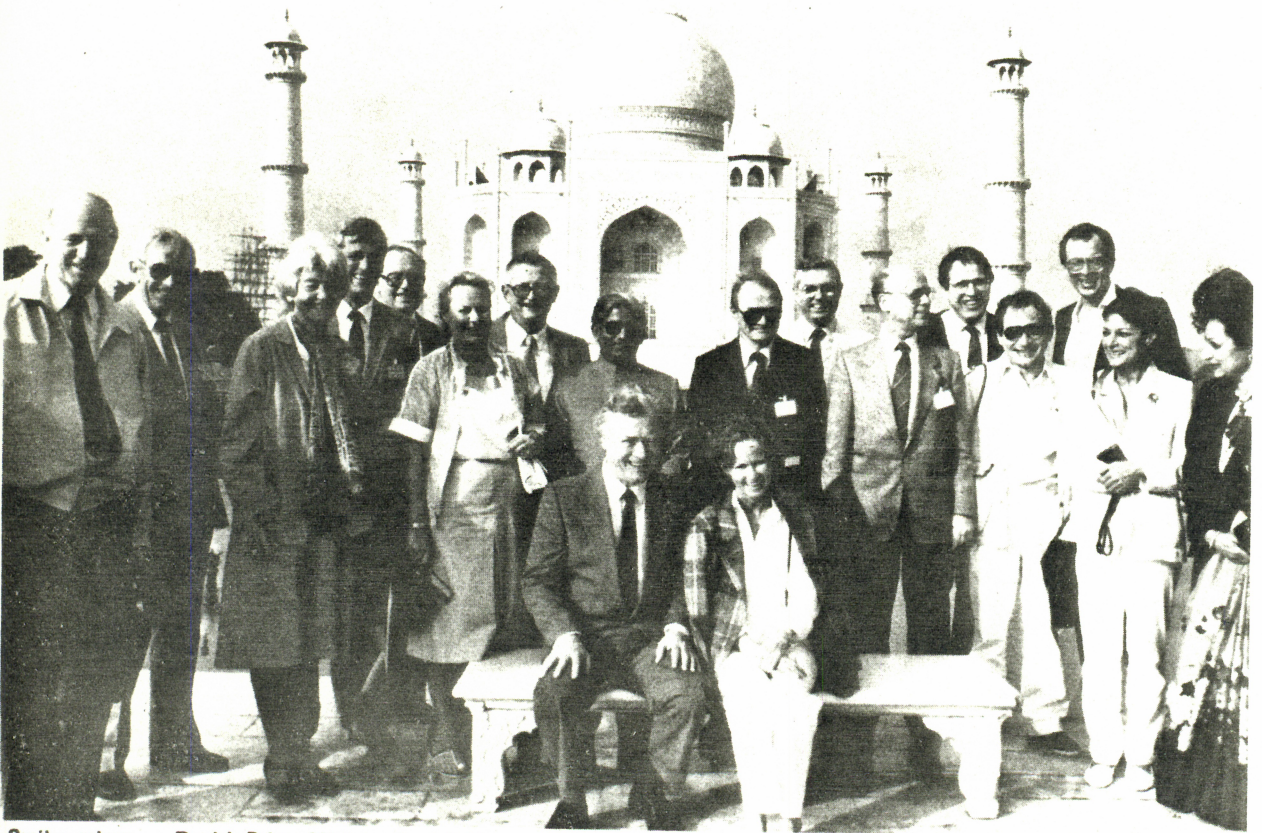


Indo - Danish relations strengthened



Smiles galore . . . Danish Prime Minister Poul Schlüter, Mrs Lisbeth Schlüter, Indian Ambassador R.C. Shukla, Mrs Shukla and Danish officials at the Taj Mahal.

Mr Poul Schlüter, the Prime Minister of Denmark, and his wife Lisbeth were on an official visit to India from 10th January to 18th January 1987. This was a return visit. Late Prime Minister of India Mrs Indira Gandhi was here in Denmark in June 1983.

The Danish Prime Minister's party comprised about 20 officials,

20 business delegates and 11 press. This correspondent joined the official press group to cover the events for THE INDIAN, published in Hong Kong.

On arrival in Delhi, the Danish Prime Minister was received by the protocol and was directly taken to Agra and Fatehpur Sikri by Indian Airforce plane — a private 2 days

sightseeing holiday in India.

The official visit began from 13th January. Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, and his wife Sonia received the Prime Minister of Denmark at the Airforce station, Palam airport. A big poster of Mr Poul Schlüter and Mrs Lisbeth Schlüter was placed along with the flags of both coun-

tries. A ceremonial reception was held at the airport.

On the very same day a meeting was arranged with the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry, which was followed by a lunch. Later at the press conference Mr Schlueter stressed on the two way trade with India and said there is a tremendous scope for widening Indo-Danish economic relations. All the major dailies carried advertisements from many different companies who have joint collaborations with Denmark — welcoming the Danish Prime Minister. The Daily Economic Times ran a special supplement on Denmark — featuring advance interviews with the Prime Minister, Mr Poul Schlueter; the Ambassador of India to Denmark, Mr R.C. Shukla; and the Danish Ambassador to India, Mr Kaj Baagoe.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi invited Mr & Mrs Poul Schlueter for a private dinner at his residence.

