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(LOK SABHA)



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My dear Rajajee,

I hope that our 2 days-long discussions have not been a strain on you and you are feeling well. I repeat my request that you should minimise the reading part of your daily exertions. Mr. Masani has sent me the following wire:-

" IN VIEW GOVTS INTENTION ACCEPT COLOMBO PROPOSALS
ESSENTIAL OUR PARTY TABLE AMENDMENT ^{Rejecting} REPEATING THIS
CAPITULATION AND ADHERING OUR STAND AGAINST NEGOTIA-
TIONS UNTIL VACATION ^{at} AFTER TOTAL AGGRESSION STOP
WOULD ALSO SUGGEST ADJOURNMENT MOTION POINTING OUT
CONCERN OVER ARREST OF THREE PATRIOTS IN FURTHER-
ANCE OUR RESOLUTION ON OPENING DAY.

MASANI."

The informal meeting of the leaders of the Democratic Parties is convened by me for the 20th afternoon in Delhi and I hope most of them will attend it. I hope to consult them, before deciding upon our line of action. In the meanwhile, I will be grateful to you if you convey your advice to reach me in Delhi by the 19th.

It is quite possible that some one or the other of the other Democratic Parties would be shooting their own proposals to the Notice Office and our informal meeting ^{would} ~~will~~ have to consider them too and evolve some agreed formula if possible, to be signed by all or some of us. We have to consider the possibility of a sense of relief that the Public would be induced to feel, by the Press and Nehru's repetition of his demand for the Chinese withdrawal behind the 8th September line of actual occupation by both sides. How are we to shape our thoughts and expressions to as not to appear to be flying in the face of our obvious unpreparedness and incompetence to ^{refuse to accept} ~~accept~~ this respite from war for the time being and to be incurring the censure from the Non-Aligned Countries as being mere War-Mongers ~

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I am leaving for Delhi tomorrow by G.T.Express. I will
be staying in 44, Western Court.

Yours affectionately

A handwritten signature, possibly 'M', written in dark ink.