

stopped in the streets and the occupants to be covered with saliva from head to foot. I am thinking of carrying a couple of Mills bombs in my pocket to throw back if anyone makes a hostile demonstration.

There is no doubt that the Congressional party in India is determined that India can never reach nationhood unless she passes through a period of what they call "sacrifice". That is, there must be a generation or two of turmoil, strife, chaos and revolution. They are determined to get rid of British rule believing they cannot develop national status as long as any foreigners control their government in any way. They feel that what is happening in Russia must happen in India and what has gone on in China for 35 years must take place in India. The more moderate people hope that this change of government can be brought about by constitutional methods. There is some hope for that, because India has had a century of experience with British government practices and in recent years have had their share in the administration of the country. The great stumbling block, as I see it in the present Conference is the inability of the Moslems to come to an agreement with the Hindoos who constitute a majority in India. Neither party trusts the other and when either one has had complete control it has meant the physical suffering, if not extermination of the other. I think the Conference will agree to a Federal government for India with a somewhat extended, but yet restricted franchise when the representations of the Hindoos and the Moslems shall be definitely stated. For certain departments such as the army, foreign affairs, and finance, these will be kept, for the time being, in the hands of the British. I cannot see how it can be otherwise because control of the army is the only safeguard for any sort of peace and security in India. You can readily see why the other two departments must remain in the control of the British. The Indian princes of whom there are over 500 and who have Treaty Rights with the British, are generally on the British side. They see, of course, that in this revolution their day is past and that their sons are going to have far less power than they, who are autocrats, now enjoy; but nobody can tell how they eventually will line up.

The larger question is, shall India join with Russia and the rest of Asia, or shall she remain as part of the British Empire which, with the United States, is the only offset that I can see to the great Asiatic menace. Nobody