

Wednesday
Bangalore
1939

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3 THURSDAY

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See Sir Kanga at his residence & explain the purpose of visit.
& B's decision to start a Centre here provided of course the state
offers or provision, facilities needed... Remind him of his promise
- he agrees... Other talks @ our tour round India and B's
decision to come over here.... "You couldn't find a better
place in India than Mysore..." Said the Dewan. "It seems
so... That is why B... is again coming over here again, and
pines that he has long stay here in 1936 for 6 months was
Not for Nothing and had a definite purpose - though not
disclosed externally.... Other talks @ Prohibition in
Bombay etc. for which he said "it is all too hasty-
indiscreet" - No reform could be made post-haste. Social
evil of the type & life long habits of people could not be forced
up with the stroke of a pen....

Leave Bangalore by the afternoon panayor, arrive Mysore
- Modern Hindu Lodge
7-20

of the station for an effort
to bring his belongings here
Mysore
and for his personal use
I have had the help of the
- from the long
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Start the Search for the required bungalows - see Mr. Subramanyam Dyer - at the Kuntekudde Ashram - then find him later at 10-11. Pleased to see & know of his arrival... happy to co-operate... but proceeding to Bangalore this afternoon for Urgent Meeting... returning Monday....

Meanwhile - we find 2 good bungalows - tho' not ideally secluded & rather too dear, but acceptable as the last resource (Mr. Jayaram's & Paparanna's) - Other bungalows quite unsuitable.

The day's Search reveals nothing of particular interest were to B....

Next day (5th Saturday) - re-start the search on other sides... Find "The White House" - see it - Accommodate with a large garden, yet not ideal, being in populated area.

- Mr. Gangadharan (Supt. Govt House) advises B. - but it is occupied....

He also gives a Note to Mr. Narasimha Naidu, the Municipal President... ^{gone out & when arrived} too busy... 2 hours wasted in waiting to see him....

Appointment to see him at night at his residence... 'No time to breathe' (I & Mrs to go to see the Maharaja)....

When going to see Mr. (artist) on appointment, found in the picture... had to be called out ere for a moment to get a reply from B.C....

"Not seen yet... May try find him tonight..."

Long teleg to B.... - Visit Mr. Ali Khan's place... Son Jawahar goes to shop for oiling his lamp...

Mr. A. Khan is Not in... Not offered to await his arrival, the old man & family standing right on the entrance steps - Had to come out & wait for the temporary to return while the family

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5 SATURDAY

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Visit to the Chairman (Municipality) at his residence at 8 pm. ... nice Gentlemen the New & Old - had to be explained all for the legitimacy, but listened patiently with interest all about B. & expressed willingness to help but couldn't recollect any place to suit our peculiar requirements - yet promised to try & find some few office staff who knew ^{more} about these things.

The Usual hindrance - Sunday intervenes - besides the visit of Dewar tomorrow & the busy time with him - Appointment to see him on Monday bet 2-3 pm.

It rained these 2 days wherever I was out & had canvas shoes on. ... More when the fog had gone & I had to walk to the President's bungalow. Moonlit night but dark due to clouds. ... It neither rained sufficiently nor stopped entirely, but drizzled continually as if to tease people while the dark clouds threatened a heavy down pour any moment.

(Contd. fr. Sunday 6th back page)

When we see Ramswami in the afternoon, the surprise shock of an unexpected refusal. "Guests coming" - Again "As you were" - dreams of an ideally secluded place for the moment shattered. - What's ^{all} this (game) about? - A thing so surprisingly thrown in our laps is again to be deprived.! ... Even in a dejected mood, visit Luxmi prasad - though find nothing to suit us, came across 2 Govt. Guest-houses - the Shesadhe House "Padmalaya" - Let us see what comes out of it.

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This Morning, after going round with Mr. ^{the artist,}
 to see Mr. ^{business} ^{later} returned to Mr. Rameswamy, he
 suddenly remembers ^{in reference to} "a large house on that side" and we at
 once go there together to find the ideal place - Palace &
 secluded both - superbly suited to our requirements ^{even with}
 some furniture in it... If it could be had ^{it was all for good to be had so early} - was my
 apprehension all the time I was in it ^{going round} - Ever
 the outhouse could accommodate the entire camp... what a
 vast area as compared to explore in such quiet & secluded
 corner... Then we go to see the proprietor Mr.

whom Mr. Rameswamy happens to know well... wait till he arrives
 & meet him - a charming young man ^{R... explains -} was pleased to hear
 all about B. & the camp... felt so happy to offer it - Even for
 rent he wouldn't say anything but lease it to us (the official
 stated for Rs 125) He would just consult his wife (daughter of the
 Maharaja's sister) as he formally ought to & let us know in the
 afternoon, but he assured us it was certain & he would be
 pleased to give it...

On station find 2 teleg... B is definitely away on B-
 - Must arrange & arrange ^{of that deal} - (I was just
 thinking of running up myself to shot. case B the trouble to come
 of all the way) ... write a letter explaining everything...

Mr. Chakravarti arrives from Ina Uru - tells of his enterprises
 in Belkhe & suddenly coming over to his side just the time of the
 matter arrival - the pull -

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Mr. Janaki - (Manager - Hindu Hotel) arrived yesterday from Bangalore, in time perhaps for a piece of good advice that he gave re: the bungalow. He made some nice suggestions and even about the party's stay at Bayp on 12th for a day, he had a good piece of advice and suggested independent arrangement rather than request the govt for Guest House etc.

--- Mr. Chakravarthi M.A. (of Mallur) also, came yesterday - happy to meet after so long & to know @ B's coming. He told of his work in selhi as a Principal of a girls school ... prospects of going over to West but for War Service ... and his coming over to this side at this particular time perhaps to meet the Master, who may have some different plans and work for him to do.

