatives regarding the emphasis to be placed on the condemnation of colonialism *vis-a-vis* the

emphasis on disarmament and peace and, if so, whether our refusal to emphasise anticolonialism, created a wrong impression among the other delegates that we have softened our opposition to colonialism?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): It is difficult for us to say what impression was created in somebody else's mind or in the minds of the other delegates. Our whole objective in the Belgrade Conference was to emphasise the dangerous war and peace situation in the world, which has become more dangerous by the resumption of nuclear tests in the Soviet Union and that the Belgrade Conference should lay stress on this war and peace situation and try to improve it. We did lay stress on that. That has nothing to do with less stress on anti-colonialism or on any other matter. They are important and they were referred to but the important thing was that the world should survive and not be put an end to by nuclear war.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that all types of neutralism—positive neutralism, unaligned neutralism, uncommitted neutralism and all these types were represented in that political caravanserai conference at Belgrade, may I know what was the basic policy of our Prime Minister adopted to steer through the rough weather there?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I could not follow the question.

Shri Hem Barua: All types of neutralism—positive neutralism, uncommitted neutralism, unaligned neutralism, etc.—were represented at Belgrade. What basic policy did our Prime Minister adopt to steer through the rough weather at Belgrade?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Obviously when a large number of countries get together, they represent often in minor matters or even in major matters differences of opinion. People do not come together merely to say ditto to

each other, because they do not agree on everything. That is obvious. In the Belgrade Conference, a great majority of the countries were from Africa and from the Arab countries. They were influenced by local considerations, this, that and the other. In forming a policy—it was not high policy—geography counts; these things are discussed and ultimately something emerges. Here a communique emerged, which was ultimately passed unanimously.

Shri Nath Pai: The Prime Minister stated that there was no difference of opinion with regard to the issue of anti-colonialism. May I know whether there were any differences on the issue of the attitude to be taken with regard to the resumption of atomic tests and also the developments in Berlin? What were the differences particularly between the delegation of India and the other countries?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The use of the word 'difference' is confusing. It is all the time a question of emphasis. A separate resolution was sponsored by India and accepted, about the war and peace situation. It referred to nuclear tests, etc.; this matter must be dealt with as a matter of great urgency. We do not call that 'difference' when some people thought that this was important enough, but other matters should be given equal prominence.

Shri Nath Pai: With regard to Berlin?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Berlin was not discussed there. It was referred to as a very important matter, but it was not discussed at all.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether it was a fact that three leaders who took part in the Belgrade Conference including our Prime Minister met yesterday and there was a proposal that the conference should be continued and a new conference should take place?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: At Cairo?

Shri Tangamani: Yes.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: There was a proposal that the conference be continued? What does it mean? Obviously a conference cannot continue permanently. It has to conclude at some time.

Shri Tangamani: I have been misunderstood. It has been reported in the papers that when the three leaders met, there was a proposal that a conference similar to the Belgrade Conference may be held for continuing that conference and for discussing the matters which were left out. Is it a fact?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, Sir; there was no reference to that subject at all.

Raja Mahendra Pratap: Was World Government discussed there or not, because no peace can be established by only treaties? About colonial questions, I have to say this that the colonial question is a natural phenomenon. When human currents flow out, they go out and water other countries. So, was it discussed or not?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It was not discussed.

Labour-Management Relations in Coal Mines

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Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
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Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to appoint a Committee to go into the labour-management relations in the coal mines;

(b) if so, whether the proposed enquiry would be conducted into the labour-management relations in the coal mines in the private sector as well as the public sector; and