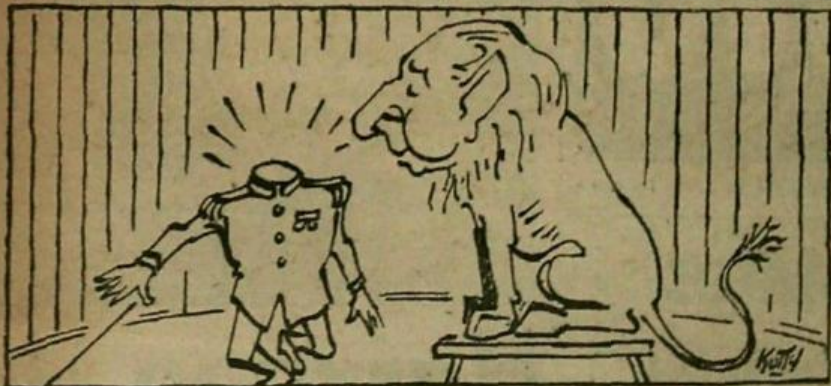
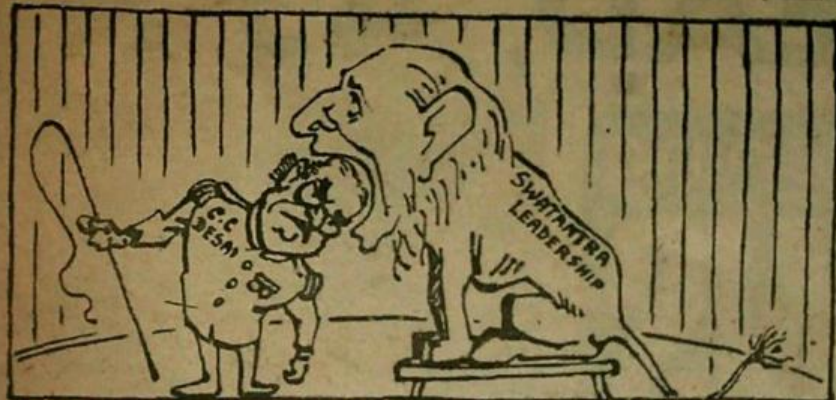


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Anti-Reddy pamphlet distributed

New Delhi, April 13 (UND)—Union Deputy Law Minister Mohammad Yunus Saleem denied in the Supreme Court today that he was one of the persons who had distributed pamphlets critical of the personal character of Mr Sanjiva Reddy, Congress candidate in the Presidential election last year.

'No appeal'

Appearing as a witness for Mr V. V. Giri in the Presidential election case, he also denied allegations that he had made any appeal to the Muslim members of Parliament on communal lines to elicit their support for Mr Giri.

Mr Saleem told the five-judge bench that he had no connections with the Razakar movement in Hyderabad.

These allegations had been made in the court earlier by Mr Sri Rama Reddy and Mr Abdul Ghani Dar, who have challenged Mr Giri's election as President, and several Opposition members of Parliament who appeared as witnesses for the petitioners.

"I am seeing these pamphlets for the first time in this court. I have not received any of these pamphlets by mail," Mr Saleem told the court after he was shown copies of the pamphlet.

He said he had also not seen anyone distributing the pamphlet in the Central Hall of Parliament.

Mr C. K. Daphtary, counsel for Mr Giri, then read out the evidence given by Mr Kanwar Lal Gupta (JS), Mr N. P. C. Naidu, Mr Sheo Narain, Mr M. N. Patel,

the Razakar movement, he was standing counsel of the Hyderabad Government. The civil service rule applied to him and he could not take part in political activities.

Mr Saleem denied Mr Sri Rama Reddy's allegation that he had run away from the Rajya Sabha when he raised the issue of Mr Yunus Saleem's nefarious and undignified activities.

He said this had nothing to do with distribution of the pamphlet. It related to his getting signatures on a paper demanding freedom of vote.

He said he would produce tomorrow the record of the proceedings of the House on the matter.

Allegation 'incorrect'

He described as "incorrect" the allegations that he had told Mr Abdul Ghani Dar that Mr Sanjiva Reddy was a "debauch," that he was in collusion with the Jan Sangh and the Swatantra Party or that if he became president it would be the victory of these parties.

Mr Saleem said Mr Dar had told him on the telephone that he had decided to support Mr Sanjiva Reddy. "Then I told him that it would be better for democracy and socialism to support Mr Giri than Mr Reddy."

Mr Kanwar Lal Gupta had deposed against him because he belonged to a party which was against his party. "I had also defeated the Jan Sangh candidate, my nearest rival, by 83,000 votes."

Other witnesses were staunch

that he had not seen earlier any pamphlet against Mr Reddy or it being distributed in the Central Hall of Parliament.

He also told the court that the chairman of the Shipping Board, Mr M. G. Krishnappa, got no remuneration for his post. He probably got some travelling and daily allowance.

He said Mr Krishnappa was nominated chairman of the board by the Government in August 1960. He denied having tried to find out who was being supported in the Presidential election by Mr Krishnappa before filing his nominations.

Mr Raghuramiah also told the court that he had attended the reception at Mysore House given by the then State Governor G. B. Patil on Aug. 10, 1960. He cited the names of 'new Congress MPs' Om Mehta, Mohan Dharma, External Affairs Minister Dinesh Singh, Minister of State for Information I. K. Gujral and now opposition Congress leader S. D. Misra as being present at the function along with him.

He said that he considered the party's decision to nominate Mr Reddy for the Presidential election as a "bad decision" and added that he considered it so because the selection had been made a matter of voting. The Prime Minister has a lot to do with the President and electing a man over the Prime Minister was a bad decision," he said.

He said he had asked for freedom of vote but did not canvass for any one in the elections.