An interesting gentleman from Coimbatore - Hd. Master of the Municipal School - who had come to Mysore with a big party of school boys for light-sawing, had a private conversation in which we discussed general & natural science - scenery & subjects. He spoke much @ Srirangapatna - a fertile country rich in vegetation - now being developed ... interesting to visit, @ the quarrel between the state & people (eng.) ...

Mr. Parasuram party have been able to induce Dr. Subanna to rent his bungalow ... he demands 200 - (with furniture & phone etc. (not less than 6 months) - if B is unavailable we might think of it. The 'White House' the 100 is ideally secluded, would be best for a month's stay - however while to see other places ...

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8 TUESDAY

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His telegraph meeting place in Bangalore on 12th... a puzzle? Nothing arranged so far neither here nor there, nor did I know from which side they are coming... so wait till I ask Mr. Lodi but he couldn't be found till evening, so after waiting for him till 4-30. Send a telegraph to meet at Bangalore City Station with other details (find copy)... one more telegraph was sent in the morning asking for 100 reqd. for deposit...

See Mr. Sub. Iyer in the afternoon... give him the message... he offers to send a message to Basavraj party re: the ideal house... and calls me again tomorrow at 10 AM.

The Rameswamy party too also wait watching developments re: the ideal house...

Re: Bangalore arrangements for the party's stay on 12th. Mr. Sub. Iyer suggested asking the Dewan to arrange at the Guest House... first I decided to write - then to write... but eventually to phone him tomorrow morning and ascertain.

(Contd from 9th on opp. page) - Co-incident or Accident or what?

Being informed by Mr. Lamsuram that Mr. P. B. Sengupta was uneasy about his going to Bangalore after fixing up his house - "Anit". I went in the evening - happened to see the "let up for sale" board on the bungalow adjoining Raut's house in Division - David - I scanned likely this' operation all sides & on a public road - Had an interesting talk with Mr. Sengupta - also see the South house behind... all of it to see a board

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9 WEDNESDAY

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Disappointment - Picking up Bangalore to talk with Sir Muza, it is found that the Post House is unavailable. Some ^(Officers) just expects.... "I am afraid nothing could be done... You have to make your own arrangements".... So far, nowhere re: any arrangements & they are coming on 12th! Let's see. We'll try Modern House or Carleton....

The Situation is growing tense for us.... and today, we read in the papers - "Times of India" 5/8-8-39 just received here - the editorial "TOWARDS THE ZERO HOUR" - starting with such sentences - "Europe this month is rapidly moving towards zero hour - not necessarily to a war, but to a point where a decision will be taken one way or the other" These significant remarks ^{about Europe or rather world situation} I think correspond with the situation here - where a decision will be taken (by B.) one way or the other, regarding future stay and plans of a Centre here. The signs are more for inactivity... Discussion shown by interested parties doesn't materialize or bring any fruitful or hopeful results. Days of search all around Mysore only reveals ^{only} one place suited to our requirement & that too slipped out of our hands ^{as swiftly} ^{as if came in}... Others tolerably find demands exorbitant prices.... and on the top of it... the above unhappy reply fr. the highest official of the State who could do much if he just raised his finger... Would it all appeal to B... who does nothing anywhere. Unless there is a responsive co-operation... & for a huge scheme like the Centre the beginning seems here too inactivity! Is he playing his own game, forcing an issue from inside or watching developments to repeat it all at a moment's decision.... Let's see... "a decision will be taken one way or the other" after he arrives. (Perhaps, he already has & is working up something there these preliminary disappointments which might re-act otherwise later...)

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10 THURSDAY

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To see the bungalow "UPASI" next to Hanuman Mission.... See it again -
talk with the clerk in charge that 6 months condition... explained situation &
sent wire to Chimboré for approval & final decision on 14th.....

The "White House" proved to be a long, tedious official process - affair
for submitting application & awaiting approval of Supply Agents etc... Seen the Genl.
Left. Force - mistook me for Pat. Weston who was also trying for the same bungalow
- he explained he couldn't do anything without authority of Superior.... when told
the highest authority in the state
@ the J.D.W. - he was afraid, held his breath ^{"Oh ho"} & said he shouldn't be bothered
for these petty departmental affairs etc. However he consented to have it
cleared, repaired, water works etc for immediate occupation on 13th
- had man with me to see things to be done etc... more than he could clearly
do...

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13 SUNDAY

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The Most eventful & Memorable day - so far as B's inner Working is concerned.... The Meeting with the highest official & Authority in the State - (ex. Major General, the Dewan) under v. strange circumstances and the events that transpired as a result of this - his keenness & desire to keep B. here in Bangalore (instead of at Mysore) - the interest & enthusiasm he exhibited in actual working & how about both B. & party in the Morning & in the Evening - the excitement & uproar it created all around, esp. in the police dept. on duty here City. car (with B.) running after the Dewan's & inquiring all around - the strange circumstances in which both Met in a public park - and then drove with B. in his state car..... all meant but one thing.... B's inner work bringing the highest official of the State to take & much interest in his unique scheme in a manner unusual to his dignity & quite out of the way...

The Evening drive with the Dewan, Mr. Ex-Dewan of Srirangapatna & Mr. Purna.... The Meeting with Mr. the Chief Engineer of the Irrigation & Water Works at who was so much interested in B & wanted to bring him over to Jubbalpore... a surprise for him to find B. here.... B. liked him & worked to interest him in details personally when he came over to the place to stay there for 3/4 days later on...

The Tea-party - the walk around.... wonderful sight both - nature in its beauty & purity - lake (river) - mountains - solitude - all combined in a clear, healthy atmosphere with such keen workers who wanted him to be in Bang. & would do enthusiastically co-operate - No doubt B. liked to stay & meet

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14 MONDAY

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The hunt after the Main Bengalow "The Links" - decided
wasn't catch today

The Jessawalla family's Arrival from Jubbulpore & stopping
here in town of Bengalore -

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Best party left

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"The Links" - decided

San J. ...

