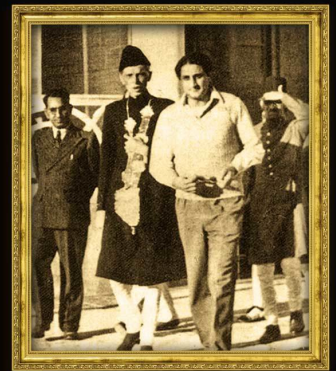


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**Imtiaz Rafi Butt**  
Chairman  
Jinnah Rafi Foundation

“A muslim is not born to give up.  
If he is forced to be enslaved he will become Babur.  
He will emerge as Sultan Tipu. He can happily  
embrace martyrdom but will never accept slavery.  
**Quaid e Azam**  
16 April 1938  
With Faith, Discipline and Selfless devotion to duty  
there is nothing worthwhile that you cannot achieve”

## About the Foundation

The Jinnah Rafi Foundation was established in 1989 with the objective of paying homage to Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and to keep his legacy alive. The foundation has successfully completed twenty seven years of valuable contribution in the form of Books, Newsletters as well as informative articles in print media. It has been an extraordinary journey of discovery through the annals of history and revisiting our identity as a nation through the vision of our beloved founder. Nations may still have pride if they lost their Shakespeare, Bismarck, Geribaldi, Napoleon or Jefferson but we as a nation would be a rudderless ship without Quaid e Azam and his valuable teachings.

The foundation is my passion and my quest for self-actualization. It is very close to my heart as it led me to discovering my own identity. It led me to the zeal and obsession with which my father supported and pursued the creation of our homeland. My Father died in an air crash on 26th November 1948. My mother's perception of her husband's greatness was limited to her own understanding of his success as a businessman/ industrialist: his association with Quaid e Azam; his generosity, enterprising spirit and charming personality. She had no perception whatsoever of his real role in the Pakistan movement or his precise contributions to the Muslim cause; of his true stature on the national level or his rightful place in history. This I was to discover later at the age of forty when I was an

established man in my own right and began to feel yearning to learn more about him. It was then that I set out in this direction knowing little where it would lead to. The initial thirst of research confirmed that my father, Rafi Butt, was among the very few Muslim industrialists in the subcontinent who was deeply devoted to the cause of the Muslim community. This disclosure sharpened my keenness all the more. I plunged into further research with greater vigor. But the task, I soon realized was not an easy one. It required painstaking effort and infinite patience. Bit by bit, inch by inch pieces of information began falling into place. Rafi Butt started coming to life and I began to get the feel of the father and the man he was. Six years of long and active research turned up a mine of information, including the letters exchanged between Quaid e Azam and my father. It was a major breakthrough and a crucial milestone in my quest for identity. I discovered that my father was a multi-dimensional man, a close associate of Quaid e Azam and a staunch supporter of Pakistan Movement. He was a restless soul and a thinker brimming with ideas on how to bolster the economic and industrial base of the emerging state of Pakistan. The foundation is in actuality an extension of his unfulfilled desire to contribute towards a peaceful and prosperous Pakistan. The foundation endeavors to carry out his mission and continue to address the core issues of identity crisis and rebut the baseless arguments being raised by some pseudo-intellectuals against the creation of Pakistan.

As far as our contributions are concerned, our focus over the three decades was to elucidate Quaid's message and philosophy of Pakistan movement thereby amplify patriotism and national pride. Years of untiring efforts and extensive research led to our first book "My Dear Quaid e Azam" (Jinnah Rafi Correspondence) comprising of letters exchanged between



the Quaid and Rafi Butt during the forties when Pakistan movement was gathering momentum. These letters discovered forty years after my fathers death lay in oblivion by a strange quirk of history. They not only revealed that Quaid was an unfailing source of inspiration and encouragement but also displayed the profound respect and unflinching faith of my father in Quaid's Mission. They also unraveled the economic dimension of the Pakistan Movement which is usually overlooked.

"My Dear Quaid e Azam" was highly commended by intellectuals and journalists. It received profound praise from Western scholars writing on South Asia such as Peter Hardy and Robert Mulligan. "It was because of young men like Rafi Butt", writes Khalid Hassan, the renowned columnist "that Pakistan came into being. The army that Quaid led to victory was made of such soldiers. They did not have guns but their hearts were ablaze with the leaping fire of freedom". The Jinnah Rafi correspondence is being published alongwith comments from eminent personalities to benefit those who are unaware of the fire that lit the hearts of the comrades of Quaid which paved the way for creation of Pakistan.

A second book "At Quaid's Service" (A Journey towards Discovery) is also ready and will be launched in the near future. Professor Akbar S. Ahmed the renowned anthropologist and Cambridge Scholar and producer of "Jinnah", a feature film observes in his FOREWARD to the book "It is a historical account that sets the life of Rafi Butt in the context of larger Muslim history in the subcontinent. It is also a dramatic personal history. A story of double discovery. It is a son discovering his father and it is a father discovering his own identity through the leader that he found and acknowledged."



The foundation has utilized every national occasion to highlight the thoughts, words and deeds of the Quaid and also invited eminent scholars to speak especially to the youth and enlighten them regarding the need, desire and struggle for freedom. Being the Chairman of the foundation, I have frequently voiced my opinion through print media on a wide variety of National and International issues. From Two Nation Theory to Nuclear Pakistan, and from CPEC to Pakistan-US relations, I have endeavored to highlight areas that are imperative for Pakistan's progress and prosperity.

It is my utmost desire that the readers take not only the indispensable lessons of Unity, Faith, and Discipline but also develop the love, respect and compassion for our homeland and its founders that they truly deserve. That is, in my opinion, the very foundation on which great nations builds their identity and shapes their future. ■





Edwin S. Montagu, secretary of State for India:

" They were followed by Jinnah, young, perfectly mannered, impressive-looking, armed to the teeth with dialectics, and insistent upon the whole of his scheme... Chelmsford tried to argue with him and was tied up in knots. Jinnah is a very clever man, and it is , an outrage that such a man should have no chance of running the affairs of his own country"

H.V.Hodson in "The Great Divide":

" Of all the personalities in the last act of the great drama of India's rebirth to independence, Muhammad Ali Jinnah is at once the most enigmatic and the most important. One can imagine any of the other principal actors replaced by a substitute in the same role - a different Congress leader, a different Secretary of State, a different representative of this or that interest or community, even a different Viceroy - without thereby implying any radical change in the final denouncement. But it is barely conceivable that events would have taken the same course, that the last struggle would have been a struggle of three, not two, well-balanced adversaries, and that a new nation State of Pakistan would have been created, but for the personality and leadership of one man, Mr. Jinnah."

### "...a different Congress leader-"

H. V. HODSON  
in "The Great Divide"



**BEVERLEY NICOLS** in Verdict on India:

"The most important man in Asia."

**DR. C.R. REDDY**, Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University:

"He is the pride of India and not the private possession of the Muslims."

**MRS. SAROJINI NAIDU** in a telegram:

"A prophet honoured in his own country and in his own time".



The Quaid's achievement was unique. He rescued a despirited and demoralized people from the abyss of despair. He reminded them of their glorious heritage and galvanized them into action. He assembled them on a single platform and animated them with a messianic zeal. His heroic stature derives from the fact that he gave the Muslims a sense of identity and a territory they could call their own.

**"Few individuals significantly  
after the course of history".**

There was a time when he fancied that the Hindus and Muslims could live together. But two decades later he was totally disenchanted. In March 1940 he told the world that the Muslims were a distinct nation and must have their separate homeland. It was a historic declaration.

Thousands responded to his clarion call, lawyers, businessmen, intellectuals and professionals rallied around him. His charismatic personality, unrivalled integrity and total devotion to the cause of Muslim freedom made a profound imprint on their minds. Led by the Quaid, these dedicated young men achieved their goal within an incredible period of seven years.

the Quaid



Dadabhai Naoroji



Sir Pherozshah Mehta



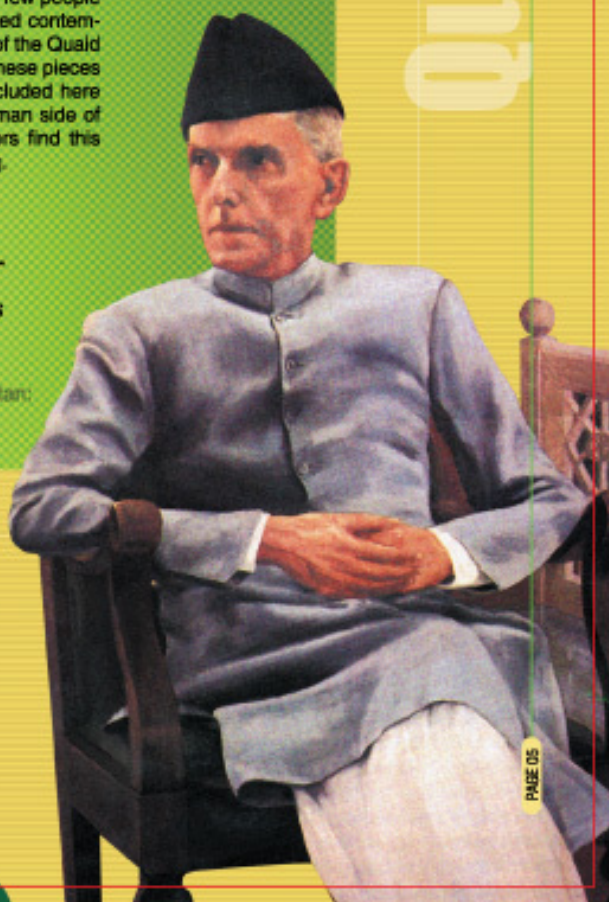
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The story of the Quaid's life – his years at Lincoln's Inn, his work as a firebrand nationalist, his apprenticeship with Dadabhai Naoroji and Sir Pherozshah Mehta, his role as president of the Bombay Students Union, his contribution to the Home Rule League and the Round Table Conference, his sojourn in London – is a fascinating and edifying saga illustrative of the many dimensions of this great man. Although most people are aware of the major political concerns of the Quaid yet they are not familiar with many other absorbing details of his life. For instance, few people know that Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, a renowned contemporary poetess, published a pen-portrait of the Quaid and also dedicated a poem to him. Both these pieces appear in the pages that follow. Also included here are anecdotes that shed light on the human side of this great statesman. I hope the readers find this material informative as well as interesting.

*"God willing his prayer  
will be answered and his  
dream will come true."*

STANLEY WOLPERT in *Jinnah of Pakistan*

The best tribute we can pay to the Quaid is to return to his legacy. Had we followed the healthy precedents set up by him, many of the ills, which afflicted the country after his demise, would have been avoided. Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was our true benefactor, guide, philosopher and friend. We humbly dedicated this NEWS-LETTER 2002 to his imperishable memory.





## Muhammad Ali Jinnah AN AMBASSADOR OF UNITY

### A PEN PORTRAIT

"Few figures of the Indian renaissance are so striking or so significant; to a student of psychology none more singularly attractive by the paradox of a rare and complex temperament, of strange limitations and subtle possibilities, that hides the secret of its own greatness like a pearl within a shell."

Never was there a nature whose outer qualities provided so complete an antithesis of its inner worth. Tall and stately, but thin to the point of emaciation, languid and luxurious of habit, Muhammad Ali Jinnah's attenuated form is a deceptive sheath of a spirit of exceptional vitality and endurance. Somewhat formal and fastidious, and a little aloof and imperious of manner, the calm hauteur of his accustomed reserve but masks, for those who know him, a naive and eager humanity, an intuition quick and tender as a woman a humour gay and winning as a child — pre-eminently rational and practical, discreet and dispassionate in his estimate and acceptance of life, the obvious sanity and serenity of his worldly wisdom effectually disguise a shy and splendid idealism which is of the very essence of the man.

"...Languid and luxurious of habit, Muhammad Ali Jinnah's attenuated form is a deceptive sheath of a spirit of exceptional vitality and endurance."



Muhammad Ali Jinnah

"Muhammad Ali Jinnah was born on 25 December 1876 ...the eldest son of a rich merchant of Karachi. Reared in careless affluence and adored by his family, he might so easily have grown into an indolent and ignorant boyhood. But he fortunately loved his studies and received his early education at the Madrassah and afterwards at the Mission School of his native city. In 1892, he was sent to England... "a tall, thin boy in a funny long coat", ... is an amusing description of him. There he joined Lincoln's Inn, studied law and was in due course called to the bar. It seems a pity that so fine an intelligence should have denied itself the hallmark of a University training. But he had, instead, what from an India standpoint was the golden privilege of close association with the great Dadabhai Naoroji, then President of the London Indian Society, and the guardian angel of young India in England ..."

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On his return to India in 1896 Mohammad Ali Jinnah found his family involved in heavy financial ruin; and this favourite of fortune, suddenly faced with unexpected poverty, set out to conquer the world equipped with nothing but the charmed missiles of his youth, his courage and his ambition.

"After three years of severe hardship, his brave and buoyant patience bore fruit. Through the kind offices of an old friend he was granted permission to read in the Chambers of Mr. McPherson, then acting Advocate General of Bombay - a courteous concession, the first of its kind ever extended to an Indian which its recipient still remembers as a beacon of hope in the dark distress of his early struggles."

"Occasional briefs now began to dribble in, and the obscure young lawyer needing only an opportunity soon proved his real mettle and started to lay this foundation of his notable legal success."

"In the autumn of 1910 he was elected by the Mussalmans of Bombay Presidency as their representative to the Supreme Legislative Council .... His work, however, during the period was in connection with the Waqf Validating Bill, to introduce which he was specially nominated for an extra term in 1913 by Lord Hardinge, then Viceroy. His admirable skill and tact in piloting through such an intricate and controversial measure - the first instance of a Bill passing into legislation on the motion of a private member - won him not only the appreciation of his colleagues but also general recognition from his co-religionists all over India ....."

"Meanwhile the Time spirit, so busy altering world values and world visions had been secretly at work and the heart of Muslim India, always passionately faithful to its own spiritual traditions, became suddenly and vividly aware also of its own political inheritance and its own responsibility in shaping the national future."

"The All-India Muslim League, started a few years earlier at Dacca to voice current Mussalman opinion and aspiration, was found to be too narrow and too nebulous in its scope and aims for this intense and growing national consciousness. And about the middle of 1912 a conference of Muslim leaders met at



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AN AMBASSADOR OF UNITY



Calcutta to consider the remodelling of the constitution on more progressive and patriotic lines. It was decided to send Syed Wazir Hasan, the indefatigable Honorary Secretary of the League, on an extensive tour to ascertain the views of Muslims in every province regarding so momentous a change of policy and perspective. And in the following December a special meeting of the Association was called, presided over by His Highness the Agha Khan to discuss the draft of an entirely new constitution, which was ultimately and enthusiastically adopted at Lucknow on 22 March 1913 – a date that inaugurates a new era in the political history of Muslim India”.

“About the middle of April he proceeded to Europe ... Once in England, however, there was no rest for this tireless worker. He was at once drawn into the tangled web of the student-world whose cause he espoused with such assiduous zeal and understanding. Within a few weeks of his arrival he founded the London Indian Association which forms so excellent a focus for the otherwise scattered energies and activities of young India in a foreign land; and it was mainly at his instance that a committee was appointed by the India Office to inquire into the legitimate grievances of Indian students suffering so keenly from an unnecessary and unaccountable set of new rules and restrictions hindering their admission into educational centres hitherto so hospitable and so easy of access.

“In a country where the personal element forms so integral a part of public success, it was no small compliment to Mohammad Ali Jinnah’s social as well as mental qualities that he was chosen to be the spokesman of articulate India before the representatives of the British Parliament and the British public. The leading English journals published numerous interviews and his concise and lucid statement of the Indian case, which appeared in the London Times, attracted widespread attention and comment”.

“The New Year (1916) dawned cloudless for this valiant fighter of national battles, bringing him some of the highest awards of his professional and public career. He added much lustre to his law-suits that aroused deep interest throughout the country, connected respectively with Mr. Horniman, the trusted friend, and Mr. Tilak, the beloved tribune of the Indian people”.

“As a speaker Mohammad Ali Jinnah has the triple assets of a magnetic presence, an impressive delivery, and a voice, has an arresting timbre. But though occasionally he has attained a moment of wholly unconscious and stirring eloquence, he has the cogent force of a brilliant advocate. It is not on a public platform but at a round table conference that he finds full scope for his unusual powers of persuasion, luminous exposition, searching argument and impeccable judgment. It is an open secret that his was a large and open share in the recent discussions regarding the Muslim University as well as the anxious deliberations of the joint Congress-League Committee that sat at Lucknow last year to formulate a scheme of Indian reforms elaborated from the Memorandum of the Nineteen”.

“To attempt at this stage more than a brief general survey of Mohammad Ali Jinnah’s work were both untimely and unfair to a man in the very prime of life and on the threshold of his public achievement”.

“The true criterion of his greatness lies not in the range and variety of his knowledge and experience but in the faultless perception and flawless refinement of his subtle mind and spirit; not in a diversity of aims and the challenge of a towering personality but rather in a lofty singleness of purpose and the lasting charm of a character animated by a brave conception of duty and an austere and lovely code of private honour and public integrity”.

“It is his personal triumph and a testimony to his authentic mission that he stands approved and confirmed by his countrymen not merely as an ambassador but an embodied symbol of the Hindu-Muslim unity”.

“Who can foretell the secrets of tomorrow? Who foresee the hidden forces that sometimes work to build our destiny higher than our dream? Perchance it is written in the book of the future that he (Muhammad Ali Jinnah) ... may in some glorious and terrible crisis of our national struggle pass into immortality as the Mazzini of the Indian liberation”.

HYDERABAD, DECCAN SARAJINI NAIDU  
November 1917

Muhammad Ali Jinnah



## "NIGHTINGALE OF INDIA"



Mrs. Sarojini Naidu (1879 - 1949) was a distinguished poetess and litterateur. Known as the "Nightingale of India", she wrote exquisite lyrics, which appeared in several collections including "The Sceptred Flute", "The Bird of Time" and "The Broken Wing".

She was also a political leader of the first rank, an orator and an ardent champion of freedom and independence. Her political poems represent a magical fusion of her love for poetry and her love for the country. Her closing address to the fortieth National Congress highlights this synthesis of poetry and patriotism: "As long as I have life, as long as blood flows through this arm of mine, I shall not leave the cause of freedom. As a woman, I give you the weapons of faith and courage and the shield of fortitude. As a poet, I fling out the banner of song and sound, the bugle call to battle. How shall I kindle the flame which shall waken you men from slavery?"

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was born in 1879 in Hyderabad Deccan in a respected family, which had migrated from Bengal. In 1895 at the age of sixteen she went to England for higher education and studied at King's College and Girton (Cambridge). She returned to India in 1898. In 1919 she went to England on a propaganda crusade as a member of the Home Rule League Deputation. Her first public appearance was, however, during the Lucknow session of the Muslim League (1913) when she spoke on Hindu-Muslim unity. It was around this time that she responded to the call of the nation. She left the rose-bower of poetry and plunged into the struggle for freedom. She was a great orator and for a time president of the Indian National Congress. In later years she was appointed governor of the United Provinces (Uttar Pradesh).

She was one of the very few Indian leaders who, whatever her political views, was free from antipathy towards Muslims and their aspirations. She was a sympathetic student of Islam, Muslim culture and Urdu language in which she was well versed. She was widely respected for the catholicity of her outlook and sympathy.

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Mrs. Sarojini Naidu

"Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was a sincere admirer of the Quaid-e-Azam's great qualities and accomplishments. The Quaid first met her at that Calcutta Congress when he was 'already accounted a rising lawyer and a coming politician, fired' as she recalled, by 'a virile patriotism'. She wrote an article on the Quaid in 1918. It was, in fact, a pen-portrait of a man who was swiftly making his mark in the political arena. She had concluded her article thus:

"Who can foretell the secrets of tomorrow? Who foresee the hidden forces that sometimes work to build our destiny higher than our dream? Perchance it is written in the book of the future that he (Muhammad Ali Jinnah) may in some glorious and terrible crisis of our national struggle pass into immortality as the Mazzini of the Indian liberation."

Prophetic words considering that they were written some 83 years ago. The said article is now a document of great historical value. Some excerpts from it are reproduced below:





## Sarojini Naidu

The realization of an independent national character for the peoples of the sub-continent had always been uppermost in the mind of the Quaid-e-Azam. He earnestly believed that this goal could be reached only through the united and concerted efforts of both the Hindus and Muslims. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was so inspired by the young Quaid's passionate belief in Hindu-Muslim unity and his sterling services to the cause of Self-government that she dedicated a special song of Indian freedom titled AWAKE! to him. It was recited at the session of the Congress in 1915. The song reads as follows:

**"...he earnestly believed that this goal could be reached only through the united and concerted efforts of both the Hindus and Muslims ..."**

## AWAKE!

(To Muhammad Ali Jinnah)

**WAKEN, O Mother! thy children implore thee,  
Who kneel in thy presence to serve and adore thee!  
The night is flush with a dream of the morrow,  
Why still dost thou sleep in thy bondage of sorrow?  
Awaken and sever the woes that enthrall us,  
And hallow our hands for the triumphs that call us!**

**Are we not thine, O Belov'd, to inherit,  
The manifold pride and power of thy spirit?  
Ne'er shall we fail thee, forsaken thee or falter,  
Whose hearts are thy home and thy shield and thine Alter.  
Lo! we would thrill the high stars with thy story,  
And set thee again in the forefront of glory.**

**Hindus: Mother! the flowers of our worship  
have crowned thee!**

**Parsees: Mother! the flame of our hope shall  
surround thee!**

**Mussalmans: Mother! the sword of love shall  
defend thee!**

**Christians: Mother! the song of our faith shall  
attend thee!**

**All Creeds: Shall not our dauntless devotion avail  
thee?**

**Hearken! O queen and O goddess,  
We hail thee!**

**From:  
"The Sceptred Flute - Songs of India"  
By Sarojini Naidu  
Dodd, Mead and Company, New York - 1928**

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## ANECDOTES ABOUT THE QUAID

*Imperishable flowers of memory*

### ● introduction

We usually view the greatness of personalities in the light of their personal achievements. When we think of some eminent person our mind turns to such things as the battles he has fought and how he won them. We talk of how his touch turned a stone into a diamond, but we do not care to recall that this great man perhaps played marbles in his childhood. His courage and high resolve in the fields of war and peace, his fortitude and determination, his limitless power of holding the audience spell-bound from the political platform these factors so overshadow our minds that we never feel the need of visualizing as to how the same warrior, the same valiant admiral, the same sagacious statesman spent his moments of leisure.

It is true that those who have dedicated every minute of their life to the service of others seldom have any leisure. It depends on your good luck whether you are able to approach your hero in one of these rare moments and he talks to you lightly, reclining on his sofa. In these moments alone you could enjoy the mellowed flavour of his humour and his witty remarks, which is the soul of conversation. You would draw your chair near your hero and then you will form an idea of his likes and dislikes. How he holds the cigarette in his fingers, what foods he relishes, what are his favourite authors and books, what colours please him and, even more, the motions of his eyes, the movements of his hands – all these things would disclose many hidden secrets. Thus your hero will appear in a garb whose warp and woof reveals his humanity, his gentleness and charm.

As a friend the Quaid-e-Azam was vivacious and charming. In fact, not a moment of his private life was devoid of vivacity and humour. In his own informal circle the Quaid-e-Azam usually conducted himself without ceremony. But unfortunately his preoccupations did not allow him to spare time for his close friends. His public life and its responsibilities had so overshadowed all other things that very little time of his life was his own. His only relaxation in this busy life was to exchange a few pleasantries with those around him at the time of meals or tea.

GIVEN BELOW ARE SOME REMINISCENCES OF PEOPLE WHO WERE CLOSE TO THE QAID:

From:  
"Quaid-e-Azam As A Friend",  
by Matlub-ul-Hasan Saiyed

Mr. Mahmood Hasan who was Editor of "The Deccan Times" of Madras and later Manager of "Dawn" was once dining with Mr. Jinnah. As usual Mr. Jinnah ate very little and then began to play the knife on his nails. His friends were familiar with this habit of his. Mr. Mahmood who was still eating felt embarrassed and said to Mr. Jinnah, "You have eaten practically nothing." Mr. Jinnah replied, "People suffer because they eat much."

I met an American correspondent. He said, "When I was in England I heard so many things about Mohammad Ali Jinnah in British circles that I got interested in him. Therefore, on receiving instruction from my paper to proceed to India I made up my mind to see this great leader on reaching the country. Accordingly, after I had arrived in India, I met Jinnah; I found him to be greater than I expected." I asked the American correspondent as to how he became an admirer of Mr. Jinnah. He related a joke of Mr. Jinnah: "In England a lady asked Jinnah whose progeny he was - Shivaji's or Aurangzeb's - the two religious leaders of India. Mr. Jinnah answered, "Of both, madam."

In Lahore Mr. Jinnah attended a meeting in a Girls College. It was a Muslim College and the girls observed Purdah, but they did not observe Purdah before Mr. Jinnah. On return from the meeting Mr. Jinnah related the incident to his companions, which led to the following conversation:

Miss Jinnah: The girls did not observe Purdah perhaps because you're an old man.

