

at "bugging" of confidential discussions among the industrial nations of the West by under developed countries ;

(b) if so, whether any formal or informal protest have been launched ; and

(c) the reaction of Government to the news item and the protests referred to in part (b) above ?

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The item in the London "Times" was factually incorrect and the UNCTAD Secretariat, through Press Note No. 6 dt. 18 March 1968, a copy of which is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1226/68] denied that there had been any bugging.

(c) Government feel that the issue was between the newspaper concerned and the UNCTAD Secretariat and in view of the latter's denial, no further action was considered necessary.

**Yugoslavia's Stand on Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty**

10092. **SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: SHRI DEIVEEKAN : SHRI ANBUCEZHIAN :**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether It is a fact that President Tito of Yugoslavia has written to Indian Government about Yugoslavia's stand on the nuclear non-proliferation Treaty ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Prime Minister's Visit to Sikkim and Bhutan**

10093. **SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime

Minister propose to visit Sikkim and Bhutan ; and

(b) if so, the specific reasons therefor in view of the fact that the Deputy Prime Minister has recently visited those places ?

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister visited Bhutan and Sikkim between 3rd May and 6th May on a goodwill visit in response to invitations received by her from the rulers of these two States.

**Resignation of Chairman, Press Council**

10094. **SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Press Council has sent his resignation to the Prime Minister ;

(b) if so, what are his allegations against Government ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Chairman has objected to the setting up of the Advisory Committee of Members of Parliament on the Press Council ; and

(d) if so, Governments' reaction thereto ?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). In his letter to the Prime Minister Shri J. R. Mudholkar had commented on the circumstances leading to the setting up of the Advisory Committee on the Press Council and regarding the composition and the objectives of that Committee. The resignation of Shri Mudholkar has been accepted by Government with effect from the 1st March, 1968. He has been invited to express his views before the Advisory Committee on its next meeting.

**Documentary on Tribal India**

10095. **SHRI KARTIK ORAON :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any