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S the trial of BLITZ and KARANTIA moves into the second day, the morning papers carry news about popular revolts in various centres against the Alliance Government. Despite the official ban on the display of pictures of GANDHI, NEHRU and INDIRA, and the provision for drastic punishment to offenders, reports pour into Delhi from every town and city of thousands of posters of the three national leaders suddenly appearing on walls, buildings, hoardings, trains, etc., all over the country.

There are reports of street-fights and riots brought about by the spiralling cost of living and the rampant blackmarket. Newspapers frontpage stories of peasant insurrections in the rural areas, and of Naxalite atrocities against the zamindars and the rajas who have been restored to their old pomp and glory by the Government.

by - **HOMI. D. MISTRY**

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The late Prime Minister JAWAHARLAL NEHRU
giving one of the numerous interviews to Editor
KARANJIA.



NEHRU'S GLOBE



There are rumblings of fights in the Alliance Cabinet of 13 Prime Ministers. Raj Narain, the SSP Prime Minister, is reported to have given an ultimatum to his own Government to launch a satyagraha on the issue of military and police repression against his followers who have been locked up under the newly-introduced Preventive Detention Act.

There is, also, widespread dissatisfaction in the Cabinet against the way one of the Prime Ministers, M. R. Masani, handled the first day's hearing of the trial of BLITZ and allowed Editor KARANJIA to turn the tables against him. A forceful demand is also believed to have been made at the midnight session of the Cabinet for the ouster of Masani, who now stands exposed as a former socialist. If not a Communist, Prime Ministers Morarji Desai, Rajaji, S. K. Patil and Tarkeshwar Sinha, however, expressed their concern over the growing fissures in the Cabinet, and scotched this move for the time-being. Meanwhile, the Cabinet of 13 Prime Ministers stands unanimous on their O. I. Programme — to get on with the trial of BLITZ and KARANJIA some what may.

In this tense atmosphere, the historic trial at the Red Fort enters the second day of its hearing.



COURT: IT WAS OUR PRIVILEGE to listen to the arguments and sift the evidence of both the prosecution and the defence during the course of yesterday's hearing. Today we shall resume the hearing of arguments on the Second Charge.

COURT CLERK: CHARGE NO. 2: Paying the way for Communism by visiting countries which are under Soviet or socialist influence. Interviewing their leaders and glorifying revolutionary agitators and demagogues like KHRUSHCHEV and NASSER, MAO and CHOU, CASTRO and KASSEM, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU and INDIRA GANDHI, and thereby playing a key role in the international conspiracy to spread Communism.

MASANI: Your Lordship, this is a very grave charge and it will be my endeavour to prove that BLITZ always had sympathy for the Soviet Union and her satellites from almost its birth. The first reference to Russia was made by BLITZ as early as in its issue of October 18, 1941.

KARANJIA: You are wrong, Mr. Prosecutor-General. Before this date, BLITZ printed many items, both appreciative and critical, about Russia. For example, there was an article entitled "Why Stalin is world's best guarded Dictator", apart from many other news and feature stories.

Scoop!

MASANI: To us the first article in which BLITZ touted for Russia is important. Actually, the first important reference to Russia was in an issue dated March 21, 1941, when BLITZ was the only paper to shout from the house-tops that "Germany was ready to invade Russia." You see, your Lordship, BLITZ had such intimate contacts with the Communists that they must have fed it with this news.

KARANJIA: Please do not mislead the court. The despatch in question, which announced to the world for the first time that Germany was poised to invade Russia, was no ordinary kite-flying story. It was actually a cable from H. Wickham Stead, the doyen of British journalists and war correspondent who, after giving details about Hitler's plans, predicted that Germany was preparing to invade Russia. It was one of our first big scoops of which BLITZ is deservedly proud. For, within a few weeks after the publication of the despatch, the Nazi war machine rolled into Russia.

Allied treachery

KARANJIA: BLITZ wasn't touting for Russia or anybody. Let me explain. Till October 1941, the Allied Powers were not helping Russia by opening the second front promised by Churchill. A report in The Statesman from A. J. Cummings, the well-known British journalist, condemned the fact that though the campaign against Germany was officially launched in July, Britain had not "fought a single battle, large or small, in any theatre of war... This seems to be a monstrous misconception of plain duty, a pathetic failure of military initiative."

In face of such a devastating assertion by a responsible British journalist, BLITZ considered it its duty to expose Britain's treachery and called upon the Allied Powers to open a second front in order to relieve German pressure on Russia. Was this touting for Russia or fighting for a just international cause?

MASANI: Even while the Nazis were conquering city after city and knocking at the gates of Moscow, BLITZ had the audacity to print an article with a heading "RUSSIA WINS BECAUSE LENIN STILL LIVES" and topped it with a Soviet chargesheet against Germany....

KARANJIA:.... From the pen of no less a person than M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

WITH **R. K. Karanjia**

Remorseless Tentacles of Dollars & Oil



THE "RED" GUILTY!

MASANI: BLITZ celebrated its third birthday with a triennial special number. And whose picture do you think your Lordship, adorned its cover in bright red colour? Stalin's, of course! Again, when Stalingrad was about to surrender to the Nazis, in October 1942, BLITZ did not write its usual editorial, but kept the column completely blank with a picture of the hammer-and-sickle printed in the centre, with the words "BLITZ dedicates this column to the inspiration of Stalingrad".

KARANJIA: The learned counsel is wasting the Court's time in displaying his ignorance. If he only realises what Stalingrad meant to Europe and the world of 1942, he would surely not utter such poppycock and nonsense.

MASANI: As Russia emerged victorious in 1944, BLITZ even printed an article with a significant heading "HAVE NO FEARS OF RUSSIA".

KARANJIA: ... Written by no ordinary Communist, Comrade Masani, but by the Reverend Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the Dean of Canterbury.

MASANI: Better known as the Red Dean!

Nehru's contact man!

KARANJIA: Permit me to explain the background to the Court. After the war, and especially after Stalin died, your Lordship, the socialist countries realised that they could not live in complete isolation and that they had to thrust themselves to the

KARANJIA: When India achieved freedom in 1947, Jawaharlal Nehru opened the country's hitherto closed gates to our Asian and African neighbours fighting their own freedom battles as well as to the Soviet Union and the new Socialist countries of Central Europe.

MASANI: You mean the countries behind the Soviet Iron Curtain?

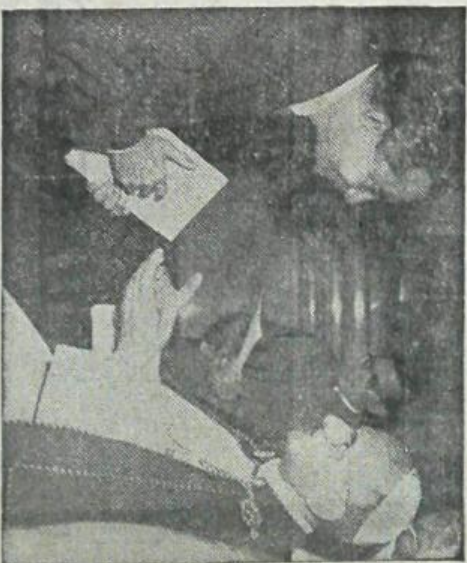
On Nehru's insistence

KARANJIA: Whether the Iron Curtain was drawn across Europe by the Soviet Union or the Anglo-American powers is a matter of historical controversy, but so far as British India was concerned, there is no doubt that the curtain was fabricated by our Imperialist masters. And that is why Jawaharlal Nehru sought to pull it down when he extended free India's hand of fraternal goodwill to all our friends and neighbours. It was in this context and at the instance — nay, on the insistence — of Jawaharlal Nehru — that I undertook the mission of a study tour and reported on these countries in 1947 armed with personal introductions from the Prime Minister to the Heads of States as well as our Missions.