Mr. Jinnah: I don't think so. This is no compliment to me.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan: The girls regard you as their political sovereign and they considered it the best way of expressing their feelings that they should not observe Purdah before you.

Mr. Jinnah: Yes. That means something.

Once I was accompanying Mr. Jinnah in a car from Mysore to Ootacamund. Miss Jinnah was with us. We had to traverse a distance of about eighty miles. The car was moving slowly; therefore, the journey took several hours. On the way Mr. Jinnah said he would like to get down from the car to stretch his legs and have tea. There was a railway station near by. We went there. Miss Jinnah got busy arranging for tea. The Quaid-e-Azam began to walk on the platform. As he walked he kept talking to me. I felt as if the people recognized him. There was a commotion at the station. I drew Mr. Jinnah's attention to this. He laughed and said, "It's a storm in a tea-cup and it will soon be over".

After the British Cabinet Mission's parleys in India the Quaid-e-Azam went to England. One day he was telling the Press representatives as to how the Congress policy had harmed the Muslims. During the discussion one of the representatives said, "But, Sir, you were once in the Congress." The Quaid-e-Azam retorted, "I was once in a primary school also."





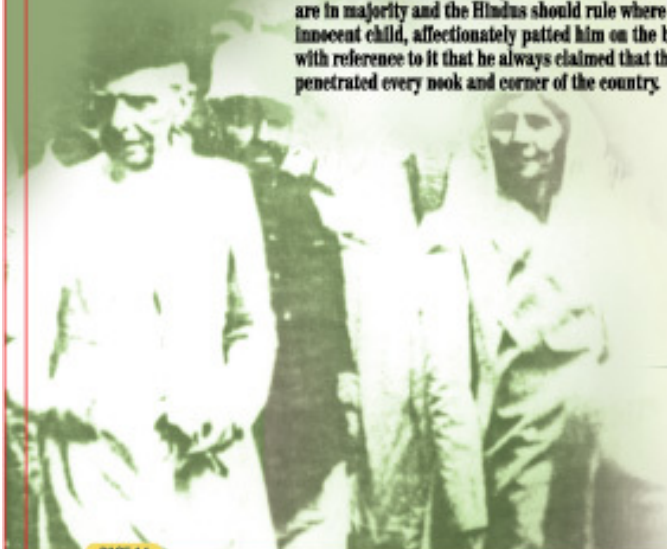
### Imperishable flowers of memory

The Quaid-e-Azam was very fond of collecting carpets. He indulged this taste even when he was hard up. In spite of his keenness he was not sentimental about carpets. He bought them for use and no one could make him pay a higher price for his favourite carpets merely by talking about them. He would look at a Persian carpet and his keen eye at once formed a correct idea of its value. No carpet dealer could approach him merely with a view to extorting a higher price. Once a carpet dealer came to the Quaid-e-Azam with beautiful Persian carpets. The Quaid-e-Azam had all the carpets spread over the lawns in front of his house. The bright rays of the sun added to the beauty and splendour of these precious specimens of Persian craftsmanship. But the Quaid-e-Azam with his keen sight correctly assessed the price of each one of the carpets.

Wherever the Quaid-e-Azam went he was surrounded by his admirers. He did not like it; therefore, he tried to ensure that very few people should know of his comings and goings. But when he had time he would receive the visitors from far and near with the greatest cordiality. In 1941 the Quaid-e-Azam went on a tour of South India and stayed in the State Guest House in Mysore. Some people walked a distance of twenty miles to see him. He had high temperature and was also worried by the political situation in the country. But when he was informed that people had come to see him he immediately came out and talked to them for about an hour.

It may strike you as strange but it is a fact that he was not so much impressed by the opinions and decisions of his associates as by the opinions of his humble followers. His devotees wrote to him all sorts of things. He received hundreds of such letters every day. He opened them with his own hands and if he were not engrossed in some important national problem he would read every letter from beginning to end. He could gauge the true feelings of hundreds of thousands of his followers by reading these letters. The writers of these letters, whose names were never heard of in the political world, also criticized his work, even though they were his faithful devotees. Some were so audacious that they did not confine themselves to criticism but also demanded explanation. The Quaid-e-Azam replied to them as far as possible.

Once, Mr. Jinnah was travelling by car. He came to a village. Many admirers and followers immediately gathered to welcome him. The crowd requested the Quaid-e-Azam to get down from the car. He came out and was garlanded and presented with a purse. Muslim League's slogans too were raised. Among those who were raising slogans was a ten-year child. The Quaid-e-Azam beckoned to him to come near and asked him, "You are crying Pakistan Zindabad. Do you understand what Pakistan means?" The child answered: "Of course, I do not know so much about Pakistan as you do. But I know this much - Pakistan means that the Muslims should rule in those parts of India where they are in majority and the Hindus should rule where they are in majority." The Quaid-e-Azam was fully satisfied with the answer given by the innocent child, affectionately patted him on the back and bade him good-bye. But he always remembered this small incident, and it was with reference to it that he always claimed that the voice of the All-India Muslim League, in spite of insufficient means of propaganda, had penetrated every nook and corner of the country.



From:  
"Quaid-e-Azam and Muslim Women",  
by: Begum Geti Ara Bashir Ahmed:

In 1942 after the session of the Punjab Muslim Students Federation, at which my husband Mian Bashir Ahmad was the Chairman of the Reception Committee, the Maharaja of Kapurthala gave a lunch in honour of the Quaid-e-Azam and Mian Abdul Aziz Faalq Palma, then Prime Minister of Kapurthala, held a garden party in his honour. We were returning to Lahore along with the Quaid-e-Azam and Mohtarma Miss Fatima Jinnah in the same car. Finding the Quaid-e-Azam in a relaxed mood I put him a question in the course of conversation. I said: "Quaid-e-Azam, my niece Muntaz, my daughter Rifa'at and other educated young girls, who are zealously organizing the Muslim League Women's National Guard wish to know that if Pakistan is achieved through this political struggle, will the foundation of our new State be laid on conservatism or will it assume the shape of progressive countries?" The Quaid-e-Azam smiled and said: "Tell your young girls, I am a progressive Muslim leader. I, therefore, take my sister along with me to backward areas like Baluchistan and N.W.F.P. and she also attends the sessions of the All-India Muslim League and other public meetings. Insha Allah, Pakistan will be a progressive country in the building of which women will be seen working shoulder to shoulder with men in every department of life."

From:  
"Memories of the Quaid-e-Azam"  
by Altaf Husain, former Editor, Dawn (Delhi and Karachi) (1945 - 65)

On another occasion I was sitting with Quaid-i-Millat in the latter's drawing room and we became so engrossed in our talks that we hardly noticed it was well past midnight. The blazing logs in the fireplace had subsided into flickering embers and the room was colder. Suddenly the communicating door between the Quaid's suite and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan's suite opened and in walked the Quaid in his dressing gown with a bottle of Vicks Vaporub in his hand. He scolded Mr. Liaquat Ali for not having gone to bed because it seems he had caught a cold and was running a little temperature. The Quaid handed the bottle of Vicks to Mr. Liaquat and told him to rub the ointment well on his chest and back before retiring. Then he said good night to us and was about to return to his suite when he turned back and said: "How are you going to rub it on your back? I think I had better help you." Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, of course, immediately protested and I intervened and offered to perform the good offices, which I did.

## ANECDOTES ABOUT THE QUAID

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### Imperishable flowers of memory

A.R. Ahmed, Proprietor, Jinnah Chemical Industries Limited, Mymensingh in his letter dated February 24, 1947 informed the Quaid that he had named his company after him.

The Quaid's reply indicates how careful he was in such matters. He could not brook the possibility of his words or acts being misinterpreted or misconstrued. The Quaid wanted everything to be straightforward and above board. He directed A.R. Ahmed to withdraw his name forthwith. The letters are given below:

A.R. Ahmed to M.A. Jinnah  
F. 832/13-14

Natrakona, Mymensingh

24 February, 1947

My dear Quaid-e-Azam

I am sorry that I have been compelled to disturb you by intruding upon your much valuable time. I hope you will kindly excuse me.

Your statements in the newspaper and on the platform every now and then on the economic backwardness of the Muslims have set us to serious thinking and it is high time for us to remedy that backwardness. With this object in view we have already started a chemical industry with Head Office at Natrakona, Mymensingh, and have most proudly used your name to nominate (sic) it as JINNAH CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. The Company has been registered under the Indian Joint Stock Companies Act 1913.

The object of the Company is to produce, manufacture and sell pharmaceutical products, medical preparations, chemico-therapeutic (medicines), rectified spirit, medicated wine, homoeopathic medicines, perfumery and toilet goods. The Company also intends to manufacture the most up-to-date instruments and apparatus for the laboratory. In fine the principal object of the company is to carry on research, which is beneficial to the Company and to the nation and at the same time paying. It cannot be denied that chemical and pharmaceutical industries are the vital nerve of the nation and the field for industries in this vast country of ours is very great. We know our success is certain, if we have the good wishes from you.

We did not seek your permission to (use) your name before because we know our beloved Quaid-e-Azam cannot be so unkind as to refuse permission.

I beg to mention here that Mr. Nurul Amin, the Hon'able Speaker of the Bengal Legislature, and Mr. Asan Ali, M.L.A. have kindly consented to permit use of their names as Patrons of the Company.

I hereby beg most humbly to request you to kindly excuse us for associating your name with the Company.

Yours sincerely,

A.R. AHMED

Proprietor, Jinnah Chemical Industries Ltd.

and

Member, All India Muslim League Council,  
Natrakona, Mymensingh.

M.A. Jinnah to A.R. Ahmed

F. 832/15

4 March 1947

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 24th February 1947. While I am very glad that you have started this concern of yours and I wish it every success, I regret I cannot agree that you should use my name and call it "Jinnah Chemical Industries Ltd." It would create an impression that I am connected with this Company and have an interest in it, and I cannot understand how you could have got the Company registered with my name.

Certainly, you have my good wishes for this venture and I cannot agree to my name being used as it will give the impression that I am connected with it or am interested in it. Nor can I agree to allow you the use of my name as a patron of the Company. Therefore, please take immediate steps to dissociate my name from the Company.

A.R. Ahmed, Esq.,  
Jinnah Chemical Industries Ltd.

Yours faithfully

M.A. JINNAH



# Jinnah Rafi Correspondence

"My Dear Quaid-e-Azam" (Jinnah Rafi Correspondence) was the first major publication of the Jinnah-Rafi Foundation. It comprised letters exchanged between the Quaid-e-Azam and Muhammad Rafi Butt.

The book was launched on 13th July 1994 by the then Prime Minister Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto at an impressive ceremony held in Alhamra, Lahore. These letters turned out to be of much historical significance. They brought into sharp relief, for the first time, the economic dimensions of the Pakistan Movement. They also dispelled the notion that there was a general lack of interest concerning the economic imperatives of the new state of Pakistan and revealed that the father of the nation was already seized of the matter.

By a strange quirk of history these letters lay hidden in the mists of time. They were discovered forty years after Rafi Butt's death and after six years of long and painstaking research by his son Imtiaz Rafi Butt.

"My Dear Quaid-e-Azam" also reveals Rafi Butt's profound admiration for the Quaid-e-Azam and the Quaid's affection for him. Rafi Butt came into contact with the Quaid-e-Azam in the thirties. The Quaid's charismatic personality, unrivalled integrity and tenacity of purpose made an everlasting impact on his mind. Rafi Butt placed his services and resources at the disposal of the Quaid-e-Azam and the Pakistan Movement. He remained a faithful lieutenant of the Quaid till the very end. The Quaid died in September 1948. Rafi Butt followed him two months later. He was only 39 at the time. In the words of Khalid Hasan, the renowned columnist, "It was because of young men like Rafi Butt that Pakistan came into being. The army that the Quaid led to victory was made up of such soldiers. They did not have guns but their hearts were ablaze with the leaping fire of freedom".

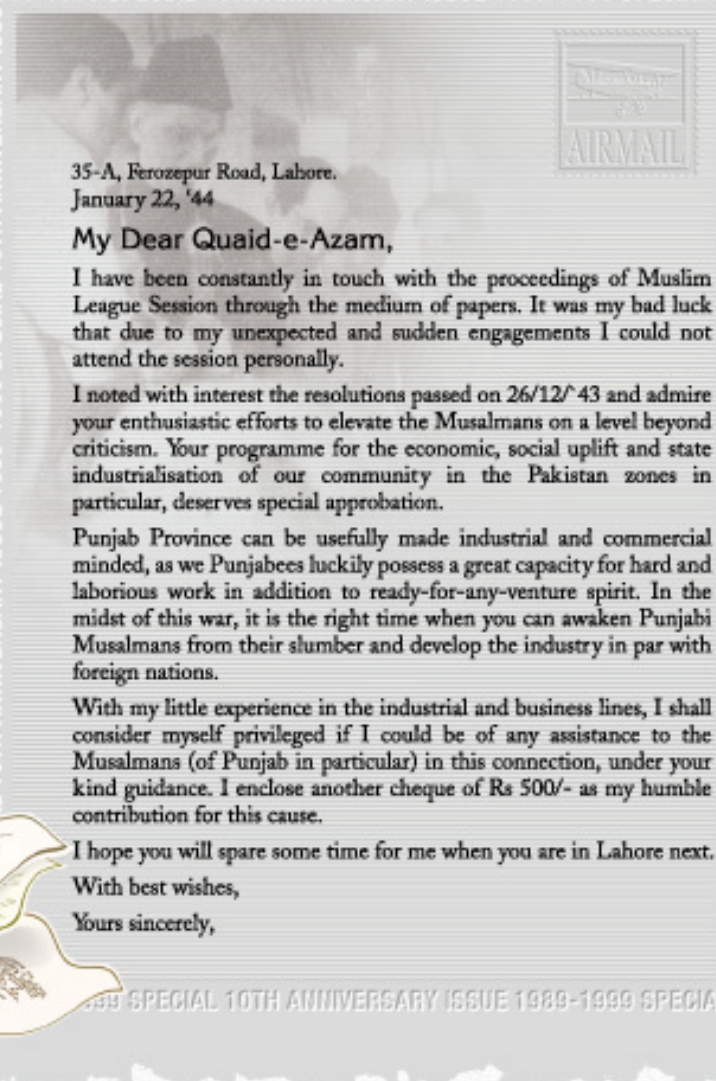




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35-A, Ferozepur Road, Lahore.  
January 22, '44

**My Dear Quaid-e-Azam,**

I have been constantly in touch with the proceedings of Muslim League Session through the medium of papers. It was my bad luck that due to my unexpected and sudden engagements I could not attend the session personally.

I noted with interest the resolutions passed on 26/12/43 and admire your enthusiastic efforts to elevate the Musalmans on a level beyond criticism. Your programme for the economic, social uplift and state industrialisation of our community in the Pakistan zones in particular, deserves special approbation.

Punjab Province can be usefully made industrial and commercial minded, as we Punjabees luckily possess a great capacity for hard and laborious work in addition to ready-for-any-venture spirit. In the midst of this war, it is the right time when you can awaken Punjabi Musalmans from their slumber and develop the industry in par with foreign nations.

With my little experience in the industrial and business lines, I shall consider myself privileged if I could be of any assistance to the Musalmans (of Punjab in particular) in this connection, under your kind guidance. I enclose another cheque of Rs 500/- as my humble contribution for this cause.

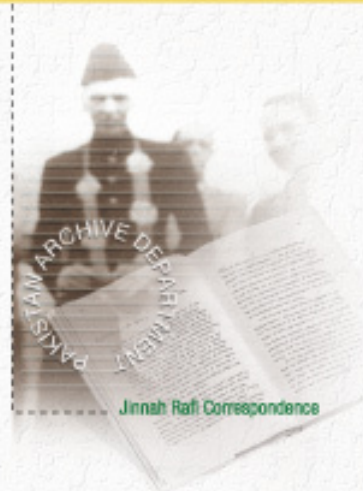
I hope you will spare some time for me when you are in Lahore next.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

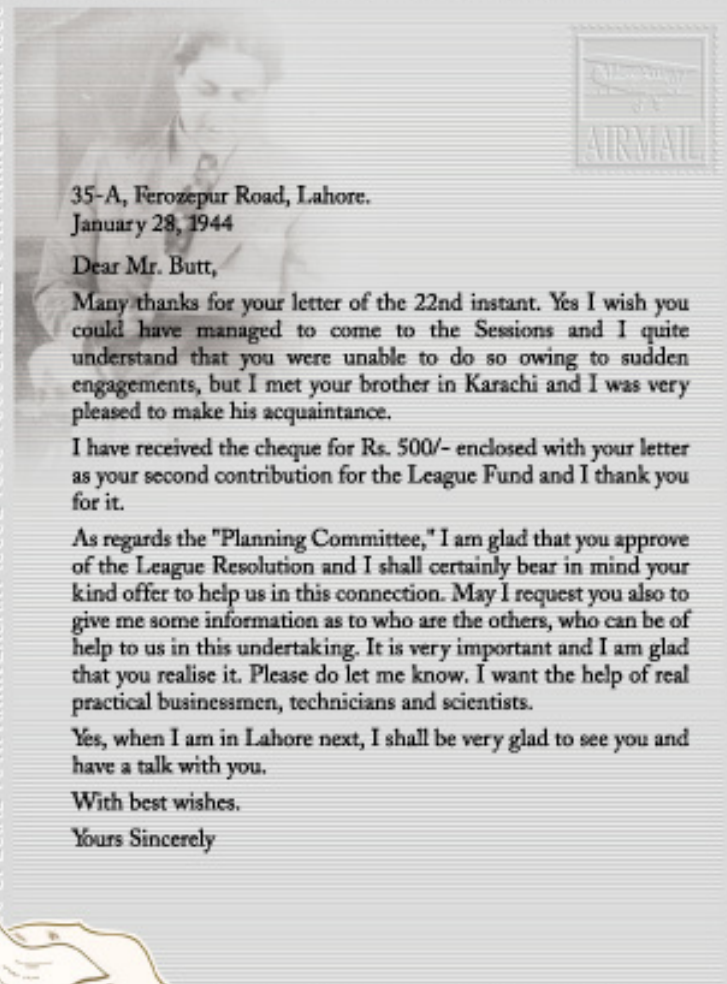


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35-A, Ferozepur Road, Lahore.  
January 28, 1944

Dear Mr. Butt,

Many thanks for your letter of the 22nd instant. Yes I wish you could have managed to come to the Sessions and I quite understand that you were unable to do so owing to sudden engagements, but I met your brother in Karachi and I was very pleased to make his acquaintance.

I have received the cheque for Rs. 500/- enclosed with your letter as your second contribution for the League Fund and I thank you for it.

As regards the "Planning Committee," I am glad that you approve of the League Resolution and I shall certainly bear in mind your kind offer to help us in this connection. May I request you also to give me some information as to who are the others, who can be of help to us in this undertaking. It is very important and I am glad that you realise it. Please do let me know. I want the help of real practical businessmen, technicians and scientists.

Yes, when I am in Lahore next, I shall be very glad to see you and have a talk with you.

With best wishes.

Yours Sincerely

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Annah Rafi Correspondence

35-A, Ferozepur Road, Lahore.

February 17, 1944

My Dear Quaid-e-Azam,

I am very grateful to you for your kind letter of the 28th. January 1944 and am sorry for the delay in replying to it.



I shall be glad to submit for the consideration of the planning committee of the League a detailed memorandum setting out the lines on which industrial development can benefit our community and shall also offer all help and assistance on the basis of my experience as an industrialist, and chairman of the Central Exchange Bank Ltd. (the only Muslim Bank in Northern India).

It is most painful to find, that we are very far behind in the industrial and commercial field; and here in the Punjab we have only a few who can do something in this direction, the outstanding personality being that of Sir Maratab Ali of Lahore. I give below the names of a few other gentlemen that in my opinion can prove very useful in this scheme.

1. Sheikh Sadik Hassan of Amritsar (Textiles).
2. Mian Naseer Ahmed of Lyallpur (Ginning & Flour Mills).
3. Khawaja Mohd Siddique of Bhera (Hide, Skin & Leather Industry).
4. Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan of A. H. Khan & Sons Engineers & Manufacturers (Metal-craft).

It is also deplorable that we have produced very few scientists so far. I would however, like to bring to your notice the name of (5) K.B. Mian Afzal Hussain, who recently vacated the office of Vice Chancellor of the Punjab University. He is a well-known scientist and was Principal of the Punjab College of Agriculture before taking Vice-Chancellorship. He is now away to Cairo to attend the Middle East Agriculture Conference on behalf of the Govt. of India. I may also mention (6) Dr. Nazir Ahmed, Director of the Cotton Technological Laboratory, Matunga (Bombay). Dr. Ahmed belongs to Lahore and was head of the Science Department of the Lahore Islamia College before going to Bombay. I suggest that scientific talent may be explored in Aligarh and other centres of Muslim Education and in addition to practical businessmen the Planning Committee should enlist the services of some eminent economists.

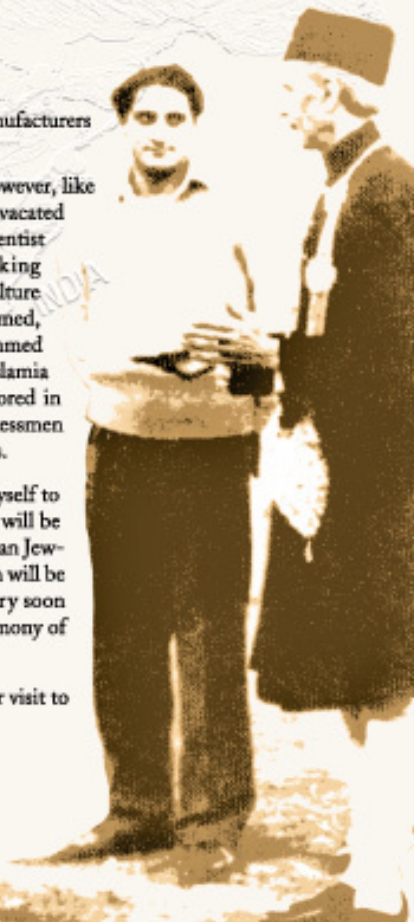
In surveying the commercial and scientific talent I have purposely confined myself to the Punjab, as I do not wish to transgress the rights of the other provinces. You will be interested to know that quite recently I have employed a foreign expert- A German Jew in connection with my new enterprise of establishing a big enamel factory, which will be the first Muslim concern of its kind in India. The factory will be completed very soon and I shall feel honoured if you could see your way to perform the opening ceremony of this factory on your next visit to Lahore.

I cannot conclude this letter without requesting you to dine with me during your visit to Lahore. I trust you will be able to spare some time for me.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

(M. Rafi Butt).





March 9, 1944

My Dear Quaid-e-Azam,

I was delighted to read in a recent issue of the Dawn that the question of sending a Muslim League delegation to foreign countries to counteract anti-Muslim propaganda is under your close examination. There can be no manner of doubt that the proposed delegation of Indian Industrialists Hindu sympathisers and supporters of the Congress will utilise the opportunity provided by the tour to impress the Congress view point on the British and American public and run down the Muslim League. I, therefore, write these few words to pledge my whole-hearted and active support to any measure you may consider necessary to take to counteract such propaganda.

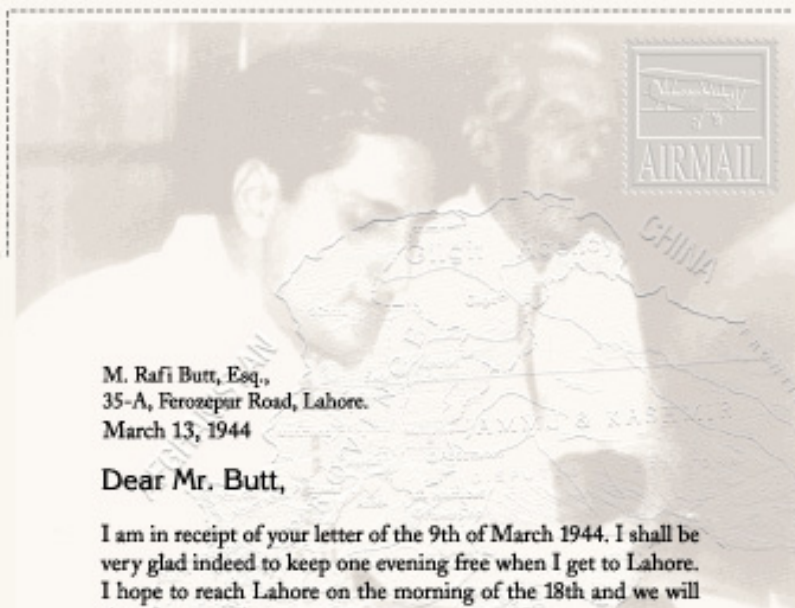
I am glad to hear that you are paying a visit to Lahore in the middle of this month. In my last letter I requested you to keep one evening free for me when you come to Lahore. I shall feel greatly honoured if you will accede to my request.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,







M. Rafi Butt, Esq.,  
35-A, Ferozepur Road, Lahore.  
March 13, 1944

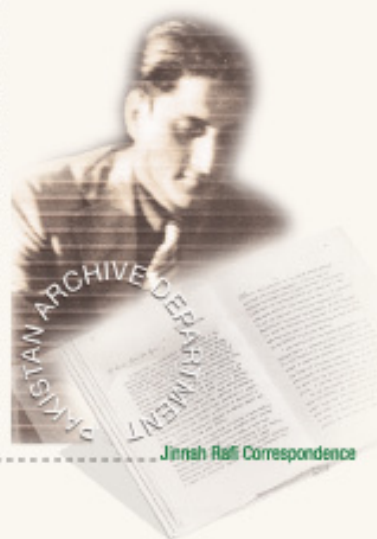
Dear Mr. Butt,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th of March 1944. I shall be very glad indeed to keep one evening free when I get to Lahore. I hope to reach Lahore on the morning of the 18th and we will then fix up a date.

