

ROADS BUILT THROUGH SHRAMDAN

1. Road linking village-Kherona to Amethi-Durgapur main road.

Builders : Delhi, Uttar Pradesh.

Duration : 10 days

Length : 1 Kilometre

200 youth workers donated labour daily.

2. Link road from Amethi to Raidepur

Builders : Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Duration : 6 days

Length : 4 Kilometres

350 youth workers donated labour daily.

(Local youth took over the construction work later and completed the road.)

3. Road linking village-Parsauli to Amethi-Durgapur main road.

Builders : Madhya Pradesh

Duration : 7 days

Length : $1\frac{1}{2}$ Kilometres

83 youth workers donated labour daily.

4. Road linking village-Sarai Rajshah to Amethi-Durgapur main road.

Builders : Punjab

Duration : 7 days

Length : $1\frac{1}{2}$ Kilometres

105 youth workers donated labour daily.



5 A. M. and work for four hours till lunch time. The simple food which was served to them was prepared in the camp. After lunch, they would visit the villages and begin teaching the alphabet.

The life of the campers was a model of discipline. But they also mixed freely with the villagers, gossiped with them and were moved by the love and regard the simple villagers had for them. Thus, almost light-heartedly these youngmen built link roads 23 kms. long and dug 3,000 pits for the planting of trees. Taking a cue from these youngmen, the villagers also dug more than 2,000 pits for saplings. Local

people have set the target of planting 10,000 saplings during this monsoon.

The Camp-in-Charge, Shri Mahesh Joshi, told this correspondent that 194 youth from Delhi, 188 from Punjab, 119 from Madhya Pradesh, 104 from Haryana, 85 from Rajasthan, 9 from Himachal Pradesh, 10 from Bihar and 1,136 from Uttar Pradesh participated in the camp. 300 youngmen from Sultanpur district helped in the voluntary activities. Besides building roads and digging pits the campers carried out a campaign of cleanliness and mass-contact in the villages. They explained the Prime Minis-



and scrutiny that Members belonging to other political parties have been admitted to the Congress Legislative Party. As it is many more members are eager to join the Congress but the State's President Sri Hitendra Desai and the leader of the Congress in Assembly, Sri Madhav Singh Solanki, have exercised complete caution. Sri Desai and Solanki are having regular talks with the Prime Minister and other Central leaders on the changed political situation in the State so that by the time the term of President's rule comes to a close, the Congress may reach the stage when it can form a strong and effective cabinet. There are hints that the Centre is not interested in prolonging President's rule in the State be-

cause both the masses and the administration will be facilitated in solving their problems if an effective Government of the people's representative starts functioning. The sum total of it all is that the ship of political stability through a popular Government is about to proceed on its untroubled voyage.

A blow on the monopoly of the misleading Western news agencies.

Shri Mohammed Yunus, the Prime Minister's Special envoy, has correctly said while talking to newspapermen at the Press Club in Delhi that the agencies and newspapers in the West have been twisting and mis-representing the news from the developing



countries. Facts are distorted to so represent that the best job, knowledge and development is to be found only in the West and that backwardness and ignorance prevail in the developing countries. According to Shri Yunus a decision by the 3rd world countries is being taken to create a news pool to combat this situation.

There is no doubt that the process of exchanging authentic ungarbled news will prove to be more important for the goodwill and progress of the 3rd world countries. That is why during six-day ministerial level meeting of the non-aligned nations, that took place July in Delhi, representatives from nearly 60 nations decided to create a newspool unanimously.

It will take some time to reach the level of the news agencies from powerful and affluent nations. But it is certain that the fruits of this decision, taken for international peace and progress, will be extremely exciting and astonishing. At present national news agencies in nearly 40 non-aligned countries are active and after they started co-ordinating, national interests of all these nations shall be protected. Moreover, the very small countries in the group will be largest benefactors from this news pool. The Western news agencies like Associated Press, Reuter and United Press International have a virtual monopoly over the global news distribution at present. A big blow is being dealt to this monopoly under India's leadership and it can be hoped that due to this preliminary step alone the monopoly of news agencies may refrain from hinting out mis-

leading, wrong and distorted news to maintain their good will and business. From as early as August 1976 exchange of news between India and 20 non-aligned nations is being inaugurated and there is every reason to believe that the process will be accelerated.

Strict check on market prices

The Government achieved unprecedented success in bringing about economic discipline after the proclamation of Emergency. The upward trend in prices was immediately arrested due to administrative vigilance and strict control. The prices of essential goods came down upto 50%. The possibility of goods disappearing from the market became extremely remote. However, suddenly it was noted in June-July 1976 that traders are quietly hiking the prices and the old habit of profiteering seemed to return. The Govt. swung into action and lightning raids and inspections were made. Consequently, the downward trend in prices returned. It is now felt, more tellingly than ever before that the price situation demands constant vigilance. With the check on prices in the market, the economic growth of the nation is getting accelerated manifold and with the resulting increase in production the standard of living of the masses is also improving. With the view, organizations like the Indian Youth Congress, must keep an eye on the market trends.

The DMK unmasked in Tamil Nadu

The DMK and its leaders Sri Karunanidhi are slowly but surely

getting unmasked before the TN masses and their true image exposed to view, inspite of their pretensions to honesty and public service. Not a day passes when cases of mis-use of power, corruption and irregularities perpetrated during the Karunanidhi regime do not come to light. With the appointment of Sarkaria Commission a complete exposé of DMK Govt. is expected. After the promulgation of President's Rule, 228 officials have been prematurely retired, cases against 86 gazetted officers are being investigated. It is estimated that during the investigation of corruption and mis-management, cases involving crores of rupees shall be unearthed. There are cases of tax evasion on Karunanidhi himself.

On the other hand a new consciousness is evident in the life of common man since the declaration of President's Rule in the State. Prices fell by 40% during the first 6 months alone. Extra recovery of 50,000 crores of rupees worth of excise and entertainment tax was made. With the implementation of the 20-point programme, bonded labourers and heavily indebted farmers were liberated. Process of growth in production has started and after many years the people have a feel of what a Welfare State is.