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Institution of Engineers: Union Minister for Water Resources and Parliamentary Affairs V.C. Shukla inaugurates seventh Indian Engineering Congress, Chief Minister M. Veerappa Moily chief guest, Chowdiah Memorial Hall, 9.30 a.m.

Bangalore City District Congress (I) Committee: Union Minister for Water Resources and Parliamentary Affairs V.C. Shukla, Union Railways Minister C.K. Jaffer Shaireff, Union Minister of State for Finance M.V. Chandrashekara Murthy and Chief Minister M. Veerappa Moily address workers, Committee office, behind Hotel Harsha, 12 noon.

The National Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks and Credit Societies: Chief Minister M. Veerappa Moily inaugurates sixth all India Conference, Union Minister for State for Finance M.V. Chandrashekara Murthy, Tamil Nadu Co-operation Minister G. Vishwanathan, Gujarat Co-operation Minister Thakarebbhai Nayak participate, Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha, 12 noon.

Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry: Union Minister of State for Finance M.V. Chandrashekara Murthy address members

MS Ramaiah Institute of Cardiology: Continuing Medical Education programme, demonstration of cardio pulmonary resuscitation followed by discussion on ECG patterns, Institute premises, Gokula Extension, 2 p.m.

National College: Annual day celebrations, Dr. K. Srinivasan, Additional Director General of Police, chief guest, College premises, Basavanagudi, 8.30 a.m.

Karnataka Padmashali Sangha: Free legal aid programme, Sangha premises, Kalasipalya new extension, 4 p.m.

PD Hinduja Sindhi Hospital: Panel discussion on drugs during pregnancy and lactation under chairmanship of Dr. P.C. Bopiah, Sampangiramanagar, 12 noon.

Senior Citizens Club: Dr. P.T. Thomas, speaks on Discovering interests in life, Holy Cross Centre, 28, Milton Street, Cooke Town, 5 p.m.

Kendriya Vidyalaya: Pack and Flock Holiday, Mr. N.K. Raghavendran, General Manager, Wheel and Axle Plant, chief guest, Yelahanka, 10.30 a.m.

Students for Peace: Light a candle for peace, Gandhi Statue, MG Road, 5.30 p.m.

Candles for peace

It was a sight to behold. On Saturday evening, M.G. Road was witness to a spectacular event. Thousands of school and college students with glowing candles in hand stood on the boulevard raising lusty slogans for peace. Organised by the Students for Peace (SFP), this novel programme attracted one and all. And fortunately the politicians were nowhere on the scene; no long boring speeches to contend with.

The students lit candles at about 6.45 p.m., and within minutes, a line of glowing candles brightened up the entire stretch between the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and the junction of M.G. Road and Brigade Road. The spectacle lasted for about 30 minutes, as the students chanted "we want peace."

The sight attracted a good deal of passers-by whose chore was to forget their chores till the lights were put off. Mr P.C. Reddy, an engineer, who was among the curious by-standers, said "it is nice to see students of schools and colleges lighting candles for peace." He felt that it would create awareness among the public.

Ms Elizabeth Thomas, a young executive assistant in a private firm, who had "never before witnessed such an event", said the "idea is good." She herself wanted to participate in the programme, but was disappointed on learning that it was restricted only to students. Although she had a good word for the programme, she, like many others, felt it could have been arranged on a bigger scale, involving people from all walks of life. Ironically, the students were screaming unnecessarily and that too, for peace, she pointed out.

Despite all the light, the programme had its darker side too. The slogans and banners were all in English, confusing the commoner thoroughly. This labourer, for instance, thought it was some Chris-