As regards the other matter referred to in your letter, I thank you very much for your whole-hearted and active support if we decide upon any move to counteract the false propaganda which is carried on against us and I shall certainly avail myself of your help.

Yours sincerely,





35-A, Ferozepur Road, Lahore.  
April 11, 1944

### My Dear Quaid-e-Azam

Since my last meeting with you I have been reflecting as to what further contribution I can make to the success of the proposed English Daily. (1) As I have said before, my services are at your disposal for the advancement of the noble cause of the Muslim Nation so dear to your heart. I shall be glad to look after the commercial side of the paper and do all I can to ensure its success by placing it on a sound commercial footing. My experience and connections in the business world can be freely drawn upon for the purpose of securing advertisements, organising agencies for sale, and settling matters connected with the technical equipment necessary to bring out a first class daily.

I hope you were able to find three more contributors to raise the guarantee fund to Rs. one lakh.

I am very glad to observe that your fortnight's stay in Lahore has had a very encouraging effect on the Musalmans of the Punjab and I hope that the League with its growing strength has already captured the imagination of the Muslim masses in other provinces as well.

It is my firm conviction that if Muslim businessmen and industrialists are properly mobilised and stand firm behind the League, the Muslim nation's future will be ensured; but this cannot be achieved unless we have true well wishers of the Muslim Nation at the helm of affairs in the administrative sphere.

You will be interested to hear that Sir Chhotu Ram in the course of a speech at Layallpure session (of the Jat Mahasabha) frankly recognised that so long as religion forms the basis of distribution of Political rights in the constitution of India, it was the inherent right of every religious community to organize itself for the protection of its political rights; and those who did not do so would stand to lose. Every jat he said, would have complete freedom to join the Congress, the Muslim League, the Hindu Mahasabha, the Akal Dal, the Liberal Federation or the Indian Christian Association; and work in his individual capacity for the achievement of Pakistan, Akhand Hindustan, Azad Punjab, United Punjab and Purna Swaraj; but the Jat Mahasabha platform could not be utilised either to support or oppose any of these political ideals.

I personally consider that this is the direct result of your visit to Lahore that even Sir Chhotu Ram has started advising the Muslim Jats to join the League for the protection of their political rights and that if the Muslim Jats did not do so, they would be losers.

I am glad you are shortly coming to Lahore again.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,







Jinnah Rafi Correspondence

M. Rafi Butt, Esq.,  
35-A, Ferozepur Road, Lahore.  
July 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Butt,

Many thanks for your letter of July 5th. I have not given up the scheme for an English daily to be established in Lahore, and I will talk to you further on the matter when I am in Lahore. I have noted that your brother associates contribution with you to the newspaper scheme. I wonder whether you have made any progress with regard to the securing of premises and some of the machines which we were informed were available in Lahore.

The cheque that I received from Naseer Ahmed Sheikh was not met because there was some alteration in the date, and I had to return that cheque to him, requesting him to send me a fresh cheque or to initial the irregularity in the date. I have sent him two reminders, but I am sorry to say that I have not yet heard from him. I wonder whether he received my letter enclosing his cheque, which was not met by his Bank. Please make enquiries and let me know.

I hope to be in Lahore on July 28th, and shall then be very glad to have the opportunity of meeting you and further discussing, amongst other subjects, the scheme for an English daily.

Yours sincerely,



PAKISTAN ARCHIVE DEPARTMENT

Jinnah Rafi Correspondence

Murree Hill  
October 2, 1945

My Dear Quaid-e-Azam,

I have just returned after six months tour of the United States and Canada where I studied industrial development, in particular as to how the United States has been able to build up its present position as the industrial leader of the world. I spent a good deal of time in critically examining the methods and the means adopted by American industrialists in accomplishing their present achievements. I observed a great similarity between the natural resources of the United States and India and do not see why our own great country cannot be developed economically on the same lines as America.

You will be glad to learn that I have established many valuable connections with the captains of industry in the United States and with their assistance I expect to set up in the near future a network of factories in India. I shall be able to explain in detail when I see you personally in the near future.

After a couple of day's stay in Lahore I have come to Murree on a week's holiday before plunging into serious business. During my absence from India I have been keenly watching the political developments in our country particularly the events connected with the Simla Conference which have culminated in the present election. I regret to record my impression that the Congress case receives wide publicity in the United States whereas few know the League viewpoint. I did my best to explain the League case to each and every industrialist I met both in the United States and Canada but I have come back with the firm conviction that it is imperative to set up some sort of publicity organisation in New York to counteract the propaganda of the Congress. You will be interested to know that in pursuance of my own business plan I am contemplating to open an office in the United States very shortly.



PAKISTAN ARCHIVE DEPARTMENT

Jinnah Rafi Correspondence



I may mention here that before proceeding to the United States I insured my life in the sum of £2000 for the duration of my absence from India and in the event of death had nominated you to receive the money due from the insurance company and utilise it for the advancement of Muslim interests. But it may amuse you to know that the policy is now dead as I have returned alive. I enclose herewith the policy for your perusal.

As for the present elections it is my fervent prayer that the Almighty may crown your efforts with success and I hope that the League will sweep the polls. Whatever help I can render in this direction will, you may be sure, be readily forthcoming. I am not a very wealthy man but whatever I possess is at the disposal of the nation. As I have only recently returned to India I have not had enough time to study the conditions in connection with the elections. Since the time is very short I have informed the Nawab of Mamdot from here of my intention to contest the provincial elections but I am completely in your hands and will be guided by your advice.

I hope the climate of Quetta is having a very favourable effect on your health.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

## Jinnah-Rafi Foundation Roundup

The Jinnah-Rafi Foundation was set up in 1989 by Imtiaz Rafi Butt in memory of the Quaid-e-Azam and his (Imtiaz's) father Muhammad Rafi Butt. Rafi Butt was a devoted disciple of the Quaid and a staunch supporter of the Pakistan Movement. The founding of the Jinnah-Rafi Foundation joined the memory of Rafi Butt to the Quaid and paid tribute to both.

The main objectives of the Foundation are:

- TO SPREAD THE THOUGHTS AND IDEAS OF THE QAUID-E-AZAM.
- TO INSTIL A SENSE OF PATRIOTISM AND NATIONAL PRIDE IN THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN.
- TO PROMOTE HISTORICAL RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION.

The Jinnah-Rafi Foundation has published two books so far, namely, "My Dear" (Jinnah-Rafi Correspondence) and "At Quaid's Service" (A Journey Towards Discovery) – a biography of M. Rafi Butt. A third book on the economic dimensions of the Pakistan Movement and Rafi Butt's role as a leading Muslim entrepreneur of the time is under preparation and will be ready by the end of 2003.

"My Dear Qaid-e-Azam", the first book to be published by the Foundation, was well received both at home and abroad. A number of world leaders and notables, including the following, were kind enough to send their comments and acknowledgements:

BILL CLINTON  
RONALD REAGAN  
JOHN MAJOR  
LADY THATCHER



JINNAH-RAFI FOUNDATION ROUNDUP







**Bill Clinton**

Thank you for your kind words and gift. I am working hard to live up to your expectations and to meet the many challenges that still face our nation, and I am grateful for your thoughtfulness.



**Ronald Reagan**

The President would like to convey his appreciation for thinking of him and wishes you every success in your endeavours.



**John Major**

I have been asked to thank you for your letter of January 28, to the Prime Minister and for your very kind thought in sending him the book and brochure "My Dear Qaid-e-Azam" published by your Foundation.

The Prime Minister sends his best wishes for the successful launch of your father's biography next month.



**Margaret Thatcher**

Dear Mr. Rafi Butt,  
Lady Thatcher has asked me to write on her behalf to thank you for your letter and for the information you have kindly supplied regarding your illustrious father and his extensive achievements during his lifetime. Lady Thatcher was also very interested to read your view of world history and was grateful for your kind comments.







**Excerpts** from the Welcome Address, presented by Mr. Imtiaz Rafi Butt on the occasion of launching ceremony of "My dear Quid-i-Azam " at Lahore, on 13 July 1994.

"I feel immensely pleased in welcoming the Honourable Chief Guest, Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan to this event of historic significance, I also feel honoured in welcoming the Governor of Punjab Ch. Altaf Hussain, the Chief Minister of Punjab, Mian Manzoor Ahmed wattoo, the Senior Minister of Punjab, Makhdoom Altaf Ahmed, Ladies and Gentlemen:"

"It is a common feature amongst human beings that regardless of their background and level of education, they always ask themselves a fundamental question, that is: "Who am I ? Why am I here ? And what am I doing ?" I am no exception. Often I put these questions to myself. In the process of finding answers, I have discovered many things and my search still continues. It is also said that "Life is the sum total of incidents, co-incidents and accidents? A tragic accident took place on 26th November 1948. 46 years ago an aeroplane went down in flames near Vehari, about 180 miles from Lahore. The ashes of that air crash changed the lives of many families. One such family was the family of Rafi Butt. A young wife with a three year old daughter and a two month infant son, was anxiously awaiting the return of her beloved husband but within the span of few moments she had become a young widow. At that moment she alone realised the magnitude of the tragedy. From then onward, until her death, she had only one purpose-the upbringing of her children to be worthy of carrying the name of their legendary father Rafi Butt."

"The infant son kept growing up completely oblivious of the significance of the inheritance and the responsibilities which were to follow. In the absence of a father in flesh and blood he started growing up with the idea of a father in the abstract. In the years that followed through teenaging, youth, and manhood the idea of a father was gradually transformed into Rafi Butt as my father and as the man he was. This quest has taken me to many places, people and ideas. And through these contacts I have found my way . I am happy to say that today is a landmark in the pursuit of my mission. Many amongst you may have gone through the loss of dear ones at various stages of your life. The greater the intimacy with those who are gone, the more brutal the blow. On the other hand, the greater the urge to know them without the privilege of intimacy, the bigger the anguish. I belong to the second category. In my quest-bit by bit, piece by piece -Rafi Butt, for me started coming to life. As a son, I started becoming accustomed to his towering personality, and other details of his life. All this was possible through the recollections of his friends."

"When death eliminates you at the young age of 38, you don't leave behind much for posterity except memories-because you are too busy living your life. And what I have discovered about Rafi Butt, he vanished while living. The personality which emerges through the recollection of his friends, is the personality at the zenith of its vibrancy. Simultaneously, he was a politician, a banker, an industrialist, a social worker, a sportsman, a devoted family man and dedicated friend. He was a multidimensional personality, but one thing which was felt by all who came in contact with him, was his warmth and integrity. It was this passion and integrity which proved the bridge of association with the Quaid. It was this particular streak of his character which transformed my life as well. It was this knowledge which influenced my decision to start Jinnah Rafi Foundation which will Insha-Allah pave the way for the future generations to benefit from the ideas of the Quaid and Rafi Butt."

"Fate removes, and once removed the dead becomes completely helpless to influence the present or the future on their own. It is for those who survive them to keep their dreams alive through the spread of their message and the values for which they had lived."

"In the beginning, I mentioned, the part coincidents play in one's life. It is yet another co-incident that today we have amongst us our Prime Minister who is trying her best to bring to reality the vision of her father who too had to depart while living to the fullest. In my own humble way I have dedicated my life for the realisation of my father's mission which in his own words was, "total commitment to implement the ideas of the father of the nation." Rafi Butt put his resources and services at the disposal of Quaid-i-Azam for the welfare of the people of Pakistan. We have come so far through hard work and dedication and we hope that our continuous efforts will carry our mission to even greater achievements."

"In closing, I am greatly indebted to every one who has joined me today. I am particularly grateful to those associates without whose help and contribution the dream of publishing this correspondence would have never been realised."





**Excerpts** from Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto's speech, delivered on the occasion of launching of "My Dear Qaid-i-Azam" at Lahore on 13th July 1994.

"My Dear Qaid-i-Azam' is a son's tribute to his father, Mohammad Rafi Butt, a selfless worker of the Pakistan Movement. By transforming his father's great legacy into a book, Imtiaz Raft Butt has indeed distributed the same among his countrymen. This is a strong expression of his love and affection for Quaid-i-Azam, Pakistan, Pakistani brothers and sisters..."

"It was the Zia regime which distorted the speeches and sayings of the father of the nation for the sake of personal interests. It was the PPP government which lifted ban from the speeches and sayings of Muhammad Ali Jinnah soon after assuming power in 1988."

"Quaid had been advocating a strong federal Pakistan. He was opposed to the slogans of "Jaag Mohajir Jaag", "Jaag Punjabi Jaag", "Sindhu Desh Zindabad", "Greater Balochistan" and "Paktoon nationalism".

"Pakistan is not a historical state and was, in fact, achieved due to the heroic struggle of Muhammad Ali Jinnah and the relentless sacrifices made by the Muslims of the subcontinent. It is the duty of every Pakistani to strengthen Quaid's Pakistan. We have to make Pakistan a true progressive state in which there will be no room for menaces like corruption and horse-trading."

"The ongoing spate of terrorism in various parts of the country is, in fact, a deep conspiracy to destabilise the democratically elected government."

"Sectarianism in our society has increased to such an extent that bombs are being hurled at namazis in the mosques."

"Such incidents are bound to happen because we have stopped following in the footsteps of the father of the nation. The Quaid was not equipped with any bomb, klashnikovs or bullets; it was essentially his conviction of faith which ultimately led to the creation of Pakistan."

"The whole nation should join hands to counter the nefarious designs of the saboteurs who are ruthlessly killing innocent people. We have to reactivate the Quaid's philosophy and traditions to help make Pakistan a country of his vision a land of brotherhood, peace and fraternity."

She regretted that commercialism and materialism have overshadowed our society thus eroding esprit de corps. She exhorted the audience and the countrymen by concluding her speech with one of Quaid's sayings "Money lost, nothing lost; Courage lost, something lost; Honour lost, most lost; Soul lost, all lost." "Let us save our souls", she added.

Merren Hill,  
October 2, 1945.

My dear Gandhi Sir,

I have just returned after six months tour of the United States and Canada where I studied industrial development, in particular as to how the United States has been able to build up its present position as the industrial leader of the world. I spent a good deal of time in critically examining the attitude and the basis adopted by American industrialists in accomplishing their present achievements. I observed a great similarity between the natural resources of the United States and India and do not see why our own great country cannot be developed economically on the same lines as America. You will be glad to learn that I have established many valuable connections with their captains of industry in the United States and with their assistance I expect to set up in the near future a network of factories in India. I shall be able to explain in detail when I am personally in the near future.

After a week's holiday before plunging into serious business, during my absence from India I have been keenly watching the political developments in our country particularly the events connected with the Simla Conference which have diminished if the present election. I regret to record my impression that the Congress case

case receives wide publicity in the United States whereas few know the Indian viewpoint. I did my best to explain the Indian case to each and every industrialist I met both in the United States and Canada but I have come back with the firm conviction that it is imperative to set up some sort of publicity organization to draw up to interested the press and the Congress. You will be interested to know that in presence of my own business plan I am contemplating to open an office in the United States very shortly.

I may mention here that before proceeding to the United States I insured my life in the sum of £1000 for the duration of my absence from India and in the event of death had nominated you to receive the money due from the insurance company and utilize it for the advancement of Muslim interests. But it may mean you to know that the policy to me dead as I have returned alive. I continue herewith the policy for your personal use for the present situation it is my fervent prayer that the Almighty may crown your efforts with success and I hope that the League will speed the policy. That ever help I can render in this direction will, you may be sure, be readily forthcoming. I am not a very wealthy man but wherever I pass my time in the Congress





*Extract from the Letter from  
Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto,  
Prime Minister of Pakistan*

----The contribution made by your illustrious father M. Rafi Butt towards the establishment of Pakistan is well recognized. The Jinnah Rafi Foundation can certainly play an important role in preserving the important record of our freedom movement for the benefit of future generations. I commend you for your services to the Foundation and wish you good luck. ----

*Benazir Bhutto*



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WASHINGTON



*Thank you for your kind words  
and gift. I am working hard to live  
up to your expectations and to  
meet the many challenges that still  
face our nation, and I am grateful  
for your thoughtfulness.*

*Bill Clinton*





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----- *The President would like to  
convey his appreciation for  
thinking of him and wishes you  
every success on your endeavours.*



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24 February 1995

Dear Mr. Bott,

*I have been asked to thank you for your letter of 28 January to the Prime Minister and for your very kind thought in sending him the book and brochure "My Dear Qaid-i-Azam" published by your foundation.*

*The Prime Minister sends his best wishes for the successful launch of your father's biography next month.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Michael Price*

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MARGARET, THE LADY THATCHER, O.M., P.C., F.R.S.  
HOUSE OF LORDS  
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Dear Mr. Rafi Butt,

Lady Thatcher has asked me to write on her behalf to thank you for your letter and for the information you have kindly supplied regarding your illustrious father and his extensive achievements during his lifetime. Lady Thatcher was also very interested to read your view of world history and was grateful for your kind comments.....

Yours sincerely

Vivienne Kray

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PA/THE Rt Hon The Baroness Thatcher OM FRS



I am impressed by your devotion to the great Quaid. Man like you engaged in reviving his memory and enlightening his achievements deserves our thanks. If you ever come to Islamabad, do get in touch with me.

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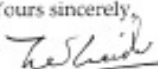
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Mr Imtiaz Rafi Butt  
Jinnah Rafi Foundation,  
Office of the Chairman,  
Honorary Consul for Malaysia,  
Empire Centre, 9-K, Main Boulevard,  
Gulberg, Lahore.

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May I suggest that in the issues of Jinnah Rafi Foundation you may also reserve a column about relevant new works regarding the Quaid and the Pakistan Movement, etc.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
  
Z.H. Zaidi





NELSON MANDELA  
FOUNDATION



I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated 06 May 2000 addressed to Mr. Mandela. Please be advised that the contents of your letter have been noted and the copy of the Special 10th Anniversary Issue of the Jinnah-Rafi Foundation has been forwarded to Mr. Mandela. Mr. Mandela has asked me to convey his best wishes to you and wishes everything of the best for the Foundation.



NELSON MANDELA  
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*Yours ever,*

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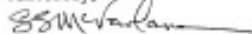
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Dear Mr. Rafi Butt:

Dr. Kissinger, who is travelling, has asked me to express his appreciation to you for sending him the 10th Anniversary Journal of the Jinnah Rafi Foundation. He was most interested to read the correspondence between Muhammad Ali Jinnah and your father, which provide fascinating insights into the founding of Pakistan, as well as your own articles on present-day issues.

Dr. Kissinger thanks you for thinking of him and sends his good wishes to you and the Foundation for success in its future undertakings.

Sincerely,



Suzanne S. McFarlane  
Executive Assistant

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HENRY KISSINGER

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"Thank you very much for affording me the pleasure of reading the valuable book.... I wish Jinnah Rafi Foundation tremendous success in its edifying mission."

***Air Chief Marshal Farooq F Khan***  
***NI (M), S Bt.***  
***Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee***

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"I have great pleasure in congratulating you and your research team on producing an important work which sheds some new light on the Pakistan movement. I found the book interesting and informative. I have had one copy placed in J S HQ library.

I was very pleased to learn that the Prime Minister has consented to be the chief guest at the book launching ceremony on 13th July. This gesture truly gives recognition to the value of the book."

***Gen. (Retd.) Shamin Alam Khan***  
***Former Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee***





I wish you and the Jinnah Rafi Foundation all the best. I may add that the book, you have sent me shall apart from making an interesting reading, will be a very useful reference guide in the performance of my duties.

*Admiral Mansurul Haque, NI(M), S. Bt.  
Chief of Naval Staff*

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“... A fine record of your father’s devotion to a man to whom we all owe so much.”

*Admiral (Retd) Saeed M. Khan  
NI (M) S. Bt.  
Former Chief of Naval Staff*

"..... Compliment you for the initiative taken to highlight yet another dimension of the Quaid-i-Azam's visionary leadership."



*Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Sabeeh Qamar Uz Zaman*

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"I received the copy of Razi's edited volume "My Dear Qaid-i-Azam" , the Jinnah-Rafi Correspondence. It should add to the background knowledge of Scholars who work on Jinnah and early Pakistan."

*Dr. Theodore P. Wright (Jr. ) Professor of  
Political Science, at the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs  
and Policy, State University of New York, Albany, New York*



"Anything that throws light on the background of plans, hopes and aspirations for economic betterment and development during the League's years of struggle for a 'Pakistan' is worth having."

*Dr. Peter Hardy, Professor of History, York University, England; formerly Professor of History, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Author of "The Muslims in British India & Historians of Medieval India."*

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"...As early as 1960's I had come to know about the patriotic spirit of your late father and the immense affection he displayed towards the Quaid."



**Dr. Z. H. Zaidi**  
**Executive-in-Chief**  
**Quaid-i-Azam Papers Project**  
**National Archives of Pakistan. Islamabad.**

"I really enjoyed reading the copies of the letters to and from your father and the Quaid. I'm sure the kind of support your father gave Mr. Jinnah, both financial and moral, helped a great deal to keep the Quaid going, when certainly at times he had many reasons to be discouraged. It was interesting to note, in one of your father's letters, he observed that the media in the USA always seemed to favour the view of the Congress and the coverage of the League's position was inadequate. Nothing has changed. The position of India in the USA media is invariably favourable and the position of Pakistan scanty and inaccurate. In any reports on what is happening in the Kashmir, the position of Pakistan is always wanting,"

*Dr, Robert Mulligan,  
A distinguished American scholar noted for  
research on Quaid-i-Azam.*





The book is certainly a historical document of great importance as it reveals a part of our history which was still lying undiscovered. I am impressed by the work done by your illustrious father in his capacity as Chairman of the Muslim League Sub-committee for Mining and Metallurgy in 1944.

It is my wish that you should continue to work with the same dedication so as to unearth more truths about the history of our nation and the great men who were instruments in building it.

***Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan***  
***Hilal-i-Imtiaz***  
***Project Director***  
***Dr. A. Q. Khan Research Laboratories***  
***Kahuta***

**Some excerpts: (Full versions follow)**

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....It was because of young men like Rafi Butt that Pakistan came into being. The army that the Quaid led to victory was made up of such soldiers. They did not have guns but their hearts were ablaze with the leaping fire of freedom.

***Khalid Hassan***

...What we have is a brief episode in the Pakistan Movement, a cameo about how a young man pursuing practical things in life was lured into dreaming by Jinnah ....

***Khaled Ahmed***

...Rafi earnestly believed that in the given situation no one else was more capable of leading the Indian Muslims to freedom than the Quaid. Nor was any other leader, in his opinion, more dedicated and faithful to the nation... ‘

...This volume not only portrays Rafi’s great respect and gratitude for Quaid-i-Azam, his unlimited love for Pakistan and his lofty spirit of sacrifice for the nation but also refutes the false propaganda against Pakistan Movement leadership...

***Dr. Safdar Mahmood***



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***"ZENO" Safdar Mir***

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....The reproduction of these letters and a host of other information, helped Imtiaz Rafi Butt find a father. It is a reflection of a dedicated (sometimes fanatical) effort-to imprint impressions of stray moments of a past, epitomising loyalty to a person and commitment to a cause...

***Imtiaz Sipra***

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Quaid-i-Azam announced a 23-member committee with the power to co-opt more members. Mr. Rafi Butt was one of the members. Ten sub-Committees were also appointed and Rafi Butt was entrusted to chair one of them

***Ahmed Salim***

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The material published in the book clearly shows the strong reverence Rafi Butt had for Quaid-i-Azam and his commitments to the Muslim League struggle for the establishment of a separate state...

He (Rafi Butt) underlined the need' of mobilising Muslim businessmen and industrialists for the Muslim League (p21) and favoured the idea of publishing an English newspaper. He offered his cooperation for making such a newspaper viable...

***Dr. Hassan Askari Rizvi***

# The Media on

## “My Dear Quaid-e-Azam”

“My Dear Quaid-e-Azam” (Jinnah Rafi Correspondence) published in 1994, was warmly welcomed by political scientists and economists. It received favourable reviews from intellectuals / columnists of such repute as Khalid Hasan, Safdar Mir (Zeno), Khaled Ahmad and Dr. Safdar Mahmood. “The Quaid believed”, writes Khalid Hasan, “that without economic emancipation there could be no political emancipation. That must have been why of thousands of young men ... he had picked our Rafi Butt who had proved that the Quaid was right ...” If to Khaled Ahmed it was the father who saved his son's soul from being contaminated, to Imtiaz Sipra, it was the son who saved his father through painstaking historical research. Perhaps both are correct. The father saved a son and a son saved the father but in different ways.

