The other side of the world

The old moon in the new moon’s arms

By Ron Randall

Progress is India’s most important product, doubly more important than it is here. But Eastern progress is of a different nature than progress in the West; it entails discarding the old way of looking at things as fundamental to man’s purpose in life, as well as the old way of doing things. Dr. R.K. Kanta, a member of the Planning Commission of the Indian Government, says the spirit of adventure is not built into the Indian spirit, and that progress means breaking old customs in India. Nevertheless, India has progressed remarkably in the past fifteen years of her independence. Each year, domestic products devour more and more of the markets previously reserved for imports, while Hindustan Motors rapidly fills the streets of India’s growing cities with automobiles.

The change is so rapid that visitors to India who have been there on two occasions as short as one or two years apart remark about the difference. But this change, this dynamism, is a characteristic only of the big cities, and there, it is furthered mainly by the English-speaking and educationally elite. These are people who are no longer Indians in the traditional sense; they have fallen victim to the creeping disease called Westernization.

Great Contrasts

India is by no means a homogeneous nation, and the picture of national uniformity which some Americans form of foreign countries in not at all justifiable. The sacred cows cluttering certain streets in Calcutta stand out in strange contrast to the night-club life on Park Street there; while only a couple of miles from the crowded streets of Old Delhi lie the quasi-suburban setting of New Delhi. Villages in India are different in every way from the population of New York-like Bombay.

But less fortunate elements of the old customs carry over also. Between the Orient and the Occident, six o’clock in India still means some time between six and seven o’clock. Appearances are often made simply out of politeness, without any attempt at scheduling them, and as many are never kept.

I was interested to note in a New York World-Telegram article that even Madame Pandit, the head of the Indian delegation to the UN, has an “indifferent reputation” for keeping appointments.

The Old and the New

I was somewhat startled at the crises still carry out the functions of the lower castes in traditional life, and different words are used for ordering them about, words that would be considered extremely rude even for addressing a housemaid in America.

The head of the Indian YWCA, a brilliant woman, visited New York several years ago, and had found herself unable to try an egg for her breakfast, while a recently arrived Indian student at Harvard had to ask her roommate, “Can you show me how to work the toaster? I’d like to boil some water.”

Dependencies on these people, and other dependencies fostered by Indian society, still exist. A leader of the student body at Delhi University expressed his annoyance with the lack of self-reliance amongst the students.

Yet more and more people in India are freeing themselves from the old culture that holds them back. Is it they who are bringing the future to India; is it they who are burying their rich cultural past?

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