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Independence for India League

52 Hewett Road,
Allahabad, April 10th, 1929

To
All members of the Central Council
and Provincial organisers and Secretaries.

Dear friend,

The Independence for India League has been in a state of suspended animation for some time past. In some provinces a little work has been done. In others not even this has been done. Partly this is due to the fact that members of the League have been busy helping in Congress reorganisation. Inquiries come from people as to what the League is doing and what it intends to do. It seems to me that it is very necessary for us to clarify the position of the League both in regard to its programme and its present activities. For this purpose a meeting of the Central Council should be held. As the All India Congress Committee meeting is being held on the 24th of May our Central Council might meet a day earlier on the 23rd.

The U.P. Branch of the League has adopted a certain programme and has recommended this to the All India Council for adoption. I am sending you a copy of this programme for you to consider it and be ready with your suggestions for the next meeting. I shall inform you of the exact time and place of the meeting after consulting the President.

Yours sincerely,

J. Nehru
Secretary

Encl. Programme.

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U.P. PROGRAMME

The U.P. branch of the Independence for India League met at Barrukhabad on March 31st and April 1st to consider the programme of the League. The following tentative programme was adopted and has been recommended to the All India Council of the League:-

The object of the League is to achieve independence for India and to reconstruct Indian society on a basis of social and economic equality. This necessarily implies that the League is out to remove all political, social and economic barriers between various groups or between man and man and man and woman. It means that the League aims at the Socialistic Democratic State in which every person has the fullest opportunities of development and the State control of the means of production and distribution.

The League must therefore seek to change the present capitalist and feudal basis of society. These changes can only be brought about by developing sanctions to enforce demands and sanctions can be developed only by organisation of these groups and classes which suffer and are exploited most under the existing system. The vast majority of the people fall in these groups. The few that remain are mostly those who are themselves exploiters and whose interest it is to have the present system continue. There are also those groups between these two who cannot be definitely said to belong to either. Among them are many who perform useful functions in society and who can become useful members of our future Socialist State.

We must therefore seek to organise all such groups and classes which are necessary for the well being of society, such as peasants, workers on land, industrial workers, shopkeepers members of some professions, artisans and craftsmen and unemployed intellectuals. We can have nothing in common with those classes which are by their very nature parasitical on society. There can be no room for these parasites in the future State. While the organisation of all progressive and vital groups is necessary and should be encouraged, special stress must be laid on peasantry and industrial workers who form the vast bulk of the population and on whom the burden of exploitation has fallen most heavily. The League will, therefore, help in every way in the formation of Trade Unions and Peasants' Unions.

IMMEDIATE PROGRAMME

The immediate programme is:-

General:- (1) Direct taxation as far as possible on a steeply graduated scale. The principles of income tax should be applied to income from land.

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- (2) Inheritance taxes or death duties also steeply graduated.
 - (3) Universal free and compulsory primary education.
 - (4) Adult suffrage.
 - (5) Minimum living wage for all workers.
 - (6) Religion or caste or sect to give no political or economic status.
 - (7) Excess profit tax.
 - (8) Panchayats and arbitration boards
 - (9) Organisation of people into occupational groups.

Industrial:-

- (1) State should gradually acquire control of key industries.
- (2) Formation of trade unions.
- (3) Formation of factory committees of workers.
- (4) Eight-hour day and forty-four hour week.
- (5) Special provision for women workers and young (a) not to be employed in heavy or dangerous trades, (b) maternity provisions, (c) creches.
- (6) Right to strike.
- (7) Unemployment allowances.
- (8) Insurance against sickness and accident.

Land:-

- (1) Land system should be changed so as to remove all intermediaries between the cultivator and the State.
- (2) Creation of small holdings usually enough for one family to work in and no right of alienations.
- (3) Annulment of agricultural indebtedness, partial compensation being paid.
- (4) Formation of producers and consumers' co-operative societies.

Social:-

- (1) Removal of untouchability and all degrading barriers between man and man.
- (2) Abolition of purdah for women, equal legal and civic status for men and women.

