

# Cultural Revival Sweeps Over India

MADRAS, India (ANP) — The achievement of political independence by India from Britain more than two years has relegated the tremendous interest in the culture of these ancient people. Agitation for freedom was accompanied by a deep concern to know more about the forefathers of the fighters for freedom. Not wanting to pattern their lives in a free nation after that of their conquerors, Indian leaders have sought to examine the practices of the ancient Hindu Raj and adapt them to the needs of the day. This consciousness is finding expression in the formation of study groups, research in various institutions, development of educational activities by national organizations, and in government decisions.

In a similar way most of the races and nationalities in the Far East are trying to build a way of life more simple and adaptable to their aspirations. Such movements are catching root in Pakistan, India, Burma, Ceylon, Indonesia, and Indo-China, all scenes of political revolution since the last war. While it is too early to indicate the length to which such revivals might go, it is desirable to suggest that great care must be exercised in preventing too much identification between

gap between the Vedic theology and the impact of Western Civilization during the rule of the British. Because the West has failed in developing the spiritual values and that of the personality along with those of materialism, India feels that should her ancient literature, art, philosophy be lost to the past, the east will become slavish imitators of the West. Codified systems of law based on Hindu teachings have been in use for many centuries and they are more appropriate to the way of life found in Southeast Asia than any other one.

Though wanting to recapture the glory of the ancient past, India is realistic enough to realize that present day patterns of culture even in the East cannot escape the influence of world events. Consequently, she is groping for an adjustment that will remain fundamentally Asiatic. In this way India is more modern than Pakistan in that the latter is trying to create a modern political state on sixteenth century theocratic principles.

In spite of the fact that India seeks to turn back the pages of human events, she realizes that within her culture alone answers to many basic problems cannot be found. With a population of 350,000,000 India finds herself unable

to produce sufficient food to feed such a huge number of people and is turning to the West for guidance in modern methods of farming. In terms of health 500,000 are dying every year from tuberculosis alone which has led India to request the aid of modern medicine. More than nationalism and cultural patterns. If such is not done, a feeling of superiority might develop.

**AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE MATERIALISM OF WEST**

One of the basic aims of this movement in India is to hinder the 85 of every 100 citizens can neither read nor write any of her 14 regional languages; mass education seems to be the only immediate answer. Housing, transportation, agriculture, and many other problems are to be solved only with the assistance and experience of more successful states.

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One great danger that faces this new republic is the fact that unless the culture of a nation raises the level of living of its people its value amounts to very little. Proud as they ought to be of their past, one observes the tendency in this country to let such thinking become an end in itself. A second danger in engaging in such thinking is to look upon other groups without heritages of equal age as being inferior. This is particularly true in the case of the Negro who was referred to by a leading Indian thinker and writer as "slavish imitators of the West". Without understanding the composition of American

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## DEED RESTRICTIONS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (ANP) — Negro veterans seeking GI loan to purchase property will not receive the guarantee of the loan from the Branch Veterans Administration if the purchase violates deed restrictions against sale to Negroes.

culture such a statement might be true in part. However, it might prove valuable for the Negro in America to learn more of his past as a means of preparing him for global citizenship.

## VALUE OF REAWAKENING

The myth of the white man's superior culture and way of life will be shattered more when more people of color learn the facts of their past. So far history teaches that the white man's contributions to world civilization are by far the most important. While no effort should be made to belittle his work in this direction, much more effort should be made to learn of the other man's contribution as well. Talk of a dominant or pure culture has no place in a modern world community and yet each unit has its unique contribution to make to the whole.

it was disclosed here last week. This is at variance with the local FHA policy which will accept title even though deed restriction has been violated.

The VA policy was disclosed by C. M. C. Porter, loan guarantee division director, who added, "If any of these cases come to us, we would have to refer them to Washington." He said no applications had yet been submitted.

He also said that most lending institutions are familiar with VA rules and will not handle property which cannot be disposed of if foreclosed because deed restrictions have been broken.

The FHA has already granted an insured loan to a Negro, despite an anti-Negro deed restriction. No information on what the RFC policy will be in this situation has been given.

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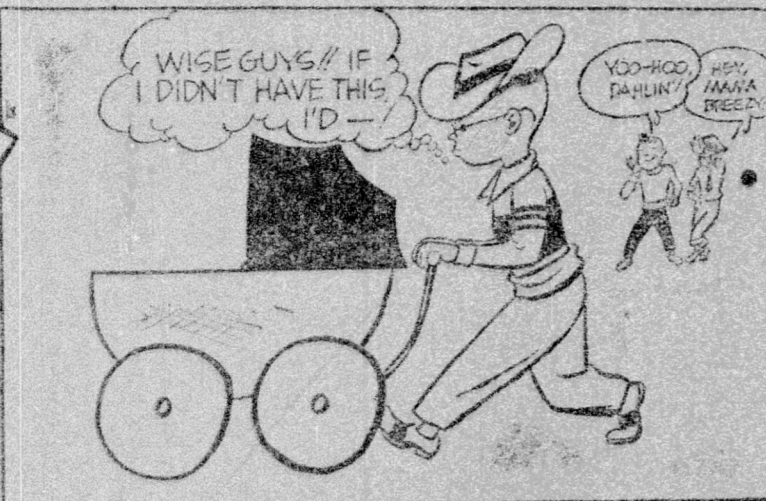
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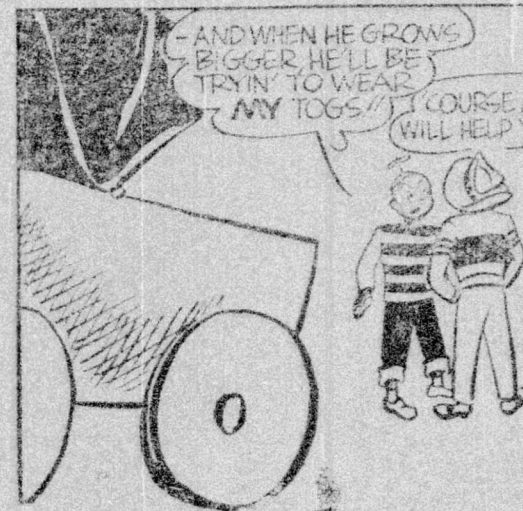
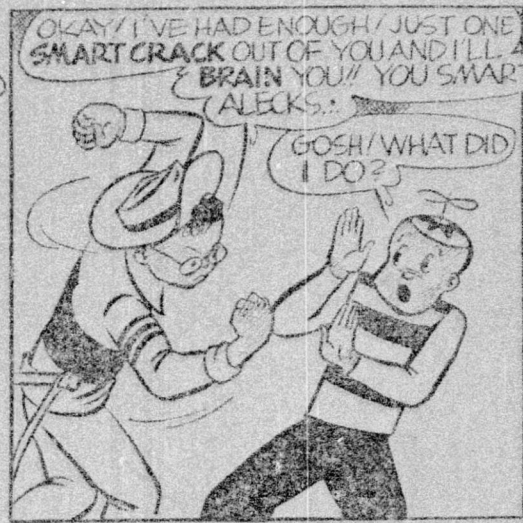
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