

we may expect to have even the semblance of such a fleet to guard our oceans?

Mr. Speaker: That is a different thing altogether.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या भारत सरकार ने इंडियन ओशन के आस पास के देशों, जैसे बर्मा, सीलोन, मलयेशिया, इंडोनेशिया से मिल कर ऐसा परामर्श किया है कि ये सब देश मिल कर यू० एस० ए० के पास एक विरोध पत्र भेजें कि उनका सातवां फ्लीट इंडियन ओशन में न आवे ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : नहीं किया है।

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: Is it the intention of the Government to convey its pleasure or displeasure on the visit of any foreign fleet that enters the Indian Ocean even though it keeps beyond our territorial waters?

The Minister without Portfolio (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): I may read out a few sentences of the Prime Minister's statement which he made earlier to clear up the position:

"The ocean outside the territorial waters of India is open to the naval vessels of the United States as to the naval vessels of any other country. It would be quite wrong to suggest that a cruise by a few naval ships in the Indian Ocean either threatens our freedom or imperils our policy of non-alignment. To prevent misgivings, however, I would like to take this occasion to state emphatically that while we are glad to take assistance from friendly countries in our defence build-up, there is no question of any foreign ships or foreign aircraft participating in the actual defence of the country. This defence will be effected only by the Indian armed forces and the people of this country."

Conference of Non-Aligned Countries

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{ **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad;**
Shri Shree Narayan
Das;

- Shri Bibhuti Mishra;**
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath;
Shri Harish Chandra
Mathur;
Shrimati Savitri Nigam;
Shri D. D. Puri;
Shri P. R. Chakraverti;
***128. { Shri S. C. Samanta;**
Shri M. L. Dwivedi;
Shri Sarjoo Pandey;
Shri Indrajit Gupta;
Shri Hem Barua;
Shri Yashpal Singh;
Shri J. B. S. Bist;
Shri Umanath;
Shri P. C. Borooah;
Shri Nath Pai;
Shri Kajrolkar;
Shri Shashi Ranjan;
Shri Hem Raj;
Shri Anjanappa;
Shri Rameshwar Tantia;
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey;

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in convening the Conference of non-aligned nations;

(b) the countries which are going to be invited; and

(c) whether any precise agenda has been circulated?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) to (c). Government of India have welcomed the joint communique by President Nasser and Prime Minister Mrs. Bandaranaike made on October 13, 1963 in which they had agreed that another Conference of Non-aligned countries should be held. Correspondence has taken place between the Prime Minister and the Heads of some concerned countries regarding various aspects of the proposed Conference. The suggestions and proposals made in the correspondence are not yet final and are being considered by all concerned. It is understood that no decision has so far been taken regarding the countries to be invited to the Conference or its precise agenda.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether in these private consultations any tentative time has been fixed for calling such a conference?

Shri Dinesh Singh: No, Sir.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether in the absence of any other details, it has been decided as to in which place the conference will be held?

Shri Dinesh Singh: No, Sir. The place and time have not been fixed.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know how this proposed conference will be different from the other conference which is likely to be sponsored on the Bandung model?

Shri Dinesh Singh: The Bandung conference is an Afro-Asian conference of the countries in the continents of Africa and Asia. This is a conference of non-aligned countries, countries which subscribe to the principle of non-alignment.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know the number and names of countries which are likely to participate in this conference?

Shri Dinesh Singh: No names have been fixed. There is a general proposal that the countries which took part in the Belgrade conference will decide which are the countries to be invited.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : चाइना ने यह कोशिश की है और बराबर यह प्रयत्न करता रहा है कि तटस्थ देशों का सम्मेलन विफल हो जाये । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि चीन के प्रयत्नों को निष्फल करने के लिए हमारी सरकार क्या कर रही है ?

