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My dear K.C.,

I was surprised, rather perturbed to hear that our state party office has been closed down by the president and the secretary several days before the national convention which was expected to take decision on the future of the party. It seemed that those who locked out the office had in effect usurped the functions of the convention long before its commencement. The convention itself did not decide to dissolve the party as such, but authorised the president to dissolve it in consultation with the national executive at an appropriate time and for that matter the Swatantra Party as anywhere else still exists in our state also. Apart from the legality of the decision of the convention this very fact raises the question of propriety on the part of president and secretary against their arbitrary closure of the office without the consent of the state executive or the state council. The state office was there long before this president and secretary took over and really speaking they were elected to look after the office and the party for two years and not for its closure. Legally the office and the materials belong to the members of the state and without their consent or the consent of their representatives, ie, the state council, this closure amounts to expropriation. From whom they wanted to protect the office and its materials? Whom are they afraid of? The majority of members or their elected representatives?

I am told that you were also present at the time of this tragic moment without uttering a word against it. If so it was rather painful to visualise such a scene where you stood silently as an impotent spectator at the outrage of pignies like our present president and secretary on the office for which you and steppachan sacrificed much in money and physical energy. The simile goes to Mahabharatha where Bhishma closed his eyes when Draupadi was outraged in open court.

As far as I am concerned I cannot ignore this challenge of worms whatever may be my present interest and vocation. I will fight and fight to the last indeed, for which I humbly beg of your help in active partnership as was the case in the past when we together weathered many a storm smilingly.

Yours,

*True copy of a letter written by Late
Sri: C.V. Suelham to K.C. Joseph
Kallivayalil about the closure of the
state party office at Kottayam by the
then office bearers of the party.*

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