

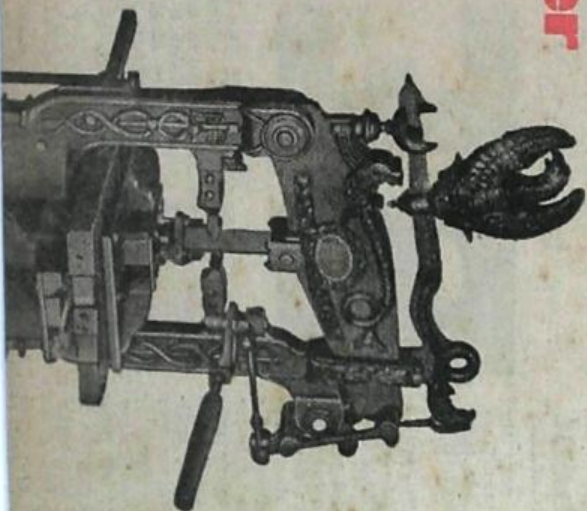
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BLITZ on TRIALS



THE TRIAL of BLITZ and KARANJIA has now evoked popular interest beyond the confines of India throughout the world. Lengthy reports filed by the newsmen of the kept press, though slanted and heavily loaded against BLITZ and its controversial Editor, continue to attract bigger and bigger crowds to the Red Fort, like iron filings to a magnet, on the third day of the hearing of this sensational case.

Simultaneously, reports about increasing fissures in the Cabinet of 13 Prime Ministers leak out. One of the Prime Ministers, Raj Narain, who had launched satyagraha against his own Cabinet on the issue of Police and Military repression of the widespread peasant insurrection in his constituency of Rae Bareilly, tendered his resignation last evening, only to withdraw it this morning.

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own party has nominated him as a candidate for the Congress. He has incensed the younger leadership of the SSP to such an extent that S. M. Joshi, George Fernandes, Madhu Limaye and several others have called an emergency session of the party at Poona to expel their leader and Prime Minister.

Prime Minister-cum-Prosecutor-General Masani's own future is being distorted into a question mark as criticism of his conduct of the case is escalating among his co-Prime Ministers. To make this confusion worse confounded, there are reports that the entire joint Congo-O-Jan Sangh-SSP-Swatantra Front in his constituency of Rajkot is about to defect to the Congress led by Indira Gandhi.

"Return to the Nehrus"

Newspapers carry reports of widespread industrial unrest and strikes in Bombay, Calcutta, Kanpur, Madras and Bangalore, together with peasant uprisings sweeping across West Bengal and Bihar to the entire Hindi belt. A bold and courageous editorial by the Times of India warns that "the only alternative to Naxalite violence advancing like a prairie fire from the rural areas to burn the cities now appears to be Indira Gandhi and her party."

The Free Press Journal, another Bombay daily, makes an open call for a "Return to the Nehrus."

All of which makes the third session of the Red Fort Trial explosive. All the more so since Prosecutor-General Masani has announced his intention to expose the ideals and ideologies of the late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, "a Communist in disguise," as projected in BLITZ by Karanjia and his colleagues.

There is a heavy rush of visitors, especially from the USA and the UK, since Charge No. 3 deals with the subject of how BLITZ was instrumental in mauling these friendly countries and their leaders. The courtroom resembles the trading ring of a Stock Exchange or Dana Bazar, as people rush helter-skelter trying to occupy every available little space and the security arrangements threaten to collapse.

World wide interest

Suddenly a hush falls on the court as a voice shouts: "THE JUDGE, THE JUDGE." As Mr. Justice Janata Prasad Insafulla takes his seat and hands the gavel to restore order, the Prosecutor-General, M. K. Masani, stands up, bows and starts addressing the court...

MASANI: May it please your Lordship, I am happy that during the course of the last two days the arguments put forward by the prosecution have created quite an impact not only on your Lordship but also on the wide world outside.

TODAY I propose to deal with the third charge, which is a very important and vital one, and I have every hope of carrying the Hon'ble Court with me...

thereby endangering the safety and security of the State....

Debased ideology

MASANI: It will be my endeavour, your Lordship, to show how BLITZ and Karanjia started befriending the late Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru and propagating his debased, anti-Indian ideology.

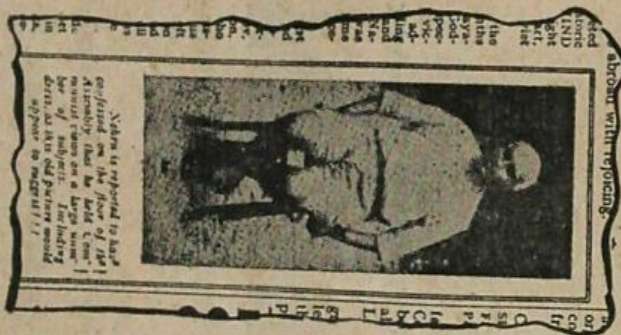
(The crowd: "PANDIT NEHRU! PANDIT NEHRU!")

MASANI: These are unnecessary interruptions made by the friends of the late Mr. Nehru....

(The crowd: "JAWAHARLAL NEHRU JAWAHARLAL NEHRU")

MASANI: There seems to be a determined effort to prevent the prosecution from proceeding with the case, but I refuse to be bullied by those who call themselves admirers of Mr. Nehru.

(Shouts from the crowd: "JAI JAWAHARLAL" ... The Judge continuously hammers the gavel. Still the words "JAI JAWAHARLAL, JAI NEHRU", echo and re-echo through the courtroom. Masani frets and fumes, bangs his fist on the table, even threatens the crowd by raising his fists, but the words "JAI JAWAHARLAL, JAI NEHRU" continue to echo and re-echo. The Judge continues to hammer the gavel).



Nehru is reported to have said: "I am a Communist in disguise." Masani is reported to have said: "I am a Communist in disguise." The judge is reported to have said: "I am a Communist in disguise." The crowd is reported to have said: "JAI JAWAHARLAL, JAI NEHRU".

second or two, after which silence again prevails....)

COURT: I am afraid the Prosecution will have to bow to the popular demand, otherwise it may not be possible to continue with the case.

MASANI: With all respect to the Court, I refuse to be bullied by all this noisy rowdiness. I may have to put in an application to your Lordship to order the Court to be cleared of this rubbish. I refuse to be blackmailed or browbeaten.

KARANJIA: Greater men of history, even dictators and tyrants have trembled before the mailed fist of the massed millions and have eventually been forced to bow before the wishes of the people. Vox Populi, Vox Dei!

MASANI: For God's sake, stop mouthing these familiar old BLITZ slogans. Times have changed and such appeals to the masses are no longer valid.

An irony of fate

COURT: I am afraid both the prosecution and the defence will have to respect public opinion and address the late Prime Minister with due respect, if only to enable the court to proceed smoothly with the case.

MASANI: To BLITZ and Karanjia there is no God in heaven or on earth except the late Mr. — sorry, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. As far back as May 3, 1941, BLITZ hailed the late Prime Minister as "a great and selfless man," obviously under Moscow's inspiration.

KARANJIA: Wrong, Comrade Masani. By a strange irony, the first article which BLITZ printed on Nehru was a reproduction of a pen portrait from the American magazine Time, which in later years bitterly attacked Jawaharlal.

MASANI: It is equally an irony of fate, that before publishing the Nehru article together with his picture, BLITZ of the previous week printed a picture of Miss Indira Nehru, as she was then known, taken, significantly, as the BLITZ caption stated, "at the people's convention held in London showing her at a stall selling her famous father's books." Indeed, ever since then, she has been selling her father's ideology.

KARANJIA: Apart from this, the prosecution must not fail to take cognisance of a front-page article, I wrote over my signature, way back on October 18, 1941, demanding Nehru's release from the British gaol.



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MASANI: These arguments do not convince us, Comrade Karanjia. Will you, now, inform the court when you first met Nehru?

KARANJIA: During my Times of India days, I had met Panditji several times. Thereafter, as Editor of the Sunday Standard and Morning Standard, I had many occasions to meet him.

MASANI: Like that, every newspaperman must have met Nehru at one time or another, but what I want to know is HOW and WHEN you started to build up your intimate connections with him?

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Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, who was elected to the Congress Working Committee, said today that he would not be in the Congress Working Committee, as he had been expelled from the Congress Working Committee in 1937.

BOMBAY, MARCH 14, 1942.

R. K. KARANJI
BOMBAY, MARCH 21, 1942.

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Pandit Jawaharlal's Goodwill Message to China, given Exclusively to Blitz News-magazine.

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people to freedom, and as we talked I realized that I was bisexual and much as I felt in freedom, I'd been

MASANI: Did he oblige you?
KARANJIA: Certainly. He was kind enough to send us an exclusive message.

