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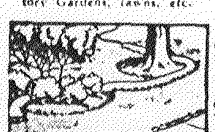
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dier toppling across us in his first coma, when the bus was flagged down by three ancient fellows who looked like a cross between the Apostles and Granpap of the hillbilly cartoons.

Each one had a small milk can in his hand, which he handed to the conductor of the bus. Then we pushed off, leaving them behind looking after us.

The nun explained that these are Todas, or aborigines of this area, queer hill people who've kept apart from civilization, although living in the midst of it.

We jounced across the downs, which are the broad, bare tops of these mountains, a lovely rolling country of tremendous slopes, which one officer said are almost exactly like the famous ski slopes at St. Moritz. Only it never snows at Ooty.

And then we drove into the dusty jungle, which is hot and brittle looking, very dense. And although we saw no elephants, we got a thrill when we passed a red sign, marking a side road, on which was written:

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The Kremlin's Post-War Bor

Stalin Wants a Strong (Fri

By RALPH PARKER

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MOSCOW, May 5 — Premier Joseph Stalin in a personal letter to his correspondent has emphatically stated his government's desire to see established after the war a strong, independent Poland whose relations with the Soviet Union would be based on mutual respect and solid good neighborliness and, if the Polish peoples wished, on a mutual assistance alliance directed against the common enemy, the Germans.

Stalin's letter was in reply to two questions on Polish-Soviet relati submitted Tuesday to the Krem The officially authorized Engl translation follows:

"Dear Mr. Parker:

"On May 3 I received your t questions concerning the Polis Soviet relations.

"Here are my answers:

"1—Question: Does the gover ment of the Union of Soviet S cialist Republics desire to see strong and independent Pola after the defeat of Hitler's Ge many?

"Answer: Unquestionably, does.

"2—Question: On what fund mentals is it your opinion that relations between Poland and U. S. R. R. should be based af the war?

"Answer: Upon the fundame of solid good neighborly relati and mutual respect, or, should Polish people so desire—upon fundament of an alliance provi ing for mutual assistance agai the Germans as the chief enem of the Soviet Union and Poland

"With respect,

"J. STALIN.

"May 4, 1943."

The original Russian text o single sheet of chalk white p bore Stalin's signature in bl green crayon.

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