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COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SCENES

As per His Majesty's plan of June the 3rd, Referendum was ordered in the Frontier Prevince to choose between joining Hindustan or Pakistan. At present Frontier Province is governed by the congress menistry which is headed by Dr. Khan Saheb, a congress muslim. Dr. Khan Saheb suggested the Vicerey to hold referendum for choice between Pakistan and Pathanistan- land of the Pathans- but the request was not agreed by the Viceroy. As a result of this refusal the congress party in the Frontier Province decided not to participate in referendum.

Referendum in Frontier is one sided show and inspite of the fact there is no opposition, the Muslim League is doing vast propaganda in favour of Pakistan and has been asking Muslims to participate in referendum and vote in favour of Pakistan.

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Pir Sahib of Manki Sharif, a young man of 27 and chief priest of Manki Sharif - a muslim worship place in Frontier- who till recently took no interest in politics, has come in the field

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and by virtue of his personality, respect and confidence which he enjoys emongst tribeamen, is proving very useful for the Muslim League in its propaganda for the Pakistan in the tribal area.

Tribemen of Frontier are illitrate and very conservative and do not like to be photographed being true Muslims. It was difficult task to persuade Pir Sahib of Manki Sharif for accompan-ying him in the tribal area with the egmera. The story of visit to tribal area is exclusive.

In my short trip to Frontier, I had a trip trip to the Tribal Territory, Kohat, Hanga, Pabbi and Nowshera. In the first two places I covered referends compaign headed by Pir Sahib of Manki Sharif and in other places I covered shots of polling.

Reel.1.

(In the first 50 feet of this reel, I covered some street shots in Peshawar.)

Street Scenes of Peshawar. Shet of a street with Muslim League National Guards parading through the streets.

Another shot of a street with lorries carrying National Guards going through the street.

Shot of fruit shop which was full of various kinds of fruits.

Arrival of Pir Sahib of Manki Sharif's car in the tribal area. The tribeamen with rifles are lined on both the sides and shot fires as the car passed through the line. Amongst the tribesmen of Frontier it is the highest honour to fire shots on arrival of some guest or respectable person and for the Pir Sahib they have the greatest respect.

Close up of Pir Sahib while sitting in a meeting in the tribal

Shots of Pathans and tribesmen listening to Pir Sahib. In the tribal are every one is armed and even the man presenting address in honour of Pir Sahib is equipped with ammunition and a rifle. Shot of a tribesman reading address in honour of Pir Sahib--pan down-- Pir Sahib seated.

Shot of listening tribemen -- swingpan -- Pir Sahib addressing.

REEL. 2.

Long shot of the meeting which being held under a tree. Pir Sahib can be seen in the middle addressing. Shot of a group of listners who stood fully armed.

Long shot of the crowd dispersing after the meeting with Pir Sahib in the end.

Another shot of the crowd arriving with Pir Sahib in the middle. Pir Sahib was sorrounded by hundreds of tribesmen every one of which was anxious to kiss or touch Pir Sahibs hand. Tribesmen feel it a great blessing to touch or kiss their chief priests hand. There was such a crowd that it made difficult for Pir Sahib to move comfortable. Another shot of Pir Sahib walking sorrounded by a big crowd. Pir Sahib walking upto his car.

On the departure, the tribesmen, once again lined up on both sides of the read and fired shots as the car went through the line.

Shot of a sign bord with words "Tribal Area". Shot of Pir Sahibs car going through a small village in tribal area.

On his tour for the referendum compaign, the Pir Sahib of Manki Sharif was accompanied by Mr. Wajid Ali Shah, who is one of the four members of the referendum committee appointed by Mr. Jinnah. Pir Sahib of Manki Sharif is another member of the referendum committee.

Pir Sahib and Mr. Wajid Ali followed by tribesmen going through another small village in the tribal area. They asked tribesmen to have faith only in Muslim League which the only organization for the safe guard of Muslim interest in India.

At one place, out of enthusiasm, a tribesman exploded a small bomb which meant additional honour for the Pir Sahib of Manki Sharif. Shot of the exploding bomb. In another place tribesmen fired shots from the top of their house to pay respect to the Pir Sahib.

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While travelling in the tribal territory, at one place, a decorated car awaited to receive Pir Sahib. Pir Sahib getting in decorated car and car moving.

Reel.3.

Long Shot of Mountain ranges. Shot of Pir Sahibs car followed by other cars going through the mountain.

Pir Sahibs car arriving in KOHAT, where hundreds of tribesmen had collected to see and listen to their religous and political chief.

Shot of Pir Sahib coming out of the car. Shot of the meeting where hundreds of tribesmen were present.

A tribesman - fully armed- singing welcome address. After the welcome address two pigeons were freed in the honour of fir sahib. (The shot of pigeons is very small because the pigeons disappeared in a glimse.) Releasing of pigeons or some other bird shows great respect for the person. Shots of tribesmen listening and some times raising slogans of Long Live Pir Sahib of Manki Sharif and Long Live Pakistan.

Shots of Pir Sahib of Manki Sharif addressing the tribesmen .

Closeup of Pir Sahib. In his speech Pir Sahib said that it was the duty of every Muslim to vote in facur of joining Pakistan which was to be a true Muslim state. Pir Sahib further said that the Muslim Ministry in Frontier which was headed by Dr. Khan Sahib, a congress man was the agent of Hindus who were spending millions of rupees for betraying Muslims from joining Pakistan and the origin of Pathanistan was another stunt of the Hindu minded Muslim ministers of the present Frontier Ministry. He further said that only Muslim League could redress the difficulties of Muslims and if once they voted in favour of Hindustan, they would be enslaved for all their future generations.

Shots of Polling in Hangu a district in Frontier Province. Voters are obtaining ballot papers for the referendum. Shots of Pathans obtaining ballot paper from the polling assistants: Some are illitrate and they have to give thumb impression. Shots of voters entering ballott room. The room was heavily guarded by armed police. Close up of two policemen guarding the room. (It was not permitted to take shots of ballot boxes where the paper was dropped.)

Shot of a lerry carrying voters to the polling station.

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In the evening, a Long Shot of the Mountain ranges.

Scenes of polling in a small village near Pabbi. Shets of voters standing in que. These included young and old.

Shots of voters entering the polling room which was guarded by armed police. Shots of two armed constables who were on duty.

Shots of voters obtaining their ballot paper from the polling assistants.

The ballot paper is stamped by the polling officer and after that the voters takes it in fer putting in the box. Shots of voters having their ballot paper stamped and later entering the room for putting it in the box.

Majority of Muslims are max voting in favour of Pakistan and many voters waited in the passage by sitting on the ground. Shots of voters sitting on the ground waiting for their turn to come.

A medium long shot of a Military truck which waited on the outskirts of the village to meet any emergency.

Shots of voting at Newshera pelling station. A long shot of the pelling station with voters sorrounding the same.

Shots of voters obtaing their ballet paper from polling assistants. These tables of polling assistants were generally ever crowded on all the polling station. The Polling assistant checked the name from the list of voters before issuing the ballet paper.

The system of stamping ballot paper continued on all the polling station. A voter with ballot paper arriving, having his paper stamped by the polling officer. The Voter with ballot paper entering the ballot room for putting the paper in the box.

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My shots of tribal area are all exclusive. My shots in the village polling station and other places are also exclusive. At the same time it is with in my knowledge that Movietone cameraman visited Nowshera after me. (Only Nowshera). Similarly some different material on the referendum story has been covered by Metro. They have pessibly covered in some other places district.