MASANI: Will you please produce this as an exhibit?
KARANJIA: Of course. Here it is:

India and China—how thousands of pictures of past ages crowd into our minds when we think of them and their contacts and cultures. Each has played a great part in that past. Each has to play a greater part in the future. And both have to co-operate together for their own and the world's good. All food wishes to China. (Sd.) JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, December 17, 1941.

MASANI: So China was responsible for building a bridge between Nehru and Karanjia?

KARANJIA: It was not merely the good luck of BLITZ but due recognition of the paper as the genuine tribune of the people by the future Prime Minister, that it got an exclusive message in Nehru's own handwriting, it being his first public contribution to any newspaper after his release late in 1941.

MASANI: Any other occasion when you met him?

KARANJIA: Yes. Soon after this message was received and displayed on BLITZ's front-page, BLITZ was called upon to rush to the rescue of a promising young political worker, K. P. R. Gopalan, who had been sentenced to death for alleged rioting and murder.

Fight for Gopalan

MASANI: So you had the audacity to save a murderer from the gallows?

KARANJIA: No. Gopalan's case stood on its own merit. Way back in September 1940, the Kerala Provincial Congress Committee observed a protest day against a poisonous anti-Indian speech of the then Secretary of State for India, Amery. A peasant demonstration was organised against the British Government, but it was declared illegal by the Magistrate of Morarha, in Malabar.

As the peasants refused to disperse, the police lath-charged the crowd, which retaliated, the violence resulting in the death of an inspector and a constable. Gopalan, together with 34 others, was arrested and charged with murder. The Sessions Judge sentenced Gopalan to seven years rigorous imprisonment. On an appeal

KARANJIA: Certainly not. We knew nothing of the Chinese long march at that time. Gopalan was a staunch Congressman, a member of the AICC.

Saved from the gallows

MASANI: Then what happened?

KARANJIA: When his case was brought to BLITZ, we found that a grave miscarriage of justice had been committed and opened a campaign for commutation of the sentence. We called a mammoth meeting at Bombay's Chowpatty, where BLITZ posters bearing the headline "GOPALAN MUST NOT HANG" were held aloft by thousands of students like banners of revolt.

MASANI: But how does Nehru come into all this exercise in demagoguery?

KARANJIA: Convinced of the righteousness of BLITZ's crusade, Nehru sent a wire to BLITZ supporting the cause. Eventually I met Nehru personally at Wardha and, under his leadership, BLITZ spearheaded a nationwide campaign which succeeded in saving Gopalan from the gallows.

MASANI: I presume that thereafter you became Nehru's camp-follower?

When Nehru wept

KARANJIA: True, more or less. I could not help it. Pandit! swept me off my feet, almost literally so. I had just got down from the train at Wardha, where a Congress session was being held under Gandhiji's leadership, and was waiting for a tonga to drive me to Sevagram. The only tonga available at the station had been hired by Jawaharlal. Seeing me standing with my kit, he offered me a lift; and when I resisted, he literally picked me up by the elbow and got me into the seat next to him.

DURING that hour's drive from Wardha to Sevagram, Nehru's passionate humanitarian and prodigious love for the common people came to me like a revelation. As I spoke to him about Gopalan, the peasant revolt he had led and the intolerable sufferings of the common people everywhere, I saw tears running down his cheek and a look of love and compassion such as I had never seen before came into his eyes. It was like all the looks of passion and pity — of the father, the mother, the friend, the lover — in one single expression.

I remember I was reading at that time a book about a legendary hero who tore his heart out of his breast and with it lit the way of a lost, blinded

(Suddenly dedicating shouts of "JAI JAWAHAR! JAI INDIRA!" took the court as thousands of people stand up, wave their hands and roar "NEHRU ZINDABAD!" "INDIRA ZINDABAD!" The judge hammers the gavel furiously, but the roars turn into a thunderstorm rolling through the courtroom. After some time, silence is restored....)

Mutual attraction

THE COURT: You may proceed, Mr. Karanjia, if you have anything more to say.

KARANJIA: After this personal contact with Nehru, his feelings for the common man, crushed and suppressed under the ruthless state machinery, and his zeal for championship of the under-dog and the have-not convinced me that Jawaharlal symbolised the fundamental unity in the diversities of our multi-lingual, multi-cultural, multi-religious, almost multi-national state, that he alone could provide the correct ideological impetus not only to our freedom struggle, but also to the world at large.

MASANI: Very romantic, I must admit. But will you now tell the court how you wormed your way into Nehru's confidence?

KARANJIA: There was no question of worming my way into Nehru's confidence. It was perhaps a question of mutual attraction. After all, Nehru and BLITZ were fighting for the same cause. Soon thereafter, Nehru's sister, Krishna Hutcheson, started writing her beautiful reminiscences of the family — "I GREW UP WITH JAWAHAR" — and gave BLITZ the privilege to serialise it even before it was published in book form.

Release Nehru

MASANI: That must have been without Nehru's knowledge.

KARANJIA: No. In fact, Nehru was getting his copy of BLITZ regularly in Ahmednagar Fort, where he was detained. When the authorities put a ban on BLITZ distribution in jails, BLITZ had to fight to get the ban withdrawn, so that the future Prime Minister could continue to get his favourite weekly.

MASANI: How came it to be his "favourite" weekly?

KARANJIA: Well, when he was released, he told me he liked its youthful, dynamic and crusading approach.



KARANTIA: When the Western Powers resorted to the game of vetoing the admission of the newly independent Indonesian Republic to this conference, BLITZ could not keep its mouth shut. Even Burma, Ceylon and Pakistan supported the move, but the most powerful backing came from the Soviet Union, which voted against the veto.

MASANI: It was obvious that your aim was to support the Soviet line.

KARANTIA: Nothing of the sort. It was a simple question of standing by a newly independent Asian nation. We were not louting for Moscow. It just happened that Russia stood by Asia.

MASANI: Come . . . Come . . . Comrade. Surely you realised what incalculable damage you and BLITZ did by unnecessarily attacking our Western friends when they met in India for the first time with the noble aim of helping the chronically poor starving and undeveloped Asian countries.

KARANTIA: I still stand by what we then wrote editorially: "If the American-dominated UNO attaches political or economic strings to its philanthropy, if the UNO/CAFE dares to blackmail Indonesia — the bravest of the brave among all Asiatic nations — then let us say to them: DAMN YOUR AID . . . DAMN THE MARSHAL PLAN! We can do very well without your dollars."

MASANI: Very well. After this, BLITZ had the temerity to warn the Western nations on the front page of his issue of October 20, 1945, entitled: "WITH THE ROUT OF JAP IMPERIALISM BEGINS THE REAL PEOPLES WAR FOR QUIT ASIA". BLITZ wrote: "The Four Freedoms, war of liberation, war for Democracy, the right of the smallest nation—to live its own way of life—were all conveniently forgotten hardly had the blood dried on the battle-fields of world war II." As your Lordship will note, BLITZ even gave the slogan "ASIA FOR THE ASIATICS" at a time when wiser statesmen and saner diplomats were propagating the "ONE WORLD" concept.

Winds of freedom

KARANTIA: The Anglo-Americans themselves scuttled this concept with their military pacts and alliances. Besides, after the war, when the winds of freedom began to blow across Asia and Africa, the colonial nations looked up to India, and particularly Nehru, for inspiration and support.

MASANI: But where was the necessity for BLITZ to assume the role of a Don Quixote fighting the Imperialist bogey?

KARANTIA: BLITZ was the first paper to realise that Indian freedom could not be isolated from the Asian and African freedom revolutions and that the fight against

imperialism dispatched Indian troops to suppress Indonesian patriots and defend Dutch imperialism. BLITZ wrote an editorial entitled "RICE SOLDIERS", which created a sensation. BLITZ, thereafter commissioned its Foreign Editor to report on Indonesia.

MASANI: In fact, your Lordship, BLITZ sent a team of reporters to tour entire South-East Asia, claiming it to be "the scene of Subhas Bose's historical rebellion", and published colourful and exaggerated reports of the revolts there.

KARANTIA: It was BLITZ's duty to give to Indian readers a true picture of what was happening in Indonesia and Malaya, in Burma and in India.

MASANI: You were only boosting petty rebels, murderers and bandits.

Jai Hind & Merdeka

KARANTIA: Poppycock and nonsense, Mr. Prosecutor. When Nehru had given the call to back the freedom fighters of South-East Asia, BLITZ only thought it its duty to follow suit by bringing out special supplements. The first one on Indonesia carried an exclusive message from Nehru himself, putting JAI HIND and MERDEKA, both meaning freedom, on the same level. The Special carried exclusive articles from Dr. Soetan Sjahrir, Minister of the Indonesian Republic, who said in a message to BLITZ: "Even for the cause of Indonesia, I hope that BLITZ will vanguard the progressive forces in India."

