

Hiteswar Saikia

Returns

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, Oct. 16—Sri Hiteswar Saikia, former Assam Minister, returned here on October 13 after a successful kidney operation at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, USA. He in all stayed for five months in the United States, both in and outside the hospital. His actual operation and hospitalisation in connection with the kidney took 21 days. Later he lived in hired apartments and had to go to the hospital for check up off and on. Doctors certified that his operation was quite successful and he would be able to undertake his normal activities.

Sri Saikia's operation was not a transplantation of the kidney in the strict sense. His old kidneys which ceased functioning were not removed. What the doctor did was to take out a kidney from his brother and transplant it in the front part of his lower abdomen. It is now functioning perfectly without any connection with the old kidneys at the back. His surgery was done by Dr. Couche, surgery specialist in the hospital. The Brigham Hospital is internationally famous for this kind of kidney operation and transplantations.

Sri Saikia has been keeping a close touch with the political developments in Assam all through his five months of stay in the USA and is fairly acquainted with the latest developments in the Assam Congress (I).

Our Staff Reporter adds Sri Saikia will return to Delhi on October 18 next.

Notice To Close Down Kamrup Paper Mills

From Our Correspondent
PANDU, Oct. 16—The management of Kamrup Paper Mills Ltd, Amingaon, served a notice of closure to the effect that they would close down the mill from December 3 next due to "circumstances beyond their control", according to a Press release of the Kamrup Paper Mills Workers' Union. The closure would affect about 250 employees.

A deputation met the Adviser to the Governor, Assam, at Jangra Bhawan on October 15 last and submitted a memorandum urging upon the Adviser to prevail upon the management withdraw the closure notice forthwith.

Meanwhile a general meeting of the workers was held yesterday under the presidency of Sri Samir Das, President of the Union and decided to resort to relay hunger strike from October 23 next in front of office of the Mill at Guwahati to press the demand for immediate withdrawal of closure notice and protest against 'unfair labour practice' of the management.

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