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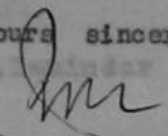
My dear A.D.,

It looks as if the fate of the two Constitution Bills will be decided on the floor of the Rajya Sabha and every vote may count. As a liberal and a believer in the freedom of the Press, I would like to think that there can be no doubt in my mind about how your vote should be cast on both the Bills. One is as bad as the other despite George Verghese's article because one opens the door to the other.

What is worse-you can take it from me, that if you allow the 24th Amendment to pass, you will within the next few months have a Bill that will definitely destroy the freedom of the Press and of the Editor. I cannot believe that you would be a party to the opening of a door to such a horrible catastrophe.

I trust therefore you will heed this word of caution from a fellow liberal.

Yours sincerely,


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