

Offer of Cease-fire

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). The fire at Najafgarh Road, Delhi on 11th November, 1962 had engulfed the entire premises which were housing eight different kinds of industries. A large number of machines, lathes, overhead power transmission by belt drive etc. were also affected. Investigations could not locate the cause of fire with certainty. Perhaps the fire was caused by "Electrical Short Circuit".

12 hours.

Mr. Speaker: I had suspended the House to see whether the talks could discontinue. Members did not take notice of that.

The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Mr. Speaker, may I sir, introduce to you and to the House our new Defence Minister Mr. Yashwant Rao Chavan?

Mr. Speaker: The House has heartily welcomed him already. I also, on my behalf, extend to him our hearty welcome.

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Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Sir, I should like to make a brief statement in regard to certain developments that have taken place.

The Government of the Peoples Republic of China, it appears from Radio broadcasts, has announced that they will have a cease fire from midnight of 21/22 November and will start withdrawing their forces from the positions they occupy from the 1st December. This is a unilateral announcement. We have thus far received no official confirmation of it. As soon as we receive any official message from the Chinese Government, we shall give it full consideration. Till then I would not like to express any opinion in regard to the Chinese proposals. Our position is

regard to any negotiations continues to be what we have previously stated, that is, that the position as it existed prior to September 8, 1962 shall be restored. We shall continue our efforts to obtain aid from friendly countries and strengthen our country's defences and its economic potential.

We should like to express again our gratitude to the many friendly countries who have offered us aid and sympathy and support during the time of our distress.

We have made it clear previously and we repeat that we have no desire for any territorial expansion in any direction and our aim is to live in peace and amity with our neighbours.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री (विजनीर) :
चीन ने युद्ध विराम की घोषणा की है और उस सम्बन्ध में जो भारत की प्रतिक्रिया है वह अभी प्रधान मंत्री जी ने बताई है। क्या इन तमाम बातों को देखते हुए यह सम्भव प्रतीत होता है कि निकट भविष्य में आप इस प्रकार की भी कोई योजना बनायेंगे कि जिस आधार पर कुछ मध्यस्थ देशों द्वारा समझौते के प्रयास किये जा रहे थे, उनको आगे बढ़ाया जाए अथवा आप तैयारियों को जिस स्तर पर वे चल रही थीं, उसी स्तर पर बराबर बनाये रखेंगे ?

अध्वक्ष महोदय : इसका जवाब तो दे दिया गया है।

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath (Hoshingabad): Mr. Speaker, on a point of clarification or rather information, the Chinese Government seems to be an adept at their game of fraud and deception and when the situation continued to be so fluid, I would request you and the Leader of the House will agree, I am sure, that in this parliamentary democratic set up, the Parliament of the nation must continue to be in session and have the privilege of advising and guiding the Government in this emergency.

That is the first point.

[Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath]

Secondly, may I suggest that notwithstanding the fact that the Prime Minister had earlier offered, or made the offer of withdrawal to the September 8th line as conditional to talks or negotiations, latterly, the day before yesterday, in his broadcast, very heartening broadcast, and inspiring broadcast to the nation on Monday night, he declared categorically that there would be no talks and no negotiations unless and until every inch of our territory, of our sacred land, our sacred Motherland—that was the word used by him—is cleared of the Chinese invaders? And Parliament has had the privilege of endorsing wholeheartedly that declaration, and I hope that he will today give a categorical assurance to Parliament and to the nation that he will stand firm by that policy which has been clearly enunciated by Government and endorsed by the Parliament of the nation, and there will be no departure from that policy. Now, there ought not to be any departure. . . .

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member wanted to make only one point. But now he has made two. Now he should conclude.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: It is all part of one. The Prime Minister has said that the flow of arms will be kept up. May I also request him to see that these friendly countries who have rushed to our aid will be kept in close touch with the developments from day to day and will be taken into confidence before any concrete move is taken in the matter?

Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur): I want to ask whether the Government of India have received any communication containing the full text of their suggestions and whether its implication has been analysed.

Some Hon. Members: No, no.

Mr. Speaker: Members should only put such questions as those in respect of which information has not been

given. Why should they repeat the same thing again?

