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Dr. Spear cites Napoleon Bonaparte as an outstanding example of a natural leader. The imprint on the sands of time of this 'Child of Destiny' can never be erased. Our beloved comrade, the indomitable champion of truth and justice, was an out and out natural leader. It is true that he was not fated like Napoleon to eat out his heart in exile, or to bury himself during the closing years of his life in bitter memories of a stirring past. In a sense, he had been fortunate in his death, he had been spared the

In a letter written to the then Governor of Bengal Sir John Herbert on the 2nd August, 1942 he had the courage and conviction and foresightedness to demand a separate Bengali Army and wrote. "I want you to consent to the formation of a Bengali Army consisting of hundred thousand young Bengalis consisting of Hindu and Muslim youths on a fifty-fifty basis. There is

"Dear Sir John,
In reply to your letter of the 15th February, 1943, I write to say that I owe you no explanation whatever in respect of my conduct in failing to consult you before announcing what according to you is the decision of the Government, but I only owe you a duty to offer a mild rebuke to those who offer such as Ballesteros, Arce, and others."

When Dr. Nalini Ranjan Sircar, himself a renowned parliamentarian, urged upon the Chief Minister to change the angle of vision regarding a particular ticklish issue, Sher-e-Bangla promptly replied that it was not his but the angle of