
CURRENT SCIENCE—FIFTY YEARS AGO

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DISARMAMENT

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WHEN the proceedings of the Disarmament Conference were resumed we might have almost prophesied that the delegates of the principal powers in Europe would never reach or evolve a common formula. The peace talks of Sgr. Mussolini and Mr. MacDonald and later of M. Herriot and Sgr. Mussolini and the subsequent conversations of the British Premier with President Roosevelt might have led one to hope that the time was not far off when the harassed world would witness the dawn of peace.

Hitlerism in Germany has become synonymous with Militarism. Under the guise of relieving unemployment, Herr Hitler is proposing to re-arm and train the younger generation for military service. In

other words, this is a mild form of conscription and fundamentally opposed to the Treaty of Versailles.

We firmly hold that the proposals for Disarmament will never bear fruit unless the spirit of militarism and the mutual distrust, jealousies and fears are removed. They can disappear only when the European powers become thoroughly Christian in spirit and in deed.

Unfortunately, the problems of Disarmament have become complicated on account of their close relationship with those of economics and from the speeches of Mr. MacDonald and President Roosevelt it is clear that the success of the World Economic Conference depends upon an early and speedy and satisfactory solution of the questions agitating the Disarmament Conference. ★★★★★

ANNOUNCEMENT

INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY MEDALS

The Aryabhata medal for 1983 of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) has been awarded to Prof. S. Dhawan, Chairman of the Space Commission at the 70th Session of the Indian Science Congress, at Tirupati, by the Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

INSA medals for 1982 have been awarded to sixteen young scientists below 32 years of age. The awards carry a cash of Rs. 5000 each. The awardees are: Dr. Asima Anand, Patel Chest Institute, New Delhi, Dr. Rajendra Bhatia, Bombay University, Dr. S.R. Gadre, Poona University, Dr. Parthadeb Ghosh, Kalyani University, West Bengal, Dr. J.S. Goela, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, Dr.

Goutam Gupta, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Dr. S. K. Gupta, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, Dr. Yogendra Gupta, Maula Azad Medical College, New Delhi, Dr. S.S. Hassan, Garwal University, Dr. E.D. Jemmis, Hyderabad University, Dr. R.K. Kaul, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Dr. N. Mohan Kumar, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay, Dr. I. V. Ramanuja Rao, Delhi University, Dr. Amitaya Raychaudhuri, Calcutta University, Dr. V. Seetharaman, Reactor Research Centre, Kalpakkam and Dr. M. V. K. Sivakumar, International Crops Research Institute for Semi-arid Tropics, Hyderabad.