Further resolutions

The League further resolved that in view of the fact that there is little likelihood of the British Parliament accepting the constitution of the All Parties' Conference within the year and that the Congress will stand committed to full independence next year; and further in view of the fact that members of the Independence League being also members of the Congress have to work for the Congress programme, the League is of opinion that for the present its activities should be confined to the following:-

- (1) Where possible to start branches of the League.
- (2) Help in formation of Workers' and Peasants' Unions.
- (3) To publish literature in provincial languages and popularise the objects of the League and
- (4) To help in strengthening Congress organisation, and further its programme.

The League recommended this programme to the All India Council as the basis of work for the present year. The League appointed a propaganda committee and further determined to open a village centre for work amongst peasantry.

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52 Hewett Road,
Allahabad, May 3rd, 1929

B.S. Pathik Esq.,
Editor, "Rajasthan Sandesh",
Ajmer

Dear friend,

I thank you for your letter of the 29th April. I can well understand your difficulties in working in the present atmosphere in Ajmer. I hope however that this will improve soon. The meeting of the Independence League will be held in Bombay on the 23rd May. I hope you will be able to come. A notice is being sent to you separately.

Yours sincerely,

Jawaharlal Nehru

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15th May,

My dear Jawahar Lal,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 3rd instant. I will do my best to attend the meeting of the League, though my hands are too full with the work of my new adventure to allow me to go out of Ajmer.

My Journal "Rajasthan Sandesh" is expected to come out on the 19th instant. Will you kindly write to me on what address it should be posted to reach you in time? As for the notice of the meeting I am still awaiting.

Yours sincerely,

sd/- B. S. Pathik

P.S. As for the local conditions, I am also hopeful of what I am really anxious in the work of the League, which I feel should be now taken up with unusual earnestness as a fitting reply to Govt's repressively policy.

sd/- Pathik

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From B S Parkik to

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To

The General Secretary,
All India Harijan Seva Sangh
Birla Mills, Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Having come to know that certain members of the Executive Committee and the office-bearers of your local branch are openly working against the Congress nominee. We have referred the matter to your Rajputana Harijan Seva Sangh asking them whether their members and workers were free to do so according to the policy and constitution of the Sangh. In reply we are informed by Mr. Ramnarain Chowdhary, the General Secretary, that while the paid workers of the Sangh are forbidden from taking part in the current politics, the honorary members and office-bearers are free to participate in any political movement of their choice.

Whereas the Harijan Movement being sponsored and conducted by the prominent Congress Leaders is taken by the masses as the part and the parcel of the Congress Programme and as this sort of activities can affect the relations of both these organisations adversely. If the prominent workers of both the organisations are left free to come into conflict on the thorny issues like that of Assembly elections, the Executive Committee of my Board could not believe that "Freedom" referred to by your Provincial

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Secretary could cover even that interpretation.

I am therefore troubling you with this letter in order to know unambiguously whether the freedom of your honorary workers to participate in political movements means only that they can participate in any Congress Movement, if they like, or it also means that they are free to participate even in anti-Congress-activities of any non-Congress group.

May I hope that in the interest of mutual relations and good will of both these organisations you will kindly send me an immediate reply explaining the real position and also send a copy of that letter to your Provincial Secretary here so that the disputation question may be settled amicably.

Thanking you in anticipation and expecting an early reply.

Yours Sincerely,

General Secretary.

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IDENT.—Sjt. G. D. BIRLA

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SECRETARY.—A. V. THAKKAR

(of the Servants of India Society.)

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Delhi, October 8, 1934

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Dear Mr. Pathik,

Your letter dated the 7th inst. is to hand.

In reply I may state that the principle mentioned by Mr. Ram Narayan Chowdhry is correct. The honorary office bearers are free to follow whatever political party they like in their political opinions.

I am afraid you are working under a misconception when you believe that the Harijan movement is sponsored and conducted by prominent Congress ~~xxx~~ leaders as such. The movement is conducted by reformist Hindus of all political opinions - Congressmen, Liberals and non-Congress men and others. This sangh has no organic connection with the Congress organisation as such. The office-bearers don't bring in their politics in the working of the Sangh, nor can the Sangh ask any but its paid men to forego their political opinions.

You know that D.B. Harbilas Sarada, who is the President of our Rajputana Board is a candidate for the Assembly. The Sangh cannot ask him, nor is it any principle of it to ask him, not to work for himself.

Yours sincerely,

B.S. Pathik, Esquire,
Gen. Secy., Ajmer-Warwar
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A.V. Thakkar
General Secretary.

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