B

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Bardul's party with the Zoo - arrives the ^{afternoon} ~~morning~~ from Mysore

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The Other bungalow - No: 4 - Palace Road (belonging to Sir King's
brother) taken up for the school

The kind

to dear Mr
King's brother in the
to the school. Mr

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17 THURSDAY

Bayaloe

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and (Chalongo) to the Mojave

The Visit to to see the New Site near
 the dam now under construction - the Chief Engineer.
 Myself & the Executive Engineer on the spot both arrive in 2 cars
 to take B. party. He drive w 2 cars - one of them, one Calz. -

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discussed: what of the...
 the four sites, in consideration
 electricity, & land other facilities
 and he would not prefer the
 land in Mysore Mysore is a big town
 both by rail & motor - 3 miles
 at least from Mysore - it is better
 about a 1/2 mile - the Mysore
 to the coast of land, water supply
 when the work has been looking
 his practical ideas - but he
 not with the Mysore people
 with a note saying he can't
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 by... & friend of...
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 no difficulty in looking up...
 their... as the highest...
 as every way possible
 to decide here - every...
 enthusiasm really to help...
 all the power & resources of the...
 technical advisers - like...
 that of... the Mysore...

personal explanation
 by B. on Mysore, etc.
 is said to call for
 Mysore, etc. to learn

all generally & special also some
 special notes for family

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19 SATURDAY

Bangalore

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The Dewan's brother (an old friend) who came in to pay his respects to B. reported that there was a ^{meeting} in the City & all congratulated him on his having ^{so} ^{accepted} a ^{person} ^{offer} ^{to} ^{buy} ^{the} ^{land} ^{at} ^{the} ^{low} ^{rate} ^{of} ^{Rs} ⁵ ^{lacs} as his tenant, in his own house -

Sri Swarna visits "the Centre" this evening. The Group understood - all except the Special 4 - then the private interview with B. - sitting on the floor in Persian fashion - 40 minutes heart-to-heart talk "You are the power here materially; I am the power of virtually everywhere, in my own way - so we want talk of "powers" - but taking as one of my own, I want to talk to you quite frankly that I have 5 Lacs for building... there is a sufficient reserve for running expenses - and I really want to make the Centre Unique. But I want the sum of 5 - to be utilized in real building work and not to be squandered much of it on land etc... I prefer the second site you suggested - I appreciate & am v. happy for your co-operation & interest and would like you to let me have this land at the least rate so that I can utilize more on building... I want the gift but a reasonable offer for the land assessment etc etc"

The Dewan understood all and said that he will always be ready to help and co-operate as he wants it done here & do his best... "I will arrange everything with electric rapidly... always ready to do all he can to see B. ^{his} jump ^{compatible}, & to cooperate heartily in the establishment of the Centre which he himself wished to establish here... " B. as usual said that he would be continually bothered by these 2 (Nov. & Dec) re-requirements etc. to which he replied it would be his pleasure to do his best

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20 SUNDAY.

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Mr. the land-lord & brother of the Dewan, again comes
 in to pay his respects to B. ~~asks~~ for a report about his health
 which was not keeping well (he was just out of a hospital) but before he
 asks, B. conveys his blessings, saying "don't worry" - ಒಲಿ ತುರಿ ಒಲಿ -
 which impresses him & he is glad for he actually was worrying @ his health
 - & B's words give him such the expected relief. He also said that his
 family & his brothers and even our neighbours were all talking @ B. -
 & were all so happy that in fact & why a Scout should come & stay so near
 or between them & congratulated him for having them in his own house -

In the afternoon - phone the Chief Engineer for an appointment tonight -
 then run up the steps of Carlton House - then the Dewan - the case of
 the Chief Engineer... Sunday... leaving it all come home to find -

The Executive Engineer of the Mr.
 arrives this afternoon, promptly as promised, with rough plans of the
 300 acres of the plot selected for our Centre - 200 private, only 100 Govt:
 that was rather disappointing but he suggested that the Govt can give
 other plots in exchange for those within this Area which may be acquired by
 special acquisition Act... The Dewan can do it... Another strip of a hill
 and an open plot between the two hills also suggested to be included in
 our Area to protect foreign ^{in the immediate vicinity} of our boundaries...
 - Suggestion valuable, accepted...

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21 MONDAY

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See the Dewan at his office (Govt. Sect.) at 5 pm. - Knows us over by steps - v. friendly talk - nor. Explains as instructed by B. in the matter of requirement & rate of Govt. & private land... Suggesting an idea of Exchange - He understands but explains that private lands must be purchased before requirement - Govt. will do it on our behalf but for rates, tho' they may demand upto 100, Govt. will try to assess & procure it for us at the cheapest rate - (as given for other land on that side) - He feels v. happy at the developments & Assurance that we are serious & want to go in for the land... "Nowhere else" said nor did this scheme of establishing a centre it go to such an extent of actual working, & B. himself showed ^{or paid} such serious attention to bring it to fruition, as here, mainly due to the spirit of co-operation & enthusiastic collaboration by the Dewan & other executives under his - Otherwise B. always talked of Mysore & had that in mind till we arrived - He kinds you for creative work & with U as the head of Govt. (material world on this side) and he as the spiritual head of our group, working for the spiritual uplift of humanity, should work up something ideal... "See My self v. happy @ it & said "Nowhere could you find such co-operation & results with such a short period - ^{took us to the terrace} to show the beautiful

gardens & flowers for which he has a hobby

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Mr. [unclear]
[unclear]

(Contd. from overleaf) beautiful garden & flowers for which he has a hobby... After a hearty talk for about 20 mins. without any formality and in most familiar tone, and an assurance from him that he and his God. will do all they can to give us all ^{possible} co-operation, help and facility in the laudable pursuit of a Universal Centre, such as B. wishes to start... Will let us know in a few days after consultation with Executives for assessment of Govt. & private funds - as soon as possible - also @ Donkin - he himself said that arrangements will be made for him in the best hospital here (Victoria) under a most efficient Surgeon - to get experience in Surgery & other hospital work... of 12 - and in the afternoon, optional (if Donkin likes or wants to get other experience) It was a most cordial talk... a step forward as to how we get closer to B. and our jump... His personal interest & practical efforts to co-operate are convincing.