Mr Poul Schlueter visited the Rajghat and paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi. Later on the day, he inaugurated the Timarpur Incineration Plant near Delhi to burn the waste and produce the energy from the plant. This is an



Bedecked with marigold-garlands . . . Mr Poul Schlueter & Mrs Lisbeth Schlueter in India.



At the Rajghat paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi. Photo shows the Danish Prime Minister and Mrs Schlueter, at right, with Mrs Shukla, Mr R.C. Shukla, Ambassador of India to Denmark, extreme left; and Mr Kaj Bagoe, Ambassador of Denmark in New Delhi.

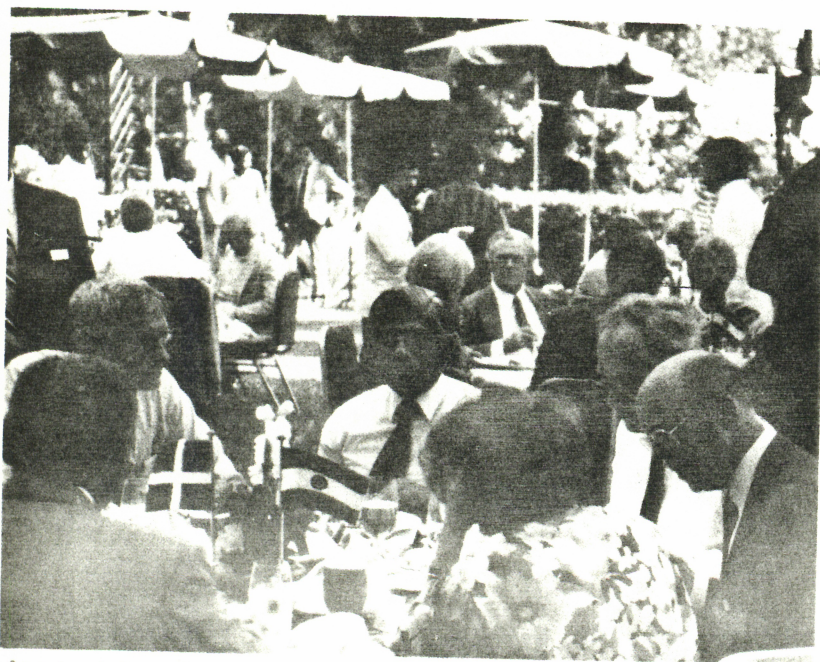


Indian Ambassador to Denmark, Mr R.C. Shukla left Copenhagen few days in advance to help make the preparations to receive the Danish Prime Minister and Mrs Schlueter.

Photo taken at the airport departure lounge at Copenhagen shows, from left, Mr Bajaj, Mr Malhotra, Mr Sachar, Mr R.C. Shukla, Mr Y.P. Singh, Mr Sardhana, Mr Naag and Mr Sunil — all from the Embassy of India. Our correspondent Beena Harwani is in centre.



Mr Poul Schlueter and Mrs Lisbeth Schlueter at Jenapur village in Orissa. The hand pump has been provided under the 'DANIDA' Aid Programme.



At a lunch hosted in his honour, the Danish Prime Minister is seen at the middle table. Seen seated at table in the foreground is Indian Ambassador R.C. Shukla, Mrs Lisbeth Schlueter (back to camera) and other officials.

Indo-Danish joint venture and the technology has been provided by the Danish company Volund A/S.

Before their departure for Orissa, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, invited the official press group for a visit to his residence for a second press

conference. This correspondent asked for his message to the overseas Indians. Mr Rajiv Gandhi said, "The Indians in any country are real Ambassadors of India and our image very much depends on how they perform. To Indians living in



The Governor of Orissa, Mr B.N. Panday received the Danish Prime Minister.

Denmark — contribute to cooperation between India and Denmark and have higher standards in professional incentives."

On arrival at Bhubhneswar, the Governor of Orissa, Mr B.N. Panday, received the Danish Prime Minister. At the Raj Bhavan after briefing of Indo-Danish water supply project, the party drove to the village Jenapur about 50 kms and village poshal to visit the hand drilling site and hand pump rejuvenation. Here the Danish Prime Minister and his wife were greeted by the villagers — singing songs and with a very traditional welcome of garlands.

Finally the party left for Bombay and arrived at the Santa Cruz airport where they were met by the Governor of Bombay. From here, Mr Jan Marcussen, Under Secretary for Trade Relations, The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, left for Baroda to inaugurate the ORG Systems factory, a computer division of Ambalal Sarabhai Enterprises Ltd., in joint technical collaboration with the Dansk Data Elektronik A/S — India's first multi CPU computer system.

Denmark has decided to establish a permanent exhibition center at Bombay to exhibit Danish Industrial products and Mr Poul Schlueter, inaugurated the Danish Industrial Design exhibition at the Jehangir Art Gallery. A dinner was hosted by the Governor of Bombay.

The party left for Tiruchirappalli by a special IAF plane to visit Tranquebar, an old Danish settlement. Finally the party came to Madras where the Governor of Madras received the Prime Minister at the airport and later at the Hotel Connemara, a meeting was held by the Madras Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

To describe their experience in their own words, said Mr Poul Schlueter & Mrs Lisbeth Schlueter, "We have never received such a warm welcome before in any country and we don't expect to get such warm welcome in our future life."

— M. Harwani



A traditional welcome for Mr & Mrs Poul Schlueter.

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