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Sir H.P. Mody *1724*

Dear Sir,

Today's Times of India carries the summary of your speech while presiding over a symposium organised by the Swatantra Party.

Regarding our popular Defence Minister, you are reported to have stated at the said symposium as follows :-

" Mr. Menon Criticised "

" Mr. Masani, who referred to the withdrawal of the resignation by the Army Chief, said that Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon's "record and ominous silence" on the subjects of Tibet and Chinese aggression against India had brought public opinion to the conclusion that the defence of the country was not safe in the hands of Mr. Menon who had been consistently pre-Communist. "

While you have categorically demanded the resignation of Mr. Menon who had been consistently a pre-Communist, the Free Press Journal in today's issue has demanded on the other hand the resignation of General Thimaya for his sins of commissions and omissions.

The Forum of Free Enterprise which finances and otherwise supports the Free Press Journal is also the very Forum ^{which} supports you and the Swatantra Party. I, therefore, fail to see why the Free Press Journal should advocate editorially the line of action which is diametrically opposed to yours.

Or is it the policy of the Swatantra Party to speak with two voices, one of the voice demanding the resignation of Mr. Menon and another your own paper advocating the resignation of General Thimaya.

It stands to reason that ^{while you} ~~a few~~ and Mr. ^{and} ~~Mr.~~ Morarji Vaidya, another leading light of the Forum of Free Enterprise support ^{the} ~~the~~ Finance and supports the Free Press Journal by advertisement, it should not be permitted to advocate the line of action which is quite opposed to yours.

Will you please, therefore, under the circumstances, seriously consider my respectful suggestion that the Free Press Journal should either advocate a line ^{consistent} ~~considerate~~ with that of the Swatantra Party or in the alternative the financial support given to it by you and other friends should be stopped.

Yours faithfully,

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