

Mr. Nixon not to poke his beaky nose into the affairs of the Asian countries.

SHRI DINESH SINGH : The entire question is based on the fact that Mr. Nixon has said something about non-aligned countries. As I said, in the transcript I have received, there is no mention of anything of this kind nor has the U. S. Government written to us. I do not know what other channel of communication the hon. member expects us to maintain. Therefore, I cannot make any comment about anything which has not been said.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY (Cooch-Bihar) : The minister's statement seems to be a very tricky game. He has evaded the whole issue. He says :

"Its attention has been drawn to a press report which makes this allegation as from some aides to the President".

I do not understand what the hon. Minister means by this. There must be some clarification whether the statement made by the aides is to be regarded as a statement made by the President himself. While we dislike having to make any adverse comment or observation in regard to Heads of Foreign States or the foreign policy of other countries, we find it is a great pity that the President of America made such a remark against non-aligned countries that they are having double standards. I am not saying anything about the fighting between North and South Vietnam. The Minister has said that the policy of the Government on this matter is well known. But it has got another aspect. In the recent past, the international relations amongst the member nations of the U.N. have become very formidable and fair. The cornerstone of international relations is embodied in article 2(4) of the U.N. Charter, which says :

"All members shall refrain in their international relations refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations."

I want to ask whether this particular statement made either by the President himself or by some of his aides is consistent with the purpose of the UN. I want to

know whether the Government of India will seek a clarification from the President himself whether he disowns the statement made by some of his aides or whether he takes full responsibility for it.

SHRI DINESH SINGH : The newspaper story to which reference has been made by my hon. friends says "Nixon disappointed with non-alignment". On the basis of this, they have submitted this calling attention which you were pleased to admit. The facts are entirely contradictory. President Nixon has not made any statement. Even in the paper, the statement is not attributed to the President of U. S., but to his aides. We understand that even the aides have not made any statement. Hon. members have put forward a question on the basis of a story which has no basis at all in fact. What answer can I give ?

MR. SPEAKER : Papers to be laid.

SHRI M. L. SONDHI (New Delhi) : You are allowing him to get away with it ? What are the Chinese and Americans doing in Warsaw ? They are discussing your border and you do not have the guts . . .

MR. SPEAKER : Order, order. Papers to be laid.

12.19 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report of Advisory Committee on the Press Council

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGAN-NATH PAHADIA) : On behalf of Shri I. K. Gujral,

I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Advisory Committee on the Press Council. [Placed in Library See No. LT-258/69]

Notification under Drugs and Cosmetics Act

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND WORKS, HOUSING URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : I beg to lay on the Table a