

ASSOCIATION NEWS

PAPER MEETINGS

JANUARY 30, 1970 :

An evening seminar was arranged at the U.S.I.S. Auditorium, Chowringhee on the subject --“Introduction of Regional Language (Mother tongue) in the Fields of Applied Sciences” in which Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose, National Professor presided and Sri Bibhuti Das Gupta, Hon'ble Panchayat Minister, Govt. of W. Bengal was the Chief Guest. This was attended by a large gathering in which Sarvasree S. Chatterjee, A. Bhattacharyya, U. P. Mullick, J. Bhattacharjee, Sunil Chattopadhyay, A. Deb, Sachin Bandopadhyay, B. K. Dam, R. K. Samanta, S. Basu amongst others spoke.

Sri Das Gupta in his address referred to the cabinet decision to introduce Bengali in official work and said that the memorandum of Cabinet Meeting, has, for the first time, been drafted in Bengali.

Prof. Bose said that Bengali language should naturally inspire Bengalees. He referred the case of Michael Madhusudan who inspite of his mastery in French, English, Italian, wrote in Bengali. He stressed that education should be spread in own language and he cited the example of Japan. Just as we learnt English, we may have to learn Hindi but that should not deter us from propagating the mother language to masses. We should, however, leave out parochial feeling.

FEBRUARY 6, 1970 :

The second evening seminar was arranged at U.S.I.S. Auditorium on the subject —

‘Importance and status of Technical Personnel in a Developing Society.’ Sri Manikanta Guha, Chief Engineer, P.W. (Roads) Deptt. graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The seminar was presided by Sri Sudhananda Chatterjee, Chief Engineer, Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Organisation. A large group of engineering personnel attended the meeting in which Sarvasree A. Mitra, S. Basu, A. Pal, S. Banerjee spoke amongst others.

Sri Guha in his speech drew up a clear line of demarcation between the “Specialists” and the “Generalists”. The Engineers and the Technologists are to forget the internal conflict and to work in a co-ordinated manner to show the administrators that administration can not function without specialists. A proper and healthy environment is to be created for the specialists to prevent brain-drain. He expressed dis-satisfaction for the existing situation and blamed the leaders for their inability to give their commitments a concrete shape.

In summing up, Sri Chatterjee appealed to all engineering personnel in the country to develop fellow feelings. He stressed the need for putting up professional men in decision making level. Unless crucial decision is taken in proper time by those professionals who are fully conversant with the details of the problem, its impact, its benefit and consequences administrative muddle will continue and thereby consequential delay and retrogradation of progress is sure to take place.