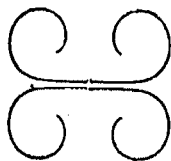


REPORT
OF
THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 38786
ELEVENTH SESSION
OF THE
National Liberal Federation of India
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The National Liberal Federation of India.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

Allahabad.

President.—Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, K. C. I. E., LL. D. (Bombay).

RESOLUTIONS.

I.—Sympathy and Condolence.

Lord Sinha.

- (a) The National Liberal Federation of India places on record its deep sense of the loss the country has sustained in the death of Lord Sinha, one of the most illustrious Indians who rose to fame by dint of his uncommon qualities of intellect and character and who will long be remembered as a man who demonstrated, in every office he filled, the capacity of Indians to do full justice to duties the most arduous.

Lala Lajpat Rai.

- (b) The National Liberal Federation records its sense of deep sorrow at the death of Lala Lajpat Rai, one of the greatest of Indian patriots, the more keenly felt because of the circumstances in which it occurred. In Lala Lajpat Rai the Motherland has lost a public worker whose love of country was passionate and profound. He bore much and braved much for winning freedom for his countrymen, and he laboured with equal zeal for the advancement of education, social reform, and philanthropic causes.

Other Leaders.

- (c) The National Liberal Federation expresses its sense of deep regret at, and of the loss the country has sustained in, the death of Syed Ameer Ali, Sir Hormusji Wadya, Sir Ramanbhai Mahipatram and Babu Durga Charan Banerji, who all served the country faithfully for her political uplift as well as in other spheres of public utility.
- (d) The Federation offers its sympathy and condolence to the bereaved families.

II.—The Statutory Commission.

- (a) The National Liberal Federation urges upon all Indians the imperative necessity of continuing the boycott of the Simon Commission in full vigour.
- (b) The Federation emphatically condemns the police assaults committed in the name of peace and order, which have marked the reception accorded by the officials to the Simon Commission at certain places.

III.—Dominion Status for India.

This Federation is strongly of opinion that the system of government to be established in place of the present system should be the same as that

which prevails in the self-governing Dominions which are equal members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and that this step should be taken immediately. Any further delay and postponement is fraught with danger to the mutual relations of India and England.

IV.—Nehru Committee Report and the Problem of Minorities.

- (a) This Federation accords its general support to the report of the Nehru Committee and the resolutions of the All-Parties Conference held at Lucknow, in particular with reference to the establishment of complete provincial autonomy without Second Chambers and of full responsible government in the Government of India with all residuary powers.
- (b) This Federation is further of opinion that if, in addition to or in substitution of the recommendations of the Nehru Committee, the settlement of the problem of minorities is possible by agreement on any other basis, such basis should be accepted in the larger and more abiding interests of the country.
- (c) The Federation appoints a committee consisting of Sir Chimanlal Setalvad (Bombay); Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru (Allahabad); Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyer (Madras); and Babu Jitendra Nath Basu (Secretary) to cooperate with the representatives of other organisations for the settlement of communal questions.

V.—Indian States.

- (1) (a) While in general agreement with the recommendations of the Nehru Committee in regard to Indian States this Federation welcomes the suggestion made recently in some quarters that representatives of British India and Indian States should meet to discuss their points of view to arrive at a conclusion which will be acceptable to both parties.
- (b) This Federation while appreciating the efforts made by some states to introduce representative government is strongly of opinion that more systematic and liberal measures should be taken to introduce responsible government and associate the people with the administration of their own states.

VI.—Council and Office-bearers.

- (a) Resolved that Mr. C. Y. Chintamani, M. L. C., and Pandit Hirday Nath Kunzru, M. L. A., be re-appointed honorary General Secretaries of the Federation for the year 1929.
- (b) Resolved further that the undermentioned persons do constitute the Indian National Liberal Council for the year 1929 :

The list is published on pages 58—61.

VII.—Next Session of the Federation.

Resolved that the twelfth annual session of the National Liberal Federation of India be held at Madras in the last week, or on such other dates as may be later determined, of 1929.

CHIMANLAL H. SETALVAD,

President,

ALLAHABAD,
December 31, 1928.

Eleventh Annual Session of the
National Liberal Federation of India.