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change the Constitution appears to me not only unwise but also dangerous. If the requisite majority is not available in Parliament and the amendment fails, the result may create a situation worse than the present."

Mr R. Diwakar, chairman of the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi said in Delhi that the solution of the problem could be available "only if we realize that it is a national problem."

He said: "Hindi people and the Central Government have lost confidence and are afraid that Hindi would be lost if they do not enforce it. The non-Hindi people have lost faith in the Central Government in the matter of carrying out the pledge of Jawaharlal Nehru.

"Both have to restore faith and that can be done only by allowing the non-Hindi people to decide how, and in what manner the 'associate language' should continue and when it should yield its place, if at all, to Hindi."

Mr Frank Anthony, MP, said in Delhi that the very least that could be done now to salvage the unity of the country was to provide "statutorily permanent bilingualism."

He said the Official Languages Bill, 1963, under pressure from

the Hindi protagonists, was "a travesty of the late Prime Minister's assurance."

The Samyukta Socialist members of Parliament will protest if the President addresses the joint session of Parliament on 17 February in English.

In a letter to the President, SSP General Secretary Ramsewak Yadav, has said that the inaugural address in English would be unconstitutional.

He said the SSP would not oppose it if the President speaks in any Indian language. His party wanted that the first place should be given to an Indian language. The nature of protest had not been decided yet.

Mr Raj Narain, another SSP leader, condemned the resignation of Mr C. Subramaniam. This was not the opportune time to do so, he said. His party's views was that English should be immediately abolished and all the States should switch on to regional languages.

Meanwhile, in view of the present situation the SSP had indefinitely postponed its proposed 'Delhi march'—a general protest before Parliament on 12 March.

The new date for the march will be decided by the party's national executive committee.



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## STAND ON LANGUAGE ISSUE

**T**HE Central Office of the Communist Party of India on Friday demanded amendment of the official Language Act on the basis of Jawaharlal Nehru's assurance in Parliament to guarantee that Hindi "will not be imposed on non-Hindi speaking people."

In a statement the central office reiterated the party's policy on the language question and said: "Our position is all State languages to replace English as the medium of administration and education immediately; Hindi to replace English as an all-India link language gradually; English to continue as an associate additional language as long as the non-Hindi speaking people want it..."

"Our party will strive consistently in all spheres of activity for the implementation of the above stand."

Mr Rajeshwar Rao, general secretary of the CPI, warned that the agitation in the South was running into "anarchy" and would cause great harm to the unity and integrity of the country. It was the duty of every party, organization and individual to prevent the agitation from coursing into undesirable channels.

**TRIVANDRUM:** Mr M. N. Govindan Nair, member of the Central Executive of the Communist Party, said here that a Constitutional amendment should be brought up in the coming session of Parliament to allow English to continue as the official language as was the case before 26 January, in view of the opposition of the non-Hindi States to the "hasty imposition" of Hindi as the official language.

**ANANTAPUR:** The Minister for Steel, Mr N. Sanjiva Reddy, has suggested that students of non-Hindi speaking areas should lead a representative deputation to the Prime Minister to state their views on the language issue.

Speaking at the Government Arts College here, Mr Reddy

said Hindi would not be forced on non-Hindi areas. English would continue indefinitely without any time-limit.

Mr Reddy complimented the students of Andhra Pradesh for conducting agitation against Hindi in a peaceful manner.

**PATNA:** Mr Ramdhari Singh "Dinkar", Vice-Chancellor of Bhagalpur University, said in a statement that immediate rethinking was necessary on Hindi in view of the powerful and agonizing voice in which the antagonists of Hindi in Madras had spoken.

"I entirely agree", he said, "with the four points made by the Prime Minister in his broadcast, although I do not think the trouble could have been averted if this broadcast had come before Republic Day.

"No thinking person who has read the policy announcements of the Government of India can say that the implications of the assurances given by Jawaharlal Nehru are being bypassed. Yet the DMK has succeeded in convincing a section of the people in Madras that the process of imposition has started.

"The frustration is so keen that young men have killed themselves through hideous means, believing sincerely that they are dying for a cause. Nor is it right to delude ourselves with the idea that the agitators are in a negligible minority. Had it been so, Ministers would not have taken recourse to resignations in order to safeguard their chances in the general election of 1967."

**BOMBAY:** Mr Jamnadas Dwarkadas, former MP, has ap

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pealed to the Prime Minister to embody Mr Nehru's assurances in regard to the official language in the country's Constitution.

"I do not see why the assurances given by our late and beloved Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, should not be embodied in the statute. This should be done without delay, leaving aside all ideas of prestige".

**VARANASI:** Mr Sri Prakasa, former Governor of Maharashtra, said the language issue which was "getting complicated, needed careful and tactful handling". If the issue was not solved properly and well in time, the hard won freedom and unity of the country would be jeopardized, dividing it into several parts, he said. He was delivering the convocation address of the local Harish Chandra Degree College.

**POONA:** Mr N. G. Goray, chairman, Praja Socialist Party, said to maintain the unity of the country no time should be lost to modify or to alter the language policy of the Government. He said that until emotions cooled down there would be no harm

if Hindi and English were considered "on par".

He requested Hindi lovers not to be in a hurry.

**HYDERABAD:** Dr Ram Manohar Lohia said there were two alternatives to eliminate the fears of non-Hindi States in the matter of competitive examinations. Either recruitment from Hindi-speaking areas to the All-India services should be stopped for ten years or an "eternal quota" system for the States according to population should be introduced, he said.

He described the Official Languages Act as "repugnant" to the Constitution. The Constitution prohibited any legislation for continuance of English which did not specify the purpose for which the language was to be used. Any judiciary would strike down the sub clause of Act which permitted the use of English "for all official purposes of the Union". Dr Lohia said.

**LUCKNOW:** Acharya J. B Kripalani said today that public leaders should meet and find a workable and equitable solution to the language problem and the Government should pledge itself to carry out faithfully whatever was decided by them.

He said the "proposal Archives of India