

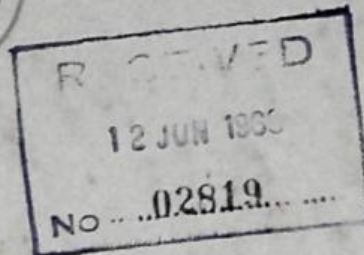


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Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith a few press comments about the Rajkot elections and Lohia's interview to Blitz. Lohia's interview is very interesting in so far as his compromise plans with the Opposition parties. He is prepared to align himself but for the Congress with all the other parties on different political programmes. I invite your special attention to the last paragraph in which he refers to our Member Shri Yashpal Singh about Hindi question when it was discussed before the Parliament. According to him, most of the Members of Swatantra Party are in favour of Hindi and such a remark when made by Shri Yashpal Singh in the Lok Sabha was completely censured by the press. This incident, as has been stated by Lohia, did happen in Lok Sabha during the Budget Session when the Parliament was ceased of the language issue. Prof. Ranga, when he was speaking in favour of continuance of English, was abruptly and unexpectedly interrupted by Shri Yashpal Singh with remarks "that most of the Members are behind me in favour of Hindi and not with you in favour of English." This was not a happy incident. Anyhow it was taken note by a few vested interests. Dr. Lohia has made reference to this in the course of his interview. *(has been)*

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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PS: Has your attention been invited to Mrs. Indira Gandhi's remarks a few days back after Congress crushing defeat at Rajkot when she "delicately implied that Rajkot was peopled by the descendants of jungle?" A reference to this has been made by Frank Moraes in his article, "Our Mission Abroad", (Indian Express 10.6.63, p.6.) Most uncalled for remarks! Isn't it? Can be publicised in our favour.