THURU: I was able to strengthen our old contacts with great Afro-Asian leaders like SOEKARNO and SJAHRIR of Indonesia, AUNG SAN and THAKIN NU of Burma and NAHAS PASHA of Egypt. There-



Editor KARANJIA with the SHAH OF IRAN



... with POPE PAUL VI



MINISTER Nehru simultaneously thought of creating a bridge of world co-operation and co-existence between capitalist and Communist countries with the ultimate aim of

MASANI: securing for himself a key position in world diplomacy and using his Communist contacts to blackmail the Western democracies. Wasn't it so?

KARANJIA: Nothing of the sort. Nehru was too great a visionary to think in terms of such petty politics. He initiated a plan to build up personal contacts with the leaders of the western world as well of the Communist countries.

MASANI: And in BLITZ-editor Karanjia, he found a willing and—to give the devil his due—an extremely capable and effective public relations stooge. So, acting as Nehru's advance-guard, Karanjia started flying round the world and building up contacts with Communist and revolutionary leaders. It was obvious that acting as an Editor out to get scoops and exclusive interviews, nobody could question his bonafides or suspect his real motives.

'K' interviews 'K'

KARANJIA: At this stage, I do not want to deny any contention of the prosecution, but I feel I do not deserve all the compliments showered on me and the motives attributed to me by Comrade Masani.

MASANI: The defendant must not harbour the idea that I will be carried away by his show of modesty or fail in my duty to expose him as a Communist supporter. When Prime Minister Nehru went to Russia on the invitation of the Soviet Government, he took Karanjia with him to cover his visit. Instead, we find Karanjia not only reporting the Prime Minister's mission, but building up contacts with Khrushchev. Soon after, Bulganin and Khrushchev returned Nehru's compliment by visiting India. It is significant that, during their visit, one of the few journalists who were allowed to meet and interview the Soviet leaders as well as the Indian Prime Minister was, of course, Karanjia.

KARANJIA: Well, if the learned prosecutor would have cared to meet the Soviet visitors, they would have been happy to receive him, too!

MASANI: I wouldn't touch a Communist with a barge pole. Anyway, after establishing a link with Khrushchev, this patron saint of world Communism started building up relations with other Communist leaders and countries also.

KARANJIA: If the prosecution counsel allows me to correct him, I will put the events in their proper perspective.

COURT: Please do so.



ERECT "WALTER-SEA LEMMON" DICE "WINSTON CHURCHILL, JOSIP BROZ TITO and WINSTON CHURCHILL, among others."

MASANI: Let the Court be misled, the Prosecution would like to submit the gallery of international personalities with whom Karanjia had then, and has since, rubbed shoulders.

FIRST came the Greek guerrilla rebel, General Marcos, who was interviewed in his mountain hide-out between Greece and Yugoslavia, an enterprise obviously arranged at the instance of his Communist comrade-in-arms Tito. Then followed similar contacts with crypto-Communist revolutionaries like Gamal Abdel Nasser, the colonel who overthrew King Faruk and kept the whole Arab world in a fever of war and crisis till his death.

All Communists?!

AFTER Nasser came Abdel Karim Kassem of Iraq, Fidel Castro of Cuba, Walter Ulbricht of East Germany, Al Kuvaiti and Attasi of Syria, Ho Chi Minh of Vietnam, Ben Bella of Algeria and a host of others—all confirmed Communists or fellow-travellers.

OVER all these personalities loomed the shadow of the tallest of them, Nikita Khrushchev, who invited Karanjia to the Kremlin as his personal guest, gave him a series of interviews and spread the red carpet for the red editor all the way from Bombay to Moscow.

KARANJIA: All this and more—much more! The learned Prosecutor-General has forgotten many big names which have appeared in the columns of BLITZ, the names of world leaders who have thought it a privilege to give the paper exclusive interviews or break important news or vital decisions affecting the destiny of nations, or written special articles for my paper.

MASANI: Yes, such big names like Mao Tse-tung, Chou En-lai, Chu Teh and Madame Sun Yat-sen... all good Communists, right?

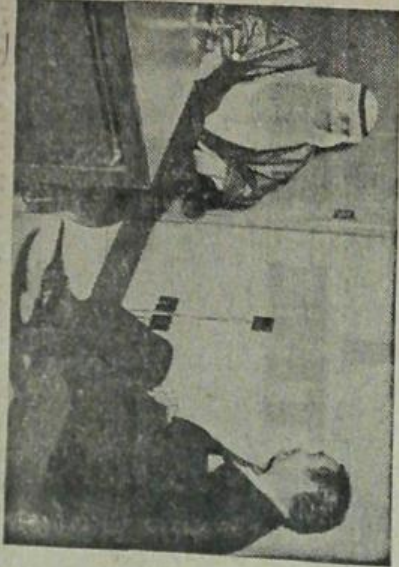
KARANJIA: Yes, and besides them, the late President de Gaulle of France, Winston Churchill of Britain, the Shah of Iran, Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, King Mahendra of Nepal, the Chogyal of Sikkim, General and Madame Chiang Kai-shek of Formosa, Badshah Khan of the Pathanland, Bandaranaike of Ceylon, the Sheikhs of Kuwait and Abu Dhabi, UN chiefs Trygve Lie, Dag Hammarskjöld and U Thant, General Lucius D. Clay, Military Governor of the US Zone in occupied Germany, several American Ambassadors to India, the late US President John Kennedy and even Jacqueline Kennedy, not to mention His Holiness Pope Paul VI — ALL COMMUNISTS, RIGHT?



... with UN Chief TRYGVE LIE



... with Egyptian Premier NAHAS PASHA



... with the SHEIKH OF KUWAIT

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In This Exclusive Interview with R. K. Karanjia, US Military Governor in Germany Warns Soviet Russia...

AROUND THE WORLD with R. K. Karanjia



Interviewed by D. Clay, American Military Governor of West and North Germany, Karanjia, after their exchange of views on the subject of the world balance of power.

"AGGRESSION WILL BE MET WITH AGGRESSION"

"U.S.A. Won't be Intimidated by Fanciful Threats to Quit Germany"

GENERAL MADDEME COMRADE

-Asserts Karanjia



MASANIK: All that is irrelevant to my argument. I shall now show how Karanjia, under the grab of a progressive journalist interviewing world leaders, utilised his paper to propagate the cult of Communism and glorify revolutionary criminals who seized power by force, overthrowing stable and legally established regimes and monarchies, and thus upsetting the world balance of power.

Let me start from the beginning. Till August 15, 1947, Karanjia had been a member of the Congress Party, and a member of the Congress Executive Committee. He was a member of the Congress Party in India, and became

drawn towards the Soviet Union and why they were against the American Marshall Plan, which aimed at resurrecting the Frankenstein of a re-industrialised Germany. Masanjik exploded the myth of the "Iron Curtain" and pinned his faith on Nehru to pull India and the world out of the East-West crisis.

Converted to Communism

KARANJIA: No wonder the Clay interview provoked a shattering reply from Stalin in the following week, eventually paving the way for the cold war which many a time has brought the world to the brink of another war. If I had the authority, I would have tried both Clay and his President, Truman, as war criminals.

COURT: I am afraid both the prosecution and the defence are wasting the time of the court by dening Masanjik's statements. I submit that I have succeeded in proving the fact that I have

spread the red gospel.

KARANJIA, during his tour, met General Marcos, in his mountain hide-out, describing him as the Supreme Commander of the Greek guerrilla forces. This Marcos seems to have baptized Karanjia into the Communist credo. Marcos poured out venom on "the Anglo-American oil vultures who fed on the festering sore of Greece", who, aided and abetted by the Royalist forces, acted "as a road-block between Greece and freedom."

Iron Curtain smashed

KARANJIA: I am afraid the Prosecutor-General has not studied the files of **BLITZ** carefully before adding his arguments. Though I met Marcos in the company of the Canadian photographer Cobb in his mountain hide-out, I had not yet lost my faith in American democracy. While addressing a press conference in Prague, during the course of my 1947 tour, I categorically stated that India was not sitting with either the Soviet or the Anglo-American blocs and that, despite certain reactionary elements in the US Administration, Nehru's India had abiding faith in American democracy.

