

India-Pakistan Quarrel Followed Independence

By DAVID LANCASHIRE
RAWALPINDI (AP)—Almost from the hour of their emergence from British rule to independence in mid-August 1947, India and Pakistan have been locked in conflict over the old princely state of Kashmir.

Kashmir is mainly a prize of prestige, with blood brother ties for some in both India and Pakistan. To others it amounts to a forbidding liability, economically and otherwise, adjoining Communist China and neighboring on Soviet Asia.

Now, as the result of British-American intervention while In-

dia has been preoccupied with a Chinese invasion, the 15-year-old Kashmir conflict is frozen to permit negotiations. They will not be easy. The basic differences remain.

Under British paramountcy—the principle of foreign overlordship—she kept Indian royalty at the second level and made his members princes rather than kings—Kashmir had a Hindu ruler over a mainly Moslem population. When British rule ended, the British ruler kept Indian royalty at the second level and made its members princes rather than kings—Kashmir had a Hindu

ruler over a mainly Moslem population. When British rule ended, the British ruler granted independence to British India and freed the princes to opt for union with either Pakistan or India. Maharajah Sir Hari Singh elected to India.

CAUSES REVOLVED
 A revolt followed. Battles raged in the fertile valleys and barren mountains. Moslem Pakistan sent in troops. So did large Hindu India.

Prime Minister Nehru took the Kashmir issue to the United Nations and a cease-fire halted the fighting in January 1949. India was left in possession of

two-thirds of Kashmir's 22,000 square miles, including fertile valleys and the bleak and mountainous district of Ladakh fronting on Tibet and Red China. Sinking province, Pakistan holds the remainder, mostly high mountains.

Ever since, Pakistan has been demanding a plebiscite to decide whether Kashmir shall join India or Pakistan.

Pakistan is confident of victory. Most standard references estimate 77 per cent of Kashmir's 3,533,000 people are Moslem; only about 20 per cent are Hindu. India refused to permit a vote, maintaining that Kashmir is an integral part of India.

Prime Minister Nehru himself is a Kashmiri Brahmin, the highest of the high in the Indian social scale.

Britain has a finishing school for girl delinquents which attempts to turn convicted girls into attractive young women.

Pearson Claims Hamilton Makes False Statement

OTTAWA (CP)—Opposition Leader Pearson accused Agriculture Minister Hamilton Monday of a "false" statement "made with deliberation."

He said in the Commons that the minister's office here had made public the text of a speech by Mr. Hamilton in Calgary Monday stating that the Liberals and New Democratic Party were opposed to the wheat agreement with Communist China.

Mr. Pearson said he had stated previously in the Commons that his party supported the wheat agreement and that therefore Mr. Hamilton had made a "false" statement in the face of contrary evidence.

Arnold Peters (NDP—Timiskaming) said Mr. Hamilton should apologize to the Commons and the country for the statement. The NDP had stated the wheat agreement with China should be extended.

There was no comment from the government but just after opposition criticism Mr. Hamilton's office issued a revised text correcting the reference to opposition to the China wheat sales—substituting the Social Credit party for the New Democratic Party.

The quote in question, as corrected, read:

"I said it in Regina, and I repeat it here today, the members of the Liberal and Social Credit parties are opposed to the China wheat sales. As recently as Friday, Nov. 23, we had the leaders of these two parties putting their official stands on the House of Commons records."

LEAKING TANK CAR SENDS 103 TO HOSPITAL

Deadly chlorine gas seeps from a railway tank in Cornwall, Ont. One hundred and three persons were taken to hospital. A hospital official

said none was in critical condition and all but 17 were released over the weekend. Police and firemen evacuated another 200 persons and sealed

off a 30-block area in the north east section of the city.

(CP Wirephoto)

State-Control Widespread In Italian Business Life

By EUGENE LEVIN
ROME (AP)—The citizen's breakfast included fruit marketed by the state. As he ate, he glanced through his morning newspaper, owned by a state firm.

He dressed in a suit made of cloth from a state-owned mill. The car he drove to work was constructed in a state plant.

At the office, he used a telephone provided by a state company. He lit a state cigarette with a state match.

On the way home in the evening, he purchased a newspaper at a state-owned filling station, had a drink at a state bar and dined at a state restaurant.

Back at home, he switched on lights using state power. He took ice from a refrigerator built by a state company. Then he settled down to watch television—only two state-

operated channels to choose from.

Next day he left on a business trip, planned by a state-controlled tourist agency. He travelled on state-owned trains, planes and ships, and stayed at a state hotel.

He was an Italian, living in "capitalist" Italy today.

He was not confined to using only state products. In some cases he could have turned to services and goods provided by private firms. His choice demonstrated that Italy—more than any other Western country—has mixed economy in which the state is actively participating in almost every phase of industrial and business activity.

