

August Calder speaking on the opening day of the three-day international symposium on colonial and post-colonial encounters at the Bangla Academy premises in the city yesterday. Seated from (L to R) Professor KS Murshed, Nasreen Khundkar, Imtiaz Ahmed. — Star photo

## 'Nation must cease looking back'

By Staff Correspondent

A three-day international symposium on Colonial and Post-Colonial Encounters, organised jointly by the Department of English, University of Dhaka, and the Bangla Academy, Dhaka, began with its inaugural session yesterday. Opening speeches were given by Professor Haroonur Rashid, Director-General of Bangla Academy and Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University.

The seminar is the fourth in a series of biennial symposia arranged by the English Department of Dhaka University over the past six years, but the first in association with the Bangla Academy.

In his opening speech, chief guest, Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, expressed his satisfaction at the mutual collaboration of Bangla Academy and Dhaka University which fact emphasised "that studies in English and Bangla are not mutually exclusive," and his hope that future collaboration will take place on many more topics.

He ended by emphasising that for a nation to go forward, "it must cease looking back to its pre-colonial past. To do so

is to become disfunctional. It has taken Bangladesh 23 years to realise this ... to realise that no nation can be isolated, and that there is no need to disregard a language because of the past."

Although the symposium focuses on issues of concern to English literature, the papers being presented cover a wide range of disciplines including politics, economics and history, and is based on international exchange, with experts taking part from Bangladesh, India and Britain.

The keynote address, given by Professor Fakrul Alam, Chairman of the Department of English, Dhaka University, discussed Edward Said's seminal works, which led to the radical transformation of cultural studies in the late '70s and provided a platform for the study of colonial encounters, and post-colonial intellectuals.

### Aijaz speaks in today's seminar

A three-day international symposium on "Colonial and Post-colonial Encounters" began at city's Bangla Academy auditorium yesterday, says a

press release.

The Department of English, Dhaka University, and the Bangla Academy have jointly organised the symposium.

Scholars and writers from both home and abroad are taking part, and generating debates and discussions relevant to literary and cultural studies in this part of the world.

An open-to-all special session of the symposium will be held today, from 2-4:30 pm, at the same venue, with Professor Aijaz Ahmed as the main discussant.

Aijaz Ahmed, whose 'In Theory' has meanwhile become a landmark in the field of post-colonial cultural and literary studies, is now reckoned one of the prominent thinkers and cultural critics of this time.

This special session will be attended by scholars, researchers, writers, academicians and students.

Professor Aijaz Ahmed is also likely to give a talk at the Bangladesh Lekhok Shibtr sometime after December 22.

## HSC combined merit list of Comilla Board

By Staff Correspondent

Following are the combined merit lists of different groups of Higher Secondary Certificate examinations under the Comilla Board.

**SCIENCE, AGRI SCIENCE AND HOME ECONOMICS GROUP:**

1st. Farzana Hamid, Roll-101148, Sylhet Government Girls' College (927).

2nd. Bhuiyan Mohammad Golam Kibria, Roll-114666, Comilla Cadet College (922).

3rd. Suprio Roy, Roll-103172, Chittagong College (921).

4th. Mohammad Hasanuzzaman, Roll-103170, Chittagong College (918).

5th. Mohammad Arifuzzaman, Roll-114657, Comilla Cadet College (914).

**HUMANITIES, ISLAMIC STUDIES AND MUSIC GROUP:**

1st. SM Mohibul Hasan, Roll-347129, Comilla Cadet College (832).

2nd. Tabassum Tahamina Shagufta Hossain, Roll-310170, Chittagong College (827).

3rd. Nurunnaher Begum, Roll-340289, Chandpur Purana Bazar College (821).

4th. Subir Kanti Das, Roll-310247, Chittagong College (810).

5th. Taniya Kamal, Roll-340290, Chandpur Purana Bazar College (808).

**COMMERCE GROUP:**

1st. Muhammad Maniruzzaman, Roll-513005, Comilla Victoria Government College (756).

2nd. Kazi Abu Taher, Roll-514485, Sreekaill College, Comilla (747).

3rd. Mohammad Abu Bakar Siddik, Roll-514506, Sreekaill College, Comilla (738).

4th. Mofidul Alam, Roll-501719, Government Commerce College, Chittagong (731).

5th. Masudur Rahman Pavel, Roll-516042, Akhaura Shahid Smriti College, Brahmanbaria (729).

### CU vacation

CHITTAGONG, Dec 20: The offices of the University of Chittagong will remain closed from December 24 to 31, on account of Christmas Day, *Shub-e-Meraj* and winter vacation, reports BSS.

## HSC combined merit list of Jessore Board

By Staff Correspondent

Following are the combined merit lists of different groups of Higher Secondary Certificate examinations under the Jessore Board.