MASANI: Obviously, you held this opinion before meeting Communists like Marcos.

KARANJIA: In fact, before meeting Marcos, I had crashed through the Iron Curtain to visit some of the People's Democracies and interview their leaders. The tallest among them was Jan Masaryk, Foreign Minister and son of the founder and first President of the Czech Republic. During my talks with him, I gathered why East European countries were

KARANJIA: Well, in a way, yes, and I am glad that ears were not doubt opened to the truth regarding the so-called "Iron Curtain" countries, and for this I am thankful to an American, General Lucius D. Clay, Military Governor in occupied Germany, the United States' Commander-in-Chief of the European Theatre and American member of the Four-Power Allied Control Authority.

MASANI: You mean to say, Comrade Karanjia, that it was an American who converted you to Communism and baptized you into becoming a fellow-traveller of the Communists.

KARANJIA: Of course, yes. The arrogant way in which Commander Clay disclosed to me the three-pronged American plan to sabotage the disarmament of Germany—refusing to dismantle German plants which were awarded to Russia by way of reparation, removing restrictions on German industrial output and breaking zonal barriers—made me suspect American bonafides and intentions in preserving peace in Europe and the world.

On the other hand, Clay told me during the long interview, that his job was to make Germany solvent and to discourage any spread of Communism, which he considered "simply another form of fascism."

How cold war began

THE Four-Star General fired the first shot in the American-Russian cold war when I asked him what would happen if the Four-Power Conference, meeting that month, failed to bring about the economic unity of Germany called for by Potsdam?

COURT: What was his reply?

KARANJIA: Not batting an eyelid, the General replied: "All I can say is that any aggressive means employed by the Russians to resolve the deadlock will be met and challenged with like aggressive weapons by us. If they ask for trouble we are ready to give it."

In fact, this was a declaration of war on Russia by its principal ally, **MASANI**: That is the correct reply. If I were the American President, I would have instantaneously made him a Five-Star General and promoted him to be my Defence Minister.

UNCONSCIOUSLY, General Clay had given me the biggest story of the time affecting what Comrade Masani had chosen to fling in my face as "India and her cause". I, of course, lost no time in reporting this incident to Prime Minister Nehru, and thus helped to alert my country against American intervention on the side of Pakistan, which has been our principal headache from 1947 right up to this moment.

KARANJIA calls his "staggering reply in the following week." Did **BLITZ** and its Editor even think of India and her cause while lighting the match of this Soviet-American cold war?

Anglo-US plot exposed

KARANJIA: I am very glad the Prosecution has asked this question. With Your Lordship's permission, I will remind him of an incident which he chooses to forget, though it has often been mentioned in **BLITZ**. In the course of my interview with General Lucius Clay, we happened to discuss Quetta, which has now gone to Pakistan, and the famous Officers' Staff College there, and I mentioned to the American Military Governor that I had spent the first ten years of my life in this Frontier city.

FROM this, the General inferred that I was a Pakistani citizen, and he began ranting against India and Jawaharlal Nehru. I kept up the joke to find out that it soon took a very serious form. General Clay informed me that Pakistan owed its creation to the Anglo-American strategy of defence against the Soviet Union. "We anticipated that Mr. Nehru would carry India to Communism", he confided in me in the mistaken belief that I was a Pakistani, and continued: "That is the principal reason why the Indian sub-continent was divided up so that we could at least have an ally in Pakistan."

THEN, rising from his chair, and pointing a stick at Kashmir on a huge map of the world covering the wall behind, the General said, "Do you know that today this area between Russia, China, Pakistan and India has become of tremendous strategic importance from our point of view? It belongs to Pakistan by right of its Moslem majority, but India has gone to war to get it back. We will help you hold it for Pakistan in every possible way."

BLITZ alerted India

THAT opened my eyes to a most sinister development which was confirmed, some months later, when **BLITZ** published the sensational news that the "Chieftain" of the "tribal raiders" who invaded Kashmir from the Pakistani side and almost captured Srinagar was none other than a senior American OSS Officer, Brigadier Russell Hazlitt.

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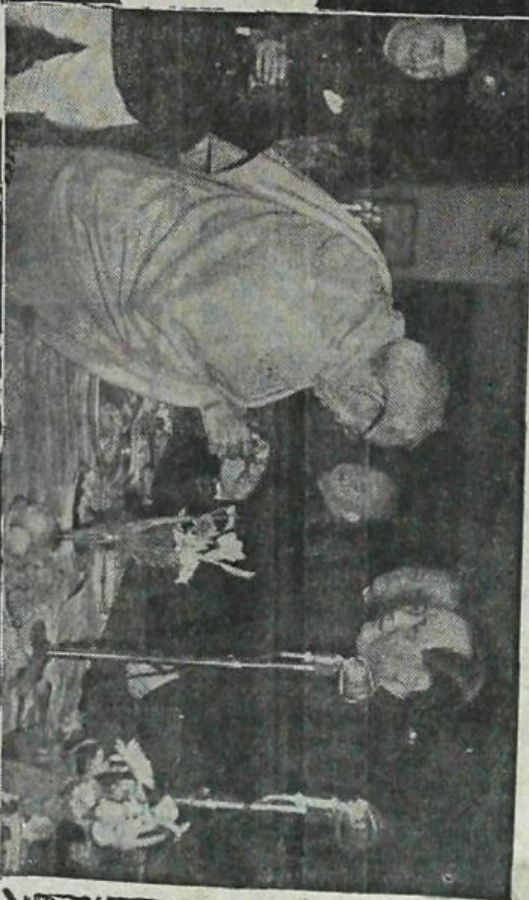


Though Pakistan denied any complicity in the Kashmir war, **BLITZ** exposed the role played by the Pak Government and by senior American OSS officer **BRIGADIER HAZLITT** who led the raiders, seen here (left) with his wife and child, on his return to the US.



BLITZ HELPER NEHRU DISCOVER REDOGHIN

PANDIT SUNDERLAL (centre) and Editor KARANJIA (left), leader and deputy leader, respectively, of the Indian Goodwill Delegation, which visited China in 1951, proposing a toast to MAO TSE-TUNG (right).



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(Shouts of "Shobash," echo and re-echo through the court. The judge continues to hammer the gavel, as 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 shakes the court — but only for a second or two, after which silence

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, which at the time was involved in a bitter quarrel with Russia. When America tried, with typical Yankee poppycock and swagger, to bully the world into the belief that she had discovered the H-Bomb and that she could

Indo-Soviet amity

MASANI: It has been my endeavour to show how BLITZ was playing a key role in the international conspiracy to spread Communism. From the beginning of its career, BLITZ was supporting Soviet Russia. When Nehru announced in 1946 that India and Russia were going to exchange ambassadors, BLITZ was all joy and shouted from the house-tops, "We extend our hand of friendship to the Russians, and we have no doubt that Soviet Russia desires to grasp it as one good friend grasps another's." To top it all, BLITZ even published an old picture of Nehru dressed in short pants and a short-sleeved shirt, looking like a typical Communist.

KARANJIA: Why blame BLITZ when Nehru himself said on the floor of the Assembly in that same week that he held "Communist views on a large number of subjects."

MASANI: Is it not true that while BLITZ was writing open letters to Stalin advocating Indo-Soviet friendship, India was being reviled and insulted by the Soviet press and radio as a "stoolie of the Anglo-American Bloc, which has assigned her the role of the chief executioner of the popular Communist movements in South East Asia?"

KARANJIA: Wrong again. BLITZ was the first paper to protest against this and to give a betting reply to the Russians.

BLITZ & the A-Bomb

MASANI: My contention is that BLITZ has always played up news favourable to Russia. Only one example will suffice. In its issue of September 15, 1945, hardly a month after America had dropped an atom-bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and brought peace to the world, BLITZ had the cheek to announce that Russia knew the secret of the dreaded atom-bomb and that the world would not know about it till Russia actually used it.

KARANJIA: Was not this BLITZ story confirmed when Russia tested its first atom-bomb soon thereafter?

