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STORY : NEHRU MEETS THE DALAI LAMA AT MUSSOORIE

LOCATION : MUSSOORIE 23rd-24th April 59

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MUSSOORIE , a beautiful hill station 200 miles north of New Delhi has been selected for the stay of the Dalai Lama in India. Mussoorie may not be as cold as Lhasa but it certainly is not as warm as other towns of India. It is more than 6,000 feet high from the sea level and the platial 'BIRLA HOUSE' (property of one of the famous Indian industrialists Mr. Birla) which is at a greater height can accomodate all members of the Dalai Lamas party.

On Friday the 24th Mr. Nehru arrived by car from New Delhi and later riding on a horse back he proceeded to Birla House for his meeting with the Dalai Lama. At the Birla House Mr. Nehru was greeted by the lined up ministers and high officials of the Dalai Lamas government. They all offered scarves to Mr. Nehru, then took off their hats and bowed low and shook hands. The Dalai Lama had all smiles when he came out of his room and greeted Mr. Nehru with folded hands. After the exchange of scarves Mr. Nehru

and the Dalai Lama shook hands and after posing for the photographers for a short while both walked in for their first meeting.

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Long shot of the snow covered Himalayan range which are visible from Mussoorie. This view is visible from Birla House where the Dalai Lama would be staying in Mussoorie.

Shot of the Mussoorie hill station with scattered houses built all around the hills.

Street Scene of Mussoorie. Motor vehicle traffic is not permitted on the roads. Rickshaws pulled by 4 coolies are the only means of mobile transport. There is hardly any traffic on the roads.

The crowded Mussoorie square awaiting the arrival of Mr. Nehru. Several shots of school children. (Mussoorie is famous for its European schools) Some were holding garlands. The music was provided with the rustic beating of the drum and blowing the 'NARSINGHA' which is a long size metal horn.

Long shot of Mr. Nehru's car coming through the arch. Mr. Nehru was standing in an open car and he greeted the public with folded hands. Shots of the car moving away through the thick crowd which had surrounded the car.

Medium shot of Mr. Nehru standing in his open car talking to Mr. Menon who has been specially deputed for the Dalai Lama. Mr. Menon was India's Counsel General in Lhasa and when the arrival of Dalai Lama was announced, Mr. Menon was sent to meet the Dalai Lama at Bomdilla. Mr. Nehru probably had a word about his forthcoming meeting with the Dalai Lama.

Mr. Nehru rode on a horseback for going to the Birla House. Shot of Mr. Nehru riding on horse back followed by other officials going towards the Birla House for meeting the the Dalai Lama.

in an ill lighted room where artificial lights could not be fixed up due to very short notice, shot of Mr. Nehru addressing a Press Conference. It was unexpected and many pressmen were caught unawares. The shots may be under exposed. For details of Press conference please see the press clippings.

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Shot of Birla House where the Dalai Lama is staying in Mussoorie.

Shot of members of Dalai Lamas court who have arrived with him walking in the verandah.

Shot of lined up photographers waiting for the picture of Dalai Lama with Mr. Nehru.

Shot of Mr. Nehru being greeted by the ministers and high officials of the Dalai Lamas government. They offered scarves to Mr. Nehru, then took off their hat, bowed down and then shook hands. Several shots as Mr. Nehru met them one by one.

Shot of Dalai Lama giving a broad smile coming ~~out~~ out of his room to greet Mr. Nehru. Shot of Mr. Nehru coming from the other direction. Dalai Lama greeting Mr. Nehru with folded hands and exchange of scarves they shook hands. Later they posed for photographers and then moved in for their first meeting.

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