श्री किन्नेश सिंह : तैयारी कर रही है इसके लिए कि इस तरह की कानफरेंस जल्दी हो सके ।

Shri Indrajit Gupta: Has Government's attention been drawn to a despatch from the correspondent of the *Statesman* in Colombo to the

effect that there is much resentment in Ceylon over the fact that India sent an emissary, in fact the hon. Minister himself, to meet only President Nasser in connection with the preparations for this conference and not also to meet Mrs. Bandaranaike who is a co-sponsor of the conference; if so, may I know what is the Government's reaction?

Shri Dinesh Singh: The Government of Ceylon do not associate themselves with this press report that has come. They have made it clear that it is not their point of view. I may, with your permission, Sir, make it clear that I did not go either to Cairo or Belgrade with the purpose specifically to discuss about this conference. I had gone there on their invitation and when I was there this was one of the subjects I discussed with them.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is it a fact that the Chinese Government is trying to move heaven and earth, rather Asia and Africa, so as to be able to sneak into this conference; if so, has the Government made it clear to all concerned that they will refuse to attend any conference and be at the same table where China is also represented?

Shri Dinesh Singh: So far as this conference is concerned, Prime Minister Chou En-lai had made it quite clear in Cairo that China is an aligned country and therefore there is no question of their coming to this conference.

श्री राम सेवक यादव : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो तटस्थ देशों का सम्मेलन होगा उसमें चीनी प्रतिनिधिमण और जो भूमि उसके कब्जे में है, तथा कोलम्बो प्रस्तावों के न मानने के बारे में भी विचार किया जायेगा ?

श्री किन्नेश सिंह : लोगों का खयाल है कि देशों के आपस के झगड़े इस कानफरेंस में नहीं त होने चाहिए ।

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that there are different varieties of non-alignment—positive non-alignment and neutral non-alignment, aligned non-alignment and non-aligned non-alignment and some pseudo-non-alignment also, may I know what are the varieties that are proposed to be represented in this conference?

Shri Dinesh Singh: As I mentioned earlier, there is a general feeling that the countries which took part in the Belgrade Conference should attend this conference and then they can decide who others should be invited.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या ऐसा प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है कि यह कांग्रेस दिल्ली में हो जिससे कि प्रधान मंत्री जी भी उसमें आसानी से हिस्सा ले सकें ?

श्री दिनेश सिंह : अभी तो इस का सवाल नहीं उठता है कि यह कहा होगी ।

Shri Swell: Has the Government's attention been drawn to the report that the Prime Minister of China, Mr. Chou En-lai will be in Ceylon on the 26th of this month and, in view of this and in view of the fact that there is a certain amount of resentment on the part of Ceylon, although the Deputy Minister says that Ceylon Government does not associate itself with that resentment, may I know what steps Government would be taking to repair any damage in our relationship with Ceylon?

Shri Dinesh Singh: There has been no damage in this respect.

Political Reforms in NEFA

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Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Umanath:
Shri Swell:
Dr. M. S. Aney:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have had under consideration a proposal to introduce certain political reforms in NEFA; and

(b) if so, the decision since taken in the matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri D. Ering): (a) and (b). The strengthening and the development of democratic institutions in NEFA is continually under the consideration of Government. Recently, certain proposals have been made in this connection which are still under examination.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: In view of the closest affinity with the people of Nagaland, may I know whether the Government wants to introduce the same measures as have been introduced in Nagaland?

Shri D. Ering: There is no proposal like that.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know whether any step has been taken to assess the public opinion there through some elected representatives of the people?

Shri D. Ering: That is right.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that NEFA so long has been progressively bureaucracy-ridden, may I know whether there is any plan before the Government to constitute autonomous village councils in order to decentralise power?

Shri D. Ering: Yes, Sir.

Shri Swell: May I know if the Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which emanated from Delhi on 8th of January that the Prime Minister had agreed to appoint a high-powered committee to study the question of the administrative-reforms proposal made by the Member of Parliament from NEFA? May I know why that committee has not been appointed as yet?