**SCIENCE, AGRI SCIENCE AND HOME ECONOMICS GROUP:**

1st. SM Monirul Haque, Roll-101739, Barisal Cadet College (937).

2nd. Md Mahmudur Rahman, Roll-109065, Jhenidah Cadet College (931).

3rd. Mortuza Ali, Roll-101743, Barisal Cadet College (928).

4th. Golam Kibria Zaman, Roll-101746, Barisal Cadet College (923).

5th. Anupam Halder, Roll-101727, Barisal Cadet College (921).

**HUMANITIES, ISLAMIC STUDIES AND MUSIC GROUP:**

1st. Sheikh Noor Mohammad, Roll-353411, Jhenidah College (883).

2nd. Sanzida Akhtar, Roll-343729, Government Women College, Jessore (878).

3rd. Md Mahmud Hasan,

Roll-310282, Barisal Cadet College (857).

4th. Md Kamruzzaman, Roll-353937, Kaliganj MU College, Jhenidah (854).

5th. AKM Fazle Rabbi, Roll-310290, Barisal Cadet College (848).

**COMMERCE GROUP:**

1st. Abu Hossain Muhammad Ahsan, Roll-503314, Azam Khan Government Commerce College, Khulna (810).

2nd. Md Moïn Uddin, Roll-500719, Government Brajomohan College, Barisal (786).

3rd. Muhammad Mizanoor Rahman Howlader, Roll-501617, Sher-e-Bangla Degree College, Barisal and Tania Afroze, Roll-503132, Azam Khan Govt Commerce College, Khulna (763).

4th. Md Jahurul Alam, Roll-502636, Swarupkathi Govt College, Perojpur (758).

5th. Md Nasrullah Khan, Roll-502252, Govt Sohrawardy College, Perojpur (753).

## Japanese cultural troupe due today

An 8-member Japanese cultural troupe arrives in the city today on a four-day visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

The troupe will hold a Japanese popular folk music and dance performance at Shilpakala Academy at 5:30 pm on Friday.

## What's on today....

**Film show:** The Unmesh Film Society will hold screening of a two-day film show on United Germany's past. On the opening day film *Das Winterhaus (The Winter House)* will be screened. Venue: Goethe-Institut, Dhaka (Road-2, Dhanmondi). Time: 6 pm.

**Seminar on Russel philosophy:** A seminar on "Conventional Philosophy and Bertrand-Russel: A Study" will be held. Venue: Arts Building, DU. Time: 4 pm. The key-note paper will be presented by Dr Nayeema Haq, Assistant Professor of the Department of Philosophy. Prof-Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Dr Wakil Ahmed will preside.

**Krishibid Institution seminar:** The institution has arranged a seminar titled "Role of livestock in poverty alleviation." Venue: BARC auditorium. Time: 10:30 am. Chief guest: Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al-Noman. Special guest: State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moeen Khan.

**Amnesty Int'l rally:** The Amnesty International Bangladesh will hold a juvenile mass gathering. Dr Kamal Hossain will address the gathering, aimed at pressing for the demand of implementing The Universal Human Rights Charter. Venue: Kendriya Shaheed Minar. Time: 2:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid-Town:** The club's weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka South:** The club's weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Reception:** The Bangladesh Dokan Malik Samity Federation and the Dhaka City Dokan Malik Samity Federation will accord a reception to FBCCI president Salman F Rahman. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 10:30 am.

