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Nehru's blunders

Sir:

This refers to "Nehru's blunders" by Dr PN Mukherjee (IE Oct 18)

The blunders of Nehru that Dr Mukherjee has mentioned had been recognised as such by the people of Jammu even as these were in the process of being committed. Only then it was considered blasphemous to call them blunders: such was the faith the nation had in the ability of Nehru. It is heartening to note that bringing of such blunders to light is no longer unpalatable and that historical facts have begun to be seen in their true light – not for belittling anyone but in order that the nation may draw the right lessons from history.

There can be no dispute over the list of blunders committed by Nehru with regard to Kashmir, that Mr Mukherjee has presented, except perhaps that many more could be added to it. Blunders will no doubt occur and big people will make big blunders. But what is most tragic about Nehru's blunders is that he played into the hands of Mountbatten and inadvertently helped promote the British policy on Kashmir.

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