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**NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION.**

**9th Session, Akola 1926.**



GROUP PHOTO OF DELEGATES.



Group Photo of President, Office-Bearers and Volunteers.

# Ninth National Liberal Federation of India, Akola 1926.

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## RESOLUTIONS.

### I—Swami Shradhanand.

The National Liberal Federation of India records its sense of horror at the murder of Swamy Shradhanand by a fanatic and the loss sustained by the country in the death of the great patriot, who devoted his life to the cause of education, religion and social reform.

(Put from the Chair.)

### II—Death of Prominent Public Men.

The National Liberal Federation records its deep sense of regret at the death of Sir Krishna Govind Gupta, Mr. N. M. Samartha, Rao Bahadur W. R. Dhopley, Munshi Gujjarilal, Pandit Braj Narayan Chakbast and Mr. N. G. Virkar—members of the Liberal Party and Mr. T. V. Sheshgiri Aiyer, Sir Lalubhai Shah, Mr. H. S. Dikshit and Babu Govind Das who all rendered meritorious public services.

(Put from the Chair.)

### III—Indians Overseas.

- (a) The National Liberal Federation of India expresses the earnest hope that the Conference between the delegates of the Government of India and South Africa may result in the repeal of the Colour Bar Legislations and in securing for Indians settled in the Union the status of free and full citizenship.
- (b) The Federation again urges that Indians settled in any part of the Empire should in law and in fact be accorded their rightful position as equal subjects of the King and that all the racial inequalities and distinctions should be removed.

Moved by :—Pandit Venkatesh Narayan Tiwari M. L. C., Allahabad.

Seconded by :—Mr. V. N. Deshpande B. A. LL. B., Satara.

### IV—Bengal Internments.

- (a) The National Liberal Federation strongly reiterates its protest against the continued detention of many persons in Bengal under the Criminal Law Amendment Act 1925 and urges that they should be either set free or tried under the ordinary Criminal Law.
- (b) The Federation again urges the repeal of the said Act as well as of the Deportation Regulations of 1818, 1819 and 1827.

Moved by :—Rao Bahadur R. R. Jayawant, Nagpur.

Seconded by :—Mr. Jatindranath Basu of Calcutta.

Supported by :—Mr. T. S. Dighe of Akola.

### Y.—Judicial Reform.

The Federation once more urges the immediate and complete separation of the Judicial and Executive functions and services.

Moved by :—Mr. D. G. Dalvi of Bombay.

Seconded by :—Mr. Surendra Nath Verma of Allahabad.

### VI.—The Hindu-Muslim Relations.

The National Liberal Federation of India deplors the estrangement of Hindu-Muslim relations and exhorts both communities to make earnest and sustained efforts to bring about a better understanding, and urges the Government to see that the law is enforced with firmness and strict impartiality in all matters likely to engender communal friction.

Moved by :—Sir Chinnlal Setalvad of Bombay.

Seconded by :—Mr. C. Y. Chintamani of Allahabad.

### VII.—Improvement of the Condition of the People.

The Federation again emphasizes the urgency of the amelioration of the condition of the people by measures for the better organisation of the co-operative movement, free and universal elementary education, extended medical relief, improvement of the rural sanitation, development of communications, agricultural education, the removal of untouchability and the uplift of the backward classes.

Moved by :—Mr. N. M. Joshi M. L. A., Bombay.

Seconded by :—, M. K. Parthasarathi Iyengar, Madras.

Supported by :—, Dalip Man Singh, U. P.

„ „, R. S. Saterkar, AKOLA.

### VIII.—Military Policy and Expenditure.

- (a) The National Liberal Federation of India urges that the Government should make an explicit declaration defining the goal of British Policy to be the making of India self-sufficient in the matter of defence, within a reasonably short period and that the Government should take effective steps towards the Indianisation of the Army as regards both officers and ranks in all arms of defence in accordance with such policy.
- (b) The Federation reiterates its demands that steps should be taken immediately for the establishment of an Indian Sandhurst and that no further time should be lost by Government in carrying into effect the recommendations of the Territorial and Auxiliary Committee.
- (c) The strength of the Army should be determined by a reference to India's requirements and not by any consideration of the needs of the British Empire in Asia and Military expenditure should be substantially reduced.