MASANI: Not content with lending their support



Editor KARANTIA with Ceylon's BANDARANAIKE.

KARANTIA: Yes, we backed General Aung San, and when Burma decided to leave the Commonwealth and declare herself a republic, BLITZ was the first to support it with the full backing of Nehru.

MASANI: Thereafter, didn't BLITZ go out of its way to stir up trouble in Malaya which had not recovered from its war wounds?

KARANTIA: When Nehru visited Malaya in 1946, this neighbour, which had imbibed inspiration from Nehru's deathless INA and was struggling to free herself from imperialist tutelage, it was the bounden duty of BLITZ to back with all the force at its command the Malayan freedom fighters. Our reports inspired Nehru to visit Malaya. A special correspondent accompanied Nehru to cover this political pilgrimage.

MASANI: Your reporter must have been a Communist journalist out to make some money from other people's troubles.

KARANTIA: No, Comrade Masani. His name was G. P. Huthesing, Nehru's brother-in-law, who accompanied the Prime Minister on his tour on behalf of BLITZ.

Mantra of Panchsheel

MASANI: From Malaya, BLITZ jumped on to stir up trouble in Ceylon, your Lordship.

KARANTIA: Correct. We had to save that island paradise from the tentacles of Uncle Sam. So we backed the Sri Lanka Freedom Party under Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike . . .

MASANI: . . . who was ultimately assassinated . . .

KARANTIA: . . . by hired goons of Buddhist reaction and the CIA of America.

MASANI: All these tragedies and wanton bloodshed would have been avoided if your friend Nehru and his ersatz commissar Karantia had stopped meddling in other people's affairs.

KARANTIA: Did you expect Nehru who had protested against the rape of Austria and Czechoslovakia who had visited the Spanish battlefront and blessed an Indian medical mission to China, to compromise on the issues of peace and freedom, whether it was in Asia or Africa or Latin America? BLITZ was only preparing the ground for the Nehru ideology.

MASANI: The reason was quite obvious. You wanted Nehru to rule the roost at the coming Afro-Asian Conference at Bandung.

KARANTIA: We, as well as the Asian and African nations, backed the mantra of Panchsheel given by Nehru, as it helped for the first time at Bandung, thus changing the Western balance of power in favour of the non-committed nations.



MASANI: It was because of this Bandung that our infant Air-India lost its "Kashmir Princess" and some of the finest members of its crew. Were they some sort of sacrificial offerings at the altar of Communism? Their blood lies on the conscience of your comite friends.

KARANJIA: Why blame BLITZ when your imperialist friends were responsible for the tragedy? Let your Western friends not forget that in their bid to sabotage the historic Afro-Asian conference at Bandung and murder Chou En-lai by putting a time-bomb in the ill-fated Air-India plane, the "Kashmir Princess", they sent innocent persons to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. Their blood lies on the conscience of your imperialist friends. In these circumstances it was, of course, BLITZ's bounden duty to unmask the guilty men behind the sabotage of the "Kashmir Princess", but the murderers escaped because they were given asylum in Formosa by their Western Imperialist masters and their Chinese stooges.

MASANI: Now, may I ask you, Mr. BLITZ, what

business had you to interfere in the affairs of Korea, which was being well looked after by our American friends?

KARANJIA: What business had America to interfere in the affairs of Korea, may I ask you? In 1950, when the Western press was feeding Indian papers with propaganda stuff, BLITZ was the only journal in India to give the inside story of the American war plot hatched by John Foster Dulles, under the heading "HITLER RETURNS TO ASIA", and reported from time to time how the Yanks were

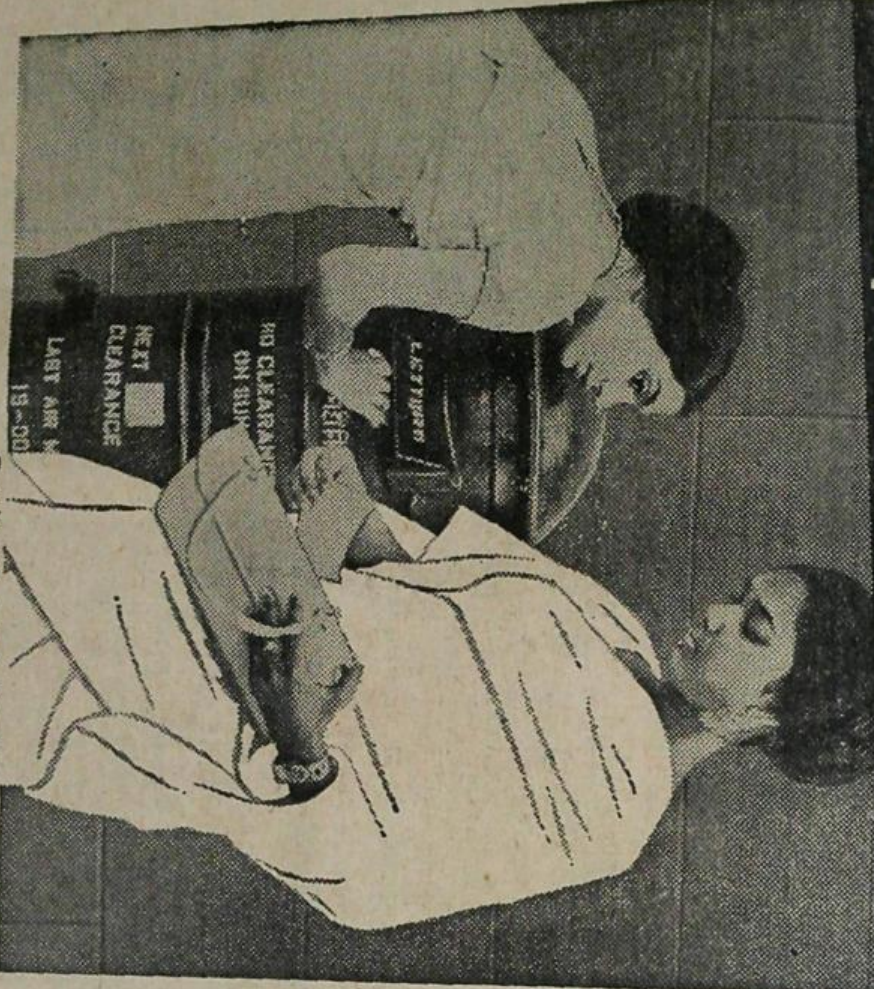
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being routed by this small but brave country. We also published a "STOP KOREA MURDER" Special in 1950.

MASANI: Your Lordship, the Government of India had expelled and expelled North Korea as the aggressor. But BLITZ, after its editors' arrest, was

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COURT: Mr. Karanjia, please explain what really happened? If BLITZ could wield such a massive influence on Delhi as is alleged, then this is a matter worth investigating.

KARANJIA: Correct, your Lordship. In view of the intimate contacts I had built up with international leaders during my tour of 1947-48 and my talks with men like UN Secretary-General Trygve Lie I was able to discover the secret that none other than John Foster Dulles, the then leader of the Republican Party, had secretly flown from Tokyo to Seoul, where, as we reported, "he personally delivered the marching orders to the US-sponsored forces of South Korea."

COURT: Is that true?

KARANJIA: Yes, your Lordship, BLITZ even published a picture of Dulles examining a machine-gun on the battle-front as documentary evidence. Eventually, an armistice was signed in 1953, when BLITZ pleaded for a climate of peace, and the Indian Army was sent to guard the peace in Korea.

From Korea to Vietnam

MASANI: And with the jaws of the Indian Army, your Lordship, copies of BLITZ, too, started infiltrating Korea and other far East countries like Vietnam and Cambodia. Vietnam, yes, that reminds me how BLITZ jumped into the cockpit of the Vietnam war too and started backing the Communist plotter-in-chief, Ho Chi Minh.

KARANJIA: I bow my head in memory of that brave and great warrior statesman, who, through years of horrible war and carnage, let loose first by France and then by America and her allies, brought everlasting fame and glory to his tiny nation.

MASANI: Come, come, Comrade Karanjia, this is not the place to sing paeans of praise for a Red. KARANJIA: As the paper which rushed to the rescue of the brave Vietnamese as far back as 1947, BLITZ has a vast reservoir of feeling and sympathy for Vietnam.

MASANI: Now, what did BLITZ do in 1947 for the far-off Viet? Did it send some food parcels or free copies of BLITZ?

