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SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS IN INDIA.

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Marchioness of Linlithgow greet Sir Stafford Cripps on his arrival at New Delhi for consultations with leaders of Indian Political parties. First to confer with him is Maulana Abul Azad, the President of the Congress. Mr. Jinnah, leader of the Muslim League, arrived in smiling mood. Sir Stafford's task has been described as the most delicate mission in the history of the British Commonwealth. Representatives of the Princes, are the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes. In white is the Chancellor, His Highness the Maharaja of Nawagar, and with him is the warrior ruler His Highness the Maharaja of Bikaner. Another caller is Sir Henry Gidney, Leader of the Angle-Indians and Domiciled Europeans. The Sikhs and delegates to represent their important Community.

Pandit Nehru one of the most important political figures in India has one of several meetings with Sir Stafford while in Company with Maulana Abul Azad.

The Mahatma Gandhi, clad in his lein-clãth and shawl, entered largely into the discussions which, although destined to reach a deadlock, will at least provide a basis for future negotiations.