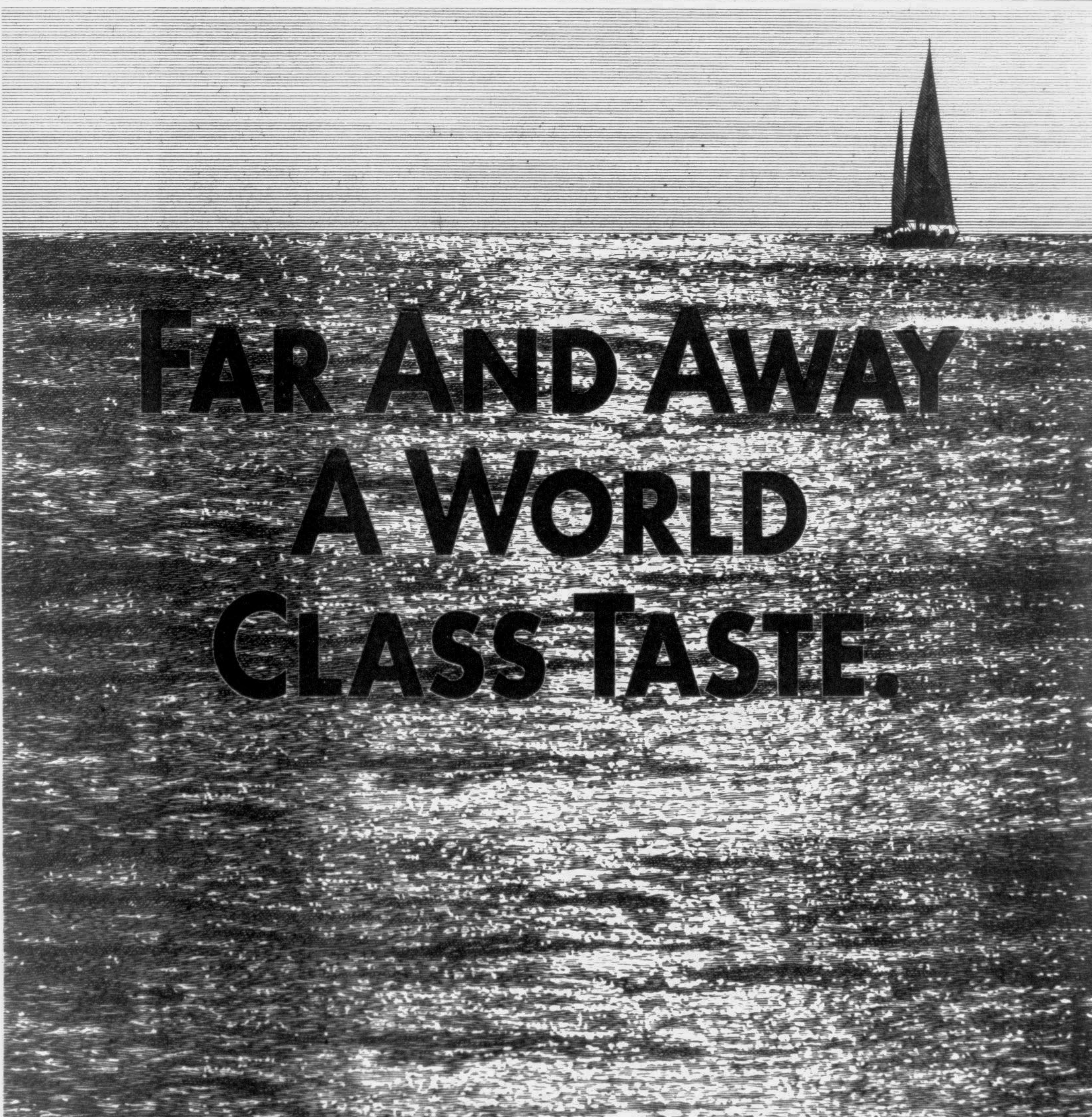
**Popolo reception:** The Popolo, a Dhaka University based urban studies centre, will give a farewell reception to MSS final examinee of 1991. The reception will be followed by a launch and a cultural programme. Venue: TSC cafeteria, DU. Time: 11 am.

**Discussion:** A seminar on "Philosophy of *Majbhandar* and Discussion on the Life of Hazrat Moulana Syed Ziaul Haque Majbhandari" will be held. Venue: Institution of Engineers.

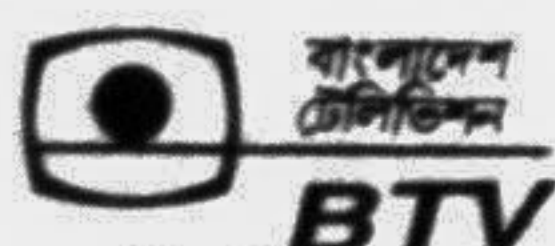
**Installation ceremony:** The joint installation ceremony of the Lions Clubs of Dhaka Competent, Crown, Kofaolgandhar, New Crescent and the Sunflower will be held. Venue: Kurmitola Golf Club, Dhaka Cantonment. Time: 6:30 pm.

**DU History Deptt talk:** The History Department will hold a talk on martyred intellectuals. Venue: IBA auditorium, DU. Time: 10 am.

**Centre for Policy Dialogue:** The Centre for Policy Dialogue will hold a dialogue on "Reforming Public Administration for Improved Performance and Accountability." Policy makers, parliament members, professionals and donors representatives will take part in the day-long session at a local hotel.



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## Discussion on Victory Day

By Staff Correspondent

The Anjumaney Etehadul Mushammun organised various programmes on the occasion of Victory Day at Qasemabad Darbar Sharif under Mirpur thana.

The programmes included hosting of national flag, Quran Khwani and a discussion meeting. The discussion was participated among others by eminent Mukti Joddha Commander Hazrat Maulana Akhtar Hossain Bokhari, Peer Shahab of Tan gail, President of Bastahara Dal Gazi Muhammad Shahjahan, Karamat and Maulana Mu jibur Rahman.



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