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Memorial for Rajaji

MADRAS, Jan. 1.

The Tamil Nadu Government has decided to erect a memorial to Mr. C. Rajagopalachari on a one-hectare site, near the Gandhi Mantap in the Raj Bhavan estate here.

Announcing this to newsmen, Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi said it was also proposed to acquire the ancestral home of Rajaji at Thorapalli village in Dharmapuri district.

Mr. Karunanidhi said he had asked the Tamil Nadu Swatantra secretary, Dr. H. V. Hande, to furnish him all particulars about the house which, he said, the Government wanted to keep in good condition.

His premonition

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Rajaji had predicted his death at least 15 days before his admission to the General Hospital, according to a programme broadcast from the Madras station of All India Radio on Saturday.

In the broadcast, Mr. M. P. Somasundaram, a close associate of Rajaji, recalled the conversation he had with the elder statesman on a Sunday afternoon, 15 days before the admission, for discussing the format of a book of his in the press.

As Mr. Somasundaram left the room and came into the hall, Rajaji called him back, and the broadcast narrated what happened then.

"Somu, push it through and try to bring it out before I die, he (Rajaji) said.

"I was stunned.

"How long would they take, perhaps a month? he asked.

"Yes, since it runs to nearly 30 forms, I replied.

"True, but then he paused and smiled.

"How hard you are!" I said.

"My dear boy, as usual I am telling you a hard truth! And he laughed."