From [unclear] Co. & contacts for [unclear] with [unclear].

22 TUESDAY

W. H. H. 1939

~~Bombay~~

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23 WEDNESDAY

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B. does ^{not} allow things done against one's work - especial ~~own~~ ~~family~~ ~~living~~ ~~in the Ashram~~ -

There is a real family squabble again a threatening letter from Mrs. S. ... to B... to send his family away within a week else he would sever all connections B. ordered the family to go at once and whatever they felt, they prepared to leave immediately & the party leave by tonight's mail for Bombay via Querkal with Ed. ...

Re: Ass # - With reg: to Secretarial work, B. was requested to give an Assistant who would sit at the table whole day and carry on office work in my absence when I am out on other business Ex. was suggested & accepted, besides both G. & J. S. - one for Guy & one for Eng. typing work V. Kund and Considerate of B... This would be such a help & one would feel so grateful.

^{mere worldly}
When the world throws one out, B... picks him up - that is
Adi's Mr. Vankar's arrival by car from Dabhad this afternoon ^{the only} ₂₋₁₁₋₃₉
- the unfortunate life history of Mr. V. (vide details by him)
- However unfortunate there may be, the pest of G. & S. has in his case pushed him on, thru desperation, to B... changing a regular curse to blessing. Whatever happened, he is brought to B... with nothing to draw him again toward the world of Maya, & a determination to stick to Him for ever. That is why, quite exceptionally, he was ordered to be brought here from Dabhad

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24 THURSDAY

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Chaddar Bava is eventually persuaded to come to "The Links" - He goes in, all around, saying ಒಂದು ವಿಷಯ - young B... ಒಂದು ವಿಷಯ - B. leaves him untouched for he explains, Ch. B. would resent it being a "salik-Maghub", glibly conscious of B's greatness (as a Master) & would not bear him touch his feet or wash him etc. In their Must state, they feel the Comfortable, hence resent - - - -

Nowroji & Nargis arrive by the 5 o'clock train. -

The Chief Engineer, Mr. Sarbhajia, ~~comes~~ comes to see B. on appointment at 5:30 p.m. sharp. He explains that ~~he~~ he has been out for some relief work in areas, and returned this afternoon & called by the Dewan who asked him to see you (B.) immediately and have a talk re: the land and other things ^{you} would like to explain... and here I am... He thereafter explained that the Acquisition of properties from private owners would take time tho' it will be expedited and that the Dewan has himself taken the Matter in hand - and that he will see the Executive Engineer Mr. . . . and get an idea from him as to the piece of land required with details and would try help to work it all out as best & quickest as possible... and ^{humbly} ^(the other subordinates) assured B. that they would all cooperate and render all possible ^{practical} ^{practical} assistance in this scheme regarding all technical advice & guidance in the details of carrying out the whole scheme. Then B. gave him his blessing, which he so lovingly appreciated & said that that was enough to carry it all thru.

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~~B. M. K.~~

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25 FRIDAY

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B. instruct Nawroji with the details of the Centre plan -
buildings, towers, domes, rooms - in each structure -

Another Problem for B

In spite of the ideal weather conditions in Bangalore, and the best residential quarters in the best of the city, in a most healthy locality, (High Grounds) the sudden change of weather and the chilly winds blowing these 2 or 3 days have effected a number of the group members.... In the Ladies Section 2 in the Gents are down with fever & other cold symptoms - Besides other important work, B. has to look to this too. What a bother!

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B. further enquired Navigi re details & Measurements are filled in.... B. explains that in very details, He wishes to make it symbolic of something General or particular one in giving Numbers of room, their dimensions (Length, breadth, height) all in certain Symbolic figures & Numbers.... Besides, he further explained to Mod. that the outward ^{appearance in} shape & decorations etc must be so Universally that it would touch or imply no particular religion, or caste. Yes it would be applicable and appealing to all. He suggested Gothic style mixed with old Indian.

For the services & selection of a draftsman required for immediate work with Mod. during the 2 1/2 days he is here, we also the Chief Engineer, Mr. N. Sarcabhoja in his office... asking him to procure some expert Architectural draftsman immediately for our work... He called his Secretary & gave him instructions to find one, suggesting some names himself... The Secretary as usual said he will make inquiries, Thereupon, Mr. Sarith... at once asked him not only merely to enquire but to get one as soon as possible... This conveyed the true impression to us that they all took keen interest & were in right earnest to do every thing possible for us, even going out of their way. Mr. Sarith further told us that he had a talk with the Dewan yesterday, who said that he had passed on the plan to the proper authorities with instructions to make immediate inquiries on the spot, and send a report, at once. This may be expected in 2 1/2 days. Nothing more could be desirable.

Kaka continues his search for Masks in Adis Car

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27 SUNDAY

Get leaves for Nagpur & Poona - this morning

The Morning Meeting with his staff re: Meals (vegetables) - Advises to avoid as much as possible certain vegetables (brinjals, Guava) for their certain unhealthy qualities..... Economy without starvation and unhealthy food..... "What is economy?" "To get the best at the cheapest"

The two draftsmen start work under New... to draw out ^{rough} plans of the proposed buildings & access.

Leave with Narsingmiah, Cox & Coyne, to the New site at 3 pm. with Nourji and Adi in A's car. - (Ediz's car had something wrong this morning). Find a big group of officers - by Rev. Comar. - Surveyor & others waiting out details of encroachment for us by express order fr. the Govt. - even on a Sunday... the new plan with ^{Survey} Nos. of private owners - the slight changes suggested in our boundary to avoid certain share Nos.... Inspecting the whole ground - a long walk.... all followed.... Men with flag-sticks to indicate water-tank boundary line, especially posted.... A thorough inspection & Survey by Mr. for over an hour... discussion of Eminentia, valuation of different plots (private) & cost of working (levelling etc.) others belonging to Govt.... Return at 6-30.... leave Mr. N. at his club.... discussion with B. about the funding of the Survey by Govt. - B. marks out another boundary line (yellow) as it suits his far-seeing eyes....

