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NEW DELHI. 1. 15th Sept., 19 50

Camp: Taj Mahal Hotel,
BOMBAY.

My dear Sardar Patel,

I am in receipt of your letter
No. 705-DPM/50 dated the 12th instant.

I am really sorry that the newspaper accounts of my speech in Bombay should have been misunderstood as amounting to lack of appreciation for the generous treatment meted out to my Community by the Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly. I addressed the meeting for an hour and a half. The few paragraphs published in the press could, therefore, give no idea of the purport of the whole speech. The first, and the much longer, part of my address was devoted to bringing home to the Anglo-Indians not only the generous but what I described as the "uniquely generous" treatment accorded them by the Congress Party. In emphasising this fact, which I have done in literally hundreds of speeches, I have never failed to pay a special tribute to you for your invaluable help. In the Bombay speech, also, I emphasised that but for your assistance the safeguards would not have been secured and that the Community owed you an irreparable debt of gratitude and appreciation.

It would pain me considerably to feel that, after your assistance to me, you should think that I could forget the debt that the Community and I owe you.

I admit that in the hour and half for which I spoke I devoted about ten minutes of my speech to criticism of Tandon's election. Rightly or wrongly, I feel that Tandon has, in more than one speech, made his views clear and which leave no room for doubt that he, at least, would like to see India a religious State. One or two of the

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State Governments, particularly the Government of my home Province of Madhya Pradesh, are pursuing policies which are a negation not only of democracy but even fair play. Because I referred to these trends and my genuine fears I do not think that it should mean that I have forgotten the debt my Community owes to the Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly and, even more so, to you personally.

But for the fact that I am leaving Bombay today, I would have requested you to grant me an interview to enable me to explain matters personally.

With my kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Frank Anthony
(Frank Anthony)

The Honourable Sardar Vallabhbhai J. Patel,
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of
Home Affairs and States,
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No. 705-DPM/50
Camp: Bombay,
12th September 1950. (3)

My dear Anthony,

I was rather surprised to read the speech, as it has been reported in the press, which you made to the Anglo-Indian Association in Bombay. That you or Anglo-Indians, after receiving so much accommodation from the Congress, should enter into such tirade seems to me to be inexplicable. It only means that even where one is sufficiently generous, one can expect only misunderstanding and condemnation instead of appreciation and gratitude. I need hardly say anything more.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Vallabhbhai
Patel

Mr. Frank Anthony,
President, Anglo-Indian Association,

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The annual general meeting of the Anglo-Indian Association was held at the Green's Hotel, Bombay, under the Presidency of Mr. Frank Anthony, who is seen addressing. Mr. D. V. Gillespie, M.L.A., is seen seated (centre) next to the President.

SECULAR DEMOCRACY NOT YET REALISED

Frank Anthony's Fears On Minorities' Future

MR. FRANK ANTHONY, leader of the Anglo-Indians, on Friday, said that the ideal of secular democracy is yet to be realised in India and if the present political trends were unchecked "I envisage an inevitable resurgence of communalism in India."

He told a gathering of Anglo-Indians that "the present increasingly power-drunk, arrogant and intolerant communal policies will make minorities fight for their very existence."

Mr. Frank Anthony, M.P., was addressing the general body meeting of the Bombay branch of the Anglo-Indian Association at the Green's Hotel.

He called upon the minorities in India to be "on the vanguard in the fight for secular democracy".

According to him the ideal of secular democracy was only "put on paper and still remains a distant objective".

On the contrary, he found "reactionary elements growing in strength in the country".

The election of Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon as the Congress President "is far from reassuring". Recent trends in the Congress Party, itself "underlined the fact that it is shedding secularism and is becoming more and more a militant-Hindu organisation", he said.

He described these trends as a "tragedy of the first order".

He told the meeting that some of the Indian States were growing "more and more reactionary, and communal. The linguistic policies of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are intolerant and even fanatical".

OFFICIAL POLICIES

"More and more more policies are being officially adopted and persons returned to power who have made no secret of their belief that Indian culture is Hindu culture. Unless an Indian is assimilated into Hinduism he cannot live with equality" he added.

