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## Editorial Notes

**Peace.**—Victory has been declared by the United Nations and the end of the war is at hand. But the peace which was expected to follow has not yet arrived. War time measures of rationing and control of bare necessities are still in vogue. Prices are still at abnormal levels, and hardship is being felt everywhere. Rewards for wartime service has not in general been adequately granted at the proper moment and, in consequence, frequent upheavals of demonstration, expressing dissatisfaction with existing conditions of service, have taken place, resulting, on a few occasions, in breach of the peace and resort to police aid.

Suspicion has been the key note in all dealings with International politics and temper has risen so high that there is danger of loss of life on this account in a not too distant future. The Indian scene is bristling with risings against British authority, and Goodwill is in the process of destruction.

**Higher Technical Training.**—As we had a hand in the circulation of notices inviting candidates for higher technical training abroad, it is necessary for us to refer to an unfortunate incident which took place in connection with the despatch of the first few students.

A question arose in the British Parliament as to why shipping space was being allotted to Indian students bound for Britain while repatriation of British troops and servicemen was stated to be held up for want of sufficient shipping space. The official reply to this was to the effect that the space allotted to Indian students was selected from space reserved for civilian traffic which could not be stopped, though repatriation of troops was so earnestly desired.

But shortly after this it was reported that some Indian students who had embarked under Government instruction on a ship at Bombay bound

for U. K. were ordered off the ship by the Captain. The reason for this action was apparently their refusal to carry out certain orders of the Captain. On enquiry it is found that the orders were to perform certain duties that are the work of the crew and not usually demanded of civilian passengers but often expected of troops. The ship was at that time being utilised as a troopship. But the Indian Students had not been previously informed that they would have to travel under troopship conditions and consequently they refused to comply with the Captain's order and demanded the facilities usually arranged for civilian traffic.

The refusal of the Indian students to carry out the menial duties demanded of them has brought on them the accusation that they do not recognize the dignity of labour. But the accusation is not correct in this case for we are informed that they had said that they were prepared to cleanse their own bathrooms and lavatories. Their refusal extended only to cleaning those used by troops.

It is obvious that there has been a deliberate attempt to place such conditions on Indian Students that they would either themselves refuse to accept the accommodation provided or else suffer humiliation.

We regret that this has been the outcome of our aid in obtaining candidates for higher training, and hope that better arrangement will be made on their behalf in future.

We have also been informed that arrangements for accommodation on arrival in Britain has not been satisfactory. We are therefore glad to have an offer of help in this connection from an Indian doctor in London,

**Shipbuilding.**—A description of the process of shipbuilding from the receipt of an enquiry to the submission of a quotation was described in the journal of the Association of Engineers (Vol. XIII, No. 1, March, 1937). The procedure on receipt of an order for construction was partly described in the following issue, No. 2, June, of the same year's volume. That part dealt with the preparations made prior to commencement of actual erection. Description of the actual process of erection was left to a later issue. But an opportunity for its Publication could not be found till now. The whole process was described in the course of a talk at the last general meeting of the Association of Engineers on the 28th November, 1945. But, as many members were unable for want of leisure to attend the meeting, publication of the final process for their benefit is now opportune.

As there are many new members who have not been able to obtain copies of the former issues which are now out of stock, the earlier parts mentioned are reproduced in this issue together with the new publication of the final process.