

INDIA DESPATCH SHOWS IAND OF IRONIC CONTRAST

Trouble has come to the fair state of Kashmir, near whose capital, Srinagar, the River Jelhum winds its superbly beautiful course, five-thousand feet above sea-level.

Tribesmen
~~Massive~~ rebel against the inclusion of Kashmir in Hindu

~~Indians~~ ^{meanwhile}
India. Airborne from the Karachi district/Hindus were taken from Pakistan areas to territory in the Dominion of India, a move by the R.A.F. to avert the massacres which have occurred when such evacuations have been carried out by rail.

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Other transport planes hurried Sikh detachments into Kashmir, where as we go to Press they oppose the rebel march on the capital. ~~Very different was the~~

Very different was the scene at the imposing Constituent Assembly in Delhi, where ~~under~~ the International Labour Organization delegates of twenty-two nations attended the Asian Regional Conference; an attempt to hammer out a common approach to the labour problems of the Far East.

At the Palace of the Maharajar of Gwalier ~~was~~
celebrations^{ed} of the traditional Dasshera Festival, offered
~~striking contrast between Indian wealth and poverty.~~

In state the princely ruler drove to the temple to
preside over the feast. Dasshera celebrates the end
of the rainy season and the beginning of weather suitable
for warlike campaigns. The age has long passed when
India welcomes the prospect of war, but as the Maharajar
approached his throne military elephants and a field gun
were paraded for his blessing as a link with the past.

In a procession of elephants next day the ruler of Gwalier
rode to the Durbar Hall attended by officers of state,
there to receive the homage of representatives of his
people.

(corridor) The scenes of ~~Indian~~ splendour enacted at Durbar Hall
^{microphonically} ~~arranged~~ link the troubled world of today with the
dazzling pageantry of ^{India} ~~the Orient~~. With great dignity
the Maharajar advanced to his jewelled throne of gold
and silver, at which the nobles offered the customary
tribute of silver coins.

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(72 officials) The spectacle was watched by the Maharajar's children,
the heir-apparent with covered head.

At the palace of the Maharajar of Jaipur, Rajputana,
the Festival of Dasshera was celebrated in much the same
way. Guests of His Highness were ^{Lord} ~~Field Marshal Lord~~

Auckinleck and Lord Mountbatten's daughter Pamela,
(on the right). Here too on a golden throne the
Maharajar received the homage of his nobles and land-
owners.

A modern feature of the celebrations was the blessing
of the Colours of regiments under the Ruler's command,
the Maharajar himself taking the salute.

~~Her Highness the Maharanee of Jaipur, no longer out of
sight in the seclusion of the Purdah,~~

(after salute) No longer out of sight in the seclusion of the Purdah,
Her Highness the Maharanee watched the ^{spectacle} ~~military~~
afforded by some of India's finest troops.

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