MASANI: When America invented the Hydrogen Bomb in 1950, you came out with a front-pager over your signature saying that Russia had the H-Bomb in 1947. May I put it to you, Comrade Karanjia, that unless you enjoyed the complete confidence of the innermost Soviet circles, you certainly would not have been able to put out this news?

KARANJIA: I got the story from quite another source. During my tour of Europe in 1947, I came to know of the Soviet invention from a reliable authority in

topped the hydrogen-bomb. Wasn't this fact like so many others of its kind eventually confirmed by the world press, within a few days?

MASANI: Let me now go to China. Hardly had Mao and his gang established themselves in Peking when Karanjia collected some of his leftist friends and formed the India-China Friendship Association in Bombay, declaring himself its President. My information is that he was later instrumental in persuading Nehru to sponsor an Indian delegation to China in October 1951.

From Stalin to Mao

NEHRU, the leftist sympathiser that he had always been, immediately fixed up a delegation and packed it off to Peking. So, Karanjia and his Communist friends left India for China to enjoy the hospitality of the Chinese dragon.

KARANJIA: You are wrong, Mr. Prosecutor-General. The delegation was not composed of Communists only. It was led by Pandit Sunder Lal, an old Gandhian and a trusted Congressman, while the delegates included such "leftists" as G. P. Hukhsing, Nehru's brother-in-law, Mrs. Hannah Sen, President, All-India Women's Conference; Dr. J. C.



Editor KARANJIA being received cordially by MADAM SUN YAT-SEN during her visit to India, which was a most welcome.

and President of the All-India Village Industries Association; Dr. V. K. R. Rao, Director, Delhi School of Economics, and Professors T. Chakravarty and Nirmal Bhattacharya of Calcutta University.

MASANI: The fact remains that you were the Deputy Leader of the delegation which was feted and feasted by the Chinese leaders, including Mao Tse-tung, to whose health you had been photographed proposing a toast, in Peking.

KARANJIA: I admit the facts.

MASANI: Karanjia came back full of praise for the Peking Pindaris. His ace columnist K. A. Abbas who, also, had accompanied him, started his "CHINA DIARY" on the "LAST PAGE", while Karanjia spread the gospel of the Peking Communists by writing a long series of articles entitled "CHINA STANDS UP" which was later published in book form.

"Discovery of China"

KARANJIA: It is the duty of an honest journalist to report truthfully what he sees and hears. Facts are sacred to a journalist, but comment is free, and as such I faithfully reported to the world at large what I had seen and heard, for I had the opportunity to be the first Indian journalist to break through the "Bamboo Curtain" set up by your American friends.

MASANI: Karanjia and Abbas not only met and interviewed Mao Tse-tung, Chou En-lai, and Chu Teh, but also put forward a proposal, in an interview with Madame Sun Yat-sen, for an Asian conference to unite Asia against the Western war-mongers. In furtherance of this plot, they prevailed on Nehru to invite to India Chou En-lai, Madame Sen and others, as well as a Chinese Cultural Delegation. Thus, India and China established a full and friendly alliance. Nehru and Indira Gandhi, in turn, were invited to visit China. BLITZ published glowing reports on the visit, and called it "Nehru's discovery of China."

KARANJIA: I do not want to take all the credit which the prosecution wants to heap on me. To the best of my knowledge, the spadework for Sino-Indian relations was done by our then ambassador to Peking, Dr. K. M. Panikkar.

MASANI: Panikkar was a known Communist sympathiser and Peking patriot.

KARANJIA: Don't insult the memory of a great Indian who is no more. The scholarly world knows him as only a great historian and a splendid research scholar, but the world of politics is indebted to him for doing the laborious spadework in Peking and Cairo which ultimately paved the way for amity and friendship between India, China and the U.A.R.



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THIS led to the rise of the Bandung Powers, and to Prime Minister Nehru's giving the world the MANTRA of Panch Sheel which, as BLITZ proclaimed, was the only alternative to the Western balance of terror.

MASANI: No wonder Karanjia is so full of praise for Dr. Panikkar. May I tell your Lordship, it is not for nothing, Panikkar in his book, "IN TWO CHINAS", paid handsome tribute to Karanjia for the excellent work he did in cementing friendship between India and China.

US tribute to Karanjia

KARANJIA: Not only Panikkar, but also Overstreet and Windmiller, both of them American authors, have been generous in their tribute, in their voluminous work, COMMUNISM IN INDIA, to my humble efforts.

COURT: Will the defendant give us the relevant extract for the court record?

KARANJIA: Gladly, your Lordship, here it is: "Karanjia has been a leader in the ICFA and the peace movement and has shown a remarkable ability to anticipate the international Communist line,

on occasion in advance of the CPI leadership. Yet, despite his obvious sympathy with International Communism, he has managed to remain on reasonably good terms with the Government of India. This suggests political skill of a highly developed sort and prompted K. M. Panikkar, himself a dextrous politician, to say of Karanjia that he was a man 'who had an appreciation of some of the essential issues of politics.'"

MASANI: Tut, tut, your Lordship, we seem to have depressed much. In support of my contention it will suffice to say that Karanjia was instrumental in getting Chou En-lai invited to India so that BLITZ could shout "Hindi-Chini Bhai Bhai" from the house-tops. The Himalayas crumbled and the golden age dawned for Asia, according to BLITZ, just because two fellow-travellers embraced each other.

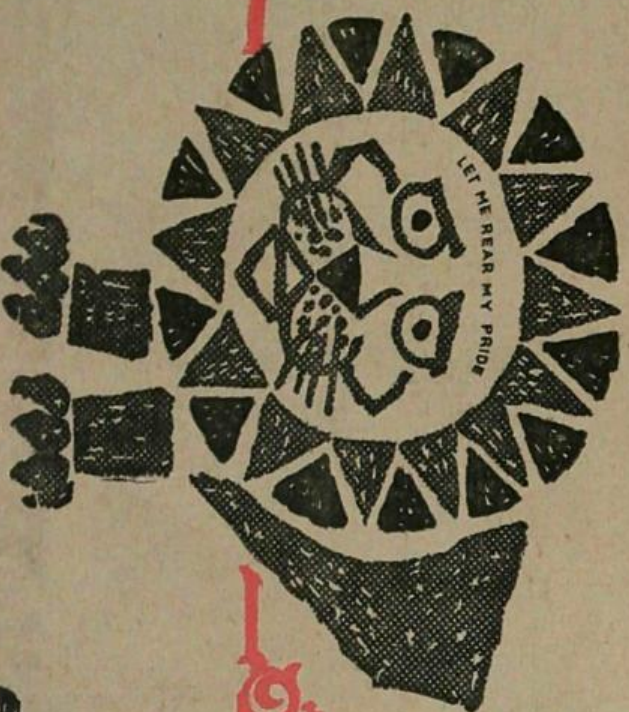
KARANJIA: The learned Prosecutor-General does not realise, that in this atomic age great issues are decided, not on the battlefield but across conference table and in the diplomatic arena.

IN those days of Messrs John Foster Dulles and McCarthy, our relations with the United States were at their lowest ebb; and after we had taken up the cudgels for President Nasser and the Arab cause during the Suez war of 1956, Britain and France would have taken advantage of this almost un-

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Yelping Pekinese dog!

INDEED, KARANJI was preparing for a tremendous warship and diplomacy to avert war by organising the friendship of relations with China and Russia. Indeed, if I may say so, the well-publicised visits to India of the Soviet Marshal Zhukhov and some dozen top Chinese generals in 1957 were timed and arranged to give warning to Pakistan and her Western supporters that India was not alone.

WHAT BLITZ did at that time was, fully and responsibly, to support this aspect of India's foreign policy and defence strategy and, thus, contribute its share towards Asia's reformation to the US-sponsored NATO, MEDOS, SEATOS and like Inferno.

MASANI: When Mao's China called Nehru "a running dog of British and American Imperialists" and Russia echoed this insult, what was BLITZ doing?