Shri S. M. Banerjee: It appears in the newspaper that our Charge d'affaires also met Premier Chou En-lai.

Shri Raghunath Singh (Varanasi): That is old news.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Let not my hon. friends be hasty about it. I want to know this because the details were not known. Our officer had a talk with the Chinese Premier. I want to know whether any letter was sent by us, and if so, what the details of that letter were.

Mr. Speaker: That answer had been given yesterday.

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh (Parbhani): Yesterday, the Prime Minister answered that question and said that a note from us was delivered to them.

Mr. Speaker: I have also said that. Where was the necessity for the hon. Member to get up and give this reply?

Shri Tyagi (Dehra Dun): I am glad that the hon. Prime Minister has not made any commitment at this stage. India is, I think, by now. . . .

Mr. Speaker: I would ask hon. Members to give only their reactions or any suggestions and not to press the Prime Minister to make any statement at this time. That is what I would advise hon. Members that they should also restrain themselves.

Shri Tyagi: That is true. We thank you for this. We all agree to that idea. This is not the state for that. But let us give our reactions and say how we react to this. India is too well experienced by now to be hoodwinked by any such gestures.

Shri Frank Anthony (Nominated—Anglo-Indians): Not gesture, but trick.

Shri Tyagi: I have also heard that radio news, and it was not in good taste, I am sure; all that they said immediately before this. and all that

they said afterwards were quite adverse to the gesture that they have made. India knows very well....

Mr. Speaker: I would request the hon. Member to be very brief.

Shri Tyagi: I am not going to make a speech. I would only make one suggestion.

I also agree with my hon. friend Shri Kamath that Parliament might just continue in session for some time more, because we all would like to know, and everyone of us is interested in knowing, what will come off of these things. Of course, we are quite sure that the Prime Minister is quite further acquainted with the reactions of the Army as well as of the people in this regard, and the strategic position today which they occupy. What is the meaning of their keeping time till 1st December to retire? Why do they want all this time? Do they want to build roads?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. The hon. Member said that he would not make any speech, but at the same time, he is making it.

Shri Tyagi: I have only one request to make. I hope that that too must be in the mind of the hon. Prime Minister. Now, since quite big countries and friendly countries have come out openly to help us, and they have also, after all, bracketed themselves with us, as far as the relationship with China is concerned, I hope that they will also be taken into confidence before any final decision is arrived at.

Mr. Speaker: I will allow one Member from each Group to give his reaction.

Shri Hem Barua: My name is there.

Mr. Speaker: I will call him, if his name is there. I will call one Member from each Group. More than that it is not possible to do.

श्री बागड़ी (हिसार) : एक पार्टी से दो मेम्बर भी बुलाये जा रहे हैं .

Mr. Speaker: No, no.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi (Jodhpur): Apart from the broadcast, do we definitely know through our own sources of information whether the Chinese have actually and in fact ceased fire?

Mr. Speaker: That has been answered. I find that Members are putting questions that are answered. I only want that each one of them might, in a minute, give his reaction only to the news, nothing further.

Shri Hem Barua: I wanted to submit that the Chinese are not in a position to wage a long-drawn war because of their economic situation and all that. But then she has announced a unilateral cease fire and all that. At the same time, she has humiliated us sufficiently in the whole of South-East Asia, and all over the world. By this, her influence in South East Asia, which she wants to build up meticulously, would be growing. Then, judging from the broadcast she wants to make a difference between the line of actual control and some other line and all that. It is because of all this that I want to request the Prime Minister that while coming to a conclusion or decision, all different aspects should be taken into consideration and the House should be taken into confidence.

श्री रामसेवक दावब (बाराबंकी) :
 अध्यक्ष महोदय, कम्युनिस्ट चीन के रेडियो पर जो युद्ध विराम की खबर आई, उसका मेरे ऊपर और दूसरे बहुत से लोगों के ऊपर जो असर हुआ वह यह कि पहली बात तो यह हो सकती है कि वह घोषा हो। जान पड़ता है कि उन्होंने जो समय मांगा है उसमें अपनी स्थिति को मजबूत कर के वे हमें और ज्यादा परेशानी में मुक्तला करेंगे। दूसरी बात यह भी हो सकती है कि शायद वह ईमानदारी की बात हो, लेकिन दोनों सूत्रों में, चाहे वह ट्रिक प्रयत्न घोषा हो या ईमानदारी हो, हमें अब किसी तरह से अपने प्रयत्नों में रिलेक्सेशन नहीं करना है। हमें पूरी तैयारी करनी चाहिये।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो उन्होंने कहा ही है ।