KARANJIA: Come, come, Comrade, do not display your ignorance so blatantly. What happened in 1947 is a part of forgotten history. Let me re-live it for the sake of record. The French authorities in Pondicherry had brought 15 aero engines packed in crates and stored them in the harbour. They tried to dupe the Government in the harbour, asking for permission to fit them with a body at Bangalore "only for the civilian use of Air France". BLITZ's newshounds got scent of the ruse and filled a story warning the Government not to be fooled by this French stratagem for, as BLITZ warned

HRU AND THE DRAGON



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AGAINST YANKS REALISM



then, "these planes are urgently required by the French to machine-gun the heroic Vietnamese . . ."

(Shouts of "BRAVO, BRAVO," "JAI HIND" interrupt the court proceedings. The judge hammers the gavel, a rumbling sound like that of an earthquake or a consultation in the bowels of the earth or the close of the history of the world.)

KARANJIA: Because men of straw like Thien and Ky, disowned stooges of the American imperialists, would not give me a visa to go there, I nevertheless did manage to tour South Vietnam as a guest of the National Liberation Army.

Invitation from Hanoi

LSANANT: BLITZ may pat itself on the back for this deed, but was it able to protect the Vietnamese from the baptism of fire when our American friends rushed there to save the South Vietnamese from the tentacles of the Communist North Vietnamese?

ASANI: Judging from all this, I can well presume that you must have been instrumental in getting Ho invited to India.

MASANI: But, surely. Uncle Ho did not forget to invite you to Hanoi?

PARANJIA: YES. IT WAS A PRIVILEGE IN MY OWN TO HAVE BEEN THE FIRST INDIAN JOURNALIST TO BE INVITED BY HANOI.

MASANI: Why did you not visit South Vietnam to find out the other side of the story?

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MASANI I am not at all surprised. This is a familiar Communist strategy to woo and win over people. And you and your paper were seduced to such an extent that you not only

KARANIA: Quite right, Mr. Pro-secutor-General. And that is precisely what has happened; for the Americans have not only lost the war in Vietnam, but have also admitted their defeat by organising the biggest withdrawal in history.

MASANI: Yet, **BLITZ's** hunger for trouble remained unsatiated, and it started creating trouble in our own backyard, the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal.

KARANJIA: BLITZ had begun to receive gruesome reports about the inhuman tortures inflicted on the brave freedom-fighters rotting in the jails of Nepal who were trying to smuggle themselves out

of the Himalayan country at great risk to life when BLITZ decided to start a campaign against the Rana rulers. The first special supplement on Nepal, published on May 14, 1949, containing sensational articles, documents and even photographs of the freedom-fighters with their hands and legs fettered with iron chains, was based on material smuggled out of that unhappy land by our correspondents. The supplement contained, also, an appeal to Nehru to come to Nepal's rescue from Dharam Pradhan, a former President of the Nepal National Congress, who was undergoing a long term in jail.

BLITZ's campaign opened, for the first time, the eyes of our leaders and people to what was hap-

pening in the strategic Himalayan kingdom, and of the King, himself, being a prisoner in the hands of the Ranas, who were ruling the roost in Nepal. The Ranas resorted in vain to every means to silence BLITZ. They were eventually overthrown by the people when the liberated late King Tribhuvana, father of the present ruler, ascended the throne.

MASANI: You seem to labour under the impression that because of **BLITZ** the Ranas were overthrown and the throne restored to the King?

THE
INDIAN HEAD LINES



THE STORY
Told by the People
of Their Country

PARAJANIA: I need not blow my own trumpet for King Tribhuvana himself thanked BLITZ for his support. Even his son King Mahendra, remembered BLITZ when he invited Mrs. Karanja and myself to Kathmandu as State Guests at the time of his coronation, and presented me with the Coronation Gold Medal as a token of Nepal's gratitude.

MASANI: You cannot fool all the

people all the time, Comrade Karanjia, for everybody knows that even today your BLITZ is banned in Nepal under orders of the same King Mahendra.

KARNATI: What of that, Comrade Massani? Changing times bring about different consequences. In the year 1956, during the Coronation, India's relations with Nepal were most cordial and, consequently, BLITZ was an honoured guest of the Royal Palace. Today circumstances have changed. There is a bitter conflict between New Delhi and Kathmandu. So BLITZ had to suffer for its loyalty to India's foreign policy. Indeed, on this as on several other issues, BLITZ was the first to take the blow which hit the Government later.

Q COURT: For the Court's records, Mr. Karanjia, can you state when the Government of Nepal put a ban on BLITZ?

KARANJIA: From Asia to Africa was but a small jump for the salesman of the Nehru ideology, your Lordship. May I ask you, Comrade Karanja, that when you were well aware that great men like Mahatma Gandhi had failed to solve the problem of Indian settlers in South Africa, where was the necessity for a paper like **BLITZ** to stir up trouble by wittingly highly exaggerated reports and straining our relations with the South African Government which was then under the comparatively enlightened leadership of Field-Marshal Smuts?

BLITZ



The Crucifixion Of Lumumba

THE RAPE of CONGO
FIRST FULL UNCENSORED REPORT...
BLITZ
SEPT. 17, 1960

Who Are Lumu Real Murderers!
WHITE IMPERIALISM DECLARES WAR ON COLOURED PEOPLE'S CRUSADER

Lumumba Shall Be Avenged!
THE ASSASSINATION of Prime Minister Lumumba and his two cabinet ministers was a crime against the people of the Congo and the world.
Daily Chronicle
Kenya Government Bans "Blitz"
Governor Issues Special Order

AFRICA

KARANJIA: The problem of Indian settlers in South Africa and other African countries had assumed a greater significance especially after the end of World War II and India's attainment of freedom.

MASANI: Certainly, you did not expect the Nehru doctrine to succeed when others had failed.

KARANJIA: You certainly do not mean to say that BLITZ should fail in its duty just because others had failed. In fact, in November 1943, BLITZ exposed the racist jingoists of Rhodesia, British East Africa and South Africa under the heading "WHITE PLAGUE SPREADS TO THE REST OF AFRICA", and called upon Indian leaders to serve an ultimatum on Smuts that his presence would not be tolerated at any conference unless he repealed all racial legislation. BLITZ continued a bitter campaign against Smuts, wrote an editorial entitled "THE LOUSY LAND OF SMUTS" in November 1944, inviting Gandhi to "lead an all-out, hell-bent satyagraha in South Africa."

Africa bans BLITZ

MASANI: You even stooped so low as to publish a little, black-bordered box with the headline "SMUTS" with the caption "BLITZ is printed on newspaper, not bromo; therefore, we refuse to smear the paper with his photo."

KARANJIA: Not only that. We published even an eulaph on South Africa in the form of a verse, damning racial jingos for ever. We, also, encouraged freedom-fighters like Sorebi Rustonji, Naidu, Dadoo and others to present their case before the United Nations Assembly. Supported with pictures and documents, their dossier completely exposed the South African racists. BLITZ gave it world wide publicity by publishing it in two special supplements.

MASANI: Was not your South Africa correspondent A. I. Meer, sentenced to jail?

KARANJIA: Yes, Meer and his colleagues courted

MASANI: As if it was not satisfied with stirring up trouble in Asia and Africa, BLITZ lent its support to Dr. Cheddi Jagan of British Guiana, and succeeded in landing him in jail.

KARANJIA: How well you twist history, Comrade Masani! Leader of the People's Progressive Party, Cheddi Jagan, swept the polls, but because he was suspected to be a leftist, the British Governor dismissed his ministry and jailed him. BLITZ raised its powerful voice in defence of the small territory of British Guiana.

To America with love!

MASANI: Did you, Mr. Kuranja, ever realise that by your championing of the so-called non-aligned nations and binding them with chains of slavery to the Communist camp, you have unnecessarily brought India into direct conflict with friendly and helpful nations like America?

KARANJIA: At the beginning BLITZ was not anti-American, rather, it was pro-America. We had

-Accuses MASANI

body knows, it was Japan which provoked the United States' entry into World War II with the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbour; yet BLITZ, in 1946, came out with a series of articles stating that America delivered an ultimatum to Japan and dragged Japan into the war with the ultimate aim of preserving its imperialist empire.

KARANJIA: The author of this series was no other than Dr. E. Stanley Jones, the internationally famous lecturer and evangelist, who was involved in the pre-war negotiations between Japan and America.

MASANI: The height of absurdity was reached with an article entitled "WAS ROOSEVELT MURDERED?" printed on the front page in the issue of May 20, 1949, insinuating that American industrial-military complex in league with German cartels desiring war with Russia and peace with Germany poisoned Roosevelt to a premature death.

KARANJIA: Yes, BLITZ was honoured by a ban, with the result that thousands of more copies were smuggled into South Africa.

MASAN: No wonder, the African continent was soon ablaze with insurrection and murders. Thereafter, BLITZ turned its eyes to Kenya.

