

## INDIA ACCEPTS THE PLAN

At Viceroy House, New Delhi, took place the historic meeting of Viscount Mountbatten and seven Indian leaders. Nehru, Patel and Kripalani spoke for the Hindus, Liaquat Ali, ~~General Secretary~~<sup>4</sup>, Muslim League. Sardar Baldev Singh, ~~of~~<sup>4</sup> the Sikhs. ~~Sardar Baldev Singh, Muslim League,~~ was followed by the Viceroy, ~~who~~ had flown back to ~~Delhi~~<sup>Delhi</sup> with the ~~British~~ Government's approval of ~~the~~<sup>his</sup> plan to partition India and to effect the British withdrawal as soon as can be arranged. The arrival of Mr. Jinnah completed the assembly.

Abandoning the ideal of United India the plan will create Pakistan, the Muslim Dominion, mainly in the Punjab and Bengal. Unaffected by the scheme are the Princely states. The remainder, unshaded on this map, is the ~~Dominion~~<sup>Dominion</sup> of Hindustan.

While the Khus-khus frames were kept watered to cool the stifling atmosphere - it was 106<sup>in shade</sup> ~~in shade~~ - harmoniously round the Viceroy's table Pandit Nehru and Mr. Jinnah, the Hindu and Muslim Leaders, set a statesmanlike example to the whole country and, with the Sikhs, agreed to the plan; a triumph for all concerned. India stands on the threshold of independence.