“Rafi Butt”, says Zeno, “was one of the outstanding personalities in this emerging industrial class which become an earnest protagonist of the Pakistan ideal of the Muslim League of the Quaid-e-Azam...” To Safdar Mahmood, “My Dear Quaid-e-Azam” portrays Rafi Butt's “unlimited love for Pakistan and his lofty spirit of sacrifice for the nation”.



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## PRIVATE VIEW



Khalid Hasan

In reconstructing the life of a father he never knew, Imtiaz Rafi Butt has placed us in his debt. When his young life was cut short at the age of thirty-eight in 1948 in one of those tragic and unexplained crashes that marked early aviation in the new state of Pakistan, Imtiaz was only a few months old. Forty-six years later, he has not only done his filial duty but given the rest of us something of value that we can feel good about at a time when this land, once a symbol of hope and glory, is stalked by the monster of greed and self-aggrandisement.

Rafi Butt was a debonair figure in the Lahore of thirties and forties. He was rich. He was handsome. He was driven. And he knew that he had a rendezvous with destiny. At an age when most people are trying to find their feet and deciding what they ought to make of themselves, Rafi Butt had built himself a business which testified to his imagination and tremendous sense of purpose. That alone can explain how he could succeed in a hostile environment. At the time it was simply assumed that the

## Remembering Rafi Butt

Muslims were temporarily unsuited to and incapable of making a career in industry and commerce. But Rafi Butt had proved that this bit of folk wisdom which had come to acquire the dimension of a widely held belief was false. He had proved that if they applied themselves, the Muslims could do as well if not better than those belonging to other religion who said that the only talent the Muslims had lay in artisanship or perhaps wrestling.

And this aspect of Rafi Butt's character, more than any other, must have caught the Quaid-e-Azam's fancy because he believed that Muslims had fallen behind because they had no head for trade and commerce and no respect for money. The Quaid believed and there is no question that he was right that the Muslims had allowed themselves to become a subservient community because they had opted out of material progress. The Quaid believed also that without economic emancipation there could be no political emancipation. That must have been why of the thousands of young men who wrote to him and offered him their services, indeed their very lives, he had picked out Rafi Butt who had proved that the Quaid was right. The Muslims could succeed in commerce, but only if they applied themselves.

His son, Imtiaz Rafi "Cuckoo" Butt grew up without a father and in an environment quite unlike the one in which his father had and would have had

him lived. As so often happens, his patrimony was not to be his to claim. The business was taken away by others in the family and so was much else that Rafi Butt had left. But "Cuckoo" Butt's genes were his father's. Like him he struggled against heavy and almost insurmountable odds and rebuilt the fortune that would have been his, had every one played fair by Rafi Butt's young widow and her orphaned son. Neither did Imtiaz forget whose son he was. He wanted to discover for himself a father he had not known and as he went along, he found the many remarkable things Rafi Butt had done in a very few years time. He also found that in his father he had a man so devoted to Quaid-e-Azam and the idea of an independent home for the Muslims of India that when he went to United States, the beneficiary in the Insurance policy that he took out was not his wife but Quaid-e-Azam Mohammed Ali Jinnah. That takes some doing.

"Cuckoo" Butt set up a foundation in his father's memory and though some people took advantage of his devotion to his father, his believing nature and generosity in order to touch him for gifts of money and other favours, the work of the foundation went ahead. A great deal of the credit for searching out and putting together the papers that make up the just published book "My Dear Quaid-e-Azam" Jinnah-Rafi Correspondence was done by Sadia Bokhari, a young woman of exemplary ability and

devotion. All the letters that Rafi wrote to Quaid and those that he received in reply, plus other papers such as entries from the Quaid's engagement diary, not to forget a number of photographs, have been brought together. It is a vignette but it is something of value because it humanises for us one of the most remarkable movements in contemporary history; the movement led by the wonderful man for the emancipation of the Muslims of undivided India. It was because of young men like Rafi Butt that Pakistan came into being. The army that the Quaid led to victory was made up of such soldiers. They did not have guns but their hearts were ablaze with the leaping fire of freedom.

Our times are out of joint - People wonder where we are headed and whether there is any point in going on when there is no respect for truth, or principle or even much faith in the viability of this country, when the common feeling for those who rule is not adulation but contempt bordering on hatred. When faith is assailed by doubt and hope overtaken by despair, I think it is important at just such a point in our history to remember men like Rafi Butt and move on. This country does not deserve the rulers it has but there is no doubt that the state of Pakistan will outlive and outlast them.

In the interim, let me say thank you "Cuckoo" Butt for reminding us what we were once capable of.

# The loveable innocence of an entrepreneur

Khaled Ahmed reviews the book Imtiaz Rafi Butt has finally got together with professional help to demonstrate how an industrialist can .have a heart of gold

People who know Imtiaz Rafi Butt only as a real estate tycoon in Lahore have missed a sizeable part of his personality. Others who know him as methodical systems man know that he spent a lifetime looking for a father he lost when he was only 2 months. Imtiaz's success in business could have done to him what it usually does to men but for his obsession with his father. It seems that even from beyond this life, good man Rafi Butt has saved his son's soul from being contaminated.

Rafi Butt was indeed in the classical entrepreneurial mould. In pre-partition days when business was supposed to be accursed bailiwick of the Hindu, Rafi was taking trips to the United States and getting Americans interested in setting up a 'network of industries in India' for the benefit of the Muslim masses. He

## Imtiaz Rafi Butt-saved by his father

was fascinated by this thin, precise figure in the midst of a general Muslim confusion about what they should do: Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

Rafi started writing to Jinnah. Reading these letters in the book competently put together by Syed Razi Wasti, it becomes obvious that the young man is dreaming because Jinnah was the sort of practical man you could safely hang your dreams on. And when a

businessman dreams, he mixes the pursuit of profit with meaningful achievement.

For instance, he tells the Quaid he had ensured himself for 2000 and had made the Quaid the beneficiary of the policy because he wanted the money spent in the Muslim cause.

A busy Quaid responded to Rafi, which led to Rafi writing more and more about what he could do for Jinnah in the sector, which was not a stronghold of the Muslims. One is forced to meditate on the possible reasons for Rafi's fascination and trust. Jinnah was the only man in India and in the Muslim League who gave evidence of any clarity about the collective Muslim objective. Even those he led didn't understand him and frequently got so drunk on airy fairy thing like Khilafat that he had to

'retire' away from them. Rafi, a businessman, was obviously attracted to Jinnah's clarity and pragmatism. But Rafi died suddenly in a plane crash and his surgical manufacture industry was grabbed by his brothers.

Imtiaz Rafi, after clawing his way back to the success his father deserved, was bothered by the mystery of the dead man, and decided to understand it. What we have is a brief episode in the Pakistan Movement, a cameo about how a young man pursuing practical things in life was lured into dreaming by Jinnah. It is also Imtiaz's personal response to the father he never saw but suspected of being a good human being. It has been a personal journey of comprehension of an innocence that Rafi's dependent brothers thought was sheer naiveté. ■



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## Cultural Notes

## The Pakistan movement and Muslim industrialists

"Zeno" - Safdar Mir



**T**he most powerful impetus for the Pakistan movement came from the middle-class elements in the West Pakistan regions as a whole. In the minority provinces also it was a similar picture. In Bombay, Sindh, Madras and Bengal a very powerful section of the mercantile, the professional and industrialist elements among the Muslims, formed the backbone of the Pakistan movement. What is not recognised is the fact that even in the Punjab there was a small but vital section of the middle-class among Muslims who were the real motivating force behind the movement of the Muslim League and the political struggle of Pakistan.

The Muslim middle-class in the Punjab was composed of many disparate elements. The northern-most Punjab was inhabited largely by very poor, small-scale peasants. Large numbers of them went into the army and the police service. The city belt from the Rawalpindi district through Jhelum, Gujranwala, Lahore, Amritsar, Batala and Ludhiana was inhabited by Muslim artisans (large numbers among them Kashmiris) who were continuing to ply their traditional trades like woollen, cotton and silken

cloth-making, iron-mongering, metal-working, carpet-weaving, etc. Along with craftsmanship they were entering into the hazardous sphere of shop-keeping, wholesale dealing and contract work. Some sections of this population entered government service, and professionalism of various kinds i.e. medical, legal and engineering lines.

One important element in this middle-class was the newly emerging industrialist class. Rafi Butt, a manufacturer of surgical instruments (Ghulam Nabi and Sons Surgical Works), and the founder of the Central Exchange Bank, the first Muslim Bank in Northern India, was one of the outstanding personalities in this emerging industrial class which became an earnest protagonist of the Pakistan ideal of the Muslim League of Quaid-e-Azam.

With the publication of the Jinnah-Rafi correspondence under the title of My Dear Quaid-e-Azam (published by Jinnah-Rafi Foundation, Lahore, edited by Dr. Razi Wasti) we come across some concrete evidence of the urban middle-class cum industrial cum financial entrepreneurial dimension of the Muslim League movement of Pakistan, at least as far as Punjab region is concerned.

The correspondence is not very extensive. Most of the letters are from Mr. Rafi Butt to the

Quaid-e-Azam. Only a few are from the Quaid to Mr. Butt and they are generally, in terms of acknowledgements and brief communications. But the basic importance of the letters is in terms of their politico-economic content.

In his letter to the Quaid-e-Azam of February 17, 1944, Mr. Rafi Butt has given some details of the ideas on the subject in his mind, and the ambitions he had in regard to a collective effort by the Muslims to develop them as a commercial and industrial community.

One important subject matter concerns the All India Muslim League Planning Committee, of which the Quaid had made Rafi Butt a member. According to a footnote by Dr. Razi Wasti in the book we learn something about the Planning Committee.

In another letter, Mr. Rafi Butt discusses the planning for bringing out an English daily from Lahore to support the Muslim League's ideological and political position. He himself contributed 25 percent of the capital for launching the daily which later came into being as The Pakistan Times.

"You will be interested to hear that Sir Chhotu Ram in the Lyallpur session (of the Jat Mahasaba) frankly recognised that as long as religion forms the basis of distribution of political rights in the constitution of India, it is the inherent right of

religious community to organise itself for the protection of its political rights; and those who do not do so would stand to lose. Every Jat, he said, would have complete freedom to join the Congress, the Muslim League, the Hindu Mahasabha, the Akali Dal, the Liberal Federation or the Indian Christian Association and work in his individual capacity for the achievement of Pakistan, Akhand Hindustan, Azad Punjab, United Punjab and Purna Swaraj; but the Jat Mahasabha platform could not be utilised to support or oppose any of these political ideas."

In the ultimate analysis the political struggle in the Punjab became divided clearly in terms of Hindu and Muslim national groups, with the Sikhs siding with the Hindus. The Muslims had cast their lot clearly with the Muslim League and Pakistan by now as it was proved in the election of 1945.

The letters of Mr. Rafi Butt are an indication of the manner in which the urban middle-class as well as the rest of the middle-class had made up its mind. The commercial and the industrial class was a very small part of this urban middle-class but it played a fundamental role in the movement for an independent national state of the Muslims.



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## Imtiaz Rafi Butt: the son rears the father!



**MY DEAR QUAID-E-AZAM**, a publication of Jinnah Rafi Foundation. Primarily it is an illustration of hitherto unpublished correspondence between Imtiaz's father, Rafi Butt and Quaid-e-Azam. Yet it is much more than the story of one man. It has a personal significance for the SON, who wanted to know more about a father he never knew, and never got to see. The fruits of discovery, as printed, are a rich historical record and include 18 letters (14 from Rafi Butt and 4 replies by the Quaid-e-Azam) between April 1943 to February 12, 1946; and the letters convey both concern and lack of pretence. The goal, ostensibly, was to give readers an understanding they have never had of a person-reputed to be a Quaid-e-Azam follower.

One has to bear with and commend Imtiaz Rafi Butt's desolation and isolation, and then only would one be able to comprehend the significance of this effort, a sort of a mission to know about a father who died when the son was barely two months old. And nobody could become what Imtiaz Rafi Butt is now without the odd verve and self control, certainly a 'genetic'

gift. A new energy was supplemented with tidy and sophisticated means to achieve the end, being part of the father he never had. Training was carefully gained. But as he grew the world grew wider, forcing details to be precisely crafted. And that had to be, for very early in life Imtiaz Rafi Butt found out that freedom and variousness were to be won by knowledge and care. All that prepared Imtiaz Rafi Butt to make a name for himself in and around Lahore, and prepared him more to dig deep into the past, the time and generation of his father that epitomised courage as a quality of the times. The reproduction of these letters and a host of other information, helped Imtiaz Rafi Butt find a father. It is a reflection of a dedicated (sometimes fanatical) effort to imprint impressions of stray moments of a past, epitomising loyalty to a person and commitment to a cause.

This book is not exactly enthralling; yet it is revealing. It

is heart warming and in quite a hypnotic way, brings to life a father the son never saw. It is nonetheless, a revelation, like opening a window on another world. It took painstaking work; throws new light into a forgotten past and reveals a son as bold and innovative person as his father. Problems were encountered and solved.

What Imtiaz Rafi Butt seems to be doing is adding a host of new 'shapes' and 'rhythms' to the pattern of recording echoes of the past without obliterating the old ones. At the same time he has introduced a stimulating new dimension of 'selectivity' to the once totally passive activity of remembrance through anniversaries and 'barsies'. His is an innovation, which followed, can help sons and daughters and even parents, pick and store letters and communications, for recall and remembrance. Such an effort by Imtiaz Rafi Butt is commendable, and memorable too. One can (in a broader unrelated context) equate it with

'time shifting', that VCR syndrome wherein one records a show for later viewing.

But here the similarity ends: that viewing is a conscious predetermined act. This reviewing of the past and its continuity into the future through the medium of print is more than that. It is an attempt, an assiduous effort, to recreate a 'life' an unread one, which enables one to leaf through a past of historical significance. And that Imtiaz Rafi Butt has achieved.

The book "MY DEAR QUAID-E-AZAM" (Jinnah - Rafi Correspondence) is edited by Syed Razi Wasti, an established author and historian, and is publication no.1 of Jinnah Rafi Foundation. Set up in 1989, to commemorate Rafi Butt, a young follower of Quaid, whose son, Imtiaz, is its chairman. ■





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## "My Dear Quaid-e-Azam"

Dr. Safdar Mehmood

It was an illuminating experience to read correspondence exchanged between Quaid-e-Azam and late Rafi Butt, a young industrialist of Lahore, recently published under the title "My Dear Quaid-e-Azam" because it throws light on an important aspect of the Pakistan Movement. It is a befitting title for this volume because every line of Rafi's letters breathes his love and gratitude for the great leader glorified as Quaid-e-Azam. This love and gratitude indirectly reflects his passion for the nation and dream of Pakistan as Rafi earnestly believed that in the given situation no one else was more capable of leading the Indian Muslims to freedom than the Quaid. Nor was any other leader, in his opinion, more dedicated and faithful to the nation. Thus, these letters written mostly between 1944-46, reflect Rafi's thoughts and his concern for the nation and therefore, leave a lasting impression on the reader's mind.



In his letters, when Rafi Butt addresses the Quaid as "My Dear Quaid-e-Azam" one feels the genuine endearment which these words of the author express. The sincerity of his words is evident from an incident during Rafi's visit to America in 1945. In the insurance policy that he bought before proceeding on the journey, he nominated the Quaid as its beneficiary in case of any loss to the insured. He was covered for two thousand dollars and he had specified this sum for the Muslim

cause, for their service and welfare. Obviously, neither the Quaid stood in need of it nor Rafi meant to gift it to him because its use was clearly defined in the insurance policy. Rafi knew it for certain that none else could use it more properly in the interest of the Muslims.

In his letters we find Rafi going again and again to the Quaid with suggestions and ideas about the problems faced by the Muslims. He is greatly upset when he sees the Muslim League

lagging behind the Congress in any field. He constantly persuades the Quaid to start a newspaper from the Punjab for an effective publicity of Muslim League's policies among the Muslim masses. His offer to place all his resources at the disposal of the Quaid to materialise this idea reveals his devotion to the national cause, practical approach as well as his faith in the destiny of the Muslims of the sub-continent. ➡



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## “My Dear Quaid-e-Azam”

During his stay in New York he was shocked to observe that while the Congress point of view was being projected in America in a very effective and systematic manner, Americans knew nothing about the Muslim League and its demand for Pakistan. In anxiety, he writes about it to the Quaid to stress the importance of Muslim League's propaganda in America and offers to make every possible effort in the matter. His letter in this regard shows that during his stay in America, he publicised the Muslim League and Pakistan in the influential circles, especially among the industrialists with whom he was in touch there.

Although he had gone to America to study its industrial progress, but in spite of his preoccupation, he was all the time thinking of ways and means necessary for the progress of the Muslims. Rafi's visit to America was motivated by national interest as he thought that like America, which had emerged as the greatest industrial nation in the World during the forties through its own resources, the people of the sub-continent could also take to industrialisation by making

use of the American experience.

He wanted to set up a network of industries in the Punjab because he visualised that being Muslim majority area, it was sure to become a part of Pakistan. Thus, his vision of Pakistan was of an industrial power like America. His stay in America was not long but he made a deep study of the progress of its industrial growth to benefit from it in his future plans.

Nature has its own ways and they are beyond human comprehension. Quaid-e-Azam died on 11th September 1948; soon after, Rafi also died on 26th November 1948, in an air crash. At the time of his death Rafi was only 38. Had he lived longer he would have made significant contribution towards industrialising Pakistan because God had endowed him with many qualities.

“My Dear Quaid-e-Azam” is an important link in the chain of freedom movement. It is an important chapter of our national history because it refutes the false propaganda that the leadership of the Muslim League did no planning for the state of Pakistan before its

emergence. A general impression exists that the then leaders of the Muslim League did not have time for the spadework. The correspondence between Rafi Butt and the Quaid provides an irrefutable proof of the fact that the Muslim League had formed various committees as early as in 1944-45 for the coming test. These committees had on their panels Muslim scientists, educationists and industrialists who gave their proposals for the development and progress of different fields of Pakistan. Rafi Butt had the honour of being a member of the planning committee.

In the background stated above “My Dear Quaid-e-Azam” is a valuable document. This volume not only portrays Rafi's great respect and gratitude for Quaid-e-Azam, his unlimited love for Pakistan and his lofty spirit of sacrifice for the nation but also refutes the false propaganda against Pakistan Movement leadership. This book has been edited by Dr. Syed Razi Wasti, a renowned historian and scholar of international fame, and has been published by Jinnah Rafi Foundation which Imtiaz Rafi Butt has founded for

publishing research works on Pakistan and Quaid-e-Azam.

In founding this foundation he has given abundant proof of his hereditary sense of gratitude for the Quaid and his dedication to the service of Pakistan. And this is the sentiment that has impelled me to write these lines. After all, how many industrialists have earmarked funds for research on Pakistan and its Founder? ■







## Quest for New Horizons

Asadullah Ghalib

"Quest for New Horizons" is a book in which Asadullah Ghalib documents the sequence of events that led to the discovery of M. Rafi Butt.

Asadullah Ghalib was perhaps the first person to undertake research on M. Rafi Butt. This task was assigned to him by Mr. Arif Nizami, Editor, "The Nation" whose curiosity was so aroused by a solitary photograph of the Quaid with Rafi Butt in Imtiaz Rafi's office that he felt there was more to it than met the eye. Ghalib turned to the reference files of the "Nawa-i-Waqt" and was amazed at what he found. He found that M. Rafi Butt was a multidimensional man and an extraordinary figure of his time.

In "Quest for New Horizons" Asadullah Ghalib also describes the effect, which this revelation had on Rafi Butt's son, Imtiaz Rafi Butt.



## Quest for New Horizons

### EXCERPTS FROM

The name of Rafi Butt will always head the list of those who had the privilege and good fortune of enjoying the close proximity of the Quaid-e-Azam. He had already reached the pinnacle of success in United India as a Muslim industrialist of the Punjab. It was a time when the Hindus held sway in all walks of life and it was not easy for a Muslim to make headway in these fields. But failure was a word unknown to Rafi Butt. When, as a youth, he began to share business responsibilities with his father, Ghulam Nabi Butt, no one could have imagined that he would one day carve a name for himself in business and also have the privilege of playing host to the Quaid-e-Azam, the most revered and admired leader of the Muslims. Unfortunately, we have been lax in preserving the history of our ancestors.

Few amongst us know that the Quaid, who was so discriminating in the choice of friends, came personally to Ferozpur Road (now Garden Town) to visit "Ghulam Nabi & Sons" and that his meeting with Rafi Butt, marked the beginning of a close relationship.

An All-India Trade Directory was published in 1942. Arranged alphabetically, it contained names and bio-data of prominent persons ranging from Maharajas and Nawabs to industrialists, bankers and politicians. This directory was dedicated to Rafi Butt with these words:

To

MOHAMMED RAFI BUTT, ESQ.

"The Youngest Industrialist and Business magnate in the province who by dint of his liberal outlook to-day not only possesses huge Factories and offices but commands respect and esteem."

Facing the dedication was a full-page photograph of Rafi Butt and printed within was a comprehensive bio-data of Rafi Butt that read as follows:

"Mohammed Rafi Butt, Proprietor, Messers Ghulam Nabi & Sons. Son of Mian Ghulam Nabi Butt, born 1910. At the tender age of 15, he succeeded his father's business on his death, in 1925. The heavy responsibilities of the family fell to his lot which he managed very wisely. He devoted his whole attention to the concern first till in 1931, he was able to put the whole show on modern lines. He put his brothers, Messers, Mohammed Haneef Butt and Mohammed Taqi Butt, in the line and gave them practical sound training. The former is in charge of the Bombay office situated on Sir Phiroze-Shah Mehta Road and the latter is at present at the Head office. For advance studies in Steel Industry and Surgical Instrument Production, he went to England in 1937 and underwent training at Canning's Chrome

Factories at Birmingham under the direction of Sir Canning Lord Mayor and owner of various groups of industries. Also visited various steel and surgical factories in Europe. On his return developed the old works in Mayo Road, by introducing modern systems of manufacturing surgical instruments and Hospital Appliances. Later built a huge factory at a cost of several lakh of rupees on Ferozpur Road, Lahore, which is considered as one of the largest, well equipped and most up-to-date factories in the line in India. He has keenly studied the subject of Capital, Labour and Brain. The factory claims to have highly-paid and well organized labor. Since the outbreak of the war, he has acquired contracts of Surgical Instruments and Hospital Appliances, supply to Military and thus played a conspicuous part in the war efforts. Is non-official member of the Medical Advisory Board, Government of India; has often advised the Government of India on matters concerning surgical and other Appliances in the theater of war; Chairman, the Central Exchange Bank Ltd., Lahore. Advisory Member on the publication of "All India Trade Directory and Who's Who." He is a keen horseman, Hobby; Tennis and Reading. Office Address; Ghulam Nabi and Sons, near Garden Town, Ferozpur Road, Lahore. Residence; 35-A, Ferozpur Road, Lahore. Phone: 4058 : Residence 3837, Telegrams, Surgical Works."





## Quest for New Horizons

EXCERPTS FROM



Mian Mohammed Shafi (Meem Sheen)  
(Eminent Journalist)

"Rafi Butt was in the vanguard of the Punjab Muslim League which was struggling against the Unionist Party for a firm foothold in the province. He was a pioneer of the Muslim League in the Punjab. He enjoyed the trust of the Quaid and had access to him. He was a friend of Nawab Iftikhar Mamdot, Mumtaz Daultana, Shaukat Hayat and others. Rafi Butt belonged to a family of industrialists. He had a factory and a business concern named "Ghulam Nabi & Sons" on Ferozepur Road, Lahore, which manufactured surgical instruments and imported / exported hospital goods. Late Rafi Butt was a classmate and friend of Malik Tajuddin and it was at the latter's place that I often met him. Malik Tajuddin was the Zonal Manager of A.P.I whose Zonal office was then located in the flats behind Fazal Din Drug Store. The "Quaid-e-Azam" came to Lahore in 1936 to reorganize the Muslim League. There was a Unionist Ministry here in those days. Sir Fazal Hussain was the predominant figure and Sikandar Hayat had been elected the President of the Unionist Party. Some radical influential young men were with the League. Rafi Butt was among them. He had a genial disposition and an attractive personality. His meeting with the journalists used to be most enjoyable. He was also very hospitable. Among the Muslim families of the Punjab, he was the first to set up industry and manufacture goods.