B. is indisposed... the usual complaint... cold... with other reasons of his own... (perhaps to relieve others of the group or for reasons of other universal work, at present in connection with war develop-
ments)

28 MONDAY

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29 TUESDAY

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The x'son is called in the Morning at the Luncheon.

B's discourse on Love-Sympathy and a feeling of affection for all - even on those we do NOT like - Not to speak ill of others, the first lesson of Spontaneity. (vide sep. Notes)

28th contd - With 102° fever in the Evening, B. bathed a x'son brought by Kaka... He had in the Same week health given both to 2 others since Morning...

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31 THURSDAY

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Rust. comes early Morning requests continuance of his help Supply just for a day or two to give him time to instruct his Supplier to stop it ... During the conversation, he belabored out many Silly things, characteristically of his type. He justified himself with out-
spokenness, which was based on hasty, rather hasty conclusions, misinterpreting our actions
 from his understanding even the smallest things. e.g. (a) that we (his group) were all
 selfish, trying to "serve our own purpose", self interested. (b) then we order our orders
 we were not particular - etc.

Sif is in dis pose for the last two days ... but it seems to grow and he
 appears to be increasing some "burden" upon himself .. Is it ever work ?

Shimmae Arrives with the Crucif by Post Bay Express.

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September

1 FRIDAY

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The Food Conference, again - (Maudslayi's lunch) - The question of Maudslayi's meals was not settled yet.... & B. didn't want to be bothered with this every now and then & wanted to fix it up once for all. Hindu (Madras) Kudu was not practicable... tho' some of them willingly accepted. Rust. wanted 20¢/lb each against 9-10¢ the Hindu market. The cook was not set on taste & the Cook could not be trained. Chapantred best but gave it up as hopeless.... Eventually it came to Chapin, who undertakes it for a fixed price.... Thus ends the food problem here, which is the "problem" all over & which is the principal cause for all this strife. - Leading eventually to a World War -

1- The drive to the New Site "Byramangala" - with the Ex. Engrs. at 8 AM....

B's car passes first on the New road just under completion & inaugurated today. 5 subverts are still to be completed.

The Wire News - Adis Jal & Chy. Dr. Barker are made to run by turns to a shop in City to hear Radio News & bring reports to B.... This runs continued till late at night -

Today, he says - "Good old P. and Dear old P."

B. laughs at the reported death of a dear soul & says... turning to the sister, he explains this is the end of what you call 'life' - Such a fine, young, strong fellow passing off so suddenly, unexpected... In War, so many will die... What is that the end of life? Yet keep the heart & believe ^{as if} they have to live for ever....

September

The War & Peace -
to bring the radio
news broadcast, &
again the principal
news, indeed, making
policy & war loss

Life is a series of
beats as an internal
Ordinary life is 2 or

Radios & news return
these are reported being
one
among you power, etc. Sub...

1 FRIDAY

September

2 SATURDAY

Bangalore
1939

The Max Scare - Regular runs for "radio news" ^{ceases when Advegal manage} ~~to bring a new radio set on hire~~ - almost every hour the best news & selected ^{selected} ~~selected~~ ^{lectures to} news broadcasted, & are disrupted with mere repetition of the same news over & over again. The principal question of taking prompt action, immediately ~~was~~ ^{was} never heard on news, instead, meetings of Parliament, Special Comms etc. & discussions on questions relating to war were discussed.

Life is a series of experiences which need innumerable forms.
 Death is an interval in that ^{one} long life "
 Ordinary life, as I said, is wife, kupa & strofa.

Kaka & Swami return fr. Mysore this morning, without any "Mast" - all the ~~was~~ ^{was} there are reported having left their places only recently... & advanced yogis who had amazing powers, viz. P. Haya on the wall, crushing it under ~~his~~ ^{his} weight... another relay figure.

Bangalore

September

3 SUNDAY

1939

September

War - declared

The long-awaited news is received today. War is declared by Eng...
During private talks these few days ever since Hitler's mad rush to Poland, capturing
Danzig and lately bombarding of Polish towns, B... continually remarked @ Eng
when Ch. was going to declare War -- Why delay... This is Aggression or
breaking of the pledge etc... The remarks for Eng. were too frequent & at
times he expressed disappointment at the Silence & slow Move of Eng... It seemed to
be a strain on him & definitely wanted Eng. to declare War... Probably he ^{was} ^{convinced}
& gave essentially hasty decision & the old Man was compelled to declare War
(vide separate notes)

B. referred this Morning to his going off to a place unknown, with a
few, for some important work. The group & Mandali will all
stay here & carry on duties assigned.

War & Centre - The declaration of War changed conditions....

Prices would jump up by leaps & bounds and if the estimate runs ^{high} up to 25?
B. wouldn't mind. But if it runs more to 100 or 200?... then we shall have to think over

At (C) Kaka's...
Mandali group...

Bangalore
1939

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4 MONDAY

Received the Assessment estimate from the Dy. Commissioner thru the Dewar.
Altho' it came to Much More 35% than the figure we expected (20 to 25), it had
reasons. The private owners demanded much More upto 150% while the Govt.
land could be had for 20 to 25%. It was No body's fault. It may be reduced
if we higgled-haggled, but it took time which B. considered v. precious and
wouldn't allow, for his own reasons. He kept the ^{decision} ~~transaction~~ pending.....

(B.S.) was rather Curious - so was I - as to why B. wouldn't go to the
Scheme for Govt. land..... We would have such Govt. land in future, any where, and
B. MUST have Some place where people could come, and be induced. He
may have his own reasons & purpose for doing things, but from practical point of
view, as it appears to us. We as a group MUST have a place to live, and be
settled, anywhere, with B. so that people may approach him.....

