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Rajaji-Masani Differences On Foreign Policy . . . DMK Denies Charge

MADRAS (By Mail).

THE sharpest attack ever on the Prime Minister was made at Madras by the Swatantra Party leader, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, at the convention of his Party's district unit. The attack descended to the level of name-calling.

The Prime Minister was described as "a foolish man deceiving the people with borrowed slogans". In problematic contrast to the "socialism" in the presence of the Mahatma. He was the loudest supporter of Mahatma's trusteeship theory. After Gandhiji's death, after he was sure that people credited him with Mahatma's mantle, Nehru has come to express himself may have help during the impending crisis at her doors in the North, the policy of neutralism should be given up, a joint defence "arrangement" between India, Pakistan and Burma should be sympathetically examined through the mediation of "friendly powers".

As Rajaji began his analysis on the home front for a second time, he started with a reference "to what all my good friend, Masani, has been saying all along". And the reference was followed by a snub to the foreign policy expert of the Swatantra Party:

"Masani thinks," said Rajaji cunningly, "that he is qualified to speak about the foreign policy of our Government—I do not for a moment agree that India's foreign policy is or can be the making of one man, whether it is Nehru or Menon—but I would not venture into

that field just now. Masani has freedom to speak out his thoughts from 'my' Party's platform, and I have mine. You all know that I approve of India's foreign policy, by and large, as it is now."

Mr. Ranga, who knows the mood of the "leader" better than Mr. Masani, did not attempt to speak on foreign affairs. He confined himself to criticising the "ruinous land policy of the Congress".

He criticised China for her aggression on India, and it was quite another matter to discredit India's neutral policy of non-involvement in the cold war.

THE State Government has conclusively rejected the Planning Commission's advice in the matter of fixing land ceiling. Unlike the pattern in some other parts of India, the ceiling on land in Madras will be based not on the income derived, but on the extent of ownership. The measure, expected to be ready this month-end for eliciting public opinion, envisages ceiling in such a way "as not to disturb the present ownership in any radical way, as that would affect production," as has been said by the Chief Minister.

With this objective, outlined by the Chief Minister, Mr. Kamaraj Nadar himself, the Bill becomes a technical formality, to be complied with because of the commitment of the Congress Party to introduce land reforms

before this year-end.

The area-wise basis of the Madras measure is bound to create a chain reaction in other States in the South. Andhra Government has already protested to the Planning Commission against income-based ceiling on the ground that it was discriminatory to agriculturists. Andhra Chief Minister, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, has already indicated that it would not be possible for him to proceed with the land reform

murder of Mr. Bandaranaike, the late Prime Minister of Ceylon.

A cousin of Mr. Bandaranaike, Mr. S. T. Bandaranaike, had made the allegation in Ceylon Parliament on Friday that the South Indian Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam had a hand in the "international conspiracy" leading to the murder of the former Ceylon Prime Minister. He charged the Governments of United States and the Soviet Union, the Yugoslav Embassy in Colombo and the Tamil Raj Party of Madras, besides the DMK, as having jointly hatched the murder plan.

A spokesman of the DMK told IPA's correspondent: "The charge is entirely false and fabricated. The DMK has no quarrel with any foreign Government. The DMK never interested itself in the internal affairs of Ceylon. The Kazhgam's creed is diametrically opposed to any form of violence, at home or abroad. The charge is so untrue that no official denial is warranted."—IPA.