Other well-known Muslim families were generally confined to the business of import and export. Rafi Butt was a very talented and enterprising person. Quaid-e-Azam was a far-sighted man and always in search of such persons. He wanted to build the free state of Pakistan with their help. Had Rafi Butt not died in the air accident so early in life, he would have played a pre-eminent role in the modernization of Pakistan. He was a kind and benevolent person and was given to helping welfare organizations incognito. Rafi Butt also helped Malik Tajuddin when after the creation of Pakistan the latter decided to set up an office of the A.P.P. Today we see the very image





# "At Quaid's Service"

## "At Quaid's Service"

A Journey Towards Discovery

"At Quaid's Service" - (A Journey Towards Discovery) is the second major publication of the Jinnah Rafi Foundation.

"At Quaid's Service" is a biography of M. Rafi Butt with special reference to his role in the Pakistan Movement. It assesses his contribution to the cause of Muslim freedom and reveals his stature as a leader in the vanguard of the Pakistan Movement.

Besides excerpts from the biography, this anniversary issue also includes 1. A FOREWORD to the book by Akbar S. Ahmed, renowned anthropologist and Cambridge scholar and producer of the feature film on the Quaid-e-Azam and 2. An EPILOGUE by Imtiaz Rafi Butt, son of M. Rafi Butt and a well-known figure in his own right. A businessman and writer.

"It is a story of a double discovery. It is a son discovering a father and it is a father discovering his own identity through the leader he had found and acknowledged." - from the Foreword by Akbar S. Ahmed.

"To me, as a son, the discovery of my father has led to self-discovery; to the discovery of my identity and my roots. Through Rafi Butt, I have 'rediscovered' the Quaid, the Pakistan Movement and, in the final analysis, Pakistan," - from the Epilogue by Imtiaz Rafi Butt.





# "At Quaid's Service"

## A Journey Towards Discovery

A PREVIEW OF



Muhammad Rafi Butt's tragic death in a plane crash on November 26, 1948 deprived the infant state of Pakistan of the services of an extraordinary individual. An outstanding banker-cum-industrialist and a staunch supporter of the Pakistan Movement, Rafi Butt was an associate of the Quaid-e-Azam and strove hard to make the Quaid's dream come true.

"At Quaid's Service" (A Journey Towards Discovery) tells the story of this remarkable life in a vivid insightful narrative. Written by Syed Razi Wasti, renowned historian and distinguished Professor, Columbia University, New York, the volume traces the meteoric rise and achievements of this enterprising young man who was born in 1909, assumed the reins of his father's business at 16, became a business tycoon at 24, founded the first Muslim bank in Northern India, the Central Exchange Bank at 27, met the Quaid-e-Azam at 31, was appointed Member of the prestigious Planning Committee by the Quaid at 34 and died at 39 in an air accident.

Rafi Butt, Syed Razi Wasti writes, had unflinching faith in the leadership of the Quaid-e-Azam and developed a close rapport with him. He placed his money talent and resources at the disposal of the Quaid for the cause of Muslim uplift. Rafi was a thinker brimming with ideas on how to strengthen the economic and industrial base of the fledgling state of Pakistan. He corresponded with the Quaid and offered a wide spectrum of suggestions. Among them, the urgent need to start an English newspaper from Lahore, establish a chemical fertilizer plant, counter negative Indian propaganda and expand Pakistan's economic interests through collaboration with American industrial magnates. The Quaid was attracted to Rafi Butt and warmly responded to his proposals. He visited his factory "Ghulam Nabi and Sons Surgical Works" at Ferozepur Road, Lahore in 1942.

The Quaid trusted Rafi, appreciated his pragmatic approach and perhaps, detected a spark of genius in him. He picked him out from a host of names and appointed him Member of the All India Muslim League Planning Committee and Chairman of the subcommittee on Mining and Metallurgy.

Also presented here are reminiscences of this interesting human being, devoted 'soldier' of the Quaid and pioneer of industrial development by his colleagues, friends and associates who knew him as a charming conversationalist and a gentleman of refined tastes, generous nature and cosmopolitan outlook.

"At Quaid's Service" also includes in the Epilogue the dramatic personal story of his son, Imtiaz Rafi, who discovered his father through historical research at the mature age of 40 - a unique phenomenon - and the profound impact that this revelation had on him. As Professor Akbar S. Ahmed states so succinctly in his foreword: "It is a story of a double discovery. It is a son discovering a father and it is a father discovering his own identity through the leader that he had found and acknowledged". Syed Razi Wasti in his engagingly written account captures vividly the many dimensions of this very gifted man. Had Rafi Butt lived longer - he died barely two months after the demise of his beloved Quaid - he would have, undoubtedly, left his mark on Pakistan's economic and industrial landscape. ■



## "At Quaid's Service"

### FOREWORD

Akbar S. Ahmed  
Cambridge.

Thomas Mann had said, "a man's dying is more the survivor's affair than his own." Rafi Butt's death at a young age shortly after the creation of Pakistan was to influence the life of his young son, Imtiaz. When he became a man he embarked on a journey to discover his father. The discovery for a dead father who he had not known; the discovery of his own identity, the discovery of his own sense of self.

Professor Razi Wasti's book is what one has come to expect of this eminent Pakistani scholar. It is a historical account, which set the life of Rafi Butt in the context of larger Muslim history in the subcontinent. We are given a historical introduction, which sets the argument. We are then taken through the life of Rafi Butt. New information and new material add to the interest of the story.

The short book had several merits to commend itself to the reader. Firstly, it throws light on Quaid-e-Azam, Muhammad Ali Jinnah. It shows him in correspondence with a young unknown man from the Punjab devoted to the Muslim cause. It shows how Mr. Jinnah was able to generate enthusiasm amongst the younger generation. Secondly, it is an interesting comment on the politics of Pakistan. Whereas the established landlords and people in power tended to be ambivalent about Mr. Jinnah's idea of Pakistan it was the less privileged and younger Muslims who were enthusiastic about it. It therefore reflects a light on the politics of the Muslim movement that would lead to the creation of Pakistan.

The book is also a reflection on the politics of Pakistan today. It is an established fact that those who are poorer, who have less privileges and less authority have far more intense feeling for the nation than the elite who are accused of being sunk in corruption, nepotism and serving their own immediate interests.

We have Mr. Jinnah writing to Imtiaz's father complaining that some distinguished industrialists have committed funds, which they have not paid up.

Such financial shenanigans mark Muslim behaviour even today. Mr. Jinnah had not only to fight the full power of the Indian National Congress and the machinations of Lord Mountbatten and his staff but also the indifference and dishonesty of Muslims themselves. This apathy had to be balanced by the raw enthusiasm of people like Imtiaz's father if the Pakistan movement had to succeed. The vision of Pakistan was thus seen by the young and those who could foresee the destiny of their people. In this the Butts, father and son, line up with the Quaid. As an act of devotion Imtiaz founded the Jinnah Rafi Foundation based in Lahore. With this one act he joined the memory of his father to Mr. Jinnah and paid tribute to both.

Finally, it is a dramatic personal story. A story of a double discovery. It is a son discovering a father and it is a father discovering his own identity through the leader that he had found and acknowledged. Imtiaz, as a young boy, did not know his father. A father who mysteriously disappeared. A mother devoted to the family and determined to ensure that the loss of the father did not in any way make the children vulnerable. She compensated for the loss of the husband by giving the children the best possible education and ensuring that they did not feel the absence of a protecting hand. The mother's courage and character clearly shine through.

But when he was an established man in his own right Imtiaz began to feel the yearning to discover his father. He discovered his father's great commitment to Mr. Jinnah through some letters. Through this affiliation he began to investigate his father's life. The discovery led to Imtiaz's devotion to Mr. Jinnah. In the process Imtiaz learnt a great deal about himself, his society and his own nation. So in a sense the personal tragedy of losing his father so early in life was converted into a personal triumph. ➡



## "At Quaid's Service"

Rafi Butt's life story in itself is the ordinary story of many young Muslims living in India who had a vision of their own identity and culture. It is the story of many young Muslims who looked for and found a leader in Mr. Jinnah. What makes it interesting is the revival of the story half a century after his death. That in itself is a story worth telling.

I first heard of and met Imtiaz Rafi Butt in January 1994. I was on my own quest for the Quaid, I was hoping then to put together a package to make a film about Mr. Jinnah and write a book about him. I needed to talk to people who had a similar interest. I was told in Islamabad of Mr. Butt. I rang Imtiaz and prepared to meet him. I did not know what to expect. I was told he was an established industrialist. On asking about him I was also aware of the resentment created by his youth and his attempts to do something positive by establishing his Jinnah Rafi Foundation. It was the way of our society. Jealousy and malice met anyone wishing to do something original. Imtiaz lives in a society of cynics well described by Oscar Wilde: "a cynic is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing." It also reflected the Punjab social structure. The established families were always possessive of young blood encroaching on their turf. It is said that why pay money to have your family tree traced: In Pakistan if you are in the public eye your opponents will do it for you.

In Lahore I met Imtiaz. I was expecting an old, overweight businessman in a shalwar-kamiz caught up in the daily turmoil of making money. I found a young, elegant, pleasant and intelligent man in a smart Western suit. Imtiaz is also the Honorary Consul for Malaysia in Lahore. He was fully dedicated to the Jinnah Rafi Foundation.

Our friendship continued from that time. I always found him devoted to the cause of Mr. Jinnah. He was always available for consultation, for support and for ideas.

The discouragement that Pakistan society constantly creates did not slow him down. Imtiaz's Jinnah Rafi Foundation is engaged in publications and seminars. I wish them both well. ■



Excerpts from  
**"At Quaid's Service"**  
A Journey Towards Discovery

"It is in these circumstances that Rafi emerged as a visionary, with breathtakingly liberal and progressive ideas far ahead of his contemporaries, and accomplishing significant tasks with surprising ease and dexterity. Nothing held him back, neither his lack of a formal education in any one particular field, nor the absence of a strong family patronage network, nor the third-class status that he as a Muslim had in a dominantly English-Hindu environment, acutely hostile to his meteoric rise as an enterprising young Muslim industrialist propagating a political manifesto. The ease with which he treaded the uncharted waters of politics, economics, and society for the benefit of the Muslims, amply indicates the strength of his convictions."



"Rafi showed immense affection and respect for the Quaid. From the correspondence between them one can see how devotedly Rafi offered his talent, money and resources to the Quaid in the service of Muslims. As Rafi's letter dated 2 October 1945 demonstrates he admired the Quaid so much that he named him as the sole beneficiary in the life insurance policy he took out when he visited the United States. This is remarkable evidence of Rafi's devotion to the Quaid – usually passengers name their wives or children as beneficiaries. Air travel in those days was not that common and people were apprehensive of it, especially long distance."





## Excerpts from "At Quaid's Service" A Journey Towards Discovery

" In an interview, his former private secretary, Aslam Rathore, states that Rafi, though a highly social person, a party goer and easily approachable, was in the habit of putting his thoughts and ideas on paper at night. He had instructed Mr. Rathore to leave a writing pad by his bedside at night. In the morning he would find copious notes jotted down for him to type. Rafi used to say that what Pakistan needs was a school where common sense and science were taught. People lacked common sense, and knowledge of science was imperative if one was to survive in this world. "

" All that was left of the plane and passengers were two battered wings, bits of incinerated fuselage, and some pieces of reinforced cockpit metal. This was the second passenger aircraft to crash in a little over a year since the establishment of Pakistan. Apart from the numbing loss of so many lives, the crash in itself represented a catastrophe for the fledgling nation on another level. The Pak Airways Dakota, a well-trying workhorse, went down only eight miles from Vehari, some 186 miles from Lahore, killing all the passengers and crew on board. The plane took off from Karachi at 8:10 a.m. and was scheduled to land at Lahore at 11:45 a.m. Rafi was one of its passengers. They were so near Lahore and yet so far! "

The national press responded to this tragedy with bold front page headlines. Nawa-e-Waqt stated: " Sad news has been received about the crash of Pak Airway's plane at Vehari district Multan. It has also been learnt that



Pakistan's famous industrialist, Mr. Rafi Butt was travelling in the same plane." The paper also gave a brief account of Rafi's participation in the Muslim League's planning committee and his services towards Pakistan's industrial development. "

" Let the Muslims of India prepare themselves to take their proper place in the economic reconstruction of the country, if they do not wake up now, they will miss the bus again. Let them mobilize their economic resources, set up industrial syndicates and a co-ordinating economic council if they want to establish themselves on a solid economic footing in the new era in which the world is now entering. "

"I also took advantage of my stay in the United States to study the labor welfare schemes, for the prosperity of industry depends on happy relations between labor and employees. Labor conditions in India are very deplorable and require immediate improvement. If the ship of industrialization is to proceed on an even keel. Legalization in the interest of labor is called for and I hope it will receive the due attention of our legislators. "



## "At Quaid's Service"

# EPILOGUE

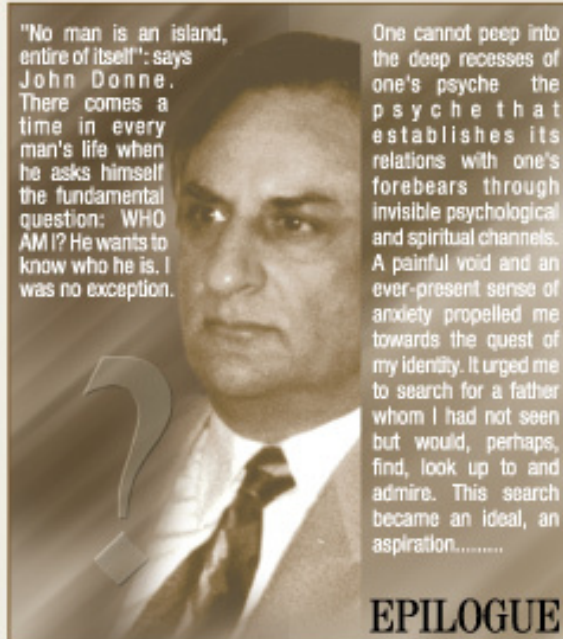
Imtiaz Rafi Butt

The extraordinary career of my father as an entrepreneur, his distinguished role in the Pakistan Movement, his enviable rapport with the Quaid-e-Azam, his selfless passion for the uplift of the Muslim community, his endearing qualities as a man all these dimensions of Rafi Butt have been recorded in admirable detail in the preceding pages. What remains to be told is the incredible personal story of how a son discovered his father through historical research at a mature age of 40 and the profound impact that this revelation had on him.

"No man is an island, entire of itself": says John Donne. There comes a time in every man's life when he asks himself the fundamental question: WHO AM I? He wants to know who he is. I was no exception. One cannot peep into the deep recesses of one's psyche—the psyche that establishes its relations with one's forebears through invisible psychological and spiritual channels. A painful void and an ever-present sense of anxiety propelled me towards the quest of my identity. It urged me to search for a father whom I had not seen but would, perhaps, find, look up to and admire. This search became an ideal, an aspiration and would not let me rest."

A tragic accident took place on 26 November 1948, Forty-seven years ago an aeroplane went down in flames near Vehari, about 180 miles from Lahore. The ashes of that air crash changed the lives of many families. One such family was the family of Rafi Butt. A young wife, with a three-years old daughter and two-months old son, was anxiously awaiting the return of her beloved husband but within the span of few moments she had become a young widow. At that moment she alone realised the enormity of the tragedy. The man she

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loved and adored was no more and she was left alone to face a world about which she knew little. In fact, her entire world had revolved around her husband and with his death that world collapsed. Given the circumstances, it would have been quite understandable had she resigned herself to her fate and shut herself up within the four walls of her house. But she did not do so. With a display of rare character and courage she took a hold on herself and resolved to pick up the broken pieces and face the new realities of life.

After my father's death my mother's protective instincts towards me became too pronounced. Perhaps, she felt vulnerable and was overcautious about my safety. She would not allow me to stir out of the house alone or go for a swim or travel by plane. I was too precious for her: the focus of all her attention, of her hopes and aspirations. She was very solicitous about my welfare and comfort and ensured that all my day-to-day needs were fulfilled. She did not want me to feel that I was growing up in a fatherless environment. For my part, I was totally unaware of my father's death. In fact, for a long time to come a reference to this subject was always avoided in my presence for fear that it may have an adverse effect on me. I was given the impression that he was away in the United States pursuing his family business. ➡





Had she so desired, my mother could have chosen an entirely different course of life for herself. She was young and beautiful and could have elected to marry again. There was no dearth of suitors but would any one of them, she perhaps reflected, approximate to her ideal of the man that Rafi was. She consciously rejected this course of action and chose instead to devote her life to the sole purpose of upbringing her son. Perhaps, she saw in me the embodiment of the love she cherished for her husband. Or, perhaps, she sought to bring me up as, she imagined, my father would have, had he been alive.

She had a clear conception of what she wanted me to be. She would remind me time and again of my father's greatness, of the values that were dear to him—hard work, self-reliance, initiative, generosity, friendship, sociability, integrity. She held out Rafi's objectives for me to follow and achieve. This became an obsession with her.

As a result of my mother's over-protective instincts and her solicitude for my safety, I grew up into a tremendously shy, self-conscious, homebound, mother's boy. I lacked confidence and felt uncomfortable among acquaintances and strangers. My mother was alarmed as these undesirable traits threatened to militate against the future that she had visualised for me. She wanted me to be bold, confident, and self-reliant. She knew I was passing through the formative phase of my life and some urgent step had to be taken to purge me of my shortcomings. She resolved to send me to Lawrence College, a boarding school at Ghora Gali. I was thirteen then. It was an extremely hard and painful decision for her to take. What anguish she must have suffered! She loved me more than anything else in the world.



Monument of aircraft victims near Vehari

Although her resolve was completely at odds with her deep-rooted desire yet she stood stoically by her decision.

The change of scene from Lahore to Ghora Gali was a formidable one. It was for the first time that I was bereft of my mother's gracious umbrella. Here, I was on my own, with no choice but to adjust myself to the constraints of a novel environment. My newfound friends and classmates would often ask me questions about my family; the sort of questions which it had never dawned on me to ask my mother. I found it rather unusual that although I was thirteen, I had not met my father even once. I was assailed with doubts and apprehensions. I had a presentiment that my father was dead. My fears were to be confirmed soon after.

I returned to Lahore in 1966. I was eighteen and on the threshold of adulthood. My stay at Lawrence College boarding school had proved rewarding. I was now more confident of myself, and more self-reliant. My mother was happy to witness this change that had come about in me and gave me a fairly free hand to take my own decisions.

In 1967, I joined the Forman Christian College at Lahore and spent three uneventful years there. I left the college midway in my BA as I increasingly felt that syllabic studies were not my cup of tea. I decided to do something else and spent two subsequent years in attempts to set up some business. Much



to my dismay, I realised that I had neither guidance, nor Experience nor capital nor influence to do so. The last two requirements were absolutely indispensable for the success of any business enterprise in our society. My efforts ended in vain.

I resolved to try my fortunes abroad and left in 1974 at the age of 24, for the United States. Once there, I roughed it out for a year (even worked as a waiter) and did not take long to learn the ropes of business. I was eventually able to set up a small concern of oriental carpets and was on my way up.

My mother meanwhile kept on urging me to return home but I was not inclined to do so. I was now beginning to enjoy the first fruits of my toil and trouble. But, ultimately, I gave in to my mother's continual entreaties and returned to Pakistan after an absence of four years.

After my father's death, the business empire that he had carved out with monumental hard work fell victim to a family tug-of-war and did not take long to collapse. My mother had to go through the harrowing experience of litigation to wrest her just rights. Unfortunately, what she ended up with was a far cry from what she should have inherited.

I explored what I could do best with my father's shrunken assets. A flair for business was in my genes. It was a talent that I had, perhaps, inherited from my father. Or, perhaps, I was propelled in this direction as a result of the many references that my mother had made to my father's business acumen during my childhood and youth. I set up a real estate development company, The RAFI GROUP, and embarked

upon an ambitious scheme of building a shopping plaza. This enterprise turned out to be a huge success and after that there was no looking back.

My mother died in 1982. To see her son rise as a businessman was a source of great satisfaction to her. To her I owe an infinite debt of gratitude for without her many sacrifices, endless love and exceptional courage. I could never have attained the place where I stand today.

Now that I was forty and an established businessman, comfortable and at peace with myself, the old questions which I had deliberately pushed into obscurity began to surface again. Was my father an enterprising industrialist? Was he in truth a dedicated disciple of the Quaid? Was he really in the vanguard of the freedom movement? Was he sociable, charming and generous? These questions, in effect, had never ceased to haunt me. If all this was true, then I was indeed an inheritor of an exceptional legacy. The aching void clamored for relief. I began to feel the yearnings to learn more about him. I now had the courage, something that I could not muster up in the years as a teenager. I established the Rafi Foundation and set out on this mission of discovery knowing little where it would all lead to. The key question was where to begin.

I had a solitary photograph, a prized possession, of the Quaid with my father, which hung on the wall of my office in Zaitoon Plaza. One day an acquaintance of mine, Shabbir Zaidi, drew my attention to it and observed that there was more to this historic photograph than what met the eye. He convinced me of its significance and the need to retrieve Rafi Butt from oblivion. Sometime later the same photograph caught the eye of Mr. Arif Nizami, Editor The Nation Lahore. He was quick to point out that this photograph was hitherto unpublished. He asked me about other photographs and material relating to my father but drew a blank. Mr. Arif Nazami then suggested that he would depute the Nawa-e-Waqt assistant editor Asadullah Ghalib to do research on Rafi Butt and see what he could find.

The first big discovery came when Ghalib turned to the reference files of his newspaper in order to look for the news of the plane crash over Vehari in 1948. He did not have to look very hard: splashed across the front page of the 27 November's paper was the banner headline about the air crash in which Rafi had died. A separate news item, also on





the front page, dealt specifically with Rafi's contributions and achievements. It became clear that Rafi must have been a very important personality to deserve this kind of press coverage.

The initial thrust of research confirmed that my father, Rafi Butt, was among the very few Muslim industrialists in the sub-continent and was deeply devoted to the cause of the Muslim community. The newspapers of the era revealed that Rafi was not only a business giant of his time, but was also famous for his generosity towards friends, and his spirited devotion to the Pakistan cause. The facts I had gathered so far about my father had sharpened my keenness all the more. I plunged into this pursuit with greater vigour. But the task, I soon realised, was not an easy one. It required painstaking effort and infinite patience. It was also time-consuming. The Foundation contacted many of Rafi's contemporaries, now in the twilight of their lives, for facts and information.

Late Khalid Shamsul Hasan proved to be extremely useful. His father, Shamsul Hasan, had remained the assistant secretary of the All-India Muslim League and had set up his personal archives. It was from these archives that Khalid Shamsul Hasan was gracious enough to bring the first batch of letters exchanged between the Quaid and Rafi Butt. These were the first writings of my father that I had ever come across. I felt ecstatic!

Bit by bit, pieces of information began falling into place. Rafi Butt started coming to life and I began to get the feel of the FATHER and the MAN he was. Six years of long and hectic research turned up a mine of information. It was a major breakthrough and a crucial milestone in my quest for identity.

At long last I discovered the father whose noble achievements had never ceased to haunt me for the better part of my youth and early manhood.

My mother's views stood confirmed. My father, it emerged, was indeed a multi-dimensional man, a close associate of the Quaid-e-Azam, a staunch supporter of the Pakistan Movement, a thinker brimming with ideas on how to bolster the economic and industrial base of the then emerging state of Pakistan.

This revelation had a tremendous impact on me. It completely transformed my outlook on life and necessitated a reordering of my worldly commitments—an uphill task considering that at the age of forty, one gets settled in a particular groove of life. My paternal inheritance grew upon me. I could not resist the summons and embarked on my new mission: to follow and promote the ideals that were so dear to the Quaid and my father and formed the gist of his life work. The two strains fused into one. Appropriately, the name of the Foundation was changed in 1989 to Jinnah - Rafi Foundation. Its objectives: promotion of research and publication, dissemination of Quaid's ideas and furtherance of peace and harmony in the nation.

The Jinnah Rafi Foundation is working assiduously towards fulfilling its commitments and has now acquired the status of an outstanding and vibrant national institution.

To me, as a son, the discovery of my father has led to self-discovery: to the discovery of my identity and my roots. Through Rafi Butt, I have "rediscovered" the Quaid, the Pakistan Movement and, in the final analysis, Pakistan.

The realization that my father was an extraordinary man and has found his rightful place in the history of the country and stands alongside the other luminaries of the Pakistan Movement has brought deep satisfaction to me. It has kindled a new hope, a new fervour, a new resolve that will not let me rest.

The quest for new horizons continues. We are clear about our goals and hope to forge an enduring partnership with like-minded individuals who will help us to implement the blueprint for national progress bequeathed to us by the Quaid; help us to instill national pride and foster peace and harmony among the people and help us to pass on a happier and stronger Pakistan to succeeding generations. ■





## Articles by Imtiaz Rafi Butt that have appeared in the national press

Imtiaz Rafi Butt has been writing for the press for almost a decade. His articles have appeared in all the major newspapers of the country including, the NATION, the NEWS, the MUSLIM and the DAWN.

His father, M. Rafi Butt, was a close associate of the Quaid-e-Azam and a staunch supporter of the Muslim League and the Pakistan Movement. Imtiaz inherited his love for the Quaid-e-Azam and Pakistan from his father. In 1989, he Butt founded the Jinnah-Rafi Foundation and paid tribute to both the master and his disciple.