KARANJI: BLITZ was among the first to protest. We attacked the Soviet and Chinese Communists on our front page, declaring, unequivocally that "the Soviet Union and its satellites have a wonderful knack of making foes of friends and hostiles of neutrals.... The disease is common to the whole of the Soviet commonwealth from Stalin and Mao to our own Ramadive and Dange.... We are shocked News Agency broadcasting the action that British and American Imperialists and their running dog Pandit Nehru were now plotting a coup in Lhasa for the annexation of Tibet.... For the Chinese Communists to boast about liberating Tibet is rather a tall and completely untenable claim; and their abuse of Pandit Nehru as the running dog of Anglo-American Imperialists is an insult that no Indian, however friendly he be to the Chinese Revolution, shall tolerate for a moment. If Nehru has come under Anglo-American influence, he at least has done so as an equal amongst equals; can Mao or Gottwald claim any such equality with or independence of Stalin? The tragedy of Tito precludes any such claim. Therefore, it ill becomes the yelping Pekinese dog to insult the Indian Prime Minister with such a libel...."

MASANI: This was the least to be expected from a paper which claimed to be a friend of Nehru, but Nehru and his Communist friends like Panikkar

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BLITZ has been most serious by more difficult in recent weeks. BLITZ feels the time is ripe to tell our Chinese friends

Photocopy of the famous 21, 1958 entitled "GIVE THE BLOOD"

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and Karanjia failed to foresee the treacherous stab in the back by their friends across the Himalayas as Mao and his mandarins rejected our friendship, made common cause with hostile neighbours like Pakistan, annexed Tibet, and one fine morning marched into India. For the first time in history the eternal white snows of the holy Himalayas were stained red — with the blood of our jawans.

Stab in the back

BET, it was India that had been fighting for the last many years for China's admission into the UN. What sort of policy is this which creates unnecessary bad blood with friendly countries like America and Britain and strains our relations with friends like Formosa, South Vietnam, South Korea and Israel?

KARAJIA: When China will at last be admitted into the comity of nations — and it will not be before long — it will be the crowning glory to the statesmanship and diplomacy of our late Prime Minister Nehru. If the Anglo-American bloc had listened to Nehru's lone voice and not blocked China's admission to the UN, the world would have been spared the crisis in which it finds itself today . . .

MASANI: Bravo! Bravo! Mao or Chou couldn't have argued China's case better!



Prime Minister CHOU EN-LAI, during his visit to Bombay, was the guest of honour at the grand dinner organised by the India-China Friendship Association. Pic shows ICEA President R. K. KARAJIA in intimate conversation with the visiting dignitary.

NEFA and Ladakh and unmask Mao as another Hitler. We splashed pictures of Mao, Chou and Lin under the heading "THESE ARE THE WAR CRIMINALS". We could not do more. The rest was the job of the Government.

Sino-Soviet rift

MASANI: When China invaded India, both Pravda and Ivestia, top Soviet newspapers, suppressed the news from the Soviet people. You know the popular quip: There is no news in Pravda (Truth), and no truth in Ivestia (News)! On the other hand,

they published the Chinese version of the invasion. Where was BLITZ then?

KARAJIA: Standing foursquare by the motherland. We did not keep mum. In an open letter to these Soviet newspapers headlined "YOU HAVE FAILED US" BLITZ told them frankly that they had failed in their duty towards both India and Russia, and took them to task for ignoring historical facts.

MASANI: That's something!

It took regarding the conflict with China over the issue of Tibet, BLITZ took counsel with Nehru and, in its issue of April 25, 1959, wrote an open letter appealing to Chou En-lai to convene a tripartite conference of India, China and Tibet.

MASANI: But your Chinese friends turned a deaf ear, Comrade Karanjia.

KARANJIA: In keeping with Nehru's policy we tried our level best to make China see reason. Eventually, we came out with a frontpage, "NO, MR. CHOU, NEVER! DO NOT EXPECT US TO MAKE YOU A GIFT OF THE HIMALAYAS". Accompanying the article was a Chinese map of India's borders with a thick black cross upon it.

NI: You even came out with a story that Khrushchey would settle the Sino-Indian dispute.

Give'em a bloody nose

ARANJIA: We did expect much from Khrushchey, and he tried his utmost, but he could not hold China back. We, however, eventually came out with a smashing editorial on October 31, 1959, entitled: "GIVE THE CHINESE A BLOODY NOSE", stating: "Let China take notice that we shall not only resist and resist with all our might any invasion of our soil, but we shall hit back and hit hard till we give the invaders a bloody nose."

MASANI: You even questioned in an article whether China was socialist or imperialist. Correct?

ARANJIA: Yes. Thereafter I again interviewed Prime Minister Nehru and announced to the world that India had left the door wide open for talks. Since China refused to soften, BLITZ, in a series of articles and special reports to the nation, exposed China's treachery.

MASANI: So you expected to fight the Chinese treachery and aggression with a few articles and editorials?

KARANJIA: And you expected me to invite your American friends to invade India with their atom-bombs and war blocs, turn our beloved land into a cockpit of a world war, surrender our nation, our people and our precious freedom to the Dollar Gods? Certainly not. All that BLITZ could do was to warn the nation that the Chinese dragon was out to swallow



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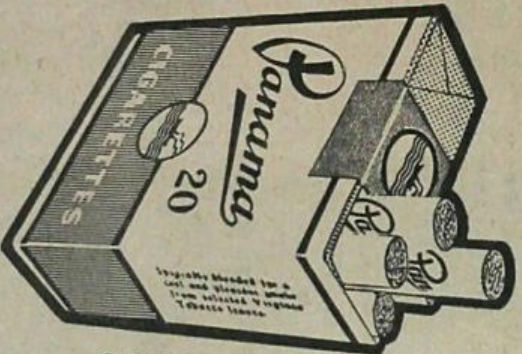
CHINESE NOSE!

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KARANJIA: It was, for soon thereafter the Soviet press changed its tune in support of India's just case.

MASANI: The Court will please note this admission, the influence BLITZ exercises on the Communist world.

KARANJIA: We hit back and exposed China in her true colours. BLITZ was the first paper in the world to expose China's cartographic war against the Soviet territory and Outer Mongolia covering more than one lakh square miles of frontier land, in an article "WILL CHINA VIOLATE SINO-SOVIET BORDER TOO?" This was in 1962, years before there were open clashes between the two Communist giants. In a series of articles by Krishna Menon and Foreign Editor Ramesh Sanghvi, BLITZ continued to tear the mask off Chinese perfidy and warn not only Delhi but also Moscow of the common peril. I admit that their articles and exposures helped to bring Russia and India into a common pact against a common enemy.

**Nasser And Karanjias Exchange
Friendly Gits...**
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● **Blitz Behind Egypt!**



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be made in Egypt and presented to me by the late President Nasser, as a symbolic gesture from a people's paper. The Government itself appreciated our campaign as being most imaginative and effective.

MASANI: This reminds me of the role played by you in the affairs of Egypt and the Middle East. The same Indo-Soviet and Indo-China pattern was followed in bracketing India with the UAR. In fact, I have reasons to believe that Karanjia was responsible for knocking Syria and Egypt together to form the United Arab Republic.

Soviet-BLITZ plan?

YOUR Lordship will appreciate this was a part of a joint Soviet-BLITZ plan to build up contacts with the newly independent Arab countries. Interview their leaders, give them publicity specially in the Communist countries and at the same time, in-

- Accuses MASANI

AND then, as you left Syria and Egypt, one fine morning the world woke up to find that they were united as the United Arab Republic!

KARANJIA: Correct.

MASANI: From Cairo and Damascus, you went to Jordan and BLITZ flashed a frontpage story entitled "NEW WESTERN PLOT TO BLOW JORDAN OUT OF ARAB ALLIANCE". Within a week, there was a revolutionary crisis in that country. The Government resigned, but luckily for the king, the loyal troops under the command of British General Glubb Pasha marched into Amman and saved the king and his kingdom.

