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GURKHA KING ESCAPES

By air from Katmandu, a refugee from his own country comes the King of the Gurkhas. At Palam airfield, New Delhi, King Tribuvana is welcomed by Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India. In Nepal the King has no power. When he suggested some public say in the affairs of the state he became virtually a prisoner. Escaping with his two wives and family he took refuge in the Indian Embassy. From there through Nehru's intercession they were allowed to fly to India.

Now the 5th Gurkha Rifles of the Indian Army salute the man who was their King. Nepal is a strange almost mediaeval country. The men who rule the land are the powerful Rana family. To them the King's more advanced views were wrong. Now the land of the Gurkhas is ravaged by civil war and their King a refugee in a foreign land.