Now the state is taking over another field—electric power. A

Pilot Deplored Safety Margin At Idlewild

WASHINGTON (AP)—A magazine article by a pilot killed in the airliner crash at New York's Idlewild airport Friday night deplors what he called the narrow safety margin for landings there.

Eastern Air Lines Capt. Edward J. Bechtold, referred particularly to runway four, the runway he was missed when he crashed in a fog.

Killed with Bechtold in that crash were 24 other persons among the 51 aboard the DC-7B.

Bechtold's article, written several weeks ago for *Airline Magazine*, will not appear until the January issue, out Dec. 26.

Bechtold wrote:

"The record of incidents on runways No. 4-22 (22 in the same runway used for takeoffs in the opposite direction, southwest) occurring when approaches are made to the northeast or south west, or when east to southeast winds and precipitation prevail, speaks for itself."

"The number of missed approaches, when in excess of required, to land southeast out of an approach utilizing either the No. 4 or No. 22 facilities also makes good reading."

"The statistics and characteristics of these so-called 'wind-craft' just don't lend themselves readily to high cross-wind components; but when low ceilings, precipitation and resultant wet runways are made a part of the package, the operational safety margins shrink uncomfortably close."

CONSERVATIVELY SPEAKING

By ISLANDER

I notice this week the Liberals are beginning to talk about the "new look." I thought at first they meant a new look for the province but when I looked into it a little I saw they were talking about a handful of new faces that you can find on the Liberal side. This is all to the good, I guess. But I hope no one is really fooled. It's like changing the color of the old home. The building's just the same as it ever was.

Now, don't get me wrong. I like the idea of a new look just as much as anyone and I've been seeing a lot of new looks during the last three years. What a new look the countryside takes when a new plant goes up and the farmers begin to sell their crops and make money. Everything brightens up. That's what I call a new look.

Or, like one of my neighbours said the other day. This place don't look the same any more. The paved road we got this year has made things a lot better looking. That's what I think a new look and one that counts.

I don't blame Walter Shaw for talking about the new new-look at high schools. Here's a real new look. This is a new look in a lot of ways all at once. A new look for the towns that got these fine schools. A new look for the kids who are staying in school longer. You can say what you want, in three years this province has got more new look in education than any province in Canada. I'll make that a new face anytime.

Well, enough of that. The other day I stopped in a gas station and while I was waiting a fellow came along and he says "pretty nice election, isn't it?" And I agreed that it was and then he says "How come it's so quiet?" And that's me thinking that that wasn't such a bad question after all.

The answer came to me faster than I expected and here's what I told him. "There's no need for a lot of noise. The only time people get so excited when they vote is when they're going to lose something they really want. Now in this election the people are going to lose things they want. In fact, they're going to get what they want. They've been writing to the government? Just get some name and envelope and stamp and you're in business. So what? Old Charlie told him it wasn't as simple as that as he wanted to get in touch with the Department of Agriculture and what he wanted was some information on how to grow cauliflower. So the stockbroker being a curious fellow says, "What's this cauliflower?" And Old Charlie says, "I hear it's a new thing around here and I want to get in on it. I guess we all said of ourselves that we didn't know cauliflower was new and then Old Charlie says, 'They're putting up a new plant near here and I'm going to make myself some money for the first time in my life. And my boys are all lined up over and over and he's going to help me. But we got to know how to go at it. So they explained to Old Charlie about how to get in touch with the Department of Agriculture and he went out happy as a lark. He'll be a lot happier when he starts getting in some money. And he's having a lot of money because every time a new plant comes in a lot of people find some new money in their pockets. And Walter Shaw says there's more to come."

Some funny things happen during an election. The other day I went over to the store in the evening and while I was there a fellow was always called "Old Charlie" came in. He went up to the stockbroker and says, "How do you like the Federal Government?" The stockbroker looked at him and says "What do you mean, how do you like the government?" Just get some name and envelope and stamp and you're in business. So what? Old Charlie told him it wasn't as simple as that as he wanted to get in touch with the Department of Agriculture and what he wanted was some information on how to grow cauliflower. So the stockbroker being a curious fellow says, "What's this cauliflower?" And Old Charlie says, "I hear it's a new thing around here and I want to get in on it. I guess we all said of ourselves that we didn't know cauliflower was new and then Old Charlie says, 'They're putting up a new plant near here and I'm going to make myself some money for the first time in my life. And my boys are all lined up over and over and he's going to help me. But we got to know how to go at it. So they explained to Old Charlie about how to get in touch with the Department of Agriculture and he went out happy as a lark. He'll be a lot happier when he starts getting in some money. And he's having a lot of money because every time a new plant comes in a lot of people find some new money in their pockets. And Walter Shaw says there's more to come."

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