श्री राम सेवक यादव : दूसरी बात यह कि प्रधान मंत्री के रेडियो भाषण, इस सदन के कल के बयान और आज की मौजूदा स्थिति के बाद फिर २ नितम्बर की बात आज मेरे जैसे लोगों को थोड़ी खटकनी है ।

तीसरी बात यह कि मैं श्री कामत के इस मुझाव से सहमत हूँ कि मौजूदा स्थिति में पार्लियामेंट का चलना निरन्तर आवश्यक है ।

Shri Frank Anthony (Nominated-Anglo-Indian): I did not intend to say anything, but since you have asked for our reactions, may I put my reaction briefly? I feel that it is a typical piece of calculated Chinese trickery. According to the newspaper report, they are purported to have once again repeated their proposal of October 24 which they know we have rejected. What I feel is this. We now know enough of Chinese strategy—the Prime Minister knows better than we do; take a base, prepare it, seek a breathing space; take another base, prepare it. They are wanting to prepare another base.

I am glad that the Prime Minister has left no illusions in our minds that whatever they may do, we are committed now to building up our armed strength and to retaking every inch of our own soil.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee (Calcutta-Central): I had no intention of intervening, but after my hon. friend, Shri Frank Anthony, I wish only to say one thing. Only the other day, we passed by acclamation a unanimous Resolution which has been seconded unequivocally by the country outside, and that Resolution presupposed that the Government, led by our Prime Minister, would have, as far as is possible in the parliamentary set-up, a free hand in the conduct of the proceedings which are now going on. I feel, therefore, when the Prime Minister

comes forward himself to say that he has not yet studied the material sufficiently to be able to make any commitment, it is necessary and important . . . (Interruptions).

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: We are not going to win or to lose on account of the Three Musketeers of a particular party or the Four Horsemen of another . . . (Interruptions).

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: For the stooges of a particular party (Interruptions).

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member should not provoke others. I would request the hon. Member, as well as other hon. Members, to have in mind the unanimity that was shown recently.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: He is upsetting that.

Mr. Speaker: I should rather now advise the hon. Member to desist from such temptations of criticising others.

Shri Tyagi: Let them betray their inner feelings.

Shri Hem Barua: He should withdraw his remarks on the three musketeers of a particular party the four horsemen and all that.

Mr. Speaker: Would he kindly resume his seat?

Shri Hem Barua: I would ask him to withdraw those words.

Mr. Speaker: Certainly it would be advisable now for him to withdraw those words.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: We have put an embargo on speaking, so to speak. We know that it is not necessary in this House to speak over much. That is why I make a submission to you. . .

Mr. Speaker: I have said this was not advisable at this moment to refer in such a manner. Therefore I would advise him to withdraw those phrases.

Some Hon. Members: He must withdraw.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: If you ask me to withdraw, I do not mind, but I do beseech you, and through you the House, that it is very necessary in the interests of national solidarity, if not for anything else, that we behave in this House in a manner which will show that behind the Government there is unity in the country.

Shri Ranga (Chittoor): I want to be as brief as possible. Reference has been made to the resolution that has been passed by this House. If any one were to look into the reports of the debates. . . .

Mr. Speaker: Why should he go into that?

Shri Ranga: It is under great stress, we have to express ourselves because you have stipulated certain provisions subject to which alone we have to make our observations. If any one were to go through the debate, he would be able to see how wrong my hon. friend is in his statement that everything is left to the Prime Minister.

It is left to the national leadership; of which this sovereign Parliament is the spearhead. And then we made it very clear that we should not accept the Chinese proposal that we should go back again, that we should accept their dates. Only yesterday the hon. Prime Minister was good enough to state in this House as well as in the other House that we are not going to enter into any negotiations with the Chinese Government until our country is vacated of their aggression.

