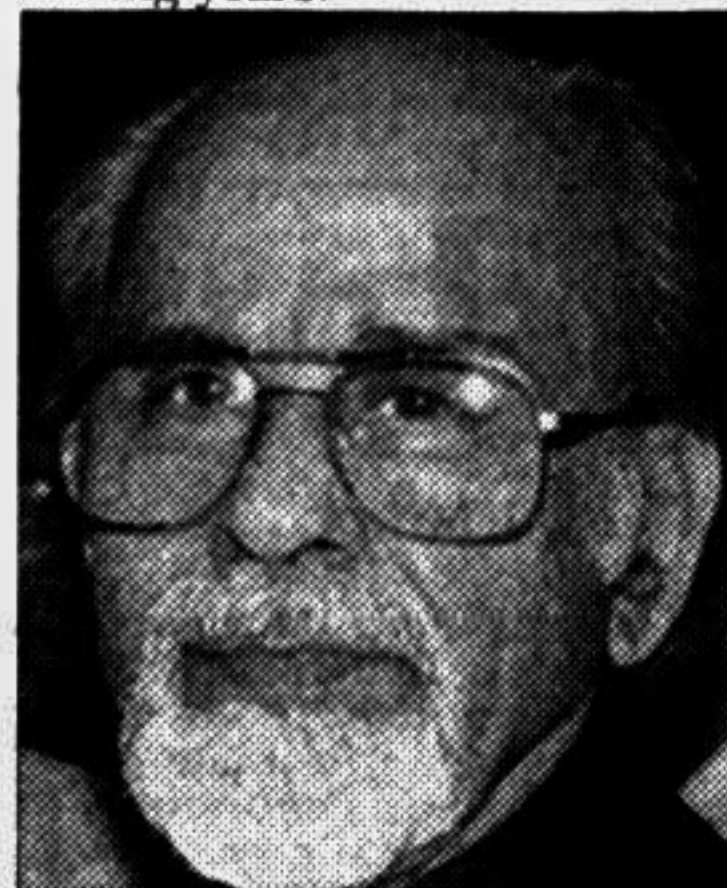


The future of the subcontinent is in togetherness: Gujral

LONDON, Aug 13: On the day of India's celebrations for 50 years of independence...

pointed to the fact that South Asia is due to become a free trade zone by 2001...

the middle classes over the last 50 years, but admits that improving the standard of living for the rest of India's people is one of the challenges for the coming years.



What was the starting point in 1947? he asks. There are always two ways of looking at things. Is there a glass half full...

of water or half empty? We take pride in the half full... but I would also be concerned about half empty.

Sino-US ties good, says Chinese president

BEIDAIHE, Hebei, Aug 13: President Jiang Zemin, meeting yesterday with Samuel R. Berger, Assistant to the US President for National Security Affairs...

He said that because China and the US have different social systems, ideologies, cultural traditions, historical backgrounds, and levels of development...

NATO forces start inspecting Bosnian Paramilitary units

WASHINGTON, Aug 13: NATO forces have begun inspecting weaponry held by paramilitary units in Bosnia in an effort to crack down on them...

inspections by the NATO-led peacekeeping forces. Meanwhile, ABC News reported that teams of British, US and French commandoes are being trained in Europe to capture Karadzic and his former military chief, Gen. Ratko Mladic...

