

NON-ALIGNMENT POLICY

J.P. NARAYAN OPPOSES RAJAJI'S STAND

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

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Mr. Jaya Prakash Narayan, Sarodaya leader, said here yesterday that he did not agree with Mr. C. Rajagopalachari that India should abandon non-alignment and enter into an alliance with the West.

Addressing a public meeting, he said even if they could keep the USSR follow a policy of "benevolent neutrality" in the India-China dispute, it was a commendable achievement. By abandoning non-alignment and joining the Western bloc, India might force the Soviet Union to commit herself openly on China's side.

Mr. Narayan, however, warned his countrymen that they would be erring if they believed that Russia would give India any substantial military aid to face China. He said that the China-India conflict was not merely a border dispute but it was more deep than that. Even though there was a military cease-fire, the ideological challenge was still very much there and they had to prepare themselves to meet it effectively. Mr. Narayan said ahimsa did not mean that anybody could befooled us.

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