He was pained to see the nation drifting away from the principles set down by the Quaid-e-Azam. Democracy, social justice, rule of law - all were being undermined. There was little evidence of national unity or patriotism. The younger generation was unaware of the reasons, which brought Pakistan into being.

As the son of a man who was a devoted lieutenant of the Quaid-e-Azam, Imtiaz could not sit idle. He turned to the columns of the newspapers to remind the people of the ideals that were dear to Quaid; remind them of the great sacrifices made by the heroes of the Pakistan Movement and inculcate in the younger generation patriotism and a sense of national pride.

He has written scores of articles on a wide variety of subjects, national and international. The subjects are as diverse as Nuclear Pakistan and the Two-Nation Theory. But they all have one thing in common. They have the interest of the country at heart and aim at creating a strong prosperous and progressive Pakistan.



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## Rise of China- impact on Pakistan



Imtiaz Rafi Butt

**W**HILE all eyes turn to the so-called clash of civilizations between Islam and the West, in the long run China will have the most profound impact on the world," writes Ted C. Fishman in 'China Inc.'. To him, China's rise is the attack of the "one-point some thing billion brains for global domination and world resources." The economic and military rise of China has upset the apple cart of the US. The rapid rise of another challenger threatens to thwart the imperialistic designs of the US and humble its pride. No wonder the super-power is on its guard and has accelerated its efforts to

encircle China. The nuclear deal with India is also a major risk in this chain. The object: to build India into a regional power strong enough to contain China. "The mightiest states," says Professor John Mearsheimer of the Chicago University, "attempt to establish hegemony in their own region, while making sure no rival great power dominates another region. Their ultimate aim is to be the hegemon, the only great power in the system. Regional hegemonism, in other words, does not want peer competitors." China will, therefore, want to make sure that it is so powerful that no state in Asia has the wherewithal to threaten it. President George W. Bush and President-Hi Jintao of China met in Washington on April 20, 2006, but US-China relations were already under strain ahead of the summit. There is increasing domestic political pressure for the US to treat China as the next major adversary. This anti-China stance, however, is not new. American relations with China have been antagonistic since the early 1990s. The conflicts between the two countries, Deng Xiaoping said in September

1991, constituted "a new cold war". The US can therefore be expected to go to great lengths to contain China. Apart from India, Japan, Russia and small-powers like Singapore and South Korea are or also worried about China's ascendancy. Japan's insistence that it be allowed to maintain at regular armed forces and strengthen its military capability could also be a pointer in the same direction. Last July's ten-year military agreement between the US and India, in Chinese eyes, fore-shadows a full military alliance between the sole global superpower and Asia's other emerging giant. China is also not oblivious to the setting up of new American military bases to its west in Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. It is hard for people sitting in Beijing to avoid the conclusion that the US is seeking to encircle their country with military alliances. It is an echo of its Cold War strategy against Communism and the Soviet reunification. Encirclements, coalitions, propaganda and threats are not likely to perturb China, a nation at with grim determination and a

time-honoured Confucian heritage with its emphasis on authority, order and hierarchy. It is well aware of the geo-strategic changes taking place around it. The US-India nuclear deal has drawn a sharp response from it. China does not covet any territory on the landmass of Asia. Its only standing concern is the island of Taiwan over which it legitimately claims a sovereignty and which, through US-Japan collusion, may become an important player in the anti-China balancing coalition. The rise of China will have a global impact but its effect would be felt chiefly in South Asia and East Asia, possibly leading to the formation of a power blocs. "For Pakistan," writes Noorilhuda, a geo-political analyst, "it would make sense to enhance cooperation with the rising power China". For long-term benefits, than to win petty battles of 'us versus India' with America. Pakistan is a small country but it can play to its strengths geo-strategic importance, abundant natural resources and labour." With growing political and economic discontent in the Muslim world, Pakistan could become a key



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player in the global arena rather than a mini-player in the regional field. Notwithstanding Iran's claims, Pakistan is the only nuclear Islamic super power that is strategically placed between China, India and the Middle East and is a gateway to the landlocked Central Asian oil-rich states. Pakistan is thus of great importance from China's perspective. When the seeds of Pak-China partnership were first planted, China was a pariah, condemned by the US to isolation from the rest of the world. It opposed its membership to the United Nations. It recognized Chiang Kai-Shek's government in Formosa (Taiwan) as the legitimate government of China and made it a member of the United Nations. Despite unfavourable circumstances and American resentment, Pakistan displayed admirable courage and foresight and established relations with China. It went all out to champion China's case for UN membership at all international fora. It was a time when the Cold War was at its zenith. Pakistan-China friendship gathered warmth and momentum when Prime Minister Husain Shaheed Suhrawardy visited China. Later Mr. Bhutto as Foreign Minister carried this

relationship to new heights. Every Pakistani ruler has given the highest priority to Chinese friendship. Mr. Bhutto went so far in his advocacy of China as to offer powerful arguments to convince President Kennedy in the White House that his policy of friendship towards India, vis-a-vis China, was wrong and that he should recognize the earthly reality of China. Kennedy listened to him with patience and finally said, "Had you been an

Highway to bring the two countries closer together. Despite American urging, Pakistan did nothing to compromise Chinese interests in the Sino-Indian border war of 1962. After the fall of Dhaka, China categorically declared that it would recognize Bangladesh unless Pakistan did so. China has helped Pakistan the industrial sector as well. The Taxila Heavy Mechanical Complex and the Aeronautical Complex at Kamra



American citizen, I would have certainly included you in my cabinet." "Had I been an American citizen," Mr. Bhutto retorted, "I would have certainly been in your place." Chinese leaders, particularly Chou En lai and Mao Zedong, were appreciative of these sentiments and showed that they were indeed reliable friends. China constructed the Karakoram

are splendid examples in this regard. Dozens of massive projects are being completed in collaboration with China. They include the Gwadar deep seaport, coastal highway, 500-kilo-meter railway track from Dalbadin to Gwadar, motorway from Noshki to Gwadar, and Chashma Nuclear Power Plant, etc. China has played a vital role in defence production and has helped

Pakistan acquire small weaponry and gain self-sufficiency in heavy armaments. 31 Chinese companies are presently working in Pakistan in the areas of engineering, oil and gas, mining, power, IT/telecom and automobiles. More recently, China has signed a MOU with a Pakistani company for constructing the Karachi Mass Transit Corridor. The 21st century is the Chinese century. No coalition can stop the emergence of China as the new global superpower. The US, Japan, Australia, Europe will no doubt do their worst to clip its wings, but who can halt the march of destiny. In the evolving geo-strategic scenario, Pakistan will once again be called upon to make bad choices. With India in the nuclear embrace of the US and with the Islamic world brining with rancor against the US, it is not hard to predict which way Pakistan would go. Our geo-political, economic, industrial, and technological future is linked with the future of China. If China prospers so would Pakistan. One would even venture to say that the only door open to Pakistan is the door to China.

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## THE QUAID - A LIVING FORCE

**T**oday, the country is again in the midst of political and economic turmoil and, more so, a moral crisis. There is talk of corruption in high places and universal clamour for accountability. A caretaker government is in the saddle and striving hard to put the house in order within the short interval at its disposal. A Herculean task, indeed. The Caretaker Prime Minister, in a recent address, found cause to reflect that the nation would not have come to such a crossroad had the rulers not strayed away from the path prescribed by the Quaid. He urged the people to recapture the spirit of the forties and work with a new passion to translate the Quaid's dream into reality. Excellent sentiments, but the question is how much longer will the nation have to wait before the aspirations of the Quaid and the founding fathers are fulfilled.

Soon after the demise of the Quaid, the rulers set aside his precious legacy and embarked on a reckless path that brought the country time and again on the verge of disaster. The tragedy of Pakistan, writes Saad Khairi, "is that while surviving all the problems of Himalayan dimensions it was then hijacked by a gang which neither represented the people nor shared

the spirit of the Pakistan Movement. Ghulam Muhammad, Iskandar Mirza, Ayub Khan, Yahya Khan, Ziaul Haq". They had never fought even a single municipal election and lived in their own world, totally cut off from the common man. They neither understood nor cared for popular sentiments. They had no idea of and had no sympathy with the factors that made the Pakistan demand a mass movement?" "What were the principles dear to the Quaid?" What sort of socio-political framework had he envisaged for the new state of Pakistan? The Quaid was of the view that the social system of Pakistan should be built on civilised values, a democratic culture, time-honoured judicial traditions. He also held the view that Pakistan should be built on a modern industrial and non-feudal agriculture base. He believed in a social system founded on cooperation that would lead to harmony, discipline, self-reliance, freedom from exploitation and enable Pakistan to find its rightful place in the fraternity of nations.

The Quaid was a man of few words, a brilliant constitutional lawyer and a great supporter of civil rights, always outspoken in defence of individual rights and equal justice. "Sir", he insisted on



behalf of the editor of the Bombay Chronicle, B. G. Horniman, "I do maintain, and I have drunk deep at the fountain of constitutional law, that the liberty of man is the dearest thing in the law of any Constitution and it should not be taken away in this fashion." These words were uttered in 1924. Twenty three years later he was to be elected unanimously to preside over the meeting of Pakistan's Constituent Assembly. Addressing the august house on August 11, 1947 he said: "... the first duty of a Government is to maintain law and order, so that the life, property and religious beliefs of its subjects are fully protected by the State... One of the biggest curses from which India is suffering is bribery and corruption, which is really a poison. We must put it down with an iron hand. The next thing that strikes me is this... the evil of nepotism and jobbery. "This evil must be crushed relentlessly. I want to make it clear that I shall never tolerate any kind of jobbery, nepotism or any influence directly or indirectly to bear upon me."

Earlier in April 1943, the Quaid expressed his views on social justice and economic equality. "Here I should like to give a warning to the landlords and capitalists. The exploitation of the masses has gone into their blood. They have forgotten the lessons of Islam... Do you visualise that millions have been exploited and cannot get one meal a day? If this is the idea of Pakistan, I would not have it, if they are wise they will have to adjust themselves to the new conditions of life. If they don't, God help them, we shall not help them." The Quaid had a clear idea of the lines on which he wished to build Pakistan. But, sad to say, he died early in 1948, barely a year after the creation of Pakistan. But within those twelve hectic months he did the work of a life time and left behind a comprehensive plan for the future guidance of the nation. Had ten more years been given to him he would have transformed and institutionalised the spirit of the Pakistan Movement and given a proper start to a democratic process. It is a pity that even after



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a lapse of fifty years, we have not been able to redeem the pledge we made to the Quaid. On the contrary, every successive government has either pushed the Quaid into the background or altered his image to suit its own questionable ends. Every year high-sounding tributes are paid to him but the spark of sincerity is missing; the true meaning and purpose of this mission is glossed over. The Quaid gave life to democracy in Pakistan; we ushered in a reign of civil oligarchy and military dictatorship. He warned us against the evils of corruption, nepotism and malpractices. He set the basis for economic justice; we succumbed to mercenary motives and created a horrendous gulf between the "haves" and the "have nots". The Quaid was a man of great integrity. Even his enemies could not fault him on this account. When Lord Reading, Viceroy of India, offered to include the Quaid's name on the list of people recommended for knighthood, he declined the offer and replied; "I prefer to be plain Mr. Jinnah, and I hope to die as plain Mr. Jinnah". "Character" to him was of the very essence and defined it thus; "The highest sense of honour, the highest sense of integrity, conviction, incorruptibility and self sacrifice for the good of the nation." Now

that Pakistan is on the threshold of its Golden Jubilee year and poised to enter upon a new phase of its political life, it is a golden opportunity to redeem our pledge and make the ideals of the great Quaid the corner-stone of our socio-economic and political edifice. The Quaid himself was firmly committed to democratic principles. Addressing the Sibbi Darbar in February 1948, he stated, "I have had one underlying principle in mind, the principle of Muslim Democracy. It is my belief that our salvation lies in following the golden rules of conduct set for us by our great law-giver, the Prophet (PBUH) of Islam. Let us lay the foundation of our democracy on the truly Islamic ideals and principles. Our Almighty has taught us that our decision in the affairs of the State should be guided by discussion and consultation". Democracy is indispensable for the stability and progress of the country.

The coming year promises a wind of change in our social and political attitude. Elections are in the offing. The process of accountability is gaining momentum. New faces animated with a new zeal and backed by a firm resolution are likely to appear on the political horizon. It

is hoped that the new leadership will not display the indifference of its predecessors and ensure that the perceptions of Quaid find the place that they rightly deserve.

Democracy, rule of law, human rights, equality and fraternity this is what the Quaid stood for and achieved for us after tremendous effort and enormous sacrifice.

The Muslim renaissance was a miracle of achievement.

The Quaid said, "The whole world is wondering at the unprecedented revolution which has brought about the plan of creating and establishing two independent sovereign dominions in the sub-continent. As it is, it has been unprecedented; there is no parallel in the history of the world."

Nirad Chaudhari, a fierce opponent of partition and by no means a friendly critic writes, "Jinnah was the only man who came through with success and honour. He never made a secret of what he wanted, never compromised and yet succeeded in inflicting an unmitigated defeat on both the British government and the Indian National Congress. I salute Jinnah as an honest and honourable enemy and acknowledge his greatness."

During his brief stewardship of

the state, Quaid-e-Azam set up some exceedingly sound and healthy precedents - precedents that could have, in the course of time, developed into strong traditions. It is now up to the people and the leaders of public opinion to seize the initiative and redress the wrongs that have flagrantly persisted for almost half a century. But will the nation rise to the occasion? Will it respond to the call of the hour? Only time will tell.

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## A new hope for Pakistan



1940 was the most critical time in the history of the Muslims of South Asia. 1997 is, in many ways, the most critical year in the post independence history of Pakistan. The nation seems to have come full circle after a lapse of 50 years. Once again it is at the crossroads. Once again the people have risen to the occasion, are alive and politically conscious, animated with a new zeal to create their own strength and overcome the challenges that confront them. This year Pakistan Day falls in the wake of a landmark election. Never before in the history of the sub-continent has an electorate conferred such a massive mandate on any political party. The national outcry against political and bureaucratic excess, abuse of power, reckless adventurism, corruption, the desperate demand for total accountability, honest leadership, responsible governance has not been in vain. Out of the trauma of collective frustration pent up for

half a century - there has emerged a new hope and a determination to step into the next century with a new poise, cohesion, dignity and stand shoulder to shoulder with the successful nations of the world. The signs of the times are hopeful. The new leadership has declared its intent. It is determined to grapple with the issues, overcome formidable challenges and turn over a new page.

The elections of February 3, 1997 have cleared the air for the moment and allayed much of the apprehension created by sectarian feuds, lawlessness, inflation and the spectre of economic and fiscal disaster.

Though these are intractable problems and will surely test the mettle of the best who have been elevated to the seat of power, there is a touch of harmony in the air and the promise of a new beginning.

The Golden Jubilee which had almost been buried in a thick mist of despondency will now, perhaps, acquire a fresh meaning and significance and provide the nation with a memorable occasion to renew its pledge and commit itself to the ideals of Muslim nationhood which the heroes of the freedom struggle had enunciated in the crucial years leading to the establishment of Pakistan.

The most salutary by-product of the election process has been the elimination of polarisation which had plagued the politics of the country for almost a decade. It had held the nation to ransom and threatened to destroy its socio-moral fibre. It would be idle at this point of time to blame or pin responsibility for that sorry state of affairs. Suffice it to say that the worse is hopefully behind us and we now stand on the frontiers of a new awakening. Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif's phenomenal triumph has been welcomed by friends and foes alike. Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto has wished him good luck which he will certainly need. Qazi Hussain Ahmed has undertaken to hold back his agitation and 'dharnas' for six months and allow the new prime minister time enough to determine the course and direction in which he would want the battered country to move. Mian Sahib has promised to restore economic and social health, revamp the police system, raise standard of education, provide health cover to the poor, create new jobs in an expanded economy and reform and redefine services for those in real need. A tall order, indeed! But with a hefty two-third majority in the National Assembly, it should not be difficult to translate ideas and visions into reality.

The nation has full faith in Mian Sahib and sees no reason to

doubt his credentials for the task. He has happily struck the right note and decided to tackle the economic issue first. His clarion call to all Pakistanis, at home and abroad to contribute their share to the National Debt Retirement Programme and thus participate in the great national campaign is laudable and deserves the backing of the whole nation. He has also decided to make a determined effort to resolve the core issue of Jammu and Kashmir and other outstanding disputes between India and Pakistan to bring peace and economic stability and a better quality of life to the billions of peoples inhabiting the region. ➡



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The need of hour demands that we shun partisan politics based on petty prejudices and egotistical compulsions, stand behind the prime minister and give him a fair chance to implement his revolutionary programme. Momentum is important in political dynamics; if his crusade gathers momentum, Mian Sahib should be able to turn the tide and put the country back on an even keel.

The Quaid was a great constitutionalist and a man of broad vision. He believed in Islamic principles, a democratic culture, social justice, civic and political rights, civilised values and would have ensured that these ideals found free play in the body politic of the country. But, he lived only a year after the birth of Pakistan, in a year in which his entire attention was devoted to survival and no constitution-making task could be undertaken. His immediate successors were men of lesser merit who had neither his charisma nor the ability to hold the nation together

with the result that the country fell into the hands of reckless adventures of all hues who played havoc with democratic institutions and plunged the homeland in a state of anarchy from which it has not yet recovered. With their myopic outlook and bizarre policies, they trampled without remorse on the political and social ideals of the founding fathers and lost half the patrimony which he had entrusted to their care. And what, it may be asked, have they bequeathed to the nation? A crisis of identity and a bankrupt economy.

The day of the usurper is hopefully over. The Muslim League which had created Pakistan is back in the saddle with a historic

mandate after remaining in limbo for almost half a century. Will the new prime minister have the courage and capability to pick-up the pieces and chart anew the course which the founding father would have liked the country to take? Will he epitomise the national will and transmit to future generations those values, standards and aspirations which had enabled the Quaid to face the combined might of the Congress and the British and win a separate homeland for the Muslims of South Asia? Given the courage of his convictions and sincerity of purpose, there is no reason why Mian Sahib's prime ministerial tenure should not go down in history as a watershed, a turning point in the destiny of the Muslims of Pakistan. Mian Sahib

should be aware of the fact that the electorate has bestowed a signal honour and a great new status on him. He is no longer the chieftain of his PML group alone; he is now the leader of the Pakistani nation and the captain of the ship of state. And, as the captain, he should bear in mind that the winds and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigator. ■



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## The Islamic Summit- some reflections



The extraordinary session of the Islamic Summit that concluded in Islamabad recently was successful insofar as Pakistan's principled stand on the Kashmir dispute received the full backing of the member-states and found clear expression in the Islamabad Declaration. It condemned the massive violations of human rights in Kashmir and reaffirmed that any political process of elections could not be a substitute for the exercise of the right of self-determination by the people of Jammu and Kashmir. It also affirmed that substantive dialogue was essential to resolve the Kashmir dispute and supported the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to achieve a just and peaceful solution of the dispute and called upon the government of India to respond positively to these gestures.

The Islamabad Declaration pledged to unify its efforts for the defence of all Islamic causes foremost being Al Quds Al Sharif, Palestine, Afghanistan, Kashmir and for the reversal of aggression and occupation of Arab and Islamic lands. It reiterated its resolve to strengthen co-operation

in the economic and commercial fields by encouraging greater interaction in the private sector; preserve and promote values of Islamic civilisation; project universally the true essence of Islam and to co-operate with the people of other religious faiths to build a better and more peaceful world; strengthen Islamic solidarity in conformity with the objectives of OIC Charter. The objectives of the Conference are to promote unity and brotherhood, increase economic and industrial co-operation, attend to burning issues and evolve a strategy to meet the challenges facing the Muslim World. Since 1969 the Islamic Conference has held many extraordinary and regular sessions and issued declarations from Rabat, Casablanca, Islamabad etc. Yet it has not been successful in settling international disputes involving Muslim states. Despite its vehement protests and veneration of solidarity, it has not been able to make a noticeable impact on the powers that matter. It has, for example, failed to restrain Israelis from usurping the rights of Palestinians, from seizing Arab lands, raising new settlements or converting Arab territory into an inseparable part

of the Jewish state. It has failed to force Bharat to give up repression, grant right of self-determination to the Kashmiris in accordance with UN resolutions or curb its policies of calculated military brutality against the defenceless citizens of the valley; It failed to prevent the genocide, the "ethnic cleansing" of the Bosnian Muslims or focus the attention of the world body on the puzzling code of morality pursued by the West.

If the Islamic countries want their pronouncements to carry weight they must rise above pious declarations and the level of a commonplace pressure-group and evolve a strategy which could have a telling effect on the oppressors and aggressors. But before the Muslims decide in right earnest to do so, they should first close ranks. Power emanates from within and a house divided, can neither understand the imperious logic nor withstand the armed incursions of its opponent specially if the opponents have technology and economic might on their side.

The task before the OIC is, in essence, two-dimensional: (a)

internal or domestic and (b) external or foreign. If the OIC commands the respect and authority of a "supra-national" organisation, it can with sincerity of purpose and commitment to a higher ideal achieve its internal objectives, namely those pertaining to the solidarity of the Ummah and economic-cum-industrial development. The organisation has its standing committees on Economic and Commercial Co-operation, Science and Technology, Information and Culture. It can boost trade and industry by encouraging greater interaction in the private sector.

It can progressively eliminate all obstacles to the development of Intra-Islamic trade, promote greater flow of investments and transfer of technology, plan joint industrial ventures, improve communication and transportation network and work for the collective good of the Ummah. It can, if it deems appropriate, introduce a single currency and a common market, establish a defence organisation on the lines of NATO and set up a separate body to resolve disputes and misunderstanding between member states. All these matters fall within the domestic plans of the OIC and it has the potential of ironing out differences and shaping a cohesive, monolithic Islamic bloc. ■



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It is, however, the external dimension of its task that is sensitive, challenging and complex. It requires profound consideration by the best minds and needs to be addressed in a pragmatic and judicious way. In this context, the Islamic Conference, for instance, would have to identify the forces that are bent on keeping Islamic nations divided, ponder over the implications of the "new world order", examine the western media campaign against Islam and the Muslim world which has gained momentum after the collapse of the Soviet Union, determine whether this media campaign is motivated by religious, racial or cultural bias or by political territorial or economic factors; factors, which reflect an insatiable desire to capture new markets and ensure safety of vital economic interests. The OIC will have to study the nature of the one-sided flow of a value-laden western propaganda, which brands Muslims as terrorists and fundamentalists and seeks to deprive them of their legitimate rights and demolish their eminence as the standard-bearers of a great and time-honoured civilisation.

The cold war has created a "unipolar" or "One super power" world that is unilaterally dictating a global agenda an agenda which is, more often than not at variance with the hopes and aspirations of the Islamic world. The most effective weapon that it has to backup its policies or provide a rationale for its action is its media autocracy. Most of the news material prepared for all the main mass media emanates from agencies located in highly developed Western countries. As a result not only is the image of the Muslim nations projected often a false and distorted one but is also aimed at frustrating their search for identity and coherence. OIC must seek ways to countering this cultural trend, which serves the interest of the most powerful countries and helps them to secure political-culture domination under the cover of liberal or rational ideas. These are some of the core issues on the external front that the member states will have to wrestle with if they are to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century.

The OIC is happily aware of the vast and complex forces at work

in the world today. Revolutionary changes in the field of communication and finance, demography and environment, education and defence, technology and bio-agriculture have transformed the face of the earth. Islamic society confronts the task of reconciling technical change and economic integration with traditional political structures, national consciousness, social needs and institutional arrangement. It has the potential to accomplish this daunting task and emerge as a powerful influence in the councils of the world.

The concept of leadership is not alien to Islam. Centuries before the Reformation, Islam led the world in mathematics, cartography, medicine and many other aspects of science and industry and contained libraries, universities and observatories when Japan and America possessed none. Europe only a few.

If Islam could provide a magnificent leadership to the world in the past, there is no reason why it cannot rally its forces once again and emerge as a distinct entity with the power,

the will and the intellectual and moral impetus of its own and provide an alternative or, at least, a parallel leadership to that of the West today. ■





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## The Prime Message of The September War



Imtiaz Rafi Butt

**E**ternal vigilance is the price of liberty. This is the prime and principal message of the September War - a message we can ill-afford to ignore if we are to survive as an independent nation and preserve the sovereignty of the state. We achieved Pakistan after a bitter struggle and in the teeth of fierce opposition from the British and the Hindus. The British made a hash of partition and left the subcontinent in haste but the Hindus who live next door have not forgotten their "sorrow" and harbour an implacable hatred for Pakistan - a hatred that can be explained only in pathological terms. By launching an all-out war against Pakistan in September 1965, Bharat left no doubt in the mind of the people about her aggressive designs and relentless hostility towards them. Since day one Bharat has shown a determination to make things difficult for us. The colossal problem of refugee rehabilitation was created by Bharat to cripple our economy. That was accomplished by

denying our share of the assets of undivided India and the threat of diversion and stoppage of river waters flowing into our territory. Contrary to all agreements and principles, Bharat forcibly occupied a major part of the State of Jammu and Kashmir and concentrated her forces there, thus posing a constant threat to our security. This led to the first Pak-Bharat war in October 1948, barely two months after the creation of Pakistan, and the second in September 1965.