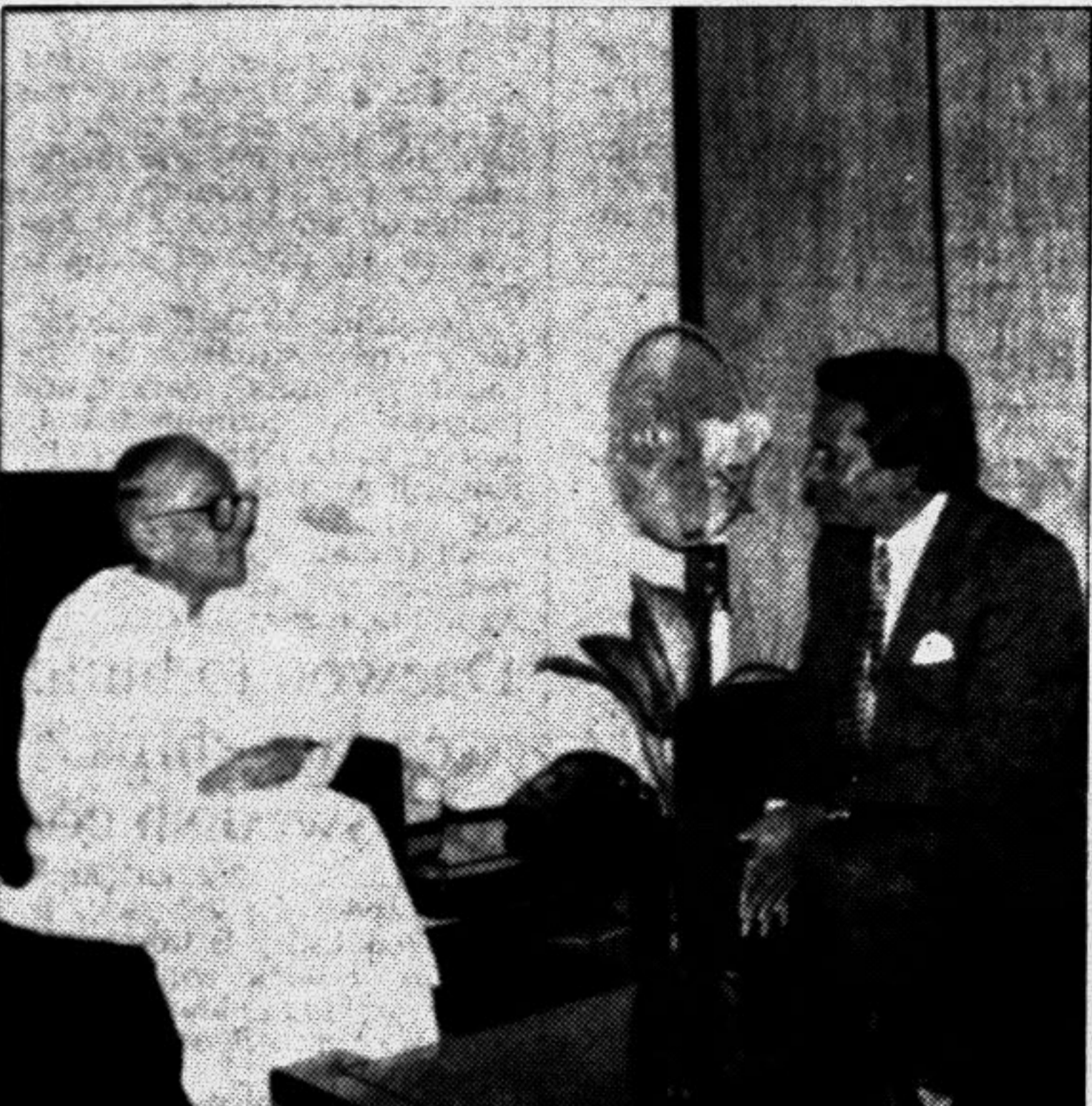
460758 die of AIDS in Uganda in 9 years

KAMPALA, Aug 13: Some 460,758 people have died of AIDS in Uganda over the past nine years, the official New Vision newspaper reported on Tuesday...

Indian FF's gather to mark golden jubilee of liberty

NEW DELHI, Aug 13: Veterans of India's freedom struggle gathered Wednesday to celebrate the golden jubilee of the liberty for which they spent their youth fighting, reports AP.

But Vanshropan Singh, who lives with Joshi in a government home for old freedom fighters in New Delhi, was up-beat.



Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in Calcutta Sheikh Ahmed Jalal called on Jyoti Basu, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, recently at Writers' Building in Calcutta.

BRIEFLY

Blair to meet Jospin in France: British Prime Minister Tony Blair will meet his French counterpart Lionel Jospin next week during his holiday in southwest France...

Landslide claims 5 in China: Five people were killed and four were missing in a landslide and floods in southern China's Guangxi province...

Curfew relaxed in Liberia: The newly elected government relaxed a seven-year curfew on Tuesday in the latest sign of reduced tensions since the end of the civil war...

4 die as ferry overturns in Vietnam: A crowded ferry collided with barges and overturned outside Hanoi throwing dozens of people into the water and killing at least four...

Earthquake shakes Japan: A moderate earthquake registering 6.1 on the Richter Scale rocked Miyako island in Japan's Okinawa chain today...

Moro rebels kill 2 in Philippines: Two suspected murderers were shot to death by a firing squad of Muslim rebels in a town near this southern Philippine city...



Masked South Korean workers unload a coffin containing the remains of one of the victims of the Korean Air Flight 801 that crashed in Guam on August 5 from a Korean Air plane at Kimpo International Airport in Seoul Wednesday...

Suharto wants peaceful end to armed conflict in E Timor

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug 13: Indonesia's President Suharto has indicated he wants a peaceful end to the armed conflict in East Timor as part of his legacy...

he is nearly at the end of his regime. Ramos-Horta told an audience of Rotarians in Sydney...

King Hussein ready to talk to Islamic opposition

AMMAN, Aug 13: King Hussein said Tuesday he was prepared to talk to the Islamic opposition about its planned election boycott...

Two weeks earlier, when the Islamic Action said it would boycott the November 4 parliamentary elections, the king said he would not consider dialogue with the Muslim Brotherhood...

Chechen made official language in Chechnya

MOSCOW, Aug 13: Chechnya's parliament voted to make Chechen the official language of the southern republic and declared Russian a foreign tongue...

Bollywood halts filming to protest killing of Gulshan Kumar

BOMBAY, Aug 13: Filming ground to a halt in India's movie capital here today in protest at the Mafia-style killing of a multi-millionaire film producer...

not a good sign. We are creative people. And if we cannot make films in peace, it would be better to stop making films...

Sihanouk urges Cambodian leaders to help restore peace

PHNOM PENH, Aug 13: King Norodom Sihanouk urged Cambodia's leaders Wednesday to help restore peace and prosperity to their country...

"passed without confrontation." In response to questions, he also said that Hun Sen had turned down his offer to give up the throne.

Buddhist observances. Sihanouk is in Beijing for medical treatment, but in the past has used his absence from Cambodia as a signal suggesting disapproval of events in his homeland...

major political implications. Hun Sen led a 45-member delegation that went to Beijing to explain the political changes...

He instead voiced serious concern about continued violence and killings in the aftermath of the takeover. "Everyone has to do whatever possible so there will be only non-violence, national reconciliation, and unity by living together in peace...



Files: Abandoned Hutu refugee children wait for food given by the UNHCR in Mbandaka, Congo, northeast of Kinshasa, June 24, 1997. Many children were separated from their families or abandoned as Rwandan refugees fled the recent civil war in Zaire, now renamed Congo.