

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

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From

Shri M.C. Chawla,
Deputy Secretary.

To

Shri M.R. Masani, M.P.

SUBJECT: Constitution of Parliamentary Committees
of Lok Sabha (1967-68).

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Sir,

I am directed to state that the Speaker has to constitute the following Committees of Lok Sabha:-

- (1) Business Advisory Committee.
- (2) Committee of Privileges.
- (3) Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House.
- (4) Committee on Government Assurances.
- (5) Committee on Petitions.
- (6) Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.
- (7) Committee on Subordinate Legislation.
- (8) House Committee.
- (9) Rules Committee.

Besides the above Committees, the Speaker has also to nominate ten members of Lok Sabha on the Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament.

2. Since it may not be possible to accommodate your Group on all the aforesaid Committees, I am to request you kindly to indicate your preference for the Committees on which you would like to have representation of your Group and also to furnish a panel of three names of members of your Group in Lok Sabha, in order of priority, for each of such Committees, out of which the Speaker may make a selection for appointment of a member from your Group thereon.

3. I am also to request that in the case of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation, names of lawyer-members may be especially considered for inclusion in the panel of names to be furnished.

4. I am further to request that the members concerned may not be informed at this stage until the Speaker has made final selection.

An early reply is requested.

Yours faithfully,

Masani
DEPUTY SECRETARY.

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associated with

I happen to be ~~the President of the General Assembly of the~~
Congress for Cultural Freedom, an international organisation of
intellectuals with its headquarters in Paris. The purpose of the
Congress is to foster the growth of a world wide community of scholars,
writers, scientists and artists who are deeply aware of the need for
freedom, indispensable to all intellectuals, and the need to defend that
freedom against attack and encroachment by all forms of totalitarianism
and unwarranted censorship. Among the international personalities
connected with the Congress are such eminent world figures as Mr.
Leopold Senghor, President of Senegal, who was fortunate enough to escape
assassination yesterday, Mr. Reinhold Niebuhr, the well known theologian,
Dr. Karl Jaspers, the eminent philosopher, Don Salvador de Madariaga,
the well known exile from Franco's Spain, *Mr. Raymond Aron,* Professor J. K. Galbraith and
Mr. George Kennan.

Such is an outrageous allegation

In India we have an Indian Committee for Cultural Freedom which
has on its Executive ~~the~~ ^{the} people of standing of Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan,
Smt. Rukmanidevi Arundale, Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, and Mr. Eric da Costa.

As soon as disclosures were made in certain sections of the American
press that certain Foundations in America had been used by the C.I.A.

to channel funds for the C.C.F., inquiries were made in the matter and it
was found that ~~there was only one foundation, namely, the Hobilitzelle~~
~~Foundation which had been so used, to channel some small amounts to the C.C.F.~~
in this highly objectionable manner

The Congress immediately decided, in the light of the danger of being
financed in this manner without its knowledge or consent, not to accept
contributions any further from any endowment except only the Ford Founda-
tion which ~~has assured financial support for the next few years.~~ The
Ford Foundation, as is well known, is not one of the foundations which has
has been misused in this manner.

On February 23 this year, the Congress Headquarters in Paris issued
the following statement:

It ~~may be~~ will be seen from this that, in so far as the Congress
for Cultural Freedom is concerned, there is ^{no basis for this} a malicious campaign to
smear it. I would like to lodge my protest against this ^{witch hunt} and to
~~say that I am proud to belong to~~ ^{against} an international fellowship of this high
standing which has a fine record of service to intellectual freedom
ever since its ^{establishment} ~~founding~~ in 1950.

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attempts to
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association