KARANJIA: Is it my fault that destiny has chosen BLITZ to champion the cause of the common people, their freedoms and their revolutions? Or is it

**"The Suez War Has Left
Me A Man" - NASSER
Sadder**

Influence of our Anglo-American friends and coyness in the Soviet trap.

KARNANA: This is most ridiculous. The prosecution is giving me credit once again for something which I never even dreamed of in my wildest dreams.

MASANI: You may protest and protest, but nobody is going to be taken in by your smarminess. As I was saying, your Lordship, in 1967 Karnana visited

brain-washing the Arab presidents and prime ministers. The common theme of these brain-washing interviews with Nasser, Kuwaiti, Sami Solh and other leaders was the bogey of what Karanjia headlined as the "AMERICAN TRAP FOR THE ARAB WORLD."

KARANJIA: It was so. America had laid the trap. As a witness and reporter of the truth, what can I do except expose the conspiracy?

Karanjia backed UAR

MASANI: Surely what you did was more than wit-

knowledge that Nasser was the Boss of the Suez Canal, that their old game of divide and rule would

You interviewed President Nassef gained his confidence, called him "a good friend and valued leader", raised him skyhigh in marathon interviews that ran over almost half the issue of BLITZ. You gave, also, an intimate pen portrait of the Arab leader, called him "the 20th century Pharaoh in a Western suit".

AFTER Egypt you went to Syria to repeat the exact strategy — interview with President Kuwaili as “the Father of Arab struggle for liberation and unity”, projection of Syria as “the many-splendored jewel of Arab nationalism,” etc. — in order

to win over the country and its leadership to your persuasion.

YOU even announced an Arab edition of BLITZ, obviously to spread Communist propaganda throughout the Arab world. From then on, D. WITT

in Bulz's dictionary, the Middle East became "Muddle Easting by Mr. Dulles". Suez became "Suezide for Anglo-Americans", the Eisenhower Doctrine became "the Marilyn Monroe Doctrine", and


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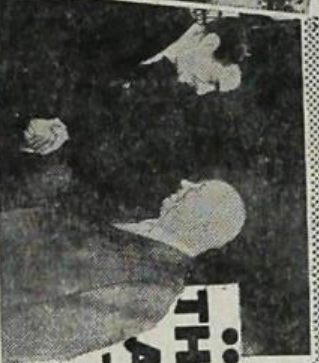
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Mr. K On Tensions Between Communist Powers & Uncommitted Nations



INTERVIEW WITH THE ARAB GANDHI



Arabs Will Crush Any Bid To Plunge Mid-East Into A "Second Korea"



ALL THE ANSWERS FROM KHRUSHCHOV



Soviet Antidote To



RED FERTILE CRESCENT

MASANI: ... And opening the Indian Ocean to Soviet naval power! The greatest disservice done by Comrade Karanjia to the cause of democracy was to forge the link, I would rather say, a chain, binding Egypt, Syria and the whole Arab complex to Moscow.

WAVY back in April 1959, Karanjia was given a long interview by President Nasser. Egypt and Iraq were at loggerheads and a flare-up was imminent. In this interview, which lasted for five hours over two sessions, Nasser came down like a hammer upon Arab Communists and Soviet policies. He told Karanjia of a Communist masterplot to dominate Iraq, Syria and Egypt and transfer this strategic region into a red fertile crescent which had been uncovered by Egypt's police intelligence.

KARANJIA: Only a few minutes back the prosecution was accusing me of brainwashing Nasser and turning him into a Communist. Now they are accusing me of brainwashing Nasser and turning him into a Communist.

THE ASWAN DAM

SANGHVI: I think I have recorded a fair yet critical appraisal of these interviews in BLITZ itself some years ago.

MASANI: Was it at all necessary for Karanjia to leave India and fish in the troubled waters of the Middle East?

SANGHVI: That's not for me to decide. As things stood in 1959, relations between Cairo and Moscow were strained on the comparatively minor issues of the Soviet Union's protest against the incarceration of Communists by the Nasser Government. The crisis suddenly escalated and threatened to bedevil Soviet support to Arab nationalism and led to even the scuttling of promised Soviet aid for the Aswan High Dam.

MASANI: But these were internal affairs of the two nations.

SANGHVI: I beg to differ, Mr. Masani. The Aswan High Dam had become the symbol

four out of five on Communism and the Soviet Union and that, too, in an interview with me? Does this not prove Nasser's, as indeed BLITZ's, sturdy independence of either of the Super-Powers?

MASANI: Ah! There's the rub. This is exactly the gravamen of my charge; and I will prove to the hilt that the same Nasser, after he had poured out his heart to Karanjia against Moscow, became a meek lamb and hailed Soviet Russia as a friend and liberator of the Arab world.

KARANJIA: Come, come, Mr. Masani. Let the Court hear the truth for a change. The whole world knows that Nasser was inclined to be pro-American and anti-Communist till Washington betrayed Arab interests to his sworn foe, Israel. If the prosecutor reads contemporary history, he will find that the United States made a gift of Egypt, as indeed the whole Arab world, to the Soviet Union by dealing resurgent Arab nationalism a series of lethal blows. First, they tried to force Egypt, Syria and other Arab countries into their Baghdad pact and CENTO alliances. When they failed, they stopped military supplies to Egypt, while escalating arms aid to hostile Israel. Finally, they sought to destroy Egypt's economic development by cancelling the promised aid to build the Aswan High Dam. THAT was what made Nasser turn to Moscow in sheer desperation.

Iran-UAR amity

MASANI: You mentioned the Baghdad Pact and the CENTO alliance of which Iran happens to be an active member. How then do you rationalise your friendship for both Nasser and his enemy, the Shah of Iran?

KARANJIA: In pursuit of India's foreign policy of co-existence, BLITZ sought to bring these two great leaders of the Middle-East together. As BLITZ's records will prove, we did so with some measure of success. Today the UAR and Iran have developed fairly good relations and even established diplomatic links which were broken up years ago, which promise to usher in a new era of co-operation and goodwill between these two ancient countries.

MASANI: That was a job done not by you, Comrade Karanjia, but your Foreign Editor, Ramesh Sanghvi. While you kept touting for Nasser, you sent him to Tehran to win over the Shah.

KARANJIA: Ramesh Sanghvi and I have worked together as Editor-in-Chief and Foreign Editor of BLITZ Publications over a period of 20 years. There is no difference between us.

MASANI: I propose to put the entire case in proper perspective by summoning Mr. Ramesh Sanghvi as my witness.

KARANJIA: Ramesh Sanghvi? Your witness! All right, go ahead.

MASANI: I have my doubts about Sanghvi, but since he has gone on record regarding Karanjia's role in this Soviet-Arab conflict, I have no alternative but to summon him. Besides, he is no longer in the employ of BLITZ. Will Mr. Sanghvi step into the box?

(Ramesh Sanghvi, former Foreign Editor of BLITZ, presently settled in London, steps into the witness box and bows to the Court.)

MASANI: Will you, Mr. Ramesh Sanghvi, tell the Court in what capacity and how long you were connected with BLITZ?

SANGHVI: I have been connected with BLITZ for over two decades as Foreign Editor covering foreign affairs.

Contacts with Commies

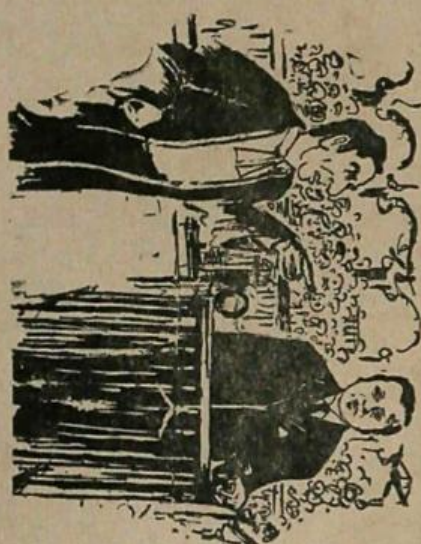
MASANI: During your connections with BLITZ, you were aware of your boss Karanjia's penchant to interview the world's top Communist leaders?