In a discussion with B. after I told this was explained, that B. ... agreed to the
idea & proposal.... and wanted to talk with us tomorrow

Adi (Dr.) Kaka & Swamiji leave for ^(by car) Madras this afternoon in search of a
Mash. They are given time for that till 5th -

Bangalore

September

5 TUESDAY

1939

Reciprocal Scheme discussion with J & B. this Morning declared a new plan which would make our position definite & clear & also prove that we are serious about it - to offer a cheque of 2500/- to the Kewar, as the original figure reserved by B. for land, and tell him to settle it. Within that anyway he could - and await results. That was v. splendid... S.B. is serious @ the plan.

The New Rule of Restriction - From today, the Mandaki going to the other Bangalore (The Links) for work or when called, instead of going in straight as usual, should stop outside the Gate, give a call to Messiji and wait till the return after informing B... and takes his permission for admission... So with the milkman, washerman, paperman & others the Mandaki also has to wait outside the Gate. This was very strictly to be adhered to. This was a sequel to some incidents of a Male Member probably JED 64, who constantly calling upon family & talking to them, as even others present called by K... on the other side, for work - when the 'Andermas' are unguardedly moving out above a terrace or other things and the discipline is liable to be broken.

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1939

Parsi New Year
September 6 WEDNESDAY

Bangalore
1939

B. the morning declared a
to school & also place that he
to know, as the original of
with which that any long term
G. A. & L. ...

D. J. J. drive round the City.
Nothing particular transpired

In a private discussion between B. S. J. W. - P. W. L. S. B. confirmed
today the conversation they had yesterday re: the Centre plan.....
We went out for a 'phone call to the Dewan for an appointment on Friday
but couldn't get him, being busy in some meeting. At the public
exchange (in Teleg. office) the men were too busy (overworked) and he had
had to wait a long while at the counter. Altho' the man tried his best, we
couldn't get a call for 20 Mins. so we had to go out to the lawyer's office
B..... declared to day that he will start his (plan) works
on 21st Sept.. 21st will be a big day.

today, the Mandali going to
as when called, visited of
the gate, gave a call to M. J. J.
B. and takes his personal
business, papers & other
gate. This was very strictly
a member of the M. J. J. J.
family & talking to him, or
for work - when he
above a house or other things

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Parsi New Year

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6 WEDNESDAY

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5th September, 1939

TO THE LINKS TO
MUST STAND OUT
AFTER MASI PERMITS

- Mr. L. S. B. confirmed
the Recipe Plan
in an appointment on Friday
Meeting. At the public
meeting (overworked) and the public
's Man tried his best, we
to the Copy's office
his (plan) work

B. the Morning...
to clear...
the...
it...
to...

today, the...
is when called...
to the gate...
B. and takes his...
bookman, paper...
to gate...
some...
upon family...
lets for work...
out above...

IMPORTANT NOTICE

5th September, 1939

ANYONE FROM THE MANDLI COMING TO THE LINK TO
SEE BABA OR FOR ANY OTHER WORK MUST STAND OUT
NEAR THE GATE AND COME IN ONLY AFTER MASI PERMITS

Bangalore

September

9 SATURDAY

1939

Mr. S. Aringarora left for Madras tonight.

Swamy too left with the Mast Gaffer - to leave him in Madras. He was
of a mild type & in particular was

Kaka left again last Night for Mysore to bring a Mast.

B. instructed Nor. to 'phone to the Dewan & ask @ the Rajp's visit to Mysore
on "Jussara" Festival... Nor. thought it rather an awkward hour to 'phone at 2... he may be
resting or maybe then or that... The result was a wild-goose chase & advice round Bangalore
for miles before we got him on 'phone at home at 7 pm... This was probably the
beginning of a process of B... to a new candidate who has just come in but whom he
wants to train in this particular Method before actual participation in this
work as he wants... He specifically referred to this attitude of the Rajp's hesitation
to catch the hint of Cause all the confusion & delay which such attitude invariably
brings...

This Morning, in rather his former mood (after an interval of 'Strain' for 2 days)
B. lightly touched the topic of War & remarked @ News particularly @ Eng - that
Ger. were only 5 Miles fr. Warsaw... Eng. was fighting well papers (propagand & hand-
bills) not with bombs... But it will fight... Seriously, later. Holy Night
join... Russia too... Means it will be a long war...
(Evening) - "If Eng. is not going to ^{بجانب} ^{بجانب} by the 21st [3] will [36]... [39]"
B. thinks this pamphlet throwing by Eng... this well-meant, has been too long... B. is being
crushed meanwhile & if it is not forced to divert attention on this side (Western front) he
be too strong after conquering Poland will get an opportunity to concentrate full force
on this side... It will be a long war. B. repeated & will cause ill-considered catastrophe
to all of us

SATURDAY

1939

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10 SUNDAY

Bangalore

1939

Yesterday

A Rev. officer of Basarpeta, sent by the Sec. came to see us with a suggestion that it would be better, easier, quicker & cheaper if one gave them land on the spot & bargained with the private owners of plots instead of Govt doing it which would be dearer, deferred & delayed. ^{These are operations of the 16 & 24" campaign}

As B. already referred, the work & important plan began from the 21st. when he might go on fast too: During the period of fast & working, B. would like to have some Singers sing before him. This has been hourly since beginning. gal & Adi, who had been in search of some good Singers brought a party this afternoon, who enter joined B. & the group for about 2 hours.

It is as a sort of "recreation" or refreshing force which helps one keep up the spirit of work. For B. it is also a great

The War - B's constant references & remarks that the War will be long, have significantly been echoed in today's broadcast when his Ch. in his Speech in Parliament openly declared that...