In the midst of these trends, Mr. Anthony thought, that the minorities were mistaken in their faith.

He could not give to them "an unqualified assurance that Anglo-Indians will be treated fairly".

He, however, admitted that Anglo-Indians had been generally treated well and unique safeguards had been granted "for most of our vital needs". The Anglo-Indians, now had a "very definite place in the new India".

"India is the only country where Anglo-Indians are respected, and their qualities valued" he added.

He asked the members of his community to realise that they were Indians first and last and they would have to continue to live in India.

In spite of all that, he feared that minorities were growing apprehensive about their future.

"If any one believed that minorities will submit tamely to be wiped out of existence, he is reckoning without his hosts" he said, because according to him a communal tendency as in Pakistan was growing in India and minorities "are being treated as if they are here on sufferance".

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New Delhi,
13th October 1949.

Mr. Russell,
General Secretary,
All India Anglo-Indian Association,
Calcutta.

Dear Sir,

I am desirous to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your telegram conveying the resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of your Association in appreciation of the assistance given by the Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to Mr. Frank Anthony in securing safeguards in the Constitution on behalf of the Anglo-Indian Community.

Yours faithfully,

Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble
the Deputy Prime Minister of India

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TO PRIME MINISTER NEW DELHI

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED WITH ACCLAMATION STOP PROPOSED BY MR FRANK ANTHONY THE CHAIRMAN THAT, THIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALLINDIA ANGLO INDIAN ASSOCIATION AT WHICH DELEGATES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY ARE PRESENT PLACES ON RECORD ITS SENSE OF GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO SARDAR

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VALLABHABHAI PATEL THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
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NEW DELHI. 1. 28th Nov. 1947.

Dear Sardar Patel,

I enclose a copy of my letter to the Madras Premier. I am sorry to have to worry you, but I shall be deeply grateful if you will use your good offices to see that the intention of the provision made in the Constitution with regard to Anglo-Indian education is adhered to.

If the Madras Government were to implement its intention of bringing down the grant to Anglo-Indian Schools to the level contemplated, it would mean that 90% of these Institutions would have to close down overnight.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Frank Anthony
(Frank Anthony)

Enc: Copy.

The Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Minister for Home Affairs,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

FRA/ON.

28th Nov

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Dear Mr. Reddiar,

I write to you on an urgent matter of very considerable importance to the Anglo-Indian Community. I have been informed that the Madras Government is contemplating reducing the level of grants, to what were known as European Schools, to the same basis as grants made to other Schools.

The peculiar position of Anglo-Indian education, which includes the Schools hitherto referred to as European, was placed before the Advisory Committee of the Constituent Assembly, and also before the Constituent Assembly. In recognition of these peculiar circumstances, the Constituent Assembly has accepted the provision that the present grants made by the Central and Provincial Governments to Anglo-Indian education are to remain unaffected for a period of three years. After that, at intervals of three years, there may be a reduction of 10%. The Advisory Committee recognised the standard of education in these Schools, and also the fact that 40% of the vacancies are available to members of all other communities.

In view of the provision that has been accepted by the Constituent Assembly, I shall be grateful if the Madras Government will allow the present block grant made to Anglo-Indian and European education to continue unaffected.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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(Frank Anthony)

The Hon'ble Shri. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar,
Premier Govt. of Madras

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NEW DELHI. 1. 30th Sept. 1947

Dear Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,

I am directed by the Governing Body of the All-India Anglo-Indian Association to forward for your information a copy of their resolution unanimously adopted at their monthly meeting held at the Central Office, New Delhi, on Monday September the 29th at 6.30 p.m.

Yours truly,

G.W. Russell
(G.W. Russell),
CENTRAL SECRETARY.

Enclosure:1

The Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
1, Aurangzeb Road,
New Delhi.

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"The Governing Body of the All-India Anglo-Indian Association hereby place on record their deep appreciation and thanks, on behalf of the Anglo-Indian Community, for the sympathetic consideration by Sardar Patel, President of the Advisory Committee in securing in the constitution, provisions recognising the special needs of the Anglo-Indian Community."

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA

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1, Aurangzeb Road,
New Delhi.
The 2nd September, 1947.

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your letter of the 1st Sept.,
1947.