Our friends have already made those points. I am in agreement with all the points made, including the point made by Shri Tyagi. It is all the more reason why there should be a secret session of this Parliament, and the sooner the better.

Secondly, I do not want Parliament to be adjourned. We are extremely anxious to see that the Prime Minister will take care to take not only the friends from outside, (all those friends

outside, our country into his consultations,) but also this Parliament into his constant consultation, and to stand by the declaration that he has made yesterday, and would see to it that this country's honour is sustained in spite of all these tricks, Ravana's tricks, that are being played now.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Ranga: It is about the Chinese I am saying, I am not referring to these friends here to my right. There was a hero, son of Ravana, known as Indrajit; he used to go into the clouds and play mischief. In the same manner, this new offer has come. There is no precedent in history for a thing like this. Even Hitler could not think of it, but here are these people making a peace offensive, when?—soon after their victory. Hitler did it, but never before was there a direct offer like this of cease-fire. Cease-fire since when?—from the 1st December.

Mr. Speaker: He has said enough.

Shri Ranga: Therefore, it is most essential that Parliament should be kept in session, and you should co-operate with us, and the hon. Prime Minister should co-operate with us, in seeing that no proposal is made to the Chinese until Parliament is taken into confidence by them in the open session, and if necessary in the secret session also.

Shri Bade (Khargone): Our impression is that the reported Chinese offer of cease-fire and withdrawal of its troops could well be a deceptive move to confuse world opinion and again lull India into inaction. And the proposal in the cease-fire is in no way different from the earlier one rejected by India. If China really wants to return to civilised and peaceful ways, it should straightaway clear out of Indian territory. The preparations that we are making, we shall continue to make and that is our suggestion. I want to ask the Prime Minister whether it is not a fact that the proposals of cease-fire made in Peking radio have been rejected by our Prime Minister.

श्री मोर्य (अलीगढ़) : आदरणीय अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह जो सूचना पीकिंग से आई है कि सीज फायर किया जायेगा, यदि यह सूचना सही होती तो मुझे खुशी होती। लेकिन वास्तव में यह हमारी मनोवृत्ति को जानने के लिए उनकी एक चाल की तरह से है। यह मैंने अपनी छोटी बुद्धि से सोचा है। अभी अभी इस सदन में उसका एक अंतर था। मैं सोचता हूँ कि यह जो सीज फायर की सूचना है यह एक शान्ति भरे सागर की तरह है। जब सागर में शान्ति होती है तो वह बहुत बड़ी अशान्ति की सूचक होती है। हम अभी तक जिस ताकत से तैयारी कर रहे हैं हमको उससे भी ज्यादा ताकत से तैयारी करनी चाहिए। हमें इस सूचना से आराम तलबी में नहीं पड़ना चाहिए।

साथ ही साथ मेरी एक और बिनती है कि जो हमारे बीच में इस जग सी खबर के आने से यह अंतर हुआ है यह नहीं होना चाहिए। मैं सोचता हूँ कि हम अपनी ही मातृभूमि में बीस किलोमीटर पीछे कैसे हट सकते हैं। यह तो समझमें आने की बात नहीं। हमें अपनी तमाम ताकतों का पूरी तरह लगाये रखना चाहिए। मानूँ होता है कि यह किसी प्रेशर के अन्तर्गत हो रहा है, जिसके बारे में मैं कुछ नहीं कहना चाहता। इन चालों से होशियार रह कर हमें पूरी ताकत के साथ मुकाबले के लिए तैयार रहना है।

श्री बिशन चन्द्र सेठ (एटा) : मैं यह बहुत छोटी सी बात कहना चाहता हूँ। जैसा कि हमारे आदरणीय प्रधान मंत्री जी ने कहा, अभी उनके पास कोई आफिशियल सूचना पीकिंग से नहीं आई है। मैं समझता हूँ कि जब तक कोई आफिशियल सूचना न आ जाए तब तक गवर्नमेंट का कोई रिएक्शन इसके बारे में होना भी नहीं चाहिए। लेकिन जैसा कि श्रीर लोगों ने भी कहा है, मैं आदरणीय प्रधान मंत्री जी से कहना चाहता हूँ कि हमें सतर्क होना जरूरी है।