Bangalore
September

11 MONDAY

1939

The nuisance at the other hospital being strictly guarded... the mandala
has at times to wait till the watch ladies ^{get} on duty go to B. get the orders....
Irritating tho' the situation is, it has to be done for B... & for his reasons & work...
If one only thinks of that one would not feel the way he ordinarily does... Someone
seemed to be upset on this account & altho' he didn't say anything, B. knew
that something was boiling inside, & he purposely passed a remark -
"The More They Are irritated, the More will I keep them working"....

See the D.C. re: the arrangement to go to the site for private beds & construction
as suggested by the Gen. Officer (9th)... The D.C. had already thought of the details and
had done every thing possible so far as Govt. land was concerned... reducing the
arrangement to half... & even left it open for further adjustment if necessary...
For private plots too, they would do all they can to get the cheapest as possible and within the
limit of 25th... at least not to go beyond it... & instructions to that effect had already
been given... & prompt & quick action & hearty co-operation duly appreciated by B.

Dr. (Dr.) & Kaka leave hurriedly by Car for Nasik - On express order tonight.
They were to leave early Morning, but due to certain developments, B. ordered
an immediate start at Night & they had to pack off in an hour.

MONDAY

1939

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12 TUESDAY

Bangalore

1939

It is reported in town that the old Saint "Chaddar Baba" died last Night. He came from Cantt. to City, took tea in the Tea-Shop near City Market (where Achh Kaka used to have their hot cup after fatigue during Seawal for Masti.) then came near the Victoria hospital gate, & vomitted out the tea putting his fingers into the throat. After a while, he called a boy and told him to "Make him sleep as he wanted to go to Jannat" हिं अरानि अरानि अरानि - Then he slept, eternally. His death causes one of the holiest Masti on the Side. He was worshipped here by the people and a fussle actually arose between two parties contending for his burial place. One wanted to have it in the City, the other in Cantt. The Collector had to intervene and he gave his decision in favour of Cantt. Ch. Baba was therefore buried near a ^{big} dargah in Bombadway (Cantt) where huge crowds gathered to pay him their last respects.

B. explained that he was on the 6th floor, and had connection. That is why he came to his residence that day. His remarks while here (in the hunkar) अनि अनि अनि - are significant. He had to come to B. for the last push and that, as if, "Settled his account" as he remarked. His death just the day and time of leaving the few members of B's head who had much to do with him in bringing him to B..... is also significant.

Can for mind - the system is bright
 it due to certain development, it could
 led to put off in an hour

Bangalore

September

13 WEDNESDAY

1939

B - seems to be Much too occupied (busy) these days, as his looks
all over. The slightest Cause of annoyance from the ^{here} Camp therefore
causes him "disturbance" on the other Side, and he has therefore been Y.Y.
Street with all, and Warned all to beware! Yesterday - it was 1/57
today it is 1/56 1/2 w.....

September

Min. Shun. to
Bakramabad, 1/57

WEDNESDAY

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camped (being) these days in the
of course from the first things
other side and he has brought his
to be done! (for) his. it was 1939

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14 THURSDAY

Bangalore

1939

When Shewan to-day's reports in papers (Madras Mail).
B. at remarked again "It will be a long war — "

Bangalore

September

15 FRIDAY

1939

See the Dy. Com: on affair & get affidavit for Honoured's grey Bys. as arranged.

September

P. Appayyaiah

to talk about the
immunities of the

to the Appayyaiah the
to make it the / copy X.

has collected & can
2-30 p.m. has been

today / still work
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village, the first letter

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- other village on the

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to the officers, if would

to consider the field

John Lewis tonight

1939

September

16 SATURDAY

Daryalae

1939

P. Aiyangan arrives this morning fr. Madras

B's talk about Jeth... and his 3rd 6th.... explanation about "longing"
"renunciator" - 18. Servai 24 at -

Go to Byramangala this afternoon at 1 pm... with S. Aiyangan.... None
to meet at the Byr. X.... We go to the Camp to find none there: &
hear conflicting & contradictory reports.... wait... They arrive @
2-30 pm... have tea & then we leave: at first they suggest to leave
today & start work day after - to morrow being Sunday. After a
while they suggest to go to the Neighboring Village as by arrange
something that would lessen the much burden... at the
village, the foot ² holders were quite adamant & wouldn't part with
the land... when threatened with Govt. acquirement, they yielded to
give but demand 300 p. acre: The Officers were v. tactful: they
managed the whole affair (@ 94 in the village) knocked down @ 135
- other village, on the same basis - so that in an hour, we
practically did all Spade work & set the ball rolling... according
to the officers, it would be all complete by @ 20%. Both were
v. considerable, tactful. We return @ 6 pm.

get leaves tonight for B. bay.

Bangalore

September

17 SUNDAY

1939

Meeting with the Secy. this Morning 10-30 - also during
S. Ganagar & New. S. Chariji and other formal talks re: developments
yesterday at Dyranganala.....

See the Dy. Com. at his residence (with S. Ganagar) explain yesterday's
proceeding - @ future arrangements. He wants Money transactions dealt
with by us, since he doesn't want to have the responsibility of keeping the Cash
(for 25th.) with him - hence returned the Cheque.

See the Exec. Com. (with Narainiah) - tell about Secy's meeting -

Bangalore
September

The Dy. Com. has
been busy with
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The (Loud) Bany
has a talk with
advice - ... they

M — B.d.
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the Market

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we had to have back

run) to be rejected

TUESDAY

Ray
Bryman
Ray 1939Bryman
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Bryman
September

20 WEDNESDAY

Bryman
1939

The (Golrad) Irani family - 4 bro's & 2 Sisters - arrive this Morning - have a talk with B. re: their affairs - B's definite instructions & advice - ... they leave same night

M — B. definitely & repeatedly instructed that our car should leave here (for Budadi) at 9-30, take Ay. anjar at 10 - & leave ^{immediately} after the cheq. is cashed in bank.... But the taxi came late (He went to take tea after leaving the Irani bro's at _____) we left here at 10 - went ^{via} the Market ^{a bank} to Ay. anjar at past 11 --- and took him up at 11-30 - While on our way to Station, a child (about 4 yrs) playing in the Street ran straight into the front wheel of the taxi and before the driver could take a turn to save it, it went right in between 2 wheels & was dragged with the Car to @ 30 feet on the other side where the taxi actually jumped upon a footpath. We were all aghast... at the thought of the fate of the poor child whom we all believe to be literally crushed. It was entangled between the wheels & was hooked out with difficulty - stunned & bleeding from the nose.... taken to hospital & after @ 15 hrs. it was quite conscious tho' crying for the pains.... It is quite unthinkable how a little child of that age could at all escape very serious injuries, if not death, under the conditions the accident took place... Br. S. said in the afternoon, it was alright... Police recorded the driver's statement & Nothing serious happened.