2. It is our policy not to interfere with the internal affairs of a State. The question in the Mysore State concerns the grant of responsible government over which any interference from us is out of the question. The matter should, in my opinion, be left to the States people themselves and it does not seem that any direction need issue from you here.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Anthony Esq.,
President-in-Chief,
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NEW DELHI, 1. 1st Sept., '49 4

U R G E N TDear *Sardar Patel*,

I have just received an urgent telegram from the Kolar Gold Fields branch of my Association. There is a large number of Anglo-Indians employed there in the mines. The telegram refers to the decision of the Mysore State Congress to launch Sathyagraha today. The local Communist Party has also decided to observe hartal in sympathy.

The members of my Community are not aware of the implications of the Sathyagraha decision and have asked me to wire instructions. I am afraid I myself do not know the full implications and I would like to know whether the decision of the State Congress is regarded as being worthy of support or not.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Frank Anthony
(FRANK ANTHONY)

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NEW DELHI. 1. 1st August, 47194

Dear Sardar Patel,

I write to thank you most sincerely for having treated with sympathy, in the Advisory Committee, the requests of my Community with regard to certain services and educational facilities. These matters are vital to us.

From the newspaper reports it would appear that my Community is the only one to be left out of the Dominion Cabinet. I was deeply grateful for the efforts of the Congress Party on our behalf, on past occasions, and had hoped that we would not be overlooked now that the decision rests entirely with Congress.

With my renewed thanks and best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Frank Anthony
(FRANK ANTHONY)

The Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
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NEW DELHI. 1. 19th July, 47, 194

Dear Sardar Pake,

I write to thank you for having secured my election from the Central Provinces to the Constituent Assembly. I have just received news of my re-election.

With my kind regards,

Yours *united*
Frank Anthony
(FRANK ANTHONY)

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The Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
1, Aurangzeb Road,
NEW DELHI.

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New Delhi, 7.7.47

Dear Mr. Anthony,

Please refer to your letter dated the 2nd July 1947 regarding the discharge of women stenographers, typists and clerks from the Civil Secretariat and the stoppage of further recruitment of women to these posts. So far as the Hon'ble Member is aware, no such orders have issued.

Yours sincerely,

(V. Shankar)
Private Secretary

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NEW DELHI. 1. 2nd July, 1947

Dear Sardar Patel,

Information has reached me that women stenographers, typists and clerks are likely to be removed from service in the Civil Secretariat and further recruitment put a stop to. I do not know whether there is any truth in this rumour, but I sincerely hope that there is no foundation to it as it would be a serious blow to women of my Community who have proved their worth in these appointments.

With my kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Frank Anthony
(FRANK ANTHONY)

The Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Home Member,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

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26th June 1947.

Dear Mr. Anthony,

First let me disabuse your mind of the impression that my Secretary had anything to do with the refusal of an appointment to you. You can have no idea of how busy I have been during the last three or four days. I have not had a moment to spare from 5-30 a.m. to 10 p.m. The only time I had for interviews was between 5-30 to 6-30 a.m., and that I knew would not suit you. When I am a little more free, I shall certainly give you some time.

Regarding your election from C.P., surely the position has altered since the discussions to which you refer were held. As I wrote to you in my last letter, the addition of the status of a Legislature to the Constituent Assembly, with the consequential disqualification of some Members, and the need for selecting our own party men from a new angle raises various difficulties which preclude any definite commitment. Nevertheless, I shall see what I can do, though I cannot make any definite promise.

As regards Bengal, the Viceroy is fully posted with the various factors affecting the situation and the matter is actively under his consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Anthony Esq.,
New Delhi.

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NEW DELHI. 1. 25th June, 1947

Dear Sardar Patel,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd instant. I feel I ought to explain the position to you. During my recent visit to Calcutta I got all the Anglo-Indian M.L.As. to vote with the Congress. One of the ways in which I was able to secure this was to promise that they could return one of their number to the Constituent Assembly. It would be impossible for me now to break faith with them.

I had every reason to expect that the seat vacated by Gibbon would be filled by another representative of my Community. When the rules concerning the Constituent Assembly were being framed, a Sikh member and myself had raised