SANGHVI: Not only Communist leaders, but to the best of my knowledge, Karanjia and/or BLITZ have interviewed practically all the world's leading statesmen.

MASANI: You are the author of a biography of the late American President John Kennedy?

SANGHVI: That's true.

MASANI: So, I presume you have never been as vociferously anti-American as Karanjia. Now, will you tell the Court what your impressions are of Karanjia's interviews with Nasser, Khrushchev and Kassem, one after the other, in 1959?



give it a full measure of economic co-operation. This was a break from the old Stalinist line of restricting Soviet aid to only the Communist countries. As such it was stoutly opposed by Communist China and its minority group in the Communist complex. Thus the Nasser-Khrushchev conflict ceased to become an internal affair of Egypt and Russia and became a controversy of the utmost significance to all developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Nehru's Ambassador

MASANI: That was no reason for Karanjia to jump into the fray.

SANGHVI: The India of Jawaharlal Nehru was extremely concerned as the then Prime Minister was the architect of the non-aligned world. And Karanjia as an unofficial ambassador had undertaken the task of propagating the Nehru doctrine.

MASANI: Quite correct. This supports my contention that Karanjia was only helping Nehru promote his ideology in the non-Communist camp.

SANGHVI: Karanjia left Bombay for Cairo in April 1959 with Nehru's blessings.

MASANI: That's right.

SANGHVI: Before leaving India, the inside story of the beginning of the divergence between Nasser and Khrushchev with Mao's China playing her own role of scuttle had come to be known to Karanjia, myself and BLITZ. We learnt of this top-secret affair early in 1959, when we gained access to the controversial correspondence between the Central Committees of the Communist parties of the Soviet Union and China.

Pipeline to Moscow

MASANI: Good. This proves my contention that Karanjia and BLITZ had top-secret pipelines to both Moscow and Peking. Now, Mr. Sanghvi, will you please explain what was the basic nature of the conflict?

SANGHVI: In short, it was like this: the construction of the Aswan High Dam had become the symbol of the mighty socio-economic revolution in Egypt. Unfortunately, America let down Nasser by refusing to give him aid. Then Khrushchev agreed in principle to commit Soviet Russia to the building of the dam. But the ominous shadow of Maoism was looming large over the whole affair, as the Chinese had demanded that all aid from Russia must first be channelled to China and the Communist countries.

MASANI: But of what possible interest could all these controversies between Russia, China and Egypt be to our own India?



NASSER HONOURS KARANJIA...

SANGHVI: Elementary, Mr. Prosecutor. If China had succeeded in scuttling Soviet assistance to Egypt in the construction of the Aswan High Dam, then logically India and other developing countries would likewise have been cut off from Russian co-operation. For example, it would have been impossible for us to have the Bhilai Steel Plant, the Suratgarh Farms or the MIG Factory at Nasik.

One-man mission

MASANI: All this may or may not be true, but why did Nehru think of sending only Karanjia? Certainly, there were better journalists and diplomats available.

SANGHVI: Nehru did not send Karanjia to Cairo and Moscow. He only approved of the mission. You forget that Nasser had always received Karanjia as an old friend. They had been together at Port Said when Karanjia with his pen had fought the Anglo-French aggression in 1956-57. Karanjia was equally well known to Khrushchov. He enjoyed Nehru's confidence as well.

MASANI: Thanks. You corroborate all my contentions. Now, what was the actual role which Karanjia played in this affair?

SANGHVI: Karanjia embarked upon a most original and, I should say, a daring mission, and organised an international debate in the columns of BLITZ which made it possible for both Nasser and Khrushchov to unburden themselves through the BLITZ interviews. These interviews made a universal sensation and were reproduced and widely commented on by such internationally famous papers as Al Ahran, The Times, The Guardian, The New York Times, Le Monde, indeed practically every important paper in the world.

MASANI: Certainly, you do not mean to imply that by getting the interviews published Karanjia solved the problem that was bedevilling Russia, China and what you call the Third World.

BLITZ & Aswan Dam

SANGHVI: The world knows only one part of the story; the on-the-record part of these interviews. What happened behind the scenes made a stupendous impact. For after interviewing Nasser, Karanjia interviewed the Chinese Ambassador in Cairo, Chen Chen Khan, through the good offices of the Indian Embassy, and got himself acquainted with the Chinese objections to Soviet help in the building of the Aswan Dam.



The late President NASSER recognised BLITZ-Editor KARANJIA's contributions to the cause of peace and the construction of the Aswan High Dam, and invested him with the Republic Order of Merit (Grade I), the highest honour ever conferred on a foreigner by the UAR. On the left is Mrs. AILEEN KARANJIA.

INTERVIEWS THAT MADE HISTORY

forceful arguments and reasoning, impressed upon the Soviet leader the consequences of Russia's denying help to Nasser, not only to Egypt but to all the independent, developing countries. He told Khrushchov point-blank that, according to his information, the Western Powers had chalked out a plan to help Egypt build the dam all the same through West German engineers and technicians.

IN THE end, Khrushchov agreed not to let Nasser down, called Soviet engineers to prepare a plan to build the dam in three phases, and asked Karanjia to convey these happy tidings to Nasser after drinking several toasts to the triumph of socialism.

MASANI: Well! Well! So the foundation of the Aswan Dam, according to you, was laid on several toasts drunk in vodka by the two Ks. This seems to be a rather exaggerated and highly colourful report.

SANGHVI: No, Mr. Prosecutor-General. I have told you the truth, for the issues involved, now a part of history, are so great that neither Karanjia nor myself can suppress them. Soon thereafter, the Soviet

Union started building the Aswan High Dam, somewhere in the foundation of which lies the historic significance of the one-man mission which BLITZ accomplished during those destiny-loaded days.

UAR's highest honour

MASANI: Have you any documents and evidence to prove your contention, Mr. Sanghvi?

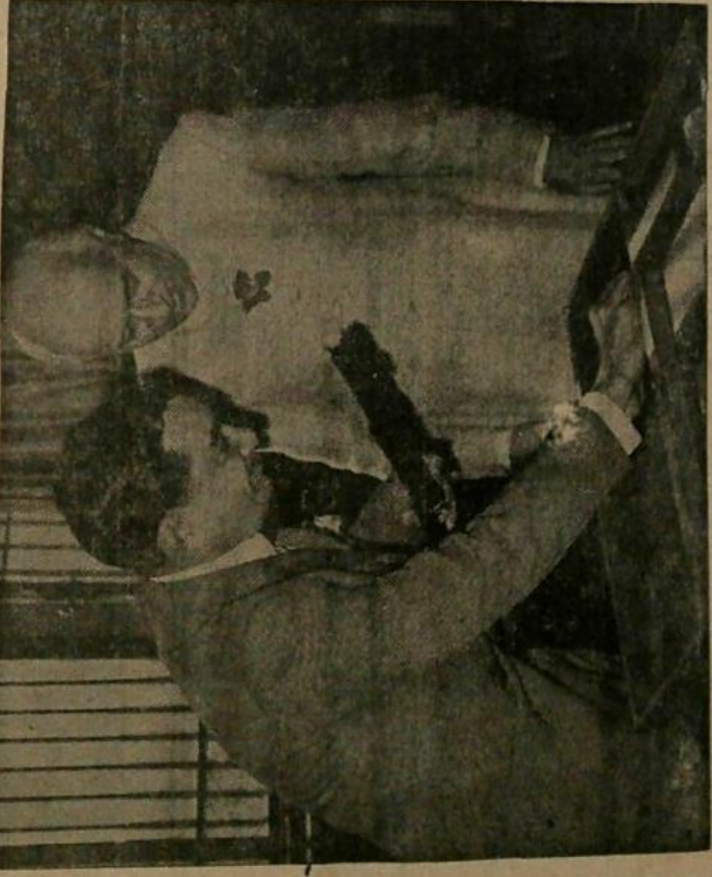
SANGHVI: Well, I can produce hundreds of newspaper cuttings from all over the world which testify to Karanjia's contribution to the cause of peace and to the construction of the Aswan Dam, but I am afraid the official State papers concerned will not be available to the public at large for many years to come.