But B's work suffered. We were late at B. by 2 hours... In the rush & hurry, we missed an important receipt book at home - the car had to come back for same. Also, B's first words to have two cars (double run) to be engaged today came true - even tho' the one was detained at the hospital by the police for taking a statement.

Bangalore
September

21 THURSDAY

Berambur
back
1939

B... returns in seclusion for some important work from
today for one month —

To Bidadi with Aiyangar — the ^{quick} adjustment of 113212 encumbered cases
parties come to terms amazingly quickly

Berambur
back
September

25th
Morning — felt
had left home for
already looked
at the work
— the work has
been more than
he should have
done for the
past few days

At Bidadi — the
parties come to
terms amazingly
quickly

THURSDAY

Representative
work
1939

for some important work for

Adjustment of
1939
by Truckly

Representative
back

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22 FRIDAY

Bangalore
1939

25th
 Morning - Jal (C. Ernest) drive us to S. Aiyayyer.... We go to D.C. He
 had left home ^{early} for giving a decision. At Office also, he had just left...
 Already 11 o'clock here in Bangalore. Yet we drove quickly to
 Closepet where the Registrar was awaiting our arrival since 10.45
 - The work however was immediately taken in hand - it took
 him more than an hour to read up all the 38 documents... Then
 he started registering... & continued working without interruption
 even for lunch interval - till 5 p.m. - finishing about 22 by
 that time. For the Evening 16 we had to come again Next day.

At Closepet - The Registrar of S. Aiyayyer...
 was to be seen very busy...

~~Banyala~~

September

23 SATURDAY

~~Bany~~
~~Pyramayala~~
1939

September

Porqi leaves this morning for Sibay

Banyaloe

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25 MONDAY

Banyaloe
Closepet
Bany

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At Closepet - (see 22nd)

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Closepet
Bany
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to Closepet
finished it all by
party with 9 cars
but extremely
- the Quail
are all because
the Quail of
is working for
all the time.

25 MONDAY

Bay
Joseph
Bay
1939

Bay
Joseph
Bay
September

26 TUESDAY

1939

to a few Closeport - to finish the remaining documents to be registered.
finished it all by 4 p.m. ... I finally recently finished ^{one more} document of a
party with 9 acres ... Another, with 20 acres of land not wanted
but erroneously included in the plan, also pleads for taking it up -
The Amaldar advises not to waste our money, advises to wait &
see how he comes down to much less. It is really very surprising how
these Govt officials can feel so much & work so conscientiously for us ...
As if working for their own ... & Mr. Amin particularly worked completely
all the time.

M Received a letter from GEORGE that Dross was miraculously saved from a serious ^{motor} accident - yesterday - The actual wording of the writer - in a letter Bombay 27-9-39 - are as follows -

..... ગાંધી કાલે જે ને સવારે ઝાંડી સુ નાનાં કોરમાં કોઈની
 માં દરના જેવજા આંધેલા લાગાં અને ઉરના રૂંદે દુર નઈ રચનાડ વીચાંપા.
 મુરત કોઈ માલક પડુ નઈ. પછીથી પગ ઘણા દુખાય. જન્ને પગમાં નેનના
 માટે લાગાં. તેવા વેલે આપા દિવાન આંડીસી ગયે. અને રાત્રે ઉડ
 આવીને મને કહેડુ હયાં કે હું ભર-ચેલુ કીંદુ. કુંઈ ખા દાખ નેડુ.
 બાબલ સારુ બેન જીવોલી લીધા હશે. તદન ભાપે ભાખાઈ ગયે. હાવે મે મ
 સુલાનુ વધે નાહ કોરા મે મધુ - ય આને ભી આંડીસ મા ગયે ઉ
 ખરખા. હમારા તરુથી આમના દુખા દુખા અચકાર મેનના. આ બાબા
 સાદબન કહેને કે નેવી નાંદે રાખી કે તેવી જેલ રાખના "

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 your appointment to
 ... meeting fixed for
 there was a crowd - a
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 the message and this
 speak interview 5 p
 to speak to his
 could be said it will
 he would personally be
 Convention Day of the
 let us know ...

M... at night, as usual

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30 SATURDAY

Banyalore

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For Urgent work, we had occasion again to go to the Dewan....
 Telephoning as Usual, we found he had left home before 9 A.M.... At the office, he
 gave appointment to come any time during the day. "Can we come up now?" "Yes do"
 ... Motoring quick from the Telephone Exchange, we were at the office in less than 5 mts.
 There was a crowd - about 30 standing out on the veranda & sitting in the waiting hall.
 We thought it might be late, but the personal Asst. Saw us and shot in quickly with
 one message and shot out again with a polite gesture ushering us in. 2/3 Mts. of
 a quick interview, ³⁻⁵ 5 pmts quickly exchanged, ... he was so cordial ... & we left him
 to attend to his other work.... Remarking about the quick work done with a happy
 smile he said "it is all due to your Baba's Charms & influence." - On the 25th.
 he would personally like so much & will try his best to come. Unfortunately, it was the
 Convocation Day of the Mysore University. However, he will try his best, and any way
 let us know. ...

Music at Night, as Usual, by Baba