KARANJIA: Correct. But do you know why? Because your imperialist friends, under the pretence of fighting the Mau Mau menace, suppressed all political activities and imprisoned their leaders, Jomo Kenyatta and Joseph Murumbi. Nehru's support gave the freedom-fighters a fresh impetus, and eventually freedom came to Kenya.

MASAN: Not before Kenya hit back, banned BLITZ and imposed an imprisonment for two years and a fine of £100 for the crime of selling BLITZ.

KARANJIA: Yes, BLITZ was again honoured.

Rape of Congo

MASAN: From Kenya, BLITZ next set the Congo ablaze. Correct?

KARANJIA: Correct again. When Belgium granted independence to the Congo, newspapers in India and elsewhere hailed it as the dawn of a new age. BLITZ, owing to its proximity to Nehru and its world wide contacts, was able to see through this manoeuvre the intention of the imperialists to maintain their stranglehold on their stooges and encompass the liquidation of the people's leaders.

MASAN: You only hastened the death-march of the Congolese leaders like Lumumba to their graves.

KARANJIA: Come, Come, Comrade, Patrice Lumumba was a true patriot and the legitimate leader of the Congolese people; but the Belgian imperialists, aided and abetted by their American masters, both eager to monopolize and exploit the country's natural resources, like radio-active sands, uranium and cobalt, encouraged and supported despicable stooges like Tshombe, Kasavubu and Mobutu, who plotted against Lumumba and imprisoned and tortured him to death.

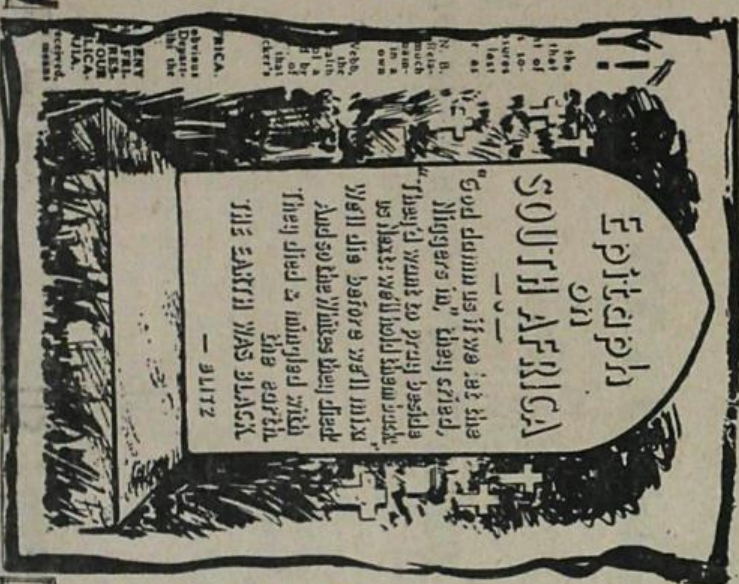
MASAN: Why didn't BLITZ rush to his rescue?

KARANJIA: Weeks before he was brutally murdered, BLITZ, in a frontpage in September 1960, entitled "THE RAPE OF CONGO", had mercilessly exposed the conspirators and warned against "The dark and sinister conspiracy which ultimately aims at the liquidation of the Congolese Prime Minister, Patrice Lumumba."



WHAT we detested and exposed were the subversive machinations of the American Big Business lobby through organisations like the Pentagon and the CIA-FBI complex. This outfit is widely held responsible for the murders of Roosevelt, the Kennedys, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King among others. It put the backs up not only of BLITZ, but of statesmen like Nasser and Nehru against Washington.

MASAN: Your Lordship, this is all false protestation. This BLITZ has abused a fine soldier like General Eisenhower, who later became President of America, as "AN ASS". With the Court's permission, I will read out from an editorial from the issue dated April 10, 1943: "General Eisenhower is an ass. We don't like his name. We don't like his looks. We don't like his principles." Again, in 1943, BLITZ attacked the United States, "It appears to be heading towards hell". Your Lordship, as every-



This is US Charity:

KARANJIA: We only voiced a widespread belief at that time following several American papers.

MASAN: Has Comrade Karanjia ever realised where India would have been if America had not doled out crores upon crores of rupees as aid and millions of tons of wheat as food to our starving millions?

KARANJIA: An economist like the Prosecutor need not be told that American aid has been described as "philanthropy plus 50 per cent" given only to keep its own industries alive, to ward off the slump, and to subvert the freedom of those countries which go with a begging bowl to her doors. In fact, when the very first consignment of some 9000 tonnes of wheat was landed at Bombay, our dock workers brought samples of wheat to BLITZ which contained nothing but dust and husk. With only a few grains of wheat, BLITZ flashed the story with pictures on its front page under the heading "MUCK FOR FOOD: INDIA BUYS WHEAT UNFIT FOR US CATTLE".

MASAN: What ingratitude! However, when Nehru was invited in 1949 to visit the United States, BLITZ went into raptures and published special supplements and full reports with dozens of pictures, lauding America for giving Nehru a reception befitting gods and kings.

First to recognise China

KARANJIA: That only serves to prove my argument as well as our bonafides. The prosecution need not forget that we emphasised, also, what Nehru frankly and bluntly told the Americans, "we do not want any handouts from the USA, and the West cannot move Asia by force for dole or charity."

MASAN: This despite the fact that the West and, particularly, the USA and the UK had done much for Nehru and his ungrateful countrymen.

KARANJIA: We do not want to say any more on this point except to quote George Bernard Shaw, who, asked by BLITZ in 1949 for a message on Nehru's 60th birthday, replied, "Pandit Nehru needs no Western testimonials. The West has done nothing for him but imprison him. What he learned in England he paid for."

MASAN: I do not want your quotations from that self-confessed Commie!

KARANJIA: If you care to thumb through the files of BLITZ you will realise what dirty politics your British,



AMERICA



India Played Part in my Fight for Freedom," Says PAUL ROBESON

NOTHING

American and other friends have played against Nehru and India. Take only the case of their conspiracy with Pakistan. Having failed in their attempt to unleash raiders on Kashmir and having sabotaged every effort of India to get justice in the United Nations, America plotted to rope Pakistan into the Middle East Defence Organisation.

BLITZ exposed these plots, the existence of 27 American bases in West Pakistan alone, and a hundred million dollar project for military help to Pakistan. The Pakistani leaders Ayub Khan and Sikandar Mirza were in Washington to finalise the secret plans. Indeed, the authentic Nehru line in India's foreign policy began with the realisation that Pakistan was fully armed and prepared to remain as a permanent threat to India.

CIA, FBI & Peace Corps

An Open Letter to the Editor of BLITZ

BLITZ's America Is Not The True America!

BLITZ's Answer

No, Miss Talyarkhan, We Are Not Against the American People . . .!

MISS FRENE TALYARKHAN, Editor of BLITZ, is a person who is not interested in the American people, but in the American government. She is a person who is not interested in the American people, but in the American government. She is a person who is not interested in the American people, but in the American government.

By R K KARANI

WORLD'S BLACKEST WEEKEND

BLITZ
INDIA'S GREATEST WEEKLY
JAN 23 1971

KENNEDY MURDER MYSTERY
OSWALD DID NOT KILL PRESIDENT



WE LOVE AND HATE

McCarthy, Johnson and Nixon, the America of Wall street the Pentagon, the CIA and the State Dept. are all part of a conspiracy, a fantastic frameup aimed at the character

would be the first to recognise Red China.

KARANJIA: This was a news scoop by BLITZ.

MASAN: Your Chinese friends must have given that to you.

KARANJIA: Wrong. Comrade Masani. Our Ambassador to China, Dr. K. M. Panikkar, had sent favourable reports to the Ministry of External Affairs recommending Delhi to adopt a realistic attitude and recognise Communist China. Our then Delhi Correspondent, G. K. Reddy, came to know of this and flashed the news to us.

MASAN: BLITZ has exploited every avenue to annoy America. When the late President Truman accused Russia of raising the "Iron Curtain" in Europe, Karanjia promptly wrote an article and slapped the poor President with the allegation that Truman had said: "If we see that Germany is winning, we ought to help Russia and if we find Russia is winning we ought to help Germany; and that way let them kill as many of each other as possible."

KARANJIA: That was no allegation, but a fact. Truman's cruel statement was reported in the New York Times of January 24, 1941.

MASAN: Instead of appreciating the good work of exposing and fighting Communist infiltration in the world by the CIA, FBI and the Peace Corps, BLITZ went hammer and tongs at them called them "Departments of Dirty Tricks," and accused them of interfering in India's politics and hatchling anti-Nehru plots.

Is BLITZ anti-America?

BLITZ accused General McArthur of secretly court-martalling Netaji Bose, charging him with war crimes and even summarily executing him.

