

YEP TALK

The Young Entrepreneurs & Professionals page

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TODAY'S page was supposed to be written on the sufferings of HARTALS. How each person suffers individually and collectively we wanted to point it out. But at one point we thought it wouldn't work. No one is going to pay any heed to it. Hundreds and thousands of write-ups have already been published protesting this unwanted element in our national life and highlighting the fatal side of these fruitless strikes but in vain. Nothing has so far happened because of these write ups published in different newspapers & magazines. It seems no one is at all bothered about the so called political programmes these days. This is what that alarmed us the indifference and apathetic attitude towards the prevailing situation by all people. A total frustrating scenario. But YEP members would be the last ones to feel frustrated and remain cool. They have no political affiliation, each of them are young, energetic, full of life and vigour, they have a vision. They not only love their motherland but is self motivated to work for the betterment of their own professions and for doing that they are working in many groups.

What is our dream? Or should we call it a dream? We want to make people realize how beautiful the country still is and what a wonderful life can be lived here. Can't we plan & work to re-build such a Bangladesh when one won't have to migrate to the developed world for a prosperous life? We can have it here only if we give it a try. See the photographs here, feel tempted. This is our country discover its real charm. Don't go away because Dhaka has become a city of slums, don't leave your own village because you are educated now and deserve a better life than the other members of your community. Stay with them reframe your life pattern along with other members of the community. It will pay you back the sacred soil will never betray you. Rather you will feel deprived once you live the country for a better life. Living in a developed foreign country as a second class citizen, facing racism everywhere in the social life do you call it a prosperous life just because you are financially solvent. We really don't agree with you. We are a few people here, vowed to ourselves to stay here, to work wholeheartedly for our respective professions. We believe that each single profession can be taken seriously if one is committed to it.

Even ten years back it was unthinkable that still-photography can be taken as a single profession but it has now been established as a profession.

Young photographers have started taking the profession seriously. But the situation was not that smooth in the beginning. The pioneers of this profession who took the pain of bringing still-photography in the present position are Mr. Anwar Hossain, Shahidul Alam, M A Beg, Abul Kashem Daddy and some young ones. Still photography was never seen with professionalism. It had always been an amateur's work. But these days both the noted photographers and the young ones are not only being awarded for their noted works but they are earning money too. Still photography has become a means of earning bread. These days you can expect a good job if you are a good still-photographer. In the major cities of the country including the capital city one can find many renowned galleries where exhibitions of still photography (and other) take place regularly. Drik Gallery, Map are among the most noted one in the city. These galleries arrange exhibitions, of the young and renowned ones, they also buy and sell photographs, arts etc. The young photographers are taking still photography seriously day by day.

In fact whatever you do, you must do it seriously and sincerely. You may be a doctor, an engineer, a teacher, an entrepreneur, a journalist, a photographer, whatever is your profession you must think that only by taking your job wholeheartedly you can bring prosperity into your own life as well as into your profession. In any work professionalism is the core word. If you are an artist try to be the best artist of your area if not of the country. Be the best teacher of your school be the best doctor of your district be the best photographer of your locality.

If the young generation starts believing in professionalism, can come out of all sorts of frustration, can make themselves believe that there is still enough time to work collectively for the country's overall development, if they believe that the real development of the country should be started from the root level and if some of the committed ones are really prepared to accept the challenge we believe positive changes will take place gradually. Over the years we have lost our pride as Bangladeshis. We have started looking down to our own selves. If the society is a rotten one, I am a part of it. I am responsible for its degradation so definitely it is my duty to restore normalcy.

We strongly believe that a positive change is possible if only we all are determined. We dream to see those golden days in our life time.

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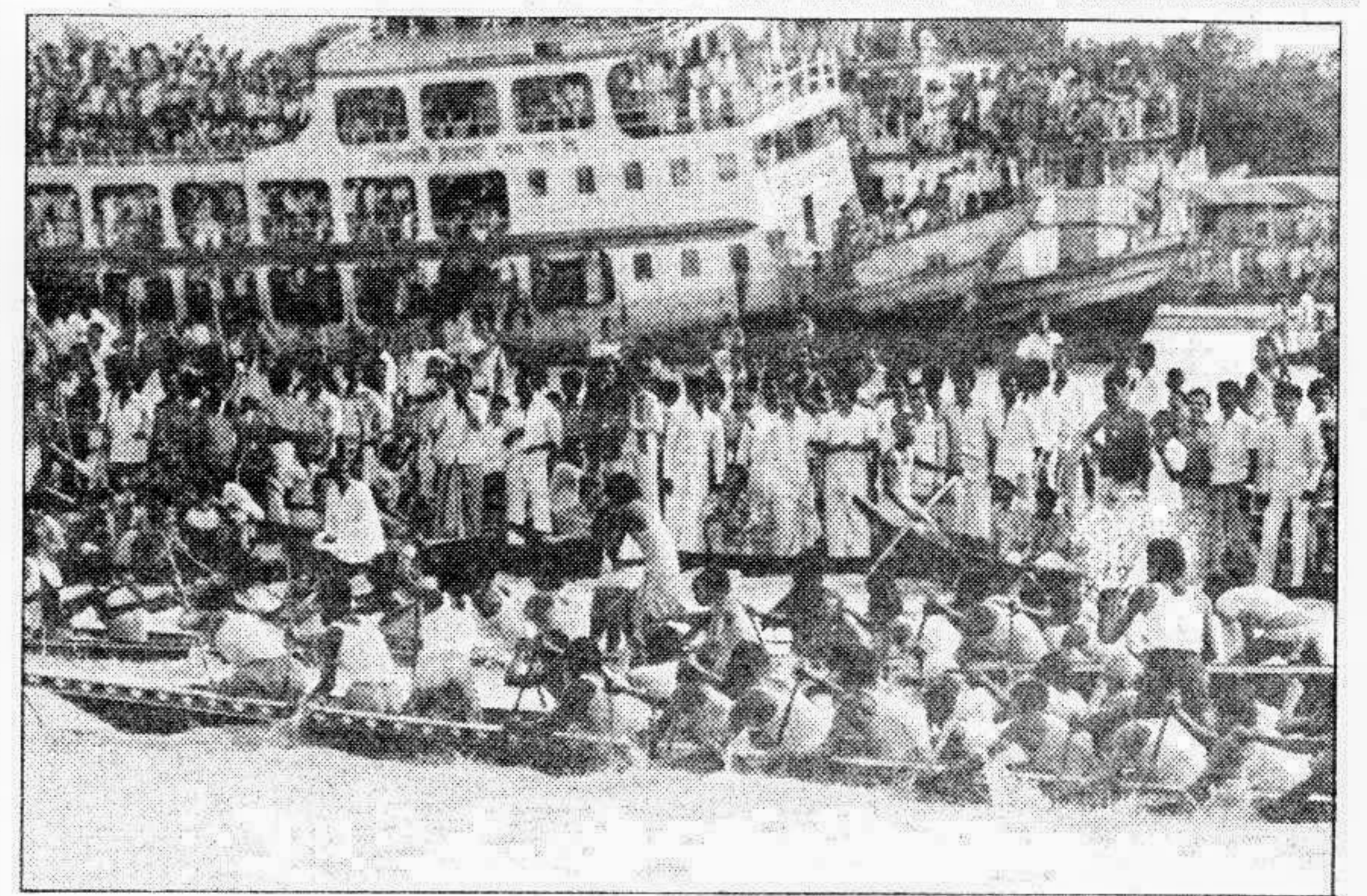
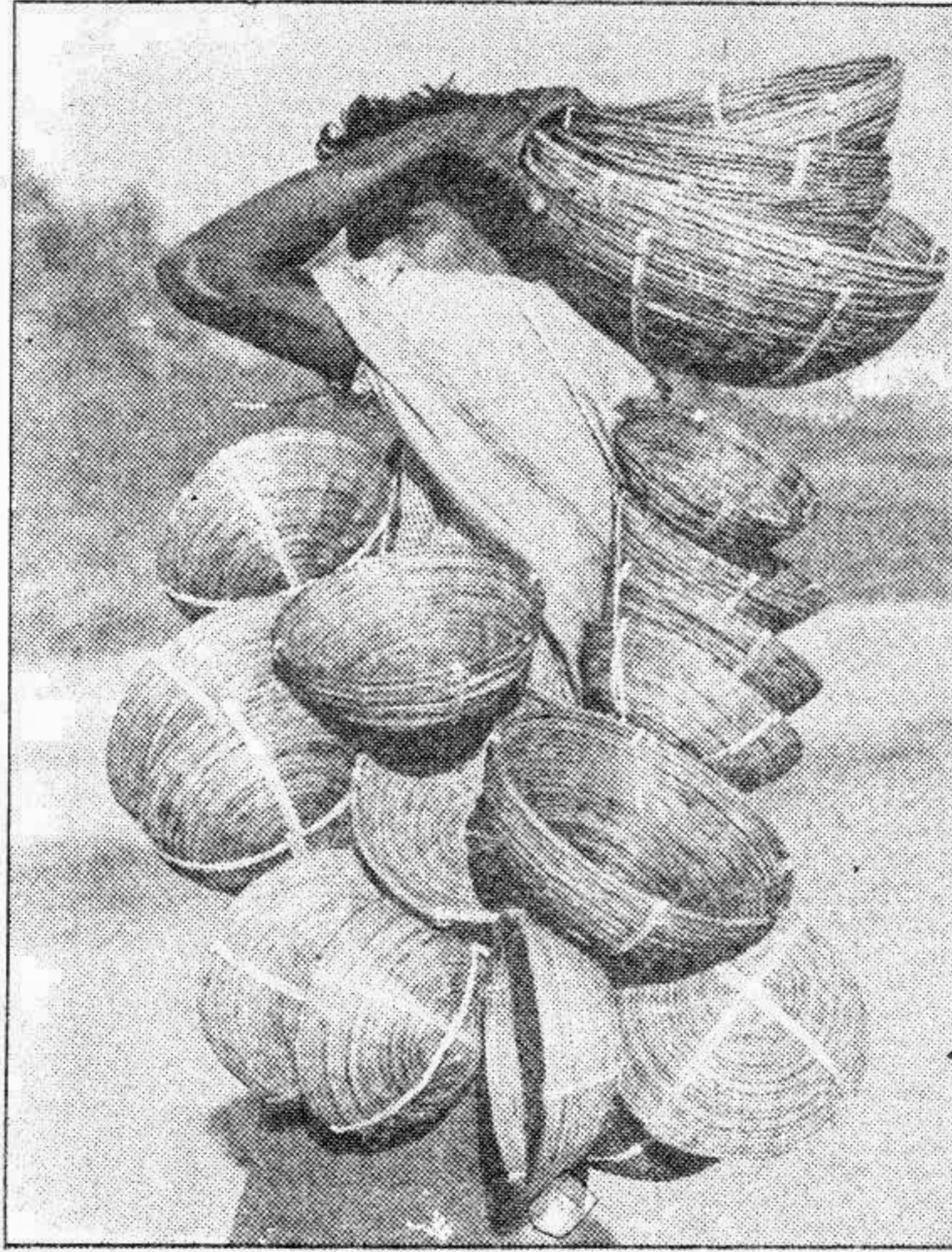


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