At the back of it all is Bharat's deep antipathy towards the two-nation theory that led to the great divide and the emergence of the Islamic State of Pakistan.

Till this day the Bharati leadership mourns over the "vivisection of Bharat Mata" and has missed no opportunity to undo Pakistan. Hindu leaders have time and again given vitriolic expression to their innermost feelings. They have made no secret of their ambition to absorb Pakistan or turn her into a satellite. Acharya Kripalani, who was president of the Indian National Congress in 1947, declared, "Neither the Congress nor the nation has given up its claim of a united India." Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, the first Indian Home Minister and the "strong man" of the Congress Party, announced at about the same time, "Sooner than later, we shall again be united in common allegiance." In

an article published recently in a national daily, a well known politician analyst states: "An idea of the expansionist designs of Hindu Rashtra" can be had not only from the election manifesto of the BJP but also more disturbing from the latest writings of India's 'moderates' and 'intellectuals' like newspaper columnist Ravi Rikhye. He wrote in the India Abroad of November 3, 1995: "We have never, right from 1947, accepted a partitioned subcontinent. Nehru agreed to partition only as a tactical move to hasten the British departure from India. He expected Pakistan to fall apart and rejoin India. However, as years went by and Pakistan did not fall apart, he revealed, 'India's objective became more modest namely, to subordinate Pakistan, making it into a Nepal or Sri Lanka, too weak to challenge us, too insignificant to defy our bidding.' Rikhye concluded with this vicious counsel to India's policy makers: "The RAW approach has outlived its usefulness. India's military budget must be increased to 5 percent of its GNP for a start, a figure we can afford. After rebuilding the army, we must use a combination of all means to incorporate Pakistan into India."

Given Bharat's twisted mind-set, no wonder Pakistan's attempt to find some level of existence as good neighbours with the former have failed. For the last fifty years political leaders of

Pakistan have tried hard to come to some understanding with Bharat. Referring to his own parleys with the Bharati leaders in the early sixties, General Ayub Khan states in his Autobiography "Friends not Masters, The argument from the Indian side has been on the following lines: 'Let us forget our disputes; let us have a "no-war pact: let us have more trade, more freedom of movement between the two countries and more cultural exchanges. This will soften feelings on the two sides and once an atmosphere of goodwill and understanding develops, all problems will resolve themselves.' What may be noted here is that Bharat's stand has hardly changed despite the lapse of almost three and a half decades? What is Pakistan's position? It is to ask how goodwill and understanding can develop when the core issue of Kashmir remains unsolved. If India is earnest in settling this dispute why does it keep on reiterating at home and abroad that "Kashmir is an integral part of India." India cannot barter away her sovereignty: "There can be no negotiation on Kashmir." Why has she planted Prithvi missiles close to Pakistan's border? Why is she so hectically engaged in building a massive war machine? If India is really keen to resolve the apex issue, it must give some visible sign of its honest intentions and goodwill; it could, for instance, ➤



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reduce its defence budget, stop shopping in military marts for Pakistan-targeting weapons, announce a time-table for the pull out of the six lac soldiers who are violating every human right in the book and tightening their stranglehold on the defenceless Kashmiris.

The point is that the Kashmir issue cannot be allowed to linger on ad infinitum on the assumption that it will be resolved with the passage of time. Time is a great healer but it seldom heals deep-rooted wounds. Such wounds continue to fester and refuse to get buried under the dust of time. Fundamental issues affecting the life and freedom of the people cannot be swept under the rug. They have a habit of flaring up because human beings cannot be kept in perpetual bondage.

In view of Bharat's animosity for Islam and Pakistan, its calculated intransigence in the matter of Kashmir, its hegemonic aspirations, its belief in Akhand Bharat and its persistent efforts to undo the country, Pakistan cannot afford to lower its guard or show the slightest complacency. Our armed forces have to be fully prepared to

defend our borders without any warning against an enemy that is not only two-faced and sneaky but also numerically superior.

Though we have mastered nuclear technology and nuclear deterrence may keep the enemy at bay, India is quite capable of devising other means to weaken and destroy Pakistan.

We take great pride in our armed forces. They proved their mettle beyond measure when on September 6, 1965 Bharati troops, without a formal declaration of war, crossed the international frontier and launched a two-pronged attack along the Harike-Burki axis and the Wahga-Batapour axis. Their obvious target was Lahore. When the enemy corps breached the border at Harike, they found their advance blocked by two infantry divisions which were deployed astride the Hudiara drain four miles short of the border. It was the gallant action of these handful of Pakistani soldiers, which prevented the Bharatis from rushing to the bridge on the BRB canal at Burki and posing a threat to Lahore. They knocked out the leading Bharati tanks and frustrated all attempts to cross the Hudiara drain along the main

road. These two lionhearted companies succeeded in delaying the Bharati advance for nearly 24 hours that provided ample time for an infantry brigade of 10 Div to take positions, which the Bharatis were, never able to pierce.

It was in Burki that Major Aziz Bhatti fought a memorable action in which he laid down his life. It was an incredible feat of heroism. "The courage and the spirit of defiance and contempt for danger," writes Brigadier (Retd) A. A. L. Chaudhri, "which he displayed in the face of heavy odds and certain death was truly symbolic of the spirit with which the whole of the Pakistan army was imbued while fighting in the defence of their homeland in the September 1965 war."

The story of the fighter pilots of the Pakistan Air Force was no different. These young prodigies of skill and daring performed incredible feats and became a terror for the enemy in those electrifying days. Undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger Pakistan's airmen established their supremacy by their prowess and devotion.

On this commemorative day we salute our valiant armed forces; we salute the martyrs who laid down their lives for the sake of Pakistan and sanctified the land with their precious blood. Their offering will not go in vain and live forever in the hearts and the annals of a thankful nation.

To every man upon this earth Death cometh soon or late. And how can man die better than facing fearful odds. For the ashes of his fathers, and the temples of his gods? ■



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## Nuclear Pakistan

### guarantor of stability in Asia

Imtiaz Rafi Butt

By conducting five nuclear tests on 28 May Pakistan has given a fitting response to the Bharati blasts and restored anew the military balance in South Asia. Israel, too, has got the message that it should stop blackmailing Arab countries and end its military co-operation with India. These tests have confirmed Pakistan's status as a nuclear power and given ample proof of her nuclear sophistication and potential as a Muslim State. They have also demolished the view held by Western observers/analysts that Muslim countries were way behind in modern science and technology. It was this assumption that had often prompted the West to refer sarcastically to the OIC as the Organisation of Inefficient Countries.

How did the arms race originate in South Asia? It originated in the fanatical desire of the militant Hindus to establish Akhand Bharat and in the obsession of the Bharati leadership to make Bharat a super power.

It may be observed that the establishment of Israel and Israel's bellicose nuclear programme were, in the first instance, directed at the Arabs. But as the Arabs were Muslims subscribing to the same faith as their Muslim brothers in the subcontinent, Pakistan and the Arab world came to be seen as a single political entity. The net result was that Pakistan became a joint target of Bharat and Israel. David Ben Gurion addressing the Jews in Paris in 1967 had openly identified Pakistan as the prime target.

It would, therefore, be pertinent to cast a glance at the nuclear policy of Bharat and Israel and to view in this context the defensive nature of Pakistan's nuclear strategy. Bharat's nuclear programme was launched in 1948 under the direction of Dr. Bhabha. Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was its moving spirit. The primary objectives of the nuclear programme were military: to make Bharat a great power in Asia with an effective naval

presence in the Indian Ocean. They thought that after achieving these goals, the smaller states of South Asia, overwhelmed by their might, would automatically dwindle into satellite states. The Arab States of the Middle East, too, would succumb to their sphere of influence. They would thus succeed in bringing progress and prosperity to a poverty-stricken Bharat with the abundant oil wealth of these countries. Moreover, in consideration of their big power status, the United States and Russia would deem it necessary to seek their approval before formulating any policy for South Asia in particular and Asia in general. Pandit Nehru's political vision and Dr. Homi Bhabha's personal rapport with the nuclear scientists and the chiefs of the atomic institutions in the West played a major role in making Bharat a nuclear power. When Canada initiated a plan to offer nuclear reactors to the Third World, Bharat took full advantage of it. In short, while the U.S., Russia, Britain, France





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and Germany provided nuclear technology and projects to Bharat, Canada also played a prominent role in this field.

Israel's nuclear programme was launched in 1952 under the leadership of Shimon Peres with France providing the first nuclear reactor. Later, all western nations, including the U.S. and Canada supplied it with nuclear technology. The Dimona Nuclear Complex is a living proof of this fact. It comprises a variety of projects. It is institutions like these that have helped to transform Israel into a modern and progressive nuclear state. Moreover, its super computer has lent a new excellence to its nuclear and space programmes, namely, its missiles.

While speaking of Israel one cannot resist the temptation of referring to the political leadership of the Middle East in general and the political insight of Gamal Abdul Nasser in particular. As stated earlier, Israel initiated its nuclear programme in 1952. It was in 1952 that President Nasser also came into power and created a furore in the entire Arab World.

His charismatic personality cast a spell on Arab intellectuals and especially the youth. The Soviet Union who was in search of a reliable and strongly ally in the days of the Cold war found in him an ideal comrade and friend and a fiery opponent of American policies in the Arab World. What is amazing is that the Soviet Union at the time was completely at the mercy of Nasser. President Nasser's crucial decision in 1956 to nationalise the Suez canal jolted the world powers. The armed forces of Britain, France, and Israel launched a joint attack on Egypt. It was at this critical juncture that the Soviet Union stepped forward and threatened the invading armies with the use of nuclear weapons. Thus Egypt escaped the destruction of a war that was forced upon it. The question is was President Nasser not aware of

Zionist designs in the wake of the establishment of the State of Israel? Was President Nasser not aware of the vested interests of the U.S. and other Western powers that were linked with Israel in the Middle East? Was President Nasser not aware that Israel had launched a massive nuclear programme with military objectives in view? Was he not aware that the real purpose of the nuclear programme was not merely to ensure the security of Israel but to transform it into a regional power? He must have surely known that with Israel as a nuclear power Egypt would lose its military and political supremacy in the Arab world. If President Nasser was cognisant of these issues why did he not take advantage of Egypt's special status in Soviet foreign policy and

launch a comprehensive nuclear programme of his own. Had President Nasser so desired, he could have got anything from the Soviet Union for the asking. The take-over of the Aswan Dam was a laudable step but wherein lay the wisdom of not turning Egypt into a nuclear power; in depriving it for ever of the political leadership of the Arab world and delivering it to the nuclear blackmail of Israel. One would be quite justified in concluding that while President Nasser did little or nothing for Egypt. Today Israel has a stockpile of atomic, hydrogen and neutron bombs and all the capitals of the Arab world are within the range of its nuclear missiles.

In Pakistan, the Atomic Energy Agency was established in 1957 and raised to the level of a commission during the tenure of Ayub Khan. It was entrusted as an additional charge to Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources. As an ardent student of history he was already aware of Bharati designs. But he was also aware of the importance and prestige of ➡





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A nuclear state in international politics. When Canada started offering nuclear projects under the Colombo Plan, he decided to take full advantage of this historic moment. He succeeded in persuading Canada into providing one nuclear reactor one reprocessing plant and some technology relating to the manufacture of fuel. In a memo to the President he wrote: "We should avail ourselves of this opportunity. I have brought Canada round to our point of view. The price of the reprocessing plant is 400 million dollars". The President replied: "I have spoken to Shuaib (Minister of Finance). He says that he cannot arrange the amount required for the reprocessing plant". The reprocessing plant could not come about but Bhutto did succeed in setting up a nuclear power-station in Karachi. Had the reprocessing plant been installed, a nuclear infrastructure would have been in place well before the seventies and Pakistan would not have been rent in two in 1971.

After the fall of the eastern wing, Bhutto became President of

Pakistan, he convened a science conference in 1972 at Multan. In an exclusive meeting with the scientists he apprised them of his intention and work began in this direction. Sometime later he got in touch with Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan, a scientist working in a nuclear establishment in Holland. Dr. Khan submitted a nuclear blueprint for national security based on the centrifugal system which Bhutto accepted enthusiastically. Thus came into being the uranium enrichment project at Kahuta. Bhutto entered into an agreement with Germany to secure a Tritium Purification Plant, which was later installed. He also signed in 1976 an agreement with France for the purchase of a 900-megawatts reactor and a reprocessing plant. The plant was about to be set up in 1977 when Bhutto was dethroned and lost his life as well. He was succeeded by General Zia who looked after and fostered the nuclear programme. Though he could not acquire the reactor and reprocessing plant from France, the war in Afghanistan at the time helped much to transform Pakistan into nuclear power.

While inaugurating his nuclear programme Bhutto had declared "India has exploded a nuclear device in 1974. I cannot bear to see my helpless nation cringing before the might of nuclear Bharat". Western imperialists killed Bhutto the man but they could not kill the idea. When Pakistan exploded its nuclear device it demolished in retrospect and in a symbolic way all the conspiracies that had been directed against him.

Today Bharat has lost its predominance. Israel's aggressive posture too will soon change. Every country has its Bhuttos and Nassers. History has an uncanny way of dispersing the mists of time and baring events and characters. Animated by their religious ideals, sense of political ascendancy and eight centuries of glorious rule, the Muslims of India achieved Pakistan under the able leadership of the Quaid-e-Azam. The same people were also fired with the resolve to emerge on the global stage as a respected and dignified nation. They have demonstrated their resolve.

I congratulate the Prime Minister, the Chief of Army staff, Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan and all the scientists concerned on their historic achievement and also thank them on behalf of the nation. As far as the bluster about sanctions is concerned, it will prove no more than a temporary extravaganza. The nation will face the sanctions with grit and determination and, God willing, continue to march from one success to another. ■



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## Two-nation theory: the corner-stone of Pakistan

Imtiaz Rafi Butt



This year Pakistan Day has come in the wake of two significant events: one, the emergence of Pakistan as the seventh nuclear power and two, the peace initiative taken by Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. In a way the two events are inter-related and if they succeed in bringing peace and prosperity to this troubled subcontinent it will, indeed, be a great achievement.

The emergence of Pakistan as a nuclear power has changed the geo-strategic equation in the subcontinent. By conducting five nuclear tests less than a year ago,

Pakistan has given a fitting response to the Bharati blasts and restored anew the military balance in South Asia. These tests have confirmed Pakistan's status as a nuclear power. A strong Pakistan, it is hoped, will check Bharat's irrepressible desire to establish Akhand Bharat and become a great power in South Asia.

With both Bharat and Pakistan armed with nuclear weapons, a war between them would assuredly lead to mutual destruction. This dreadful prospect has deterred both from resorting to violence and drawn them to the negotiating table. Bharat and Pakistan have both declared that they would shun war and settle all outstanding disputes through

dialogue. But is Bharat's friendly posture genuine or as usual mere hype aimed at telling the world that it is a peace-loving and responsible country keen to improve ties with its neighbours?

Even if Atal Bihari Vajpayee is sincere, he can do little to settle the Kashmir dispute or ensure lasting peace between India and Pakistan. His credentials for the task are inadequate. He is the head of a shaky coalition government—here today gone tomorrow—and the front man of a party (BJP) whose forerunners, the Hindu Mahasabha and the Rashtriya Sevak Sangh (RSS), were openly anti-Muslim. But that alone should not pre-dispose us to reject the peace initiative. We should, in fact, welcome these moves and hold talks at all levels to gauge the seriousness and sincerity of the Indian government.

For whatever it is worth, there is a perceptible change in the attitude of India. The visit of its parliamentary delegation and that of Prime Minister Vajpayee was most welcome. Vajpayee described the occasion as a defining moment in the history of the subcontinent. His bus ride to Pakistan was a spectacular affair and aroused tremendous enthusiasm and optimism. The trouble is that in the past, too, the statements of the Prime Minister of India, Inder Kumar Gujral, had evoked a lot of excitement. The press conference held later by Salman Haider, India's foreign secretary at that time, reflected the same optimistic frame of mind and led to the following alluring headline: "Bharati foreign secretary accepts Kashmir as a disputed problem." When the foreign secretary returned home and made a detailed statement all hopes were dashed and the facts of history, as in the past, remained firmly in place. Who knows, Vajpayee's promises and assurances may also prove to be as evanescent as the morning dew. Lal Krishna Advani, India's Home Minister, appears to have already upset the apple cart. ➡





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## Two-nation theory: the corner-stone of Pakistan

He is reported to have told the Lok Sabha: "Kashmir is an integral part of India and there can be no compromise on it at any point of time. There is no question of a plebiscite."

For a more realistic assessment, Pak-Bharat relations should be seen in their historical perspective and not in a romanticised context. These relations, in fact, need to be seen as a two-nation conflict.

Why, one may ask did the Muslims demand Pakistan? Because they had seen through the game of the Hindus and were apprehensive of the prospect of Hindu domination. It was at this critical juncture that the Quaid-e-Azam in March 1940 proclaimed: "Muslims are a nation according to any definition of a nation and they must have their homeland their territory and their State. 'The two-nation theory, one should never forget, is the corner stone, the linchpin, and the very bedrock of Pakistan."

Though, the Hindus and Muslims lived in the same land for centuries there was no affinity between them. Their mutual differences were fundamental. "Like oil mixed with water", says a European observer, "they lived together and

yet apart; and two different cultures developed cheek by jowl with fundamentally distinct sense of values, divergent attitudes towards even some of the most elementary matters of life in this world, and, of course, diametrically opposed beliefs in the life hereafter". The legacy of ill-will continued even after the division of the subcontinent in 1947. India was ever opposed to the Pakistan idea and never accepted the creation of Pakistan with good grace. Kashmir, which was wrongly handed over to India led to two wars, one in 1947/48 when the Quaid-e-Azam was still alive and other in 1965. In the third 1971 war, India made full use of what it perceived to be the 'chance of a century' and broke Pakistan into two. It rejoiced over its victory and boasted that the birth of Bangladesh had demolished the two-nation theory. Indian designs, both overt and covert, since the very beginning were directed at undermining the ideological and territorial integrity of Pakistan.

Peace in the subcontinent and Pak-Bharat relations are being governed by the policies of those who wish to establish Akhand Bharat and make Bharat a powerful country in the world. Here is what L.K. Advani, Indian

Minister for Home Affairs and a bigwig of the ruling BJP is reported to have said only a fortnight ago: "A time would come that people and leadership of both India and Pakistan would willingly decide that the partition of 1947 did not take them to their cherished dream and they may like conscious decision to make the concept of Akhand Bharat a historical reality." It is amazing that even after more than half a century persons like L.K. Advani refuse to accept the validity of the two nation theory. Pakistan Day demands that we see Indo-Pakistan relations in their true historical perspective; it demands that we safeguard our ideological frontiers. It demands that we seek peace but not at the cost of honour and dignity. Pakistan is a strong independent country and should be able to handle the Kashmir issue with tact, understanding and vision. ■

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## Pak-American Relations and Jewish Lobby

Imtiaz Rafi Butt

**T**he post-war world of the fifties witnessed phenomenal changes. The forces of democracy had triumphed and crushed the seeds of Hitlerism. United States replaced Britain as the new superpower. Communist Russia, backed by a zealous proletariat, made a quick recovery and emerged as a US rival. Italy and Germany in Europe and Japan in Asia lay in ruins. By dropping the atomic bomb on Japan, America proclaimed its nuclear superiority and made nuclear power a deciding factor for potential claimants to world leadership.

A victorious but enfeebled Britain decided to grant freedom to India. The Muslim League through its Lahore Resolution of March 23, 1940, had already spelled out its demand for the creation of Pakistan. The end of World War II brought about radical political changes in Britain. Clement Attlee of the Labour Party replaced Winston Churchill as prime-minister. The Labour Party subscribing to a socialist creed was ideologically closer to the Congress than to the Muslim League. Attlee did not want to

divide the subcontinent and detested the idea of Pakistan. He despatched a few members of his cabinet to find an ultimate solution to the issue. The proposals of the Cabinet-Mission

Mission plan and events took their irrevocable course.

At a time when Attlee was straining every nerve to preserve the territorial integrity of India, the

The man who became the governor general after the assassination of

Liaquat Ali Khan was a civil bureaucrat and his election to this high office was the result of a conspiracy. After assuming power he, as planned, first dismissed the prime-minister and then the assembly. The way was thus paved for the setting up of an authoritarian regime.

And that was just what the Americans wanted. They wanted a government that would dance to their tune.

One serious consequence of the formation of such a government was that it damaged Pakistan's bargaining potential with the US.

were accepted both by the Congress, and the Muslim-League. The immediate threat to the unity of India was thus momentarily averted. Later, Pandit Nehru, the president of the Congress sabotaged the Cabinet

political and military mandarins of the US were busy framing their global strategies vis-à-vis the other superpower, namely, the Soviet Union. For the Russians, the Muslim League's demand for a separate independent Muslim

state was a matter of supreme political and geographical importance. It was in this perspective that President Truman prodded the Attlee government to accept the demands of the Muslim League, grant independence to India and Pakistan and not fritter away its energy in a struggle to keep the subcontinent united. This scenario should be kept in mind to understand the true complexion of Pak-American relations and the questionable framework in which the US planned to fit the new state of Pakistan.

The government that emerged soon after the creation of Pakistan comprised the top leadership of the Muslim League. Qaid-e-Azam became the Governor General and Liaquat Ali Khan, the Prime Minister. The League leaders had envisioned an ideological state—a state dedicated to the unity of the Muslim World and inspired by an urge to prove to the world that its claim to nationhood was sound and justified. Contrary to this was the ideology of the Congress—hostility towards the British, secularism, socialism, nationalism—championed by ➡



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Jawaharlal Nehru and his associates. Viewed in this perspective, it was natural for the Muslim League to lean towards America and for the Congress to lean towards the Soviet Union.

The foundations of Pak-American relations were laid during the premiership of Liaquat Ali Khan. He visited the United States where he was warmly welcomed by President Truman and his government. They promised massive economic and military aid to Pakistan and later even made good their promise. Pakistan, at the time, was confronted with colossal problems and American aid did much to overcome them. Liaquat Ali Khan had envisaged a foreign policy based on bilateral relation with America. He was not in favour of being a partner in any alliance system like SEATO or CENTO, which was later devised by the US. He was strictly against alignment with any regional or global power bloc. The world of Islam was the linchpin of his foreign policy.

The man who became the governor general after the assassination of Liaquat Ali Khan

was a civil bureaucrat and his election to this high office was the result of a conspiracy. After assuming power he, as planned, first dismissed the prime-minister and then the assembly. The way was thus paved for the setting up of an authoritarian regime. And that was just what the Americans wanted. They wanted a government that would dance to their tune. One serious consequence of the formation of such a government was that it damaged Pakistan's bargaining potential with the US.

The trouble with dictators is that they begin as declared champions of the people but end up struggling to retain their "throne". Something of this sort happened to our rulers as well. They obeyed without demur the command of their American masters and thus sacrificed national interests to their desire for self-preservation. The Americans in return guaranteed their continuance in authority and dictated its policies at will. And that is how the rot set in. Pakistan opted for alliances rather than bilateral relations with the US and promptly became a member of the SEATO and CENTO. The primary object

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of these alliances was the containment of China and Russia. Pakistan also allowed a US electronic intelligence-gathering facility to function on its soil at Badaber near Peshawar to which the US military attached great operational importance. It was from here that U2 aircraft had set out on its espionage mission and was shot down by the Russians.

Following this incident, Russia became a sworn enemy and began arming Bharat in a massive way against Pakistan. No doubt, America offered huge military and economic assistance to Pakistan but the one unfortunate fall-out of the "benevolence" was that our armed forces became totally tied down to American military hardware with no choice but to maintain, for the sake of security, the best of relations with the USA. It also led the Americans to establish direct links with the top brass of our defence establishment links, which soon paid off. They were able to get martial law imposed in October 1958 through Ayub Khan, the then commander-in-chief, and well in time to scotch the general elections that were

due in February 1959. The "danger" of a democratic parliamentary government coming into power was thus smoothly preempted.

The sudden attack on Pakistan by Bharati forces was directly aimed at our security. We were in effect fighting for our survival but at this critical hour America placed an embargo on all arms shipments on the pretext that the SEATO and CENTO were meant to counter communist aggression and did not warrant military assistance to Pakistan. With friends like these----- America in the meantime also entangled Pakistan in the coils of its monetary institutions. The 1967 Arab-Israeli war exposed Israel's expansionist designs and its drive to become a regional power. The war proved comprehensively that the US was a "Jewish superpower" committed to an Asian and global policy that aimed at protecting Israeli interests. The clout of the Jewish lobby can be gauged from the fact that it compelled a mighty state like Russia to soften its restrictions and allow skilled Jews to migrate to Israel.