BLITZ even frontpaged an article "If Gandhi were alive he would call the world to boycott America...."

KARANJIA: Written by no less a person than Dr. J. C. Kumarappa, Gandhi's trusted associate and economic adviser, and President of the All-India Village Association.

MASAN: What was your motive behind this anti-American propaganda?

KARANJIA: These charges were all published with sufficient proof and with the only objective of warning India against American reactionaries and warmongers who were out to subvert and colonise the developing world. BLITZ was never against progressive and democratic America. We fought and exposed the America of Dulles,

have recognised this fact. Ambassador Chester Bowles, for example, spread himself over half of New Delhi correspondent G. K. Reddy. So did President Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Paul Robeson and many a genuine American.

MASAN: Poppycock and trash! If you were that pro-American, Comrade Karanjia, why in the world did the famous American paper The New Yorker devote seventeen columns to an article titled "THE COMINFORM AT WORK" in which profuse references were made to you and your Communist weekly BLITZ? Again how come that the well-known American author, James Burnham, in his thesis on Communist tactics in India and the Kremlin plan to make the country a Soviet satellite, dubbed BLITZ as a leading Communist weekly?

Bowles Forgery Case

WITH the Court's permission I will read out the relevant passage for the records:

"One of the most effective propaganda jobs today is being done by a remarkable and ruthless journalist named R. K. KARANJIA, who edits two weeklies, ATOM and BLITZ, the latter with the largest circulation in India. It is not even certain that Karanjia is a Communist, but his anti-Americanism is the most extreme and bitter conceivable and his editing combines sensationalism with a sharp and lively wit."

SHARP and lively wit, indeed! Let me quote a few examples from BLITZ headlines on succeeding US Ambassadors: "CHESTER BOWLED OUT!" "JOY'S LABOUR LOST!" "BUNKER BUNKS!" "GAIL STONE GALBRAITH!" "NO KIDDING, KEATING!" and so on.

KARANJIA: That was the BLITZ way of presenting stories in the new tabloid style. But these in no way hampered our social and political connections with leading Americans.

MASAN: And how you abused these connections, Comrade Karanjia! You mentioned the Chester Bowles interview in your defence, but you forgot to tell the Court about the great Chester Bowles Forgery you landed yourself in soon after this interview which exposed you as a fraud and a forger.

KARANJIA: I need not rake up old and well-known facts about this case, but it is a matter of history as well as court records that the Bowles forgery case was the result of a dirty political con-

I propose to deal with this case in my final submission. Suffice it to say here that it proved to be one of BLITZ's finest and longest battles waged through three Courts with my humble self emerging victorious in each trial, being honourably acquitted of all charges and completely exonerated.

ONE of the most abominable features about this frameup was the manner in which American papers devoted whole pages to my arrest, ran newspaper trials in sheer contempt of Indian courts, and prejudged me guilty, of course, at the instance of the CIA.

MASAN: Yes, I am coming to that. I have here a copy of the famous TIME magazine carrying the story. It calls you "THE FATHER OF YELLOW JOURNALISM" and "FOUNDER OF BOMBAY'S WILDLY SENSATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEKLY BLITZ."

KARANJIA: Thank you and TIME for the compliments.

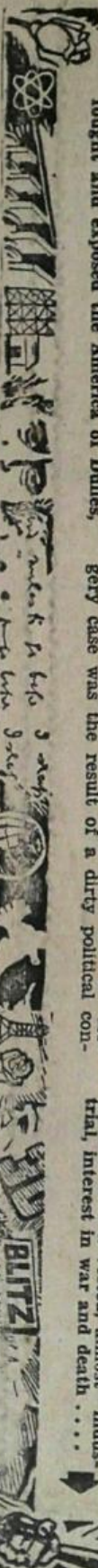
Face of two Americas

MASAN: The fact remains that you have always been anti-American. Even your own contributors and columnists have accused you of being vociferously anti-America. To take only one example, I have here an article from your Women's Editor, the late Frene Tatyarkhan, written in March 1951, openly accusing you that "the America that we have come to know and that the America that we choose to present are totally different!"

KARANJIA: Oh! Frene Tatyarkhan! She was a very charming and intellectual lady who for many years edited the "Strictly Feminine" page for BLITZ. However, what you mentioned was an open letter from her which BLITZ, in keeping with its policy of allowing complete freedom of expression to its columnists, published under the heading "BLITZ'S AMERICA IS NOT TRUE AMERICA" with a reply from me which resolved the controversy whether BLITZ was anti-America or not.

COURT: Where is the text of your reply?

KARANJIA: I replied to this letter that "we consider America a great country populated by good, progressive, peace-loving people, just like our own people or the British people or the Chinese people. The target of our so-called anti-American campaign is not the American people, but the two hundred and odd families with a vested, almost industrial, interest in war and death...."



BLITZ INFECTED THE WORLD WITH ...



WELCOME, COLDEST WARRIOR OF U.S.A.

"We should be very sorry indeed if our outspoken and sometimes violent criticisms of US foreign policy came to be misunderstood as anything like a hate campaign against the American people. We respect and appreciate the American people much the same way as we do our own people. Criticisms of their Government and their foreign policy, therefore, should not be read as slander of the people."

Atoms for peace only

MASANI: Now coming to another subject, BLITZ deprived India of the status symbol of an atom bomb, thus endangering the safety and security of the State. It ran a series of articles against "Atom-bombs" especially when American Brigadier-General Paul W. Tibbets, who dropped the world's first atom bomb on Hiroshima, visited India.

KARANJIA: It was not for nothing that BLITZ opposed the move of the reactionaries to turn India into an atomic arsenal with the help of their western imperialist friends. Before launching our campaign, we had studied the full implications and consequences.

State of the World
With a well-situated Minister here, a General there, and a Judge or two in hand, Communists can block any New Anti-Soviet turn in India!!!

Yank View Of India, Nehru, Neutralism, BLITZ & Karanjia



BLITZ has reported that the American Government is not only not interested in the Indian situation but is also not interested in the Indian people. The American Government is not interested in the Indian people because it is not interested in the Indian people's freedom and independence. The American Government is not interested in the Indian people's freedom and independence because it is not interested in the Indian people's freedom and independence.

● By JAMES BUDRMAN
● Notorious Yank Propaganda

One of the most interesting and revealing articles in the BLITZ is the one by James Budrman. It is a masterpiece of propaganda. It is a masterpiece of propaganda because it is a masterpiece of propaganda. It is a masterpiece of propaganda because it is a masterpiece of propaganda.

Anti-Communist
The BLITZ is a masterpiece of propaganda. It is a masterpiece of propaganda because it is a masterpiece of propaganda. It is a masterpiece of propaganda because it is a masterpiece of propaganda.

Chester Bowles for BLITZ

U.S. FOREIGN NEWS
JANUARY 1971

POWER TO PEOPLE

Canadian Codes!

U.S.A. WELCOMES INDIAN MEDIATION IN KOREA

PAKISTAN JOINS THE WAR BLOC



ANTI-ATOMS

COURT: At this rate, there seems to have been mud-slinging on both the sides.

MASANI: Yes your Lordship. I have here a reference of an instance when Nehru called BLITZ's Delhi Correspondent "an idiot, a knave, or a liar, or everything combined."

-Charges MASANI

KARANJIA: Thanks for the compliments coming not from a Soviet but from an American newspaper of the stature of the New York Times. It will only

A brilliant assistant of Five-Year Plan Project who was in-charge of the Atomic Energy Commission. Interviews with the late Dr. Homi Bhabha, a great atomic scientist and chief of our Atomic Energy Commission.

ADDED to this I had intimate interviews with Jawahar Lal Nehru. Only after this we went hammer and tonges against any attempt to turn India into an atomaniac. This was in keeping with Nehru's policy of atoms for peace.

BESIDES, looking to the tremendous cost and resources necessary to produce a single atom bomb and the consequent heavy drain on our economy, scuttling of our plan projects and our bid to attain self-sufficiency, it was suicidal for India to go in for nuclear weapons.

AND that was why, when our intelligence reported that Brigadier-General Paul Tibbets who had blown Hiroshima out of existence with a single atom bomb was to visit India, BLITZ launched a powerful campaign against him, and demanded that Tibbets must quit India, which he did.

BLITZ attacked Nehru

MASANI: This explanation will not cut any ice with the Prosecution, for it has always been your policy to attack America, praise Russia and follow a pro-Nehru policy. In fact, BLITZ has infected the world with anti-US virus.

KARANJIA: No. BLITZ had had many occasions to attack—and mercilessly attack Jawaharlal Nehru's policies, too. As a watch-dog of the public, it was our duty to hold the mirror up to him and show him what was wrong with his government. Many a time we asked him, "Are you really the God that failed?"—and BLITZ and NEHRU fought many a wordy duel over the issue of corruption and scandal. We once wrote that "in any democratic country, any of these shocking scandals would have caused the Government to resign and face public impeachment, but in Gandhi's India, Congress and Nehru Raj seem to thrive on a scandal a day or sometimes two."

