

## India Relations To Nepal Deteriorate

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Of India's half-dozen next door neighbors, Prime Minister Jawaharlar Nehru at the moment is quarreling with two and on cool

terms with a third. He is disputing possession of Kashmir with Pakistan. He is disputing with Red China about 12,000 square miles of border seized by the Red Chinese but

claimed by India. Deteriorating steadily are his relations with King Mahendra of the neighboring Himalayan state of Nepal.

The latter two situations are related and, as in the dispute with Pakistan, contain the seeds of armed conflict which neither India nor the whole of South Asia could afford.

Nepal is one of three small Himalayan states—Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan—sandwiched between India and Red-Chinese controlled

Tibet. India guarantees their defense and considers them within the Indian sphere of influence. Nehru's quarrel with the 42-year-old King Mahendra might be considered a family affair except that so far as India is concerned the king lately has been showing an unpleasant independence which includes closer relations with Red China.

An April summit meeting in New Delhi between King Mahendra and Nehru failed to improve conditions.

On his side, Mahendra accuses India of permitting Nepalese rebels to carry out attacks on Nepal from Indian soil.

Nehru is concerned primarily because of Nepal's agreement with Red China permitting construction of a highway between Lhasa, capital of Tibet, and Katmandu, capital of Nepal.

Nepal stretches along India's northern border for 500 miles and is the guardian of India's Ganges Valley. Completion of the road will mean that Red China has pierced the Himalaya barrier and will have an open highway to India's heartland.

Road Is Valuable  
Besides its strategic value, it also gives Red China an opportunity to encourage the smuggling of goods she needs from the outside world.

Nehru's concern, therefore, is understandable.

Red China not only promised to spend \$8.8 million to build the road, she also promised to step up aid in other road building, communications and industrial projects, thus in effect placing the tiny kingdom under two spheres of influence—Chinese in the north and Indian in the south.

The Indians claim King Mahendra is overlooking the lessons of history, specifically Red China's grab of Tibet after a period of pretended friendship.

## Top UE Official Dies In New York

Julius Emspak, general secretary-treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (UE) since 1963, and a leading figure in the organization of the mass production industries in the 1930's, died of a heart attack at a Bronxville, N. Y. hospital, April 26, at the age of 57.

Emspak was chosen as secretary-treasurer of the UE at the founding convention of the UE at the union of electrical workers at Buffalo, N. Y., in March of 1936, and had been re-elected every year since at the union's annual conventions.

He was a leader of the major organizing strike of 1936 at the RCA manufacturing company plant at Camden, N. J., which marked the infant UE as a major labor force in the electrical manufacturing industry and gave impetus to organization of the industry.

Named To Committee

Under the joint leadership of Emspak and his fellow officers, US rose to third place in size among the nation's industrial unions. Its importance, and Emspak's stature as a national figure in the labor movement were recognized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1942, when he named Emspak a member of his national labor victory committee. The committee was the top labor advisory committee of Roosevelt's administration throughout the war.

Throughout his career as one of the country's leading unionists, Emspak was known as an earnest advocate of trade union democracy, of union independence in politics and of basic American rights and



THE CLARINET TRIO shown above, composed from left to right of Rita Spence, Karen Grice and Patty Collins, will be featured in the spring music festival at Decatur high school May 11. The trio was rated as superior in both the district and state contests.

Rita, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Spence, has attended four different schools. She has played for six years, having studied under Mr. Naggy in Mahomet, Ill., Mr. Sloffer in Huntstown, and Mr. Reed and Mr. Collins in Decatur. Rita is an excellent piano player and she plays the organ at the Methodist church.

Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grice. Her major instrument is saxophone, which she has played eight years. She has played clarinet only one year. She has studied under Mr. Gerig, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Collins. Karen is also an excellent pianist.

Patty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Collins and has studied clarinet under her father for seven years. She also plays saxophone and piano.

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