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CAMERA : V.PARKASH (TEZPUR ASSAM) India.
STORY : GOD KING OF TIBET ARRIVES IN TEZPUR INDIA.
LOCATION : INNER NEFA AREA, FOOTHILLS, TEZPUR.
RAWSTOCK : PLUS X B.

With the news of the escape of the Dalai Lama from Tibet and his entry into India via Twang, TEZPUR, a small town in the north Assam suddenly came into lime light overnight. Hundreds of Pressmen from all parts of the world rushed to this small town which is surrounded by some of the beautiful Tea Gardens of India. Major portion of the Indian Tea is grown in these areas.

No sooner it was announced that the God King of Tibet would travel by train from Tespur, the railway authorities started taking all precautions and now at the eve of his arrival into this to this and his departure by train next morning, brisk preparation were being made at the Tespur Railway ~~Platform~~ Platform for the arrival of the Dalai Lama.

Tespur which had a small Telegraph Office was the greatest centre of attraction for the Newsmen and to cope with the telegraphic traffic the authorities installed the first teleprinter from Tespur to Gauhati the capital of Assam from where the messages were transhiped to Calcutta for onward despatch.

At the time of typing this dope sheet (night before the arrival) the Dalai Lama is expected here tomorrow morning. Your cameraman would be proceeding to Nefa area at 2 AM tonight and he hopes to film him at 7 in the morning. It may not be possible to send a complete dope sheet but he would try if any thing is possible.

Roll. I (in 400 Ft Can)

Panshot of one of the Tea gardens in Assam. Camera rests at the labourers plucking the bud and the two leaves - a common term used in the Tea garden for plucking good tea. 2

Various shots of women plucking Tea in the Tea Garden. Several Shots Close up of hands plucking the tea. CU of face, Several shots of women labourers. Close up of a woman with child wrapped on the back plucking tea. Various CU shots of women and children.

Shot of the Tezpur station. Shot of an engine moving away. Assam is connected with a narrow guage small size railway which is quite slow. The Dalai Lama would be travelling by this railway to Massorie a hill station about 200 miles North of New Delhi.

Several street scenes of Tezpur.

One day in anticipation of the departure of the special train in which the God King of Tibet would travel from Tezpur, arrangements for catering food in the railway train were being made at the station platform. Long shot of food preprations arrangements on the railway platform.

Several shot of workers cleaning utensils etc. Shot of a person grinding the curry powder ingredients for making curries for the Dalai Lama.

XX Shot of baskets of live poultry being brought. These would be served on the special train which would carry the Dalai Lama.

Shot of a street scene of Tezpur. Shot of Policeman guiding traffic which is mostly cycle.

Shot of the Tezpur Telegraph Office. Two Pressmen going inside to file their copy.

Shot of the new teleprinter which was installed to cope with the cables traffic ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ TEZPUR had necer heard of.

In the following rolls there would be coverage of the arrival of the Dalai Lama and time permitting I shall scribble few lines.

XX Shot of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ two women sweeping the lawns of CIRCUIT HOUSE where the Dalai Lama would rest for a short time while in TEZPUR.

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At the Circuit House several shots of Dalai Lamas family members arriving.

Shot of Dalai Lamas mother and ~~xxxxxx~~ sister.

Shots of Tibetans members of Dalai Lamas Council arriving and meeting each other.

Shot of famous Austrian Mr. Harrer who was in Tibet for 6 years and speaks Tibetan language talking to Dalai Lamas mother.

Few more shots of Tibetans at the Circuit House.

CAMERA : V.PARKASH

STORY : THE DALAI LAMA 'S FIRST PICTURES OF ARRIVAL
AT THE FOOTHILLS. (ASSAM)

PLUS X. B. 18th April, 59.

For going to the Foothills, your cameraman had to leave Tejpur at 2 in the morning on Saturday the 18th April. The Press had to dash and be a gate crasher because the facilities were not coming in the normal way.

After long waiting of several weeks the Dalai Lama arrived at foothills in a covered Station Wagon (Willys Jeep) He was welcomed by the high officials of the Assam Government who presented him with a scarf as a token of great respect.

Dalai Lamas younger brother was very happy and was smiling in great delight. His mother and sister were sitting in the jeep while the Dalai Lama went and met the officials at the Foothills.

Roll 1.

Shot of Press Correspondents gate crashing. The Army were keeping them behind. The Press were keen to go forward and wait for the Dalai Lama in the Inner Nefa area. (North Eastern Frontier Agency)

Several shots of Pressmen forcing their way and coming forward with cameras etc in their hands.

Shot of the Area commander pacifying the Press and he later agreed to give facilities for the coverage at the Inner Nefa area which had been closed to Pressmen earlier.

(Here I changed the roll after exposing about 60 feet. I wanted to ensure good length for the arrival coverage.) I may be using the balance of 40 feet unexposed at some later scene.

Roll 2.

Long shot of the caravan of jeeps arriving at Foothills.

Jeep station wagon flying the Indian and the Tibetan Flags arriving and passing in front of the camera. The dalai lama arrived in this station wagon.

Shot of the Dalai Lama coming (he came out of the car from the other side not favourable to the camera) forward and being greeted by the officials of the Assam Government who presented him with scarf as a token of highest respect. Several shots of the Dalai Lama surrounded by the officials and the Press.

Close up of the Dalai Lama smiling.

Shots of the Assamese and Tibetan women who had gathered at the spot.

Roll. 2 Continued...

Shot of Dalai Lama's sister sitting in the jeep.

Shot of jeep which had brought Dalai Lama's luggage party moving away.

Roll. No. 3.

Shot of Dalai Lama's younger brother giving a broad smile. He appeared to be very very happy.

Shots of ~~Tibet~~ Pressmen going around the members of the Dalai Lama's party and putting microphones before them.

At the Circuit House in Tezpur shot of La-kungwa who was the Tibetan Prime Minister in 1954. La Kungwa is seen with another member of the Tibetan Cabinet who had come away from Tibet when the Dalai Lama came to India last time. He did not go back for the fear of Chinese.

CU of LA Kungwa who had come from Kalimpong to see the Dalai Lama.

Shot of the ~~Sumat~~ Circuit House in Tezpur with the guard standing in the frame. It is most secured place in Tezpur where the Dalai Lama will come and stay for a short while.

Shot of Dalai Lama representative making a statement in Tibet.

Roll. 4.

Shots of the biggest public meeting in Tezpur. Shots of crowd. The Dalai Lama arriving in car coming up the step. A golden umbrella was given shade to him. Various shots at the rostrum as he blessed the gathering.

Roll. 5.

More shots of meeting. Here Dalai Lama briefly thanked Indians. More shots of crowd.

~~Between~~ there are shots of Tibetans seated on chairs. They are members of his council.

Shot of Dalai Lama arriving at Railway Station.

Shot of entering in the train.

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Roll. 6.

Several shots made at the Circuit House when Dalai Lama arrived there. For his arrival shot please see at the end of Roll I which I had wrapped after exposing 60 ft. I covered the arrival by car on that reel.

On this reel No. 6 there are shots of his mother and others.