

middle-east. We can realise the danger of their saying, "In exchange of oil, we will give you arms". They will give arms to these small countries so that they may fight against each other. They say, this is done to protect these countries against Soviet Union. See this policy right from the beginning. Have you ever seen a country like USA supporting non-alignment? You know the famous Dulles policy: Those who are not our friends are our enemies. Therefore, they condemned the whole policy of non-alignment. Have you ever seen a socialist country like USSR condemning non-alignment? This is the fundamental difference between a socialist country and a capitalist country. Capitalist countries with their multinational corporations have always tried to dominate over the small countries through their arms, money power, industry etc.

What is the basic ingredient of this concept of collective security? The first ingredient is that we do not want to have any aggressive design against any country in this region. It is based on mutual trust, mutual co-operation, mutual friendship and mutual understanding. What is wrong with this concept? We know the experience of small countries like Vietnam, Cambodia, etc., right up to our neighbouring country, Pakistan. Now we see what is happening in the middle-east. We have seen that the capitalist countries have tried to make this an arena of conflicts, a practising ground for their armaments. If this is not to be allowed, what is wrong in these countries of Asia getting together and saying, "Let us have mutual agreement of non-aggression". We must dispel from the mind of even the smallest country in this region that it need not have any fear from any country in this region at least. That is the first step we can take towards the whole concept of collective security.

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN: You want India to accept the Brezhnev doctrine?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: What is your understanding of it? I do not agree that this concept of collective security is the Brezhnev doctrine. By calling it Brezhnev doctrine, you want to condemn it as if "this is something dangerous coming from someone and therefore be on the guard." You should

examine it on its merits. Instead of criticising it merely because it comes from a friendly country whom you may not like for your own reasons, you may condemn it on merit. Let us know where you find fault with the idea of being friends in this region, the entire countries of this region wanting to protect themselves against aggression. This is India's doctrine and there is no question of having any apprehension on this ground.

SHRI R. V. BADE: India's doctrine or Indira doctrine?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: India today is represented by Indira. Although you may say it in a derogatory sense, I feel proud to say that Indira stands for India (Interruptions) I have described how your doctrine has not been of any help to us.

As far as our foreign policy is concerned, the spirit of *detente* that has been created in the world must now be consolidated and translated into a spirit of co-operation and that could come only in the economic sphere. The best way to consolidate this spirit is not only in a negative aspect of political non-aggression in the military sense but in the positive aspect of having economic co-operation. It is only by having greater and greater economic co-operation among the countries of this region that we can really take a major step towards greater solidarity among the freedom-loving and peace-loving countries of the world. I believe that is the basic tenet of the foreign policy which we have been successfully pursuing.

17.12 hrs.

STATEMENT RE : CRASH OF LUFTHANSA'S BOEING-707 AT PALAM AIRPORT

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): I regret to inform the House that a Lufthansa Boeing 707 aircraft crashed while landing at Palam airport at 0101 hours IST this morning. The aircraft was on a scheduled flight and was coming from Bangkok. Before giving any further details, I would like to inform the House straightaway that fortunately there was no loss of life and that all the 98 passengers and 11 crew members on board are safe. 6 passengers and the

[Shri Raj Bahadur]

Captain of the aircraft received some injuries. 4 passengers and the Captain were taken to the hospital and all but the Captain have been discharged.

The aircraft in its approach phase duly crossed the reporting point over Secunderabad, approximately 26 miles from Palam. The aircraft was cleared by air traffic control for a straight in landing. The aircraft reported crossing the outer marker at 0059 hrs. IST, and landing clearance was given. About two minutes later the air traffic control officer saw some flames near the beginning of runway 28 and immediately alerted the safety services who rushed to the site. The Duty Officer simultaneously alerted the city fire services and hospitals.

Immediately on receiving information of the accident I rushed to the site accompanied by the Secretary in my Ministry. The Director General of Civil Aviation along with his officers, and the officers of the International Airport Authority also arrived at the scene. I was informed that the aircraft had struck the Middle Marker hut and that the chowkidar on duty there had also been injured and is in hospital. I was also informed that all the Landing Aids were in operation at the time of the accident.

Almost all the passengers had been taken to the airport restaurant where I spoke to a number of them. I also visited the Willingdon Hospital to see the injured persons including the Captain of the aircraft.

I am sure, the House will join me in expressing its deep regret over the accident and wishing the injured persons a very speedy recovery. It is indeed fortunate that there was no loss of life.

A Court of Inquiry is being appointed to investigate the circumstances and causes of the accident.

17.15 hrs.

MOTION Re: INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION—*contd.*

MR. CHAIRMAN: We now resume the discussion on the international situation.

Shrimati Mukul Banerji.

SHRIMATI MUKUL BANERJI (New Delhi): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I want to begin by appreciating our Government for the Joint Economic Agreements signed recently with Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. These Agreements will create scope for faster industrialisation of our country and lead to self-reliance on essential matters. It has also extended the area of peace through mutual understanding and friendship which will help in releasing tension in other parts of the world.

Some people have criticised our Government and have expressed their apprehension that India is surrendering to the Communist Bloc and is fast coming under the clutches of the Soviet Union. I can only say that this sort of suspicion and fear is expressed through mental weakness and lack of understanding of the world situation today. It is logically not possible that any two countries should be at par in strength in every respect and then only they should sign Agreements with each other. Such Agreements are signed with the spirit of mutual cooperation and on the basis of mutual benefit.

17.16 hrs.

[SHRI K. N. TIWARY in the Chair]

In order to make our country strong and well-developed in industry, agriculture, science and technology, etc., it is necessary that we borrow knowledge and also money and material and, in return, we give to others whatever we have in excess. The expression of such fears that we may surrender our Independence or national interest in any manner is not only baseless but it should also be condemned as immoral because it has a demoralising effect on the people.

One of the main criticism offered is regarding the idea of Collective Asian Security Plan made by Mr. Brezhnev during his recent visit. Let us be clear that this is just a friendly suggestion from a friendly country for consideration and it is not a mandate on us. India's primary concern in Asia is to build close friendship and cooperation with all her neighbours and other Asian countries and all her steps should be directed to this principal objective. Asian Security idea or any other suggestion coming from any quarter should be judged in this context.