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Homage to Rajaji

MADRAS, Dec. 22.

The administrative ability of Rajaji, his words of wisdom, courage and farsightedness were eulogised at a memorial meeting held at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore, to-day.

Mr. H. V. R. Iengar, former Governor of Reserve Bank, in his commemoration address, gave an insight into the historical role played by Rajaji during pre and post-Independence periods in shaping the destiny of the country. He said Rajaji's unique quality was his infinite compassion for the people.

Mr. Iengar deplored the acts of violence over border disputes between States and said Rajaji had always opposed linguistic sub-division and had suggested as late as 1962 that it was not too late to reverse the process.

Mr. K. Santhanam said Rajaji never hesitated to risk unpopularity to champion the causes in which he believed. Rev. Fr. Jerome D'Souza, who presided, described Rajaji as one of the greatest men the country ever had. Mr. S. Narayanaswami, MLC, proposed a vote of thanks.

Mr. Yeshwant Kumar Choudhary (Bihar)
Mr. R.C. Sharma (Delhi)
Mr. M.N. Amersey (Gujarat)
Mr. Sukhchain Preet Singh (Haryana)
Mr. N.K. Ganapaiah (Karnataka)
Mr. A.J. Dominic (Kerala)
Mr. P.K. Deo, M.P. (Orissa)
Maharawal Laxman Singh (Rajasthan)
Mr. B.K. Saha (West Bengal)

With the elections concluded the Returning Officer invited the newly elected President, Mr. Piloo Mody to take the Chair.

Mr. Piloo Mody in the Chair

XI. Minutes Confirmed:

The Minutes of the last meeting of the General Council held on April 13, 1973 in Madras were confirmed.

XII. Sabarkantha By-election:

The President then made a statement on the reasons that had led the Party to set up our candidate in the by-election to the Lok Sabha from the Sabarkantha Parliamentary Constituency.

Mr. Madhu Mehta and Maharawal Laxman Singh of Dungarpur who, along with Mr. Piloo Mody had campaigned in Sabarkantha, also gave their own impressions of the by-election campaign. All three expressed surprise at the manner in which the Party's candidate, Mr. Mamu Amersey, had been defeated.

Mr. D.N. Patodia, Dr. H.R. Pasricha and Sardar Harbhajan Singh participated in the discussion.

XIII. Merger of Bombay and Maharashtra Regional Units:

The National Executive's decision taken by circular approving the merger of the Bombay and Maharashtra Regional Units to be known as Swatantra Party, Maharashtra was ratified.

XIV. Resolutions :

Thereafter, the Council went on to consider resolutions on the following subjects which, after discussion, were unanimously adopted :

1. Revival of Linguistic and Communal Unrest
2. Economic Situation
3. Repressive Measures of Government

(Texts attached Annexure A)

The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.