IT SUFFICES to mention that Nasser, who presented Karanjia with the first Egyptian made machine-gun, "PORT SAID", in 1958 for his services to Egypt during the Suez war, recognised Karanjia's contribution with the highest honour of his great State, the Republic Order of Merit (Grade I) bearing the inscription in Arabic letters of gold to "ONE WHO MERITS THE BEST."

MASANI: Enough Enough You are using the occasion to peddle publicity for your former boss.

SANGHVI: You, Mr. Prosecutor-General, cannot deny that the award was

"PORT SAID," the first Egyptian-made machine-gun, was presented, in 1958, by President NASSER to Editor KARANJIA who, in turn, presented it to the late Prime Minister NEHRU at the time of the Chinese aggression.



a tribute by the UAR President to BLITZ and Karanjia for their services to the cause of Asian freedom. In a wider sense, it speaks eloquently for Nasser's love for India and her people and the triumph of the splendid Nehru ideology.

MASANI: Enough enough, Sanghvi! I did not expect you to use this occasion to sing paeans of praise for a Communist brother. After all, you too are a former Communist. Once a Comrade, always a Comrade. I hereby declare you a hostile witness, Comrade Sanghvi.

SANGHVI: Thanks, Comrade Masani.

(Ramesh Sanghvi bows to the Court, steps down from the box, steals a glance at Editor Karanjia's box and disappears in the crowd).

From Cairo to Cuba

MASANI: I owe an apology to your Lordship as well as to my colleagues who entrusted me with this case. The performance of the former foreign editor of BLITZ only strengthens my theory: once a comrade, always a comrade.

ANYHOW, we declare him a hostile witness. We shall now refer to the next Communist leader who feted and feasted Karanjia in exchange for a lengthy interview and some publicity dope in BLITZ. Karanjia was not satisfied with stirring up trouble in China, Soviet Russia and the Middle East and got himself invited by Fidel Castro, another Communist rebel to Cuba, in order to kick up a crisis for the Americas.

KARANJIA: Fidel Castro is no ordinary rebel or a Communist. Whether you agree with his policy or not, he was brave enough to call America's bluff; and though his small country Cuba is at a stone's throw from the American mainland, he, like Nasser, has defied the American colonialists and defeated a full-fledged American aggressor.

MASANI: To tell the truth, the American authorities were well informed about Karanjia's misadventure and as such they refused to grant him a transit visa to Havana via New York.

KARANJIA: Visa or no visa and in spite of the fact that my cables and letters were intercepted, BLITZ was able to crash through the American "iron curtain" by an alternative route to Cuba.



KARANJIA STORMS LATIN AMERICA

MASANI: What was your real motive in flying round half the world to Cuba and interviewing a Communist and a rebel like Castro?

KARANJIA: Well, ... before I flew to Havana, Indian papers were fed by foreign news agencies with completely garbled and distorted versions of the great Cuban revolution. Dr. Fidel Castro, with the help of his heroic people, waged a great war against Dollar imperialism for the freedom and sovereignty of his small but vital country.

TILL: Castro came on the scene, Cuba was known as "Uncle Sam's sugar, cigar and brothel." Castro changed all that overnight and gave a new perspective to the people of Cuba as a free and independent nation, and new hope and courage to the people of Latin America, which, owing to Uncle Sam's habit of installing and overthrowing puppet after puppet, had come to be known as the continent of countless revolutions. So, for the first time, my interview with Prime Minister Castro and my reports on Cuba followed by the book, "CASTRO: Storm over Latin America", gave a correct picture of the Caribbean crisis and the American perfidy to the people of Asia, Africa and the Americas.

Rebels of destiny

MASANI: Castro wrote even a series of articles for BLITZ. Similarly, President Tito wrote a series of articles for BLITZ analysing the causes of the world crisis.

KARANJIA: It was BLITZ's privilege to print the articles from the pens of these world leaders.

MASANI: When the Algerian chief Ahmed Ben Bella returned in triumph to Algeria, Karanjia was there to greet him, interview him and flash him on BLITZ's front page. Like this, your Lordship, Karanjia has been interviewing all the rebels who have

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YANKS PLOT 4-STAGE WAR ON CUBA!

CASTRO TELLS BLITZ

"Suezide No. 2" in
The Caribbean...?

HAVANA (China): HAVING managed to crush the American "Trojan Horse" in the Bay of Pigs, the United States is now planning a 4-stage war on Cuba. The first stage, as the American Minister Phil Castro - who is the head of the American Embassy in Havana - has told BLITZ, is to "isolate" Cuba from the rest of the world. The second stage is to "isolate" Cuba from the rest of the world. The third stage is to "isolate" Cuba from the rest of the world. The fourth stage is to "isolate" Cuba from the rest of the world.

COMPLETES

MASANI: In the name of freedom and liberation, these misguided leaders have only succeeded in pushing their motherlands into the remorseless tentacles of world Communism. From Korea to Congo, from China to Moscow, from Cuba to Karanjia has been visiting country after country, glorifying their rebel leaders, indoctrinating them with Communist ideology, and thereby aiding and abetting the international conspiracy for the spread of Communism. And for all this, he has the audacity to call himself "a chronicler of revolutions and a biographer of revolutionaries."

Bridges of understanding

KARAJIA: Your Lordship, I need not blow my own trumpet. This calling was a gift to me by a British journal. I leave it to the historians of the future to record how BLITZ and I have gone out of the usual ambit of journalism and played a vital role in the freedom fight of Asian, African and Latin American countries groaning for decades under the juggernaut of Anglo-American-French-Dutch-Bel-

the world's greatest goal of peace, socialism and co-existence.

MASANI: Whatever it may be, your Lordship, I can forgive Karanjia and BLITZ for anything, but Karanjia's description of a downright Communist like Fidel Castro, bearing "a remarkable resemblance to Jesus Christ", is simply unforgivable.

KARAJIA: Was not Jesus Christ exalted and denigrated as a Communist, too?

MASANI: What blasphemy! Who dares to say this? Any of your Communist friends?

KARAJIA: No. A great thinker and savant like George Bernard Shaw called Christ a Communist.

COURT: Really? Where did he say this, Mr. Karanjia?

KARAJIA: Way back in 1950, America charged 12 leftist trade unionists as Communists and put them on trial on various trumped up charges. Asked to comment on this, Shaw gave a short statement which BLITZ was privileged to publish. In this statement, the great author and thinker said: "The founder of Christianity was a Communist with 11 faithful apostles, the chief of whom struck a man and wife dead for keeping back their money from the common pool instead of sharing it. But Ameri-



Among the world leaders interviewed by BLITZ were MARSHAL TITO of Yugoslavia, President DE GAULLE of France and BEN BELLA of Algeria.

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can legislators, ostensibly Christians, do not read the Bible, much less Karl Marx. They would charge St. Peter with sedition as well as murder if he were not beyond their reach."

(Shouts of "Well said! Hear, hear!" fill the Court.)

Commies all!

MASANI: Shaw himself was a Commie. Your friend Nehru was also a Commie!

KARAJIA: Gandhi, too, called himself a Communist. In that sense, your Lordship, I beg to say that all the prophets of the world who have preached that men are all children of one God, that human relationship should be a society of the free and the equal, were Communists too. In that case, if it pleases the prosecutor, he may brand me, also, a Communist. Nothing would give me greater pleasure....

(Shouts of "Hear! Hear! Shabbash! Shabbash!" rend the air. People spring to their feet, shouting and clapping wildly. The Judge hammers the gavel continuously. A rumbling sound like that of an earthquake or a convulsion in the bowels of the earth, or the clap of jar off thunder or the roar of a distant cyclone shakes the Court, but for only a second or two, after which silence again prevails....)

THUS ends the second day's hearing of the trial of BLITZ and KARAJIA....

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