MASANI: Did not Nehru hit back by saying that even if 25 per cent of what is published in newspapers were true he would quit the Prime Ministership within 24 hours?

KARANJIA: Correct. Did not BLITZ readily accept Nehru's challenge and didn't I offer to resign from the editorship of BLITZ if any of the charges was proved false?



was an imaginative man. And so am I. When I read by the premature leakage of a story about Anglo-American fingers in the Tibetan pipe, Nehru displayed his famous loss of temper at a press conference and charged BLITZ with misrepresentation of facts which impaired India's foreign relations. However, with one voice the nation's press stood by BLITZ, with the result Nehru made amends to Reddy by restoring his press passes and privileges which were cancelled. Subsequent events confirmed our story.

Bill to clip BLITZ

MASANI: Whatever you may say, Nehru was fed up with you and your paper, and we have it on the highest authority that the Press Bill introduced by the Government was mainly to clip your wings.

KARANJIA: It was rumoured so, but Nehru was too liberal a gentleman ever to commit such an act. We told him so in an editorial entitled "FREEDOM IS IN PERIL". "Beware Jawaharlal, if you open fire on BLITZ and seek to mutilate or murder the paper you will only be mutilating or murdering your own conscience and providing one more illustration to the immortal story of Dorian Gray."

MASANI: To substantiate my charge I shall quote what the New York Times, under the heading "Nehru is adamant on curbing press: Weekly held main target", wrote: "Mr. Nehru's attack according to most observers is aimed at BLITZ, a weekly magazine of Bombay which is one of the most popular periodicals in the country and has a circulation of about one lakh, considered very high by Indian standards. . . . BLITZ, an important weekly whose attacks on Mr. Nehru have irked him for a long time, might be one of the first to feel that axe if the amendment went through."

Held, Jawahar! It's Your Own Conscience!



crete and forceful was the paper, even while criticizing the policies of its friends and guide. Like this, there have been many love-hate bouts. If I may call them that between Nehru, BLITZ and myself, but they have been like family or father-and-son quarrels and all ended well.

THIS does not mean, however, that we ever flinched from attacking Nehru and his government. In short, the stand could be summed up in the heading once given to the weekly column, "INDIAN SCENE" written by my columnist, the late Mr. P. R. Lele, well-known Congressman and constitutional expert: "Oh for a quarter of Nehru's success in Foreign Affairs to be transferred to domestic crisis"

ALL this provides its own tribute to India's tradition of democracy and freedom of expression firmly established by the late Panditji. He could bang BLITZ and BLITZ could bang him back, but the relationship between Nehru and myself would continue on the friendliest of basis with my going to him at least once a month to tape-record his intimate interviews.

Kripalani in the box

MASANI: All of which brings me back to my charge that BLITZ has been the most powerful salesman of the Nehru ideology.

KARANJIA: Rather a conscience-keeper of the late Prime Minister.

MASANI: What a conscience-keeper for the thoroughly discredited and debased Nehru ideology of peace, socialism, secularism, non-alignment, peaceful co-existence and what not . . . Fine words butter no parsnips, Comrade Karanjia.

TO substantiate my contention, I will now summon only two witnesses, elder statesmen of the stature of two of our Prime Ministers, Sardarshree Acharya J. B. Kripalani and N. G. Ranga, two of India's most talented politicians. Will Acharya Kripalani Sahab step into the box?

(Profuse clapping of hands from the government and ministerial boxes greet this announcement. SUCHETA KRI PALANI and half-a-dozen Prime Ministers including MORARJI, PATIL and TARAKESHWARI, escort the stumbling elder statesman to the box where he is given facilities to sit and give evidence. Two special attendants stand on each side fanning him. Kripalani bows to the court and strikes the pose of a great thinker with his forehead cupped in his right palm.)

OVERLEAF



GUILTY or NOT GUILTY?

MASANI: Will you please tell the court your views on the Nehru ideology?

KRIPALANI: India's decline started not with the death of Nehru, but on the day he gave up Gandhian policies and began implementing his own western ideas. This was the main reason why he had resigned the Congress Presidency.

Panchsheel born in sin!

MASANI: Thanks, will you please enlighten us as to what you think about Panchsheel?

KRIPALANI: Panchsheel was born in sin, for it was initiated to put our seal of approval on the destruction of an ancient nation—Tibet—associated with us culturally and spiritually. I have always ridiculed the official tendency to convert the policy of non-alignment into a moral imperative. It is difficult to know, in the context of today, what non-alignment really means. The Five Principles of Mr. Nehru's pet Panchsheel are nothing but five Nonsenses.

MASANI: Shabash, Shabash! Many thanks Prime Minister Sahab. Now I request Prime Minister Ranga to step into the box.

(Prime Minister Ranga steps into the box. Bursts of applause from fellow-Prime Ministers and followers greet the witness).

MASANI: Will you, Ranga, please inform the court what you think about Nehru's policies of non-alignment, socialism, etcetera?

RANGA: Just as in the decade of 1918-28 India had to make her choice between Imperialism and Gandhian nationalism, she had to make a courageous choice today between the approaches of Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi. It also means making a choice between centralized totalitarian governance and decentralized governance. Do we want to march in the direction of Sovietism with all its horrors of totalitarian social controls, regulations and bureaucratic management of social relations and economic activities of individuals and their groups?

MASANI: Thanks! Will you now give us your considered views on Nehru's brand of socialism?

RANGA: The socialism of Nehru has become synonymous with State control and regulation or management of ever-expanding spheres of social life. The Congress was hoping to put out of practical making them realize the fact that Nehru was keen on fulfilling their tasks. If we are keen on promoting the creative passion of the people for freedom, which is ordinarily so irrepressible, and not to allow it to become atrophied, we must free ourselves from the political power-of-attorney given to Nehru.

False Nehru ideology

MASANI: Well done, Prime Ministers Kripalani and Ranga Sahab. India is proud of free and frank critics like you who have never minced any words in exposing the false Nehru ideology.

(The court proceedings are disturbed for some time as some of the followers of Prime Ministers Kripalani and RANGA insist on garlanding them in the court itself. The judge hammers the gavel without much success in restoring peace. However, after some time silence prevails, but then arises a rumbling sound like that of an earthquake or a consultation in the bowels of the earth or the clap of far off thunder or the roar of a distant cyclone which shakes the Court but only for a second or two, after which silence again prevails...)



MASANI: Your Lordship must have now been convinced that we have been able to prove our case to the hill. BLITZ and KARANJI have been the camp-followers and galley slaves of Nehru and his discredited ideology. This has resulted in great harm to the nation and to our people. It has brought us into unnecessary conflict with our friends in America, Britain, West Germany and Israel among others.

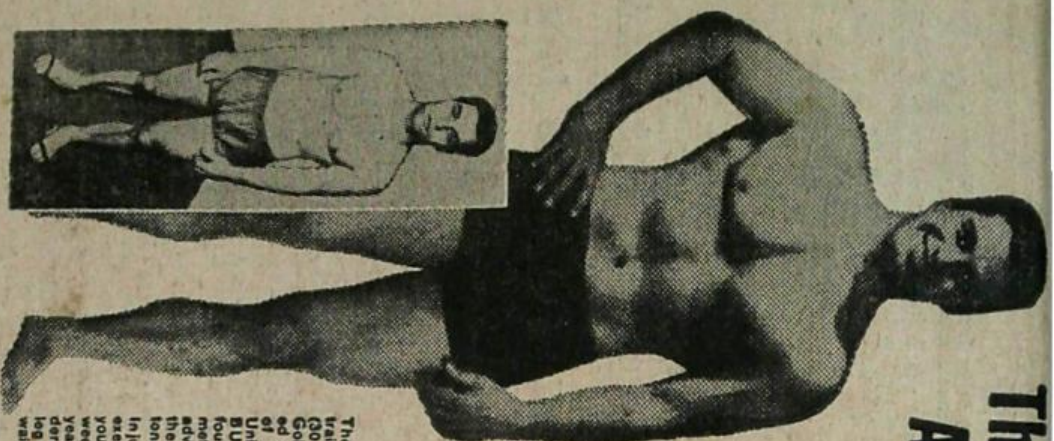
Guilty or not guilty?

THOUGH Karanja tried to wriggle out of the two previous charges, we have cornered him squarely as far as Charge No. 3 is concerned. Now, Comrade KARANJI, will you plead GUILTY or NOT GUILTY?

COURT: Yes, Mr. Karanja, what have you to say?

