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2nd July, 1956.

Dear Miss Field,

Freedom of City of London to Nehru and Holland.

This is to confirm that the release date of the above story, which we are covering on rota tomorrow, Tuesday, is on Monday, July 9th. I enclose the only dope I have at the moment, for your information.

Yours faithfully,

Leslie Murray

Manager,

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CEREMONY OF THE PRESENTATION

of the

FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LONDON

to

MR. JAWAHARLAL NEHRU,

Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India,

and

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIDNEY GEORGE HOLLAND, C.H.,

Prime Minister and Minister of Police of New Zealand.

IN GUILDHALL ON TUESDAY, 3rd JULY, 1956.

On the 16th February, 1956, the Court of Common Council resolved unanimously:—

THAT the Freedom of the City in a suitable box be presented to Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India, and the Right Honourable Sidney George Holland, C.H., Prime Minister and Minister of Police of New Zealand, on the occasion of their forthcoming visit to this country.

and it was referred to the City Lands Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

The Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their Ladies will arrive at 11.25 o'clock and will be met at Guildhall Porch by the City Lands Committee who will conduct them to the Dais in Guildhall.

The Lady Mayoress, upon her arrival, will be presented with a bouquet by Mrs. Charles F. Glenny, wife of the Chairman of the City Lands Committee.

The Lord Mayor, the Aldermen and the Sheriffs in their Scarlet Robes, will be seated on the Dais, together with the Principal Guests and the Chamberlain. The Members of the Court of Common Council, wearing their Mazarine Gowns, will be seated on the floor of the Hall.

The Prime Ministers and their Ladies will arrive at 11.55 o'clock, and will be received at Guildhall Porch by the Chairman of the City Lands Committee. Mr. Holland will also be received by the Master of the Worshipful Company of Butchers. Mrs. Indira Gandhi and Mrs. Holland will be presented with bouquets by Mrs. Charles F. Glenny and then conducted to their seats on the Dais.

A Guard of Honour of the 290th Field Regiment R.A. (City of London) T.A. with the Band of the Regiment will be mounted in Guildhall Yard and will be inspected by the Prime Ministers.

The Prime Ministers will then be conducted separately by the Chairman and Members of the City Lands Committee and the Master and Wardens of the Worshipful Company of Butchers to the Dais in Guildhall, where the Lord Mayor will receive them.

The Members of the City Lands Committee will take the seats allotted to them and the business of the Common Council will commence.

The Town Clerk will read the Order of the Court directing the presentation to the Prime Ministers of the Freedom of the City.

The Principal Clerk to the Chamberlain will advance and, in accordance with ancient custom, will read the declaration of the Compurgators, testifying that Mr. Nehru and Mr. Holland "are men of good name and fame, that they do not desire the Freedom of this City whereby to defraud the Queen or this City of any of their rights, customs, or advantages, but that they will pay their scot and bear their lot; and so they all say".

The Chamberlain will rise and invite Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru to add his signature to the Roll of Fame.

The Chamberlain will then enquire who presents The Right Honourable Sidney George Holland, C.H.

The Master and Wardens of the Worshipful Company of Butchers will present Mr. Holland.

The Chamberlain will then administer the Freeman's declaration to Mr. Holland which he will sign. Mr. Holland will also add his signature to the Roll of Fame.

The Chamberlain will deliver an Address and present to Mr. Nehru, in the name of the Corporation, a copy of the Resolution of the Court of Common Council for the presentation of the Freedom, and to Mr. Holland a copy of the Freedom, each document being enclosed in an ornamental casket.

The Prime Ministers will reply.

The Chairman of the City Lands Committee will move "That the Address of Mr. Chamberlain and the replies of Mr. Nehru and Mr. Holland be entered on the Journal of this Court and printed in the Minutes of the proceedings sent to every Member".

The following presentations will be made by the Lord Mayor:—

Charles Frederic Glenny, Esq., M.V.O., Chairman of the City Lands Committee and Mover of the Resolution for the Presentation.

Sir George Henry Wilkinson, Bt., K.C.V.O., Alderman, Seconder of the Resolution for the Presentation.

The two Senior Aldermen present.

Bernard Nathaniel Waley-Cohen, Esq., M.A., Alderman and Sheriff.

William Gilbert Allen, Esq., Sheriff.

The National Anthem will be played.

The Chairman and Members of the City Lands Committee will conduct the Prime Ministers and the Lord Mayor to their carriages.

The Royal Artillery Orchestra under the direction of Captain S. V. Hays, Director of Music, R.A., will perform in Guildhall.

The general company are requested to retain their seats in Guildhall until the departure of the Lord Mayor and the Principal Guests.

THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LONDON

For centuries the privileges of the Freedom were sought eagerly by all who wished to prosper in the City of London. The Freedom was essential to every man who desired to exercise a trade or handicraft within the City. Among the privileges were immunity from Toll at all Markets and Fairs throughout England, freedom from impressment into the Armed Forces, exclusive right to trade both by wholesale and retail within the City, and the right to vote at Ward and Parliamentary Elections.

Most of the practical privileges of the Freedom disappeared in the 18th and 19th centuries but it is still necessary for the Liverymen, who elect the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs, to be Freemen of the City. The Freedom continues to possess a strong sentimental appeal, confers some status within the City and provides certain safeguards in case of distress.

It has been the custom of the Corporation for over two centuries to confer the Freedom by Presentation as an Honour and a mark of high distinction for exceptional services to the City, the Nation, the Commonwealth, or to the world at large. It is the highest honour the City has within its power to bestow. Decisions to confer the Freedom, *honoris causa*, are taken by the Court of Common Council. Among those so honoured may be mentioned Sir Joseph Ward, William F. Massey, Joseph G. Coates, G. W. Forbes, M. J. Savage and Peter Fraser, former Prime Ministers of New Zealand, and Sir Jambhjee Jeejeebhoy, Sir Salar Jung, the Maharajah of Bikaner, Sir Satyendra Prasanna Sinha, the Maharao of Kutch and Srinivasa Sastri of India. All admissions to the Freedom of the City are made by the Chamberlain, who, on occasions when the admission is by way of, or accompanied by, a Presentation, performs the ceremony in the Great Hall in the presence of the Court of Common Council.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

55/61, MOORGATE, E.C.2.

July, 1956.