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As Pakistan had backed its Arab brethren in the war, the world Jewish lobby placed Pakistan on its hit list. Pakistan's vehement condemnations of Israeli expansionism in the UN and other world to enhance its prestige as a veritable spokesman of the Arab and the Muslim World. Its sterling role in the 1973 Arab Israeli war and later in the Islamic Summit conference made Pakistan the political leader of the Islamic World. This state of affairs was obviously intolerable for Israeli rulers and their backers in America. Pakistan's military operations against Israel in the 1973 war and its devastating air strikes from the Syrian side enraged the world jury and compelled it to brand Pakistan as a standing danger to Israel. In 1976, Pakistan entered into an agreement with France for the supply of a 900-Megawatt atomic reactor and a reprocessing plant. A pact was concluded under the aegis of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and in the

presence of the American representative of the IAEA. America raised no objection while the pact was being finalized but later it raised a tremendous hue and cry against it.

Henry Kissinger, the American secretary of state, visited Lahore in the summer of 1976 and urged Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to rescind the pact. About Henry Kissinger, Shah Faisal, that intrepid soldier of Islam, had once remarked, "Kissinger, in fact, is working to further the interests of world Zionism".

Kissinger's talks at Lahore revolved around a single agenda: Pakistan's atomic ventures. Pakistan's nuclear programme, he argued, was a danger to world peace and hence America viewed it in a global perspective. Bhutto contended that Pakistan's nuclear programme should be seen in a sub-continental context. What possible danger, one may ask, could Pakistan's atomic programme pose for the

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US. The truth is that the Jewish lobby has always thought in terms of Israel and considered Pakistan's nuclear ambitions a threat and an impediment to Israel's future goals. Therefore, with great ingenuity it transformed what it saw as a threat to Israel into a threat to world peace and made this specious argument a pillar of American policy in South Asia.

The Afghan war revived close relationship between Pakistan and the US and military aid began to flow once again. At the same time Pakistan continued to proceed with its nuclear programme and managed to achieve its target. Soon after, the US cut off all economic and military assistance under the Pressler amendment and held back even those items which had already been paid for. The Pressler amendment was, in fact, directed specifically at Pakistan. Bharat, now a ballistic-missile power, was not included in the net. It was quite understandable for

Pak-American relations to cool down after the end of the Cold War but that their differences should have been whipped up to fever pitch was evidently the work of the Jewish lobby. The US is now an avowed "Jewish-super-power" and cares not a hoot whether Pakistan has an autocratic or a democratic form of government. It measures Pakistan in a purely Israeli perspective and is bent on ensuring that Pakistan remains weak and vulnerable. ■



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## Challenges facing the government

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LAHORE—Since the day the new government took over it has been trying to figure out how to put the country on the right track and restore public confidence in state institutions. While it confronts a formidable challenge on the domestic front, it has little or no problem on the foreign front.

Although the government faces no political threat from any quarter, yet trying to put a mutilated system back in order is in itself a herculean task. The 7-point agenda of General Pervez Musharraf and the steps taken thereafter indicate that a process of "de-ziaisation" is underway. Zia imposed martial law on July 5, 1977; dismissed the National Assembly and the Senate and sacked the elected government. He promised to hold national elections on 18 October. When Bhutto and other leaders were released from Murree they were given a rousing reception all over Pakistan and especially at Lahore. The military leadership was stunned. It had come to believe that the PNA movement and its own policies had slashed Bhutto's popularity and rendered him incapable of winning an election. The military regime

therefore signalled its lackey to chant "Accountability first, elections later". In response to this "public demand" the elections scheduled for October 18 were postponed and the process of crushing the forces of democracy was set in motion. The military leadership felt dwarfed by the towering presence of Bhutto and found itself in a profound dilemma. Fearing Article 6 of the Constitution and Bhutto's supremely vindictive nature, the regime decided to do away with him. Politicians opposed to Bhutto assured the military junta that the death of Bhutto would also spell the end of the PPP. To begin with the martial law government tried to foist the murder of six Hurs on him but realising that the charge would not stick accused him of the murder of Nawab Mohammad Ahmed Khan. Thus began the battle between Bhutto's political power and the might of the martial law regime. This unfortunate struggle destroyed all state institutions.

The worst hit was the judiciary. Henceforth, all government policies began to be dictated by the demands of this tug of war.

The military government

disqualified the elected representatives of the Peoples Party. Anti-Bhutto elements were honoured and made part of the ruling elite. The National Alliance became the virtual cabinet of the martial law government. Ulama sympathetic to the government were patronised and granted pay-offs from the Ushr and Zakat collections. Anti-Bhutto journalists were showered with riches. Industrialists who had fallen victim to Bhutto's policy of nationalization were either inducted into politics or made arbiters of the chambers of commerce and industry. Attempts were made to rope in even religious elders—men who generally shun power and devote their life to spreading love and brotherhood—to promote the devious designs of the government. The one point anti-Bhutto agenda became the ruling passion of the state. It coloured the deliberations of even the Majlis-e-Shoora.

Vindictiveness, in short, became an integral part of state policy and the root cause of state terrorism. The reign of this vindictiveness was extended by the referendum of 1984 and given a democratic garb by the non-party elections of 1985. The military leadership exploited state institutions in the

most brazen way imaginable to achieve its despicable ends. A large chunk of the massive funds offered by the West and the Arabs to deal with Soviet intervention in Afghanistan were pocketed by the ruling junta. Banks were plundered and, ironically, all this was done in the fair name of Islam. It led to sectarianism. The high-handed measures of the government gave a free hand to anti-democratic forces and harmed national unity.

Bhutto was sentenced to death by the Lahore High Court. The four Punjabi judges of the Supreme Court upheld that decision whereas the three non-Punjabi judges acquitted him. Punjabi generals sent him to the gallows. The Sindhis instantly concluded that the Punjabis had ganged together and murdered a Sindhi prime minister. The spirit of the federation was seriously undermined. The Zia government, in fact, destroyed the very fabric of the nation. Provincial and linguistic prejudice reached their peak. The role of the defence forces was compromised and became controversial. When General Zia disappeared from the scene, he left behind a nation of warring factions. Four elections followed





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but could not repair the damage. Prejudice and hatred did not abate, on the contrary they became more intense. Twenty-two years of myopic politics has left the nation in tatters. General Pervaz Musharraf, it is hoped will save the country from total ruin and put it on the road to genuine democracy.

As far as the foreign front is concerned, the government faces no danger from that quarter. It will, however, have to fashion foreign policy in accordance with the vital interests of the country. We have a financial interest in the US. We need technology from China. The attitude of the Commonwealth can pose no danger to us. We still stand in need of some conventional technology from France and limited nuclear know how from Belgium. We keep on receiving financial assistance from the Arab states.

In the Asia-Pacific region we are getting sizable aid from Japan. Barring the Commonwealth, the relations of all these countries with Pakistan are quite cordial and friendly. Russia, however, continues to adhere to its time-worn attitude towards Pakistan. As for America, most people think that America would

stop aid if a military government came into power. Such a step, they say, would lead to the economic collapse of Pakistan.

The argument is fallacious. What does the US really want from Pakistan? America fears fundamentalism and the Taliban—the disseminators of this “virus”.

Then there is Osama bin Laden who poses a serious threat to the US both in terms of global terrorism and interests in the Middle East.

And right at the top is the crucial question of the survival of Israel and the prevention of nuclear technology transfer to Iran or the Arab world. There is nothing secret about the US objectives. The American government itself has voiced their concerns from time to time. Now the question is who can fulfil these objectives? The answer is obvious. Only Pakistan.

A word about the transference of technology. America has made great sacrifices for the sake of Israel. In the early years it was France but later it was the US which transformed Israel into an invincible atomic power. It even prevailed on Sadat to recognise Israel. Thus it freed the

Jewish state from the threat of war as there could be no war in the Middle East without Egypt and no peace without Syria.

After the Camp David Accord of 1977, the US and particularly its Jewish agencies, have begun to look on the Arab world as a prospective market for American goods. With this end in view they plan to set up industries in Israel and import raw material from Africa. The goods so produced would be cheaper than those produced in the USA because of the low cost of carriage and freight. In this way they would also foil attempts at competition by Japan and Europe.

As Israel is an atomic power, the Arabs cannot destroy it. America wants Israel to establish diplomatic relations with the Arabs. It has pressed successive Israel governments to subscribe to the policy of “peace for land”.

The object of this exercise is to bring relations to normal and persuade the Arabs into accepting nuclear Israel as a regional power.

Arabs have recognised Israel and continue doing so though reluctantly. Israel as a regional power will use its clout to meddle

in the import policies of the Arab nations and turn the Arab world into an Israel-US market. In case Pakistan transfers its nuclear technology to an Arab state or to Iran, Israel would lose both its capacity to blackmail and its status as a regional power. It would also end the dream of an Israel America market. The notion that the Arabs can obtain nuclear technology from Russia is false. One, because Russia recognises Israel. Two, by transferring technology to the Arabs it would gain less and lose more as a result of fierce Western reaction. And three, decision making in Russia is largely influenced by the Russian Jews. It was this factor rather than anything else that restrained Russia from transferring nuclear technology to the Arabs even at the height of the Cold War.

The United States, therefore, for all practical purposes, still has high stakes in Pakistan.

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## All Roads lead to Gwadar



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**O**n 10th April 2016, talking to the Washington Post, Zhang Baozhong, chairman of China

Overseas Port Holding Company said that his company could spend a total of \$4.5 billion on roads; power, hotels and other infrastructure for the industrial zone, which he said would be Pak open to non-Chinese companies. The company also plans to build an international airport and power plant for Gwadar. This would be the first time where a country deliberately and unequivocally has given a direct incentive for growth to the manufacturing and production sectors in another country. This is just one of the all features that are coming to light with the development of Gwadar.

Economists and analysts around the world 14 are of the view, that if Gwadar develops as per plans between the Chinese and Pakistan government, it will be one of the most booming port cities in an Asia. It is the apex point of the \$50 Billion plus investment by China in Pakistan under the umbrella of CPEC, One Belt One Road initiative and Maritime Silk Projects. It seems that the strategic position of Pakistan which has been a curse from a historical perspective is finally transforming into a promising treasure holding immense rewards for the nation.

The Gwadar port is among the initial construction works to be completed. The port is being built in two phases after being inaugurated in 2007. Now, that the Gwadar port management and completion on time has been sublet to the Government of China-Gwadar port is all set to have more trade volume capacity than Karachi and Port Qasim combined. Gwadar is without a doubt a unique entity in its own. It is a city in the southwestern coast of Balochistan, just 600 Kms away from Karachi. Included in the overseas possessions of the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman since 1783, it was

purchased the Government of Pakistan in 1958. This was, not a coincidence of any sort but rather a deliberated strategy that came after the authentic "Deep Water Report" issued by the United States Geological Survey in 1954. The head of the survey team was Worth Condrick who said that "Gwadar is a sea sport made by nature". Little did anyone realise that the young nation of Pakistan had found treasure buried under a rock. Gwadar formally became a part of the Balochistan province in 1977. In order to fathom the massive investments coming from China, one must consider the plus points which will be offered to the Chinese people in

undertaking all these ventures in Pakistan and Gwadar.

Considering the bilateral and reciprocal endeavour, the Chinese government has decided to bring a lot to the table. First and foremost, Pakistan has been offered a total of 27000 Megawatts of additional energy that would eliminate the power shortage in the country and reduce the cost of industrial and domestic consumption. To put that figure into perspective we are currently producing less than 14,000 Megawatts effectively. In lay j man's terms that is huge. It is a tar- get which would be simply impossible to achieve





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without the financial and political intervention of a Great Power such as China. Further, CPEC entails setting up state of the art industrial parks. Construction projects and economic zones that will raise the standard of living of the labor class while urbanising populations in their wake. in transportation, the Chinese government has promised to upgrade railway, road and transportation networks through massive investments in public and private sector. Last, but not the least, the human capital in Pakistan has been kept as a focus area as CPEC includes agreements on setting up technical and educational institutions to counter unemployment and promote lower class prosperity on the same lines as being done in China. The question is, would these be part of the negotiating table without Gwadar? China-Pakistan Economic Corridor will undoubtedly be counted among the most magnificent and historic projects of the current century. Gwadar is set to become the chief centre for import and export for Central Asian Countries, Afghanistan and China and with it, a paradise for foreign direct investment.

The GDP growth is if expected to double for Pakistan by virtue of the massive economic activity in the country. The first phase has been completed while work is taking place on the infrastructure to complete the rest at breakneck speed. A 653 Km long modern and spacious Makran coastal Highway along the coast of Gwadar has been completed and a railway line of 910 Km is to be laid from Mastung to Gwadar. Owing to the political, geographical and business importance, the government is

capacity of the Highway as commercial activity starts bustling. At this point, Gwadar should be the ultimate focus for the people and government of Pakistan. It is the shining star of the future of prosperity and development. An emerging superpower has aligned its concern and interest with Pakistan and it is high time that we take advantage of this tide and ensure our rise along with the rise of the Chinese Dragon. As to be expected when dealing with a state building activity on this

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giving practical shape to its development projects on the residential side as well. A state-of-the-art network of highways has been laid out to meet the requirement of settling populace. The Makran Coastal Highway is a fantastic example of a main road constructed with growth and trade in mind. One can see that the planners left ample setbacks to increase the

grand a scale petty political disagreements and provincial disputes will occur time to time however they will not be hurdle in the fulfillment of Gwadar is a prime focus for Pakistan. Keeping in mind the future prospects of Gwadar, I've put my money where my mouth is and invested heavily in Gwadar. Being a real estate developer see it as my patriotic duty to support this great

national endeavour and my company Rafi Group is soon to launch Green Palms Gwadar. Green Palms offers an array of plot sizes and investment options tailored to various categories of investors. Mosques, community club, lawns, educational institutes, Corporate towers and infrastructure as per modern standards are just the few of the facilities being developed in Green Palms. We hope that the Green Palms Housing Project is going to be a flagship project of Gwadar city. I urge all my friends in the private sector to come to Gwadar and start their operations, help yourself while helping to build the future of Pakistan. If Pakistan is to rise above this state of poverty and truly join the league of booming economies, it must communicate to; every nook and corner of the country that all roads lead to Gwadar.

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## Changing ASIAN GEOPOLITICS



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"Higher than the mountains, deeper than the oceans, stronger than steel, dearer than eyesight and sweeter than honey". These are the words that have been spoken time and again commemorating the prestigious alliance between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Peoples Republic of China. As un-usual as it sounds, today, it is a reality that is set to shape the future of Asia, if not the global order. Pakistan-China relations have now come of age. All the doubts and reluctance stand cleared. On November 30, 2016, a consignment worth 500 tonnes of goods left Kunming in China for Karachi as part of the direct rail and sea freight service and a 100 containers have already left from Gwadar to Europe. This is part of the \$46

Billion investment plan between Pakistan and China as part of CPEC. If China succeeds in its initiative, Pakistan and its influence in region will undergo a complete transformation. The long and mutually beneficial relationship between the two countries can be aptly described as the phrase, "Opposites attract". Pakistan' and its socio-political systems began with a British legacy alongside being an Islamic Republic whereas China was and still remains a Red revolution-inspired communist state.

Pakistan from the start was a door to the world for China. The Sino-Indian war of 1962 added a military outlook to the relationship. In the following years, Pakistan actively became the voice of support for China in the International community on diplomatic fronts like Tibet, Taiwan and Xinjiang. Pakistan formally played a role in the 1972 Nixon visit to China. On the other hand, Pakistan received diplomatic, economic and military assistance against Indian aggression. The highest leadership of the two countries

frequently arranged visits and warm diplomatic relations were always kept as a vital agenda of the foreign policy. So much so, the last visitor to meet Mao Zedong before his death, aged 83, was none other than Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the then Prime Minister of Pakistan. With the Soviet invasion and alignment of Pakistan with US interests, there was a period of reluctance. Soon after, the American favors upon India and its "war on terror" campaign made it crystal clear that Pakistan's best interests were with Beijing. China lived up



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to its expectations with its assistance in the nuclear programs and supplies that made Pakistan a strong military power in the region. The most recent example of this counter-measure strategy is the provision of Chinese Chengdu

China itself. Security is now the single most imperative concern of Asian states. With the spread of terrorism, extremism and insurgency on the rise, China and Pakistan have realized that security lies in development. Pakistan has been a direct victim

the lines where terrorism is likely to flourish. CPEC will be a win-win position for both countries. Gwadar is to become the jewel of world trade and Pakistan will be able to assert itself as a powerful economy in-dependent of Western influence. The power and capability that will arise from CPEC and OBOR will make way for a new geo political environment in Asia. Pakistan is China's only real friend; Beijing has realized that a country cannot become a superpower without having a strong ally in its backyard. Rightly so, a high ranking official on the Chinese army, while defending China's stance on Pakistan said, "Pakistan is China's Israel". A strong Pakistan will not only keep terrorist groups from Afghanistan in check but also check any untoward hostility from India. The geopolitics of Asia is now witnessing the constellation of stars aligning themselves to give rise to a China-Pakistan nexus that has the potential to massively change regional politics. China is taking its only ally seriously and intends to take the trophy of

being a world superpower in Asia and the Middle East. It is in the best interest of both states, and if done right, will change the face of Asia in a way never perceived before.

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J-10-B fighter aircrafts which have been developed to counter the most advanced American fighter jet Lockheed Martin F-16 C. As stated by the Chinese Premier Le Keqiang to the people of China, "if you love China, love Pakistan too". The development of Al-Khalid Tank, F22 Frigate, Nuclear Power plants and armaments are but a few examples of co-operation between Islamabad and Beijing. According to Pew Research Center, Pakistanis have the most favorable view of China after

of terrorism and extremism while the threat of a similar conflict looms over China with the Uighar militant group operating within. The intelligence of both countries agrees that East Turkestan Islamic Movement and the-Uighar groups have joined hands With the Taliban. It is only a matter of time before a militancy will raise its ugly head in not one a but many cities in China. CPEC and OBOR is an effort to ensure security through development and economic progress along





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**F***ragrance of M. Rafi Butt's*  
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QUAID-E-AZAM at a dinner hosted by RAFI at his residence on 30th March 1944.



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RAFI at the International Red Course Conference held at San Francisco 1948.



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A dinner hosted by RAFI in honour of Sardar Shaukat Hayat Khan, Abdul Hyyee (Education Minister), Nawab Iftikhar Hussain Mamdot (Chief Minister).



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# Eternal Contribution

May their souls rest in peace



**Shabbir Zaidi**

Shabbir Zaidi was the man who helped established the Jinnah Rafi foundation under gifted leadership of Mr. Imtiaz Rafi. He was a proficient research having excellent command over history and world politics. He was a gifted political analyst who would evaluate national and international issues with equal wisdom and clarity of mind. He was a opinioned person who has his original thoughts and views on interpretation of historical events, their causes and effects. He was a true patriot driven by the desire to contribute towards shaping the minds of our youth. He was ardent and devout follower of Quaid-e-Azam and religiously preached his teachings.



**Professor R A Khan**

Professor R.A Khan was a Ravlian who later joined Government College Lahore as Professor of English language and literature and tolled his way to becoming the Vice Principal of this august Institution. This honor is sought by many but truly deserved by him. He was a great scholar and man of principals and has passed on these values and ethics to a generation of students who went on to become noble politicians and gallant civil servants. He joined Jinnah Rafi Foundation as Secretary and worked with selfless dedication and devotion. He nurtured the newly established foundation and paved the way for historical research publication.

**Dr. Syed Razi Wasti** was a noted historian and former professor and Head of Department of history, Government College Lahore (1967-1982). Director Historical Research Institute, Punjab University (1965-1969); Quaid-e-Azam Distinguished Professor, Columbia University, New york (1983-1988); has been a visiting professor at a number of American universities and has attended many national and international conference. He is the author "Lord Minto and the Indian Nationalist Movement, 1905-1910." Clarendon Press, Oxford 1964 and a number of other books. A biography of M. Rafi Butt for the Jinnah Rafi Foundation. He edited "My Dear Quaid-e-Azam (Jinnah Rafi Correspondence) and wrote "At Quaid's Service" (a Journey Towards Discovery)





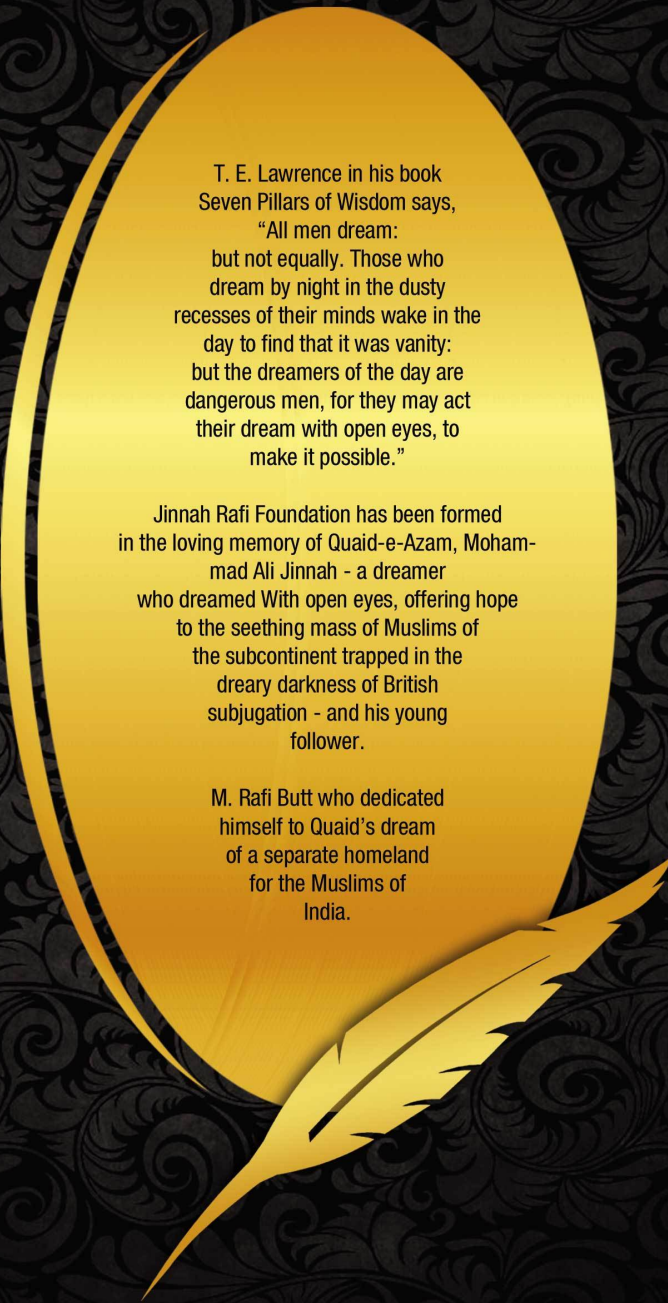
Quaid e Azam, his teachings and his legacy will never be outdated or irrelevant. His letters will never be quaint relics from the time gone by. I always bristle when I hear people disparage Quaid's message or belittle the contribution of his followers. I discovered during my early days in college that Quaid e Azam was the perfect role model for an aspiring young man determined to serve his nation. By the time I finished college I had read almost everything written on Quaid's life and struggle for freedom. This inspired me to join the civil service and I have forty years of honest, steadfast and devoted public service to my credit. Today, I find it most relevant to spread Quaid's message to strengthen the bonds of nationalism and counter the disease of linguistic bitterness, provincial disharmony and religious extremism.

Jinnah Rafi foundation is an exceptional model of selfless passion and whole hearted devotion; an extraordinary expedition into the life of Mr. Rafi Butt and his commitment and contribution to the freedom struggle. The foundation has provided me with a unique opportunity where my passion has become my commitment. My desire to conduct research and write about Quaid has been fulfilled. I would like to thank Mr. Imtiaz Rafi Butt, Chairman Jinnah Rafi Foundation, not only for entrusting me with this fascinating assignment but also sharing his dream and passion with me. His unflinching commitment translated into extravagant investment in terms of time and currency against staunch criticism has been a source of strength and inspiration for the whole team.

We begin with a promise to dedicate our best efforts to research and publish with serious and earnest intent redesigned and reimagined. We are aware that it is a daunting task but we hope to create a beautiful and meaningful package of words, ideas and images for a perceptive and astute audience.

We will be grateful for your feedback and hope that the material chosen for this issue demonstrates our desire to engage more broadly and deeply with you.

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T. E. Lawrence in his book  
Seven Pillars of Wisdom says,  
“All men dream:  
but not equally. Those who  
dream by night in the dusty  
recesses of their minds wake in the  
day to find that it was vanity:  
but the dreamers of the day are  
dangerous men, for they may act  
their dream with open eyes, to  
make it possible.”

Jinnah Rafi Foundation has been formed  
in the loving memory of Quaid-e-Azam, Moham-  
mad Ali Jinnah - a dreamer  
who dreamed With open eyes, offering hope  
to the seething mass of Muslims of  
the subcontinent trapped in the  
dreary darkness of British  
subjugation - and his young  
follower.

M. Rafi Butt who dedicated  
himself to Quaid's dream  
of a separate homeland  
for the Muslims of  
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