

democracy they voted. Particularly it is the poor people who were worth watching. They exercised their franchise as if it was a religious rite. I was so deeply touched and I was reminded of the lines of Shelly :

"I give thee not what men call love
But wilt thou accept not
The devotion the heart lifts above
And the heavens reject not
The desire of the moth for the star
The night for the morrow
The longing for something after
From the spheres of our sorrow ?

Our people are so deeply steeped in poverty that it is our first duty, as long as there is a drop of blood in our veins and an ounce of energy in our body, to see that this poverty is really eradicated. The people across the border are putting up a huge battle. While in the battle of the people of Bangla Desh they can see their enemy in front of them, ours is an intrinsic battle against poverty in which we do not know exactly what we are supposed to attack. In this I want to request my countrymen to be please patient. The laws that we make here will take some time before their effects reach the common man. It may take longer than he can wait, but he has to be patient like the people of Bangla Desh who are fighting with conviction for their country. We must also fight poverty with the same conviction. I want to quote here the following lines :

"Say not, the struggle naught
availeth,
The labour and the wounds are vain,
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,
And as things have been they
remain.
If hopes were dupes, then fears may
be liars,
It might be in yon smoke concealed,
Your enemy chase, even now the
fiers,
But for you possess the field.
For while the tired waves vainly
breaking,
Seem here, no painful inch to gain,
Far back, through creeks and inlets
making,
Comes silent flooding, in the main.
And not through eastern windows
only,
When daylight comes, comes in the
light,

In front, look; the sun climbs slow,
bow slowly,
But westward, look, the land is
bright."

This is the last chance we have of proving our honour and vindicating the faith of our people in democracy.

18.00 hrs.

MESSAGES FROM RAJYA SABHA

SECRETARY : Sir, I have to report the following messages received from Rajya Sabha :—

- (i) "In accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (6) of rule 186 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of business in the Rajya Sabha, I am directed to return herewith the Orissa Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1971, which was passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 29th March, 1971 and transmitted to the Rajya Sabha for its recommendations and to state that this House has no recommendations to make to the Lok Sabha in regard to the said Bill."
- (ii) "In accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (6) of rule 186 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha, I am directed to return herewith the Orissa Appropriation Bill, 1971, which was passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 29th March, 1971, and transmitted to the Rajya Sabha for its recommendations and to state that this House has no recommendations to make to the Lok Sabha in regard to the said Bill."
- (iii) "In accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (6) of rule 186 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of business in the Rajya Sabha, I am directed to return herewith the Mysore Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1971, which was passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 29th March, 1971, and transmitted to the Rajya Sabha for its recommendations and to state that this House has no recommendations to make to the

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to the Rajya Sabha for its recommendations and to state that this House has no recommendations to make to the Lok Sabha in regard to the said Bill."

18.02 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Wednesday, March 31, 1971|Chaitra 10, 1893 (Saka)