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STARRED QUESTION/तारांकित प्रश्न

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Priority, if any / प्राथमिकता, यदि कोई हो

Place / स्थान New Delhi

Date / दिनांक 21st November, 1967

From / प्रेषक

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Shri / श्री M.P. / संसद-सदस्य

To / सेवा में

THE SECRETARY, / सचिव,

LOK SABHA, NEW DELHI. / लोक-सभा, नई दिल्ली।

Sir, / श्रीमान्,

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of
 प्रक्रिया तथा कार्य-संचालन सम्बन्धी नियमों के नियम ३४ के अन्तर्गत
 Business, I give notice of the following starred question for
 मैं निम्नलिखित तारांकित प्रश्न की सूचना देता हूँ जिसका
 answer on..... 13 December 1967
 उत्तर १३ को दिया जाये।

Yours faithfully, / भवदीय,

Member / सदस्य

Division No. / डिवीजन नम्बर

Order of preference / प्राथमिकता क्रम

*Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:/

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THE TIMES DIARY

Tibetan volunteers forced out Covent Garden re-decorated A definitive guide to China

KEITH SATTERTHWAITE, a voluntary worker with Tibetan refugees in India, has just returned to England after being forced out by Indian officials from the Tibetan craft community with which he was working.

He says the Indian Government has initiated a general policy of hindering and stopping voluntary work among Tibetan refugees. "I know of several cases personally", he told me. At Dharamsala—where the Dalai Lama is actually in residence—a Swiss doctor with the mobile dispensary was told to stop work among the Tibetans, although he could work for the Indians; I met an English teacher at Delhi who'd been told to leave; and other volunteers have been made to go as well."

Satterthwaite, a 30-year-old former farmworker, left England a year ago and first worked on the building of a wool mill at a Tibetan camp near Bir in North-West India. In March he moved to the craft community at Dalhousie to cultivate garden produce; another voluntary worker there tried to market the carpets which the community made.

modern development and skyscrapers to abandon authentic locations like Nice where the dancer made her home and so absurdly died; Yugoslavia is to double both for the French resort and Russia.

"It's the spirit in which you do it that matters", Reisz commented. "You can invent, but you mustn't lie."

Ration cards withheld

"In May the local district commissioner summoned Lama Khamtrul Rinpoche, the community's head, to ask why he had volunteers there. He had to tell us that we were supposed to go. When they learnt that we weren't going to leave, they applied pressure on the Tibetan group by not issuing ration cards for cheap rice and wheat flour."

A monk outwitted another local official and obtained temporary cards, Satterthwaite said. "But then an official came to Dalhousie and asked Lama Rinpoche why we still had not gone. We realized that if we did not go, they would put on more pressure. We moved to a private cottage, and even there the police kept an eye on us and questioned us."

Merely general policy

"The Indian Government's attitude is that the refugees are not working enough. They did not want volunteer workers because the Tibetans would not become self supporting."

A spokesman at the Indian High Commission in London said that the Indian Government wanted specialist volunteers but not those doing general work which could be done by Tibetans or Indians—"there's been no official law or decree, it's merely general policy. I cannot comment on individual cases, but it is not general policy to discourage specialist workers like doctors."

"The Indian Government spends a considerable amount on a rehabilitation programme to house Tibetan refugees and establish crafts and industry among them."

There is a feeling in pro-Tibetan circles in London that the Indians resent the greater hold on British sympathies exerted by the Tibetan refugees, and are attempting to divert voluntary workers to Indians equally—and possibly more—in need of aid. One can see their point.

Ultimate dog book

COLONEL SIR RICHARD GLYN, Tory M.P. for North Dorset and veteran dog expert, has edited the ultimate in lavish dog books. Called *Champion Dogs of the World*, it covers 200 different breeds and will be published simultaneously in Danish, Finnish, French, German, Dutch, Norwegian and Swedish, as well as in English by Harrap next month.

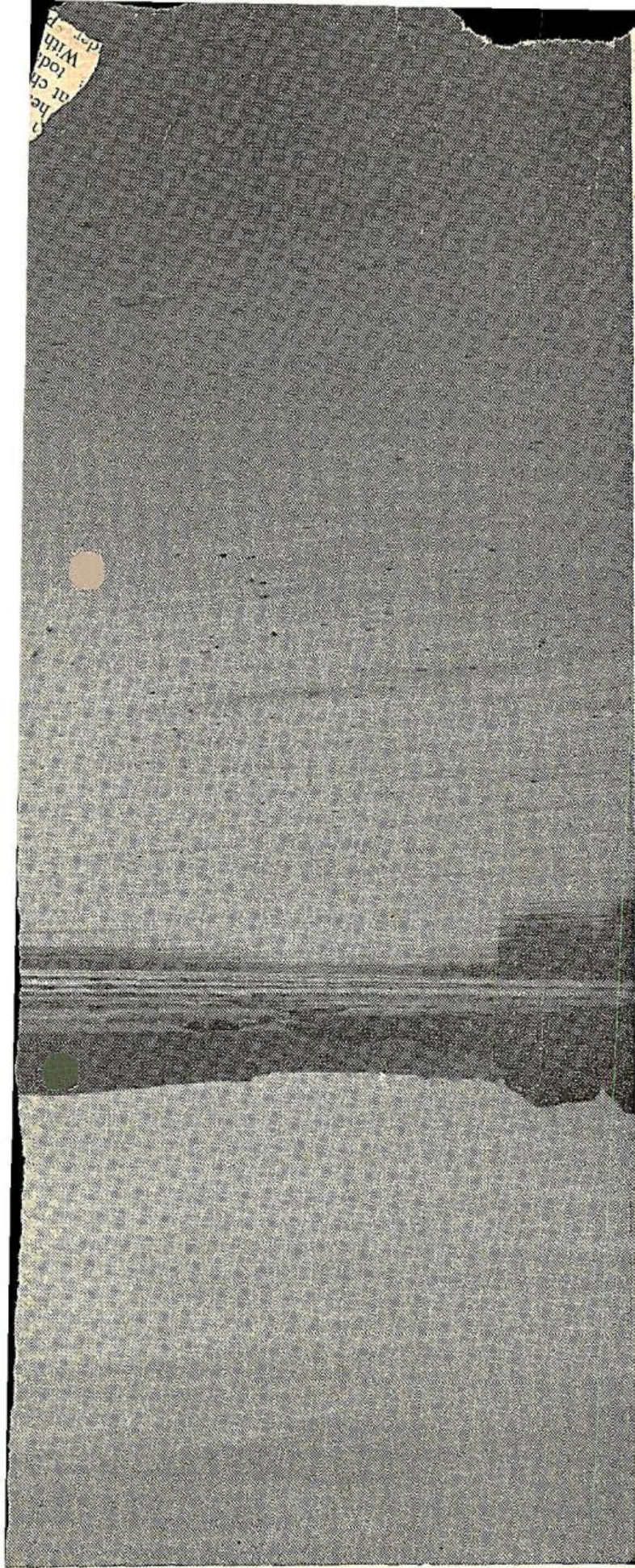
"We set out to produce the most comprehensive book on dogs ever published", says Sir Richard, who also helped to write the book with four other dog experts. "The five of us tried as far as we could to write about the breeds we had judged. I didn't know there were so many different ones."

Sir Richard has been a dog lover for more than 40 years. His first dog was a cross-bred Airedale



Sir Richard Glyn

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