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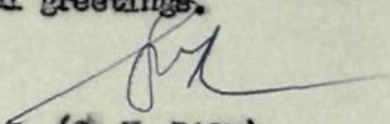
When the King of England died they say "the King is dead. Long live the King". In a similar vein we can say "Rajaji is dead. Long live Rajaji" in the form of the Swatantra Party. Despite the misguided action of some foolish persons who happened to occupy positions of responsibility, the Swatantra Party lives, and credit for this should in no small measure go to the Tamil Nadu Swatantra Party in general and in particular to our President, Mr. G.K. Sundaram.

Swatantra is weak today because the leadership in 1974 tried to erase the Party's identity and sought to ignore the Party's perspective in Indian politics.

In recent months we have witnessed a trend towards the acceptance of pragmatic economic policies that we of the Swatantra Party have been advocating from the time we were founded. While this is no doubt a vindication of our stand, we should nevertheless remember that our goal is "to prosperity through freedom".

As Rajaji, Mr. Masani, Mr. Sundaram and others repeatedly stressed, we are a party wedded to constitutionalism, rule of law and to seek power via the long road by educating the people. This requires courage and determination of a high order and those of us who were determined to carry on Rajaji's tradition should continue to keep the flag flying howsoever bleak the outlook may be.

On behalf of my colleagues in Maharashtra and on my own behalf I send you our fraternal greetings.


(S. V. RAJU)
Joint Secretary

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