चाइनीज की बात सत्य मानना बड़ा दुखद होगा क्योंकि अब तक का हमारा अनुभव बहुत विपरीत रहा है।

डा० गोविन्द बास (जबलपुर)
मैं एक बात कहना चाहता हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अगर मैं आपको इजाजत दे दूंगा तो श्रीर मेम्बर भी बोलना चाहेंगे। आपकी तरफ से प्राइम मिनिस्टर साहब बोल देंगे।

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: In the little statement that I made a little while ago, I have stated that we shall consider any communication from the Chinese Government carefully and then express an opinion about it. I have not gone into it and there is much that can be said in regard to it. Other hon. Members have given their first reactions and I have listened to them. But in a matter of this kind or any serious kind Government has to think carefully all aspects of it and then form an opinion and give effect to it. I do not wish to say more. There is only one matter the hon. Member Shri Kamath talked about my broadcast the other day as if there has been any change in my submission to this House here or broadcast anywhere. We said sometime ago, after careful thought that the position prior to the 8th September should be restored; to that we have stuck all along; to that we stick even now. . .

Shri Priya Gupta: 8th September? People of India do not want that. In the main Resolution the hold Prime Minister never said so . . .

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I am merely stating what our position has been in regard to this matter and we do not shift it about every 24 hours. I think it is a good position and strong position and, as I have said before, we do not propose to consider negotiations till that position is resorted. Negotiations themselves will be in

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various stages and when it comes the first thing will be how to create the conditions which will enable negotiations . . . (Interruptions).

Shri Priya Gupta: It has cost us. There can be no negotiations at the cost of our country's prestige and honours.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Does he belong to any party or not?

Shri Priya Gupta: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: Then I cannot accommodate each member of the party. He should not stand up in this manner. I warn him about it.

Shri Priya Gupta: I prayed for time all through and I submitted call attention notice to the Prime Minister.

Mr. Speaker: Everyone cannot be given time. If the hon. Member belongs to no party, I said I would not give time to individuals.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: A suggestion has been made by one or two hon. Members that before we communicate any reply to the Chinese Government we should have it discussed here. I am afraid this is a very novel procedure. General principles are discussed here and we are guided by whatever the House may decide. But to discuss these communications between one Government and another would be a very extraordinary thing; and it is a very undesirable and harmful thing. We cannot carry on communications with Governments in that way.

Fourthly, an hon. Member has suggested that Parliament may be prolonged. That is entirely for you and the House to decide. It is not for me to say. But I would suggest this,—we have not only to consider carefully any communication that comes to us from the Chinese Government, but also to find out and watch how they are giving effect to it before we can form an opinion. Even according to them, they say—apart from the cease fire which will be from tonight onwards—that they will start withdrawing on the 1st December, and there-

fore, in order to watch what they do, it will involve some little time. It is not a question of extension by a few days, of Parliament. That is all I wish to submit.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: I crave your pardon, Sir. The resolution that the House adopted the other day made no reference to the 8th September line. That is all that I want to say.

डा० गोविन्द वास : मैं एक बात कहना चाहता हूँ जो अभी तक किसी ने नहीं कही है। इसके लिए मुझे एक मिनट का समय दिया जाए।

मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि यहां पर जितने भाषण हुए उन भाषणों में और श्री हीरेन मुकर्जी के भाषण में कितना फर्क है इसका भी ध्यान रखा जाना चाहिए। हमारे देश के अन्दर हमारे साथ कितने लोग हैं और कितने अन्दर ही अन्दर हमारे खिलाफ काम कर रहे उसका कुछ आभास श्री हीरेन मुकर्जी के भाषण से मिलता है। इसलिए हमको उन के दल से बहुत आगाह रहने की आवश्यकता है। मैंने पहले भी यह कहा था और आज भी कहता हूँ।

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. This is not the occasion to say all that, and make such observations at this moment.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Sir, the hon. Member has used those words which I do not want to be on record. I wish that either those words are withdrawn or are taken out of the record.

Mr. Speaker: I do not think I can order the withdrawal of those words. I have only advised him that those words ought not to have been said. That should be enough.

Shri Daji: Shri H. N. Mukerjee has only said, "three musketeers." That is not so objectionable as the words of the hon. Member who just now made his observations.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.