Moved by :—Pandit Hirday Nath Kunzru M. L. A., Allahabad.

Seconded by :—Mr. Jitendra Nath Basu, Calcutta,

Supported by :— „ : M. B. Marathe, Belgaum.

### IX.—Land Revenue Settlement in Berar.

That this Federation enters its emphatic protest against the action of the Central Provinces Government in giving effect to the proposals for the enhancement of Land Revenue Assessment in some Taluks of Berar, and in proposing the revision of assessment in some other Taluks against the opinions and recommendations of the Berar Legislative Committee and even without obtaining the sanction of the Government of India to the principles of assessment as required by the Joint Select Committee of the two Houses of Parliament, and recommends to Government

that the enhancement announced or proposed, should be suspended at least, till the necessary legislation has been passed with the approval of the representatives of the people of Berar on the Berar Legislative Committee.

Moved by :—Rao Bahadur K. V. Brahma, Amraoti.

Seconded by :—Rao Bahadur R. V. Mahajani, Akola.

Supported by :—Rao Saheb R. M. Khare, Amraoti,

„ Mr. Namdeorao S. Patil, M. L. C, Akola,

„ V. K. Rajwade, Akola.

#### X—Education of the Electorate.

The Federation emphasizes the urgent necessity of educating the electorate and hereby calls upon the various Liberal Associations to take up the work of organisation in that behalf.

Moved by :—Rao Bahadur R. R. Kale, M. L. C., Satara.

Seconded by :—Mr. T. R. Gadre, Akola,

Supported by :—Mr. V. N. Deshpande, Satara.

#### XI—The Civil Services.

The National Liberal Federation is of opinion,

- (1) That there should be a rapid Indianisation of all the superior Civil Services ;
- (2) That the principles and conditions of recruitment for all such services should vest in the Governments in India ;
- (3) that the actual recruitment should be made by an independent statutory body like the Civil Service Commissioners in England ; and
- (4) that direct recruitment should be by means of examination and not of nomination by the Government.

Moved by :—Rao Bhadur R. V. Mahajani, Akola.

Seconded by :—, „ Doctor C. B. Ramarao, Bangalore.

#### XII.—Self-Government.

1. The National Liberal Federation re-iterates its convictions of the necessity of a revision of the present constitution of the Central and Provincial Governments on the following lines :—

- (1) Indians should be accorded the same status as the Dominions.
- (2) Except in respect of foreign and political affairs and of the defence of all the country, for a transitory period, the Secretary of State in relation to the Government of India should occupy a position analogous to that of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in relation to the Dominions.
- (3) The Council of the Secretary of State for India should be abolished.
- (4) The Superintendence, direction and control of the revenues and administration of British India should be vested in the Governor General in Council.
- (5) While for a transitory period, the Governor General should remain responsible to His Majesty's Government and the British Parliament for the foreign and political relations of the Government of India and for the defence of the country, the Governor General in Council should be responsible to the Legislative Assembly in the whole sphere of internal civil administration.
- (6) Provincial Governments should be responsible to the respective Legislative Councils and Governors should be constitutional Governors.

(7) Indians should be trained for and freely admitted to all arms of defence and such financial provision should be made for their training as the Legislative Assembly may decide.

(8) The Legislative Assembly and Legislative Councils should be wholly elected bodies with due provision for the protection of the rights of important minorities:

Moved by :—Sir Moropant V. Joshi, Amraoti.

Seconded by :—Mr. C. Y. Chintamani, M. L. C., Allahabad.

**XIII—Vote of Thanks to the President.**

Proposed by :—Sir Moropant V. Joshi, Amraoti.

**XIV—Council and Office-Bearers for 1927.**

- (a) Resolved that Mr. C. Y. Chintamani M.L. C. and Pandit Hirday Nath Kunzru, M. L. A. be the joint Honorary Secretaries of the Federation for 1927.
- (b) Resolved that the Council of the Federation for 1927 be constituted as follows :—(See Appendix C.)

**XV. Meeting Place of the next Session.**

That the Tenth Annual Session of the National Liberal Federation be held at Bombay or Allahabad as the Council may decide.

Proposed by: Mr. C. Y. Chintamani, Allahabad.

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