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My dear Dahyabhai,

I am answering the particular question in the last paragraph of your letter of April 20.

I plead for Kashmir independence because that is the only way to remove the cause of trouble between India and Pakistan. No such advantage arises out of separation of the "South" or more realistically speaking of Madras State. We are conceding the right of self-determination to Kashmir because it is newly added to India and is claimed by Pakistan also. That situation does not apply to the South or to Madras. I need not go further into it as you can expand and explain all the difference.

As regards the other matters touched in your letter my article in Swarajya of 25th April explains my position as clearly as I can make it. I want friends and opponents to give it all the thought they can spare. Sri Munshi is wholly wrong about Abdullah. Sri Jayprakash is right. Keep together and be brave. Our Party has a future which is yet like a cloud no bigger than a man's hand.

It is a pity I often seem to be a drag on the Party. God and history will judge. But if you all wish to throw me away and be free to sail with the others, I shall welcome it.

Yours sincerely,

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