KARANJI: Your Lordship, in all humility I plead completely guilty of being a loyal and ideology pupil and the most devoted disciple of the late Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of Tomorrow, who I regard as not only the architect and master-builder of modern India but the authentic prophet of a new world of peaceful co-operations yet to be born.

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VOICE

(Great rejoicing prevails among the ruling circle. The court proceedings are disturbed once again. Followers of Masani make a sudden dash to garland their hero. Simultaneously all the other Prime Ministers are profusely garlanded. The Judge continues to hammer the gavel. Peace is, however, restored after some time.)

JUDGE: I am glad that the defendant has admitted being guilty to charge No. 3 without any fuss or delay. However, we are at a loss to understand WHAT precisely was Nehru's ideology and what it meant to our times. Will the prosecution and/or the defendant enlighten the Court?

Basis of non-alignment

MASANI: Certainly, your Lordship. I will ask the defendant to define his pet subject. Now may I ask you, Mr. Karanjia. What is this Nehru ideology? What is co-existence? What is Panchsheel? What is non-alignment?

KARANJIA: During his life time Jawaharlalji granted many exclusive and exhaustive interviews to me as well as to my correspondents and contributors...

(**SUDDENLY** from nowhere a powerful gust of wind sweeps into the court followed by a rumbling of far off thunder. A flash of lightning simultaneously forks through the court-room shaking the whole Red Fort like a house of cards—shaking the second or two after which silence again prevails. Immediately, a firm commanding voice fills the court room. Soon, like specks of dust settling into a soft, gentle, halting yet firm, tone. Speaking with a clear diction and correct pronouncements, the voice grips the minds and hearts of all those present with some mysterious compelling force. It is the voice that seems to come from nowhere—court, the next moment from somewhere inside the court, the voice keeps filling the court, outside the court, through doors and windows. It keeps pouring in

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times of crisis and conflict. The basis of non-alignment is our plea of peace which has been constantly expanding since the inception of this policy. This not only helps to create a sort of a no-war-warlike confrontation difficult, but also provides them with a common ground for co-operation in something like the workshop of peace.

(**THE CROWD:** HURRAY! HURRAY! JAI HIND! JAI JAWAHAR! NEHRU ZINDABAD! INDIRA ZINDABAD!)

commonwealth within our country and, also, help the world move towards a similar international order—that is, a co-operative world order—by removing the dangerous economic division of humanity between the under-developed and the developed or over-developed regions.

Spirit of our times

OUR philosophy and ideology, as I have already mentioned

from the great beyond. ... of time and life.

VOICE: Our main contribution rests in creating for India a non-aligned, independent and international, respected position which has enabled us to act as a link or bridge of communication between conflicting ideologies and hostile nations, or blocs, as they are called. This is where our policy of non-alignment, uncompromised by military alliances, has been of some great help to the cause of peace and co-existence. It has also served to ensure the image of our independence, sovereignty and dignity. For non-alignment is really signifying freedom of action, this is the first postulate of independence....

(This sudden, intrusion of a powerful, mysterious voice startles and electrifies the whole court. Everybody starts looking here and there. The thirteen Prime Ministers and their friends present in the court seem scared stiff and terrified the most. The crowd seems, however, to have recognised whose voice it is and spontaneously shouts: IT'S NEHRU! IT'S NEHRU! JAWAHARLAL, IS BACK! HES COME BACK TO US OUR SAHA-JADA!)

VOICE: Non-alignment helps us to maintain friendly co-operation with both the conflicting blocs and acts as a means of communication between them in

VOICE: As more and more nations keep joining this peace club, as against this nuclear club and cold war club, we expect this un-aligned grouping to grow and absorb other nations.... We want the whole world to become part of this area of peaceful co-operation including, ultimately, the United States and the Soviet Union....

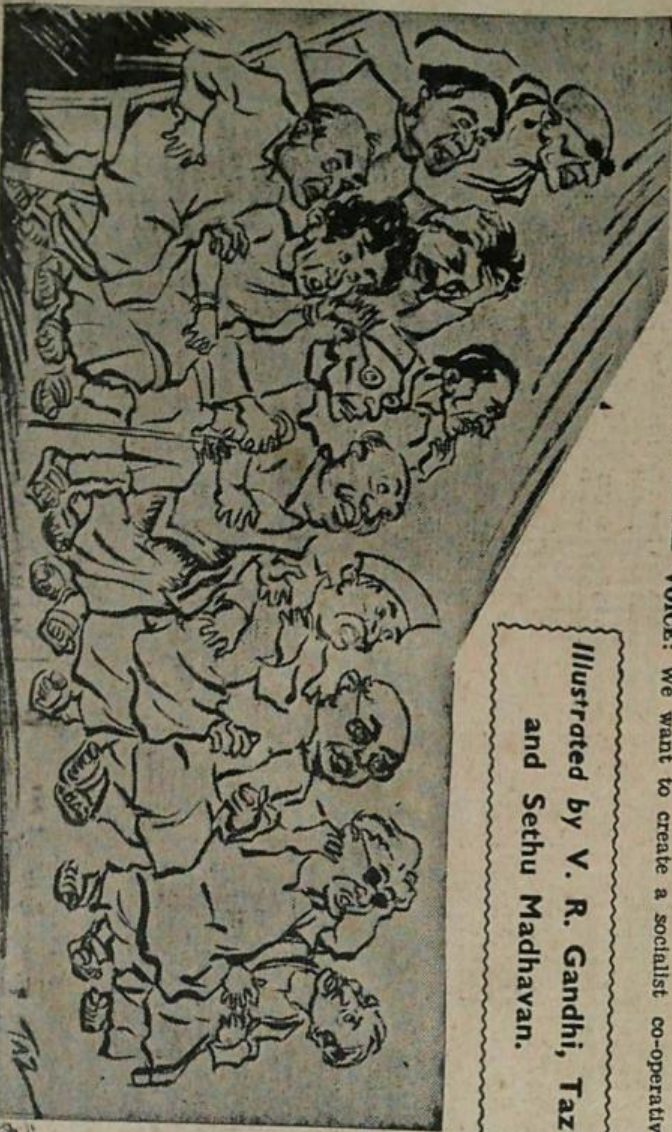
(As the voice continues, the whole court seems to be electrified. The people shout: IT'S NEHRU, IT'S NEHRU! HES BACK, HES BACK).

VOICE: As I have told you before, I am averse to definitions. They have a negative, restricting influence on one's thinking and functioning. Our ideology in relation to issues like socialism, democracy, non-alignment, etc. is a dynamic, developing thing, which really goes deeper than definition or organisation into a way of life, a way of thinking or of functioning. The vital issue before us both in the national and international sphere is one of achieving social justice, economic equality and co-operation, national co-operation as well as international co-operation.

(The crowd: JAI JAWAHAR! JAI INDIRA! JAI HIND!)

VOICE: We want to create a socialist co-operative

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mine. They belong to the ethos of our nation and we accept this premise. Then there is no getting away from them. Any person or regime that tries to divert the course of our freedom and its natural evolution, will succeed only in injuring itself. I do not think our parliamentary democracy will permit of any such reversal of our basic policies....

(The voice peters out as suddenly as it came; a flash of lightning simultaneously forks through the court-room.... Everybody seems to be under some mysterious spell. Court proceedings are disturbed as people continue to shout: JAI HIND! JAI JAWAHAR! JAI INDIRA!... Peace is restored after some time).

JUDGE: What is this? Is somebody playing a trick or did we hear the great voice from the great beyond? Was somebody playing a tape recorder or was this the Voice of Nehru? And were these his own words? We are baffled, but truth must be told.

KARANJIA: Your Lordship, I too am equally baffled. Yet I can testify to one thing that the style and the language are nobody's but Nehru's.

MASANI: This is false bravado! This is a Communist trick. I hope your Lordship will compel the defendant to tell the truth.

Nobody but Jawahar!

KARANJIA: Your Lordship, as the man who has interviewed Nehru dozens of times—historic interviews which are collected and preserved in some of my books, "The Mind of Mr. Nehru" and "The Philosophy of Mr. Nehru"—I can testify as a witness of truth that this was the authentic voice of Nehru and this was the authentic voice of nobody else but JAWAHARLAL....

(Suddenly the Court is filled with shouts of "JAI JAWAHAR! JAI JAWAHAR! JAI INDIRA! JAI INDIRA!" echoing and re-echoing through the Red Fort. Pandemonium prevails for quite some time. The Prime Ministers are seen hurrying away with their followers close on their heels under heavy guard and the crowd seems to have taken possession of the Court-room for quite some time till the police and military come into the Court and restore order.)

THUS ends the third day's hearing of the trial of BLITZ and KARANJIA.

NEXT WEEK:

BLITZ's War Against Vested Interests

