

# The Last Happy Years

*Life as Usual on the Roof of the World*



The young Dalai Lama



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Life goes on

Few saw the impending dark clouds gathering over the Tibetan plateau. However, at the end of the 1940's, Tibet slowly came out of its slumber. Goodwill and Trade delegations were sent to India and a few Western countries to assert Tibetan independence. A small army was recruited and armed by India. Indian troops were still based in Gyantse and other Indian trade marts. The British maintained their Mission in Lhasa. The Roof of the World witnessed its last happy days.



Gandhi addressing the Asian Relations Conference in Delhi. Tibetan flag is seen on the rostrum.

In March 1947, a Tibetan delegation participated in the First Asian Relations Conference held in Delhi.



The Tibetan Foreign Office in Lhasa deals independently



The four Tsipons or Finance Secretaries



Shakabpa's Mission (September 1950) preparing to go to China. Finally they will not go.