

Shri Hathi: The number of engineers belonging to the CWINC organisation is fourteen and the total number is sixty-nine.

Pandit Lingaraj Misra: Is it a fact that the USSR refused to co-operate, in the Technical Assistance Programme of the United Nations?

Shri Hathi: So far as I know, they are not contributing to that program me.

Shri P. T. Chacko: May I know why no student is sent to Equador?

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASIAN PROBLEMS

*828. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an International Conference on Asian Problems was held recently in New York;

(b) whether India had any hand in the sponsoring of this Conference;

(c) whether, and, if so, in which way, India was associated with this Conference; and

(d) what were the problems discussed and decisions taken in the Conference?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) India, as such, was not represented, but some Indians in America were associated with this conference.

(d) The problems discussed at the conference included colonialism, status of women in Asia, youth movements in Asia, educational problems and reforms, rehabilitation and technical assistance, foreign trade and investments, cultural affairs, etc.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know, Sir, whether colonial Powers having colonies in Asia participated in the conference?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: It was an unofficial conference and no official was connected with the conference.

Shri S. N. Das: Who were the sponsors of the conference?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: The Asian Institute of United States.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know why India was not represented on the status of women?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: We have not been invited to this conference.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know, Sir, the constitution of that Institute? Whether any countries of Asia are represented in that Institution?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: I have no information about the constitution of that Institute.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether any invitation has been extended to the Government of India and why the Government of India have not responded to it?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I do not understand when some private individuals start an Institute or hold a conference, what the Government of India or any Government has got to do with it.

STATE TRADING

*829. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what were the commodities in which a kind of State Trading was adopted as of necessity during the war time?

(b) What are the commodities in which a kind of State Trading is still carried on and with what results?

(c) What are the conditions and circumstances in which State Trading is made applicable to a particular commodity by Government?

(d) What is the reason for gradual withdrawal of State Trading from certain commodities in recent years?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) A list is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 2.]

(b) Some kind of State Trading is still carried on in Steel, foodgrains and fertilisers other than Superphosphates. The results are considered satisfactory.

(c) Whenever an essential article is in scarce supply and Government consider that equitable distribution at reasonable prices cannot be otherwise arranged.

(d) As and when the emergency ceases to exist.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: May I know whether this scheme