

MAY 1946

Thursday 9

27 Baisakh, 2003

Once again the FEP. In the evening Mae West rang me up to say: "You can't go on the plane tomorrow". It surprised me and I wondered what plane it was and where to. Then he explained that I couldn't go to Solo with Syahrip. Darpo turned up later to explain that since I had expressed a desire to visit the interior, they had included my name in the list! Mae West seems to be grinning and of me!  
Fai Huid!

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Friday 10

28 Baisakh, 2003

~~Heard~~ *greeted* in the morning that  
Noel Buckley, Reuters Correspondent,  
who was also refused permission  
along with me last night,  
has left by the same plane  
into Singapore. Perhaps, with  
the connivance of Mac West.

*||* I have protested to ADPR  
to whom I handed over a  
brief protest message to be  
sent to Supremo. x x x

x x

Singapore - Str. centre - Br. Aust.  
+ Ind. Coop. - Indian Power in Ind.  
largely directed by Aust. thro. Br. -  
Ind. incapacity to self-govern?

Freedom as long as it retains pristine  
qualities of freedom & ~~good~~ *such* ~~good~~ *good*.  
Satisfies internal public opinion  
as long as - does not matter whether  
it is nurtured by the Japs, Germans,  
Br. or Americans or even Russians

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Saturday 11

29 Baisakh, 2003

Mae Wash sent Bob Kich to  
ask me if I would approach  
the Gen and tell him that  
Noel Buckley should be pardoned.  
I refused as I was fighting on  
a matter of principle.

Remain of "shardam" between  
Syahin and Soekamo gaining ground.  
Don't believe in it because  
I know the anxiety with which  
such a contingency is ~~expected~~ <sup>Stripped</sup>  
for in certain quarters.

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Sunday 12

30 Baisakh, 2003

~~Dr. Subhas~~

H. J. B. is no other than ~~Ex-Officio~~ Sgh.  
Banerjee of the <sup>High</sup> Air Force, a Rad.  
Democrat. He and Capt. Sen Gupta  
both have told Sghair that  
Nehru is a hypocrite!

Banerjee spreads the propaganda  
that Radical Democratic Party is  
the only socialist party in India.

Darpo has run off to Solo  
to find out the truth behind  
the rumors of a split between  
Sghair and Soekarno.

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Monday 13

31 Baisakh 2003

Why is there so much fear  
in Tacarba? Americans  
put out their stars & stripes,  
put on their uniforms  
while the Dutch are using  
clothing & hiding themselves  
in - not - army signs?

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Tuesday 14

1 Jeth, 2002

Met Mr. Pungali - wants me to  
cooperate with him by not  
resorting to regular news despatches  
in the interests of obtaining food  
rice for India - Problem  
politically delicate in view  
of Dutch ~~attorney~~ <sup>obstinacy</sup>.  
I agreed provided he kept  
me informed.

Why do Indian army officers  
come here as British troops.  
Shook down Indonesians, and  
~~yet~~ <sup>patented</sup> into the  
Dutch and still expect to  
be treated as Indians who  
~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> nationalists who are  
sympathetic to Indonesia?

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Wednesday 15

2 Jeth, 2003

Who is this Thambu who calls himself  
a Malay when he is a Ceylonese.  
He appears to me to be a very  
dangerous person - ostensibly  
he is working for the Br. too  
in addition for the Indonesians  
- He doesn't want any contacts  
between India and Indonesia.

an accreditation ceases  
w.e. from today.

Siahin returned from  
Solo -

What is the future of those  
Ind. sps who have deserted  
Br. lines and joined the  
Indonesians?

Siahin and Sharofuddin  
have assured me that they  
will not be handed over  
to anyone except Ind. govt. in  
case of political settlement.

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Thursday 16

3 Jeth, 2003

Met Brig Jander and discussed  
with him question of ind. deserters  
who have taken up arms. Their  
total is about 160 according to him  
but I believe there are a few  
more hundreds - I gave an  
undertaking that I would not  
file a ~~flaming~~ story about it  
provided he brought ~~the~~ it to the  
attention of Cinc. India that some  
deserted for political & religious  
reasons. He also assured me that  
they will not be punished severely.  
I agreed in the future interests of an  
army - Brig Jander is an accomodating  
& understanding officer.

Met Sjahin in the evening after  
Punjabi had seen him. Punjabi  
doing well.

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Friday 17

4 Jeth, 2003

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Saturday 18

5 Jeth, 2003

*Amber*  
Van Hook's "off-the-record" press conf.  
he does not admit that British  
policy in India & elsewhere  
has no effect on events in  
Indonesia - from what he says  
the situation does not seem  
to be hopeful. He is wanting  
to find out the wishes of  
the population of Outer Indonesia  
by appointing representatives  
and endeavor eliciting their  
opinions - long question if  
people like Dr. Rattilangi  
would be released prior  
to holding elect. plebiscite  
in those areas. He evaded  
an answer.

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Sunday 19

6 Jeth, 2003

Met Maj. Rebello (a cousin-in-law  
of Frank Moraes) at lunch  
with Mr. Vohra. He seems  
to be a nice and good  
officer of the Indian army.

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Monday 20

7 Jeth, 2003

4 pm. Left Jacarta by train  
along with the Cabinet ministers  
for Jogjacarta. Oetomo was  
my escort and conducting officer  
from the Indian. Met. My first  
sight of Indians working for  
the republic!

Passing the Gureha line  
and entering 'Laskar Rajat' line  
causes mild excitement. The  
"no man's land" appears peaceful  
with a native pastoral beauty.

I see the golden harvest paddy  
on one side and the transplanta-  
tion on the other side of the  
railway line - Sun sets and  
my picture of the rice for India  
vanishes - late dinner hot rice  
and curry - Old Agn Salsan  
peeps in for a chat

Bombardier in the evening evening.  
Wonderful view - slowly perishing.  
Tape trees. Returned in the

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Tuesday 21 night.

8 Jeth, 2003

Dain arrive Jogjakarta - Hotel  
Merdeka quite comfortable but  
rice three times a day - day  
begins with (Nasi goreng) like  
hot coconut rice - Barisan,  
Harigoto and later Zain call  
on me - Meet president, 1951  
agricultural assn & president  
of the Indon. peasant movement  
- Both support Sjahrir's rice offer  
- Meet Indians who have  
deserted British lines to join  
Indonesians. They complain of  
Dellhi broadcasts which mention of  
their having been enticed by  
sex women. My own impression is  
that some have fallen victims  
to the use, some came over for  
religious reasons while large  
proportion for political reasons. They  
treat me 'Jai Hind'. Visited

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Wednesday 22

9 Jeth, 2003