

SAKLATVALA WAS BARRED FOR HIS SPEECH ON INDIA

British Fear Exposure of Colonial Mis-Rule

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 18.—While the state department clung to its contention that Shapurji Saklatvala, Communist member of the British parliament, was barred from attending the interparliamentary union, to which he was a delegate, because of his "Communist attachments," it is now definitely known that Saklatvala was denied admittance because of a request of the British government.

Itself unable to prevent Saklatvala's coming, and afraid that he would expose the fearful exploitation of the workers of India by British imperialism, the Baldwin government asked the state department to deny the Communist a passport.

Secretary of State Kellogg, after a conference with President Coolidge, acceded to this request.

Exposed Imperialism

Several congressmen declare that in the next session of congress they will attempt to have a law passed curbing the autocratic powers of the secretary of state to bar foreign visitors.

Senator Borah of Idaho, who criticized the exclusion of the Indian member of parliament, made public what Washington generally considers the real reason for Britain's aversion to his visiting the United States.

In a speech in the house of commons, Saklatvala flamingly denounced British mis-rule in India, in which he contended that if Britain practiced in England what she is practicing in his country "There would not be a man or woman who would not rise and fight to the bitter end to proclaim their rights.

Saklatvala's Crime

"British imperialism must go if humanity is to progress. You call us 'seditious' when we protest against these things. But when you rise in revolt in this country against the ruling classes it is called 'the spirit of democracy.' In India, it is 'sedition, conspiracy and propaganda.'"

Commenting on this, Senator Borah said:

"I think anyone who reads his speech will conclude that Saklatvala's crime was discussing conditions in India."

One of the utterances of Saklatvala to which Kellogg made objections was, "We declare that war is a part of the capitalist system and can therefore only be abolished with the overthrow of capitalism. This means that the whole working class movement must be organizationally and ideologically prepared to fight war by the transformation of the imperialist war when declared into the civil war and the seizure of power by the working class."