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**Homage to CR
at city meeting**

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Leaders of different political parties shared a common platform to pay tributes to the memory of Mr. C. Rajagopalachari in Bombay on Wednesday.

The meeting was organised by the Common Man's Forum at the M. C. Ghia Hall. Mr. Nana Chudasama, president of the forum, presided.

A resolution, expressing grief at the passing away of "one of the great architects responsible for building the free India of today," was moved by the mayor, Mr. R. K. Ganatra, and passed.

Mr. Ramrao Adik (Congress) described Rajaji as "the link between the old and new generations"; and said he brought honour to all the high offices he had held.

Mr. N. Dandekar, recalling the years, when he was a civil servant of the then Madras presidency and Rajaji the chief minister, said Rajaji had laid down the manner of working of a popular government.

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Rajaji, he said, had let civil servants know that final orders on any decision taken would come to them not from individual ministers but would be conveyed to them from the headquarters of the government by the secretary to the ministry concerned.

He remembered Rajaji as "a man of complete intellectual integrity — not merely as an intellectual exercise, but to be followed in the practice of politics."

Mr. Iqbal Gaya of the MPCC said people welcomed criticism from Rajaji "because, when he criticised any individual or party, he did it without malice."

He said Rajaji gave respectability to opposition in India and suggested that an institute on the lines of the Harold Laski Institute be set up to perpetuate his memory and philosophy.

Prof. S. S. Varde (Socialist) said that, by saying what he believed to be right, Rajaji, more than anyone else in politics, represented the voice of dissent.

Prof. G. B. Kanitkar (Jana Sangh) observed that the death of Rajaji was the "end of a political era in which loyalty could go along with expression of opposition to one's political leader."

Mr. Mukundrao Patil (Congress-O) recalled Mr. Rajagopalachari's great foresight.