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- (i) 'India Today and Tomorrow' (Azad Memorial Lectures by Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) translated by Shri Hem Barua).
- (ii) 'Kalki' (by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan-translated by Shrimati Nilima Dutta).
- II. Assamese translations of the following titles are in various stages of preparation and publication.
 - (i) 'Jwalamukhi'.
 - (ii) 'Aspects of Science'.
 - (iii) 'Educational Reconstruction in India'.
 - (iv) 'A Tale of Two Cities'.
 - (v) 'Lachit Barphukan and His Times'.
 - (vi) 'Akbar'.
- (vii)'Lakshminath Bezbarua'.
- (viii) "The Grand Rebel'.
- (ix) 'Judy and Lakshmi'.
- (x) 'One World and India'.
- (xi) 'The Transposed Heads.'
- (xii) 'Introduction to Indian Art'.
- (xiii) 'Neel Durpan'.
- (xiv) 'When the World was Young'.

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CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) CERTAIN REPORTED REMARKS OF U.S. Ambassador *re*. India's Defence Forces

Mr. Speaker: We shall now tak up Calling Attention Notices.

Shri Warior (Trichur): Under Rule 197, I call the attention of the Minister of Defence to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

"U.S. Ambassador Mr. Galbraith's remarks about India's defence forces as revealed in the newly-released U.S. Conressional Committee Report."

KA) Attention to Matters 8886. of Urgent Public Importance

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon); Mr. Speaker, Sir. the Government of India has no responsibility nor any desire to condition the opinions expressed by His Excellency the Ambassador of the United States in India. So far as this particular matter is concerned, as I referred to before, they can only he regarded as estimates by an observer. I have stated to the House that all forces in the world are ill-equipped, that is, in regard to the making of new arms. It is very wrong to convey the impression that the Indian Army is weak and is incapable of meeting any reasonable contingency that might arise. I am sure that was not the purpose of the U.S. Ambassador. Obviously, our equipment would be lower in quality and in modernity than those of countries which receive foreign aid or military aid from other places.

The next part of the question relates to our relative relationships or lack of them, our allergy or lack of it, in regard to China and Pakistan. I have also stated in the defence debate that the defence policy of this country is conditioned by the protection of our frontiers and wherever the aggressors may come, we will do our best to safeguard ourselves. So, we do not choose between evils the way.

The third part relates to the cslimate of the Ambassador about the relative reliance or otherwise that the Prime Minister places on his colleagues. I am not aware that the Prime Minister has communicated or is likely to communicate or is likely to have inferences drawn about the relative values of his colleagues in the cabinet system of Government. I have no other comments to make on this.

Shri Warior: May I know how His Excellency Mr. Galbraith got all the details in regard to the information about our forces? He states that it is about half a million strong, etc., etc. How did he get this information which

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[Shri Warior]

is confidential? These are considered to be confidential matters.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Galbraith himself must be knowing. Is there any answer to this?

Shri Krishna Menon: No, Sir. It is not necessary to answer. He can say what he likes.

Mr. Speaker: From what sources did Mr. Galbraith get this information? Has the Government any clues?

Shri Krishna Menon: We have not given any information.

Shri Warior: May I know whether the Government is making any enquiries to this effect? This is a leakage.

Shri Nambiar (Tiruchirapalli): It is a serious leakage in respect of military matters.

Shri Vasudevan Nair (Ambalapuzha): Has it come to the notice of the Minister that between the statement made by the U.S. Ambassador in India and the statement made by the Indian Ambassador in the United States recently which was very much disputed, there is so much of similarity, especially regarding the equipment problem? If so, may I know whether the Government has enquired whether there was any exchange of views between the two?

Shri Krishna Menon: I submit that it does not arise out of this question.

(ii) FIRE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE

श्री बागडी (हिसार): प्रध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं नियम १९७ के ग्रन्तगंत गृह-कार्य मंत्री का ध्यान निम्न ग्रविलम्बनीय लोक महत्व के विषय को खोर ग्राहण्ट करता हं प्रीर चाहता हूं कि वह इस सम्वन्ध में ग्रपना बक्तव्य दें:---

कनाट प्लेस में भोषण ग्राग दुर्घटना में फ़ायर क्रिगैड को लापरवाही ।

Attention to Matters 8888 of Urgent Public Importance

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): Lest night, a fire broke out in Connaught Place at about.....

श्री बागडी : स्पीकर साहब,----

कुछ माननीय सदस्य : हिन्दी में ।

ग्रध्यक्ष महोदयः क्या मिनिस्टर

साहब हिन्दी में बयान दे सकेंगे ?

श्वी रामसेवक यादव (बाराबंको) : वह बहन ग्रच्छी हिन्दी जानते हैं ।

Shri Datar: The question was put both in English and Hindi.

Shri Priya Gupta (Katihar): Sir, I rise to a point of order. Is it because that the hon. Minister does not know Hindi that he has sat down?

Mr. Speaker: Yes; but h_e has asked his colleague t_0 answer it. Where is the point of order?

Shri Priya Gupta: Thank you, but we should know it.

Mr. Speaker: But hon. Members also must know what the point of order should be.

गह-कार्य मंत्री (श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्रों) : पिछनी रात को करोब ६ बज कर **१ मिनट पर कैनाट प्लेस में एक जगह आग** लगो । स्राग वतलाया जाता है कि কন্ত बिजली की खराबी की वजह में लगी। पहल पहल डा० राम नाथ कोई डैंटिस्ट हैं, उनकी दूकान में वह **ग्राग लगी फिर वह चारों तर**फ त्रासानी से फैन गयी ग्रीर उसमें जो दवाएं थीं ग्रौर कुछ दूसरा सामान जो डैंटिसटस का था. वह जल गया । म्राग उस के बाद म्रासपास के दूसरे मकानात में फैल गयी ग्रौर श्रासपास के मकानात ग्रीर खास तौर से हाउसिंग सोसाइटी जो बिल्कूल बगल में थी उसका भी कूछ सामान ग्रीर फाइलें ग्रादि जल गयीं। उस के वाद वह ग्राग ग्रौर ग्राग बढी श्रौर साहनी कम्पनी का जो ग्दाम था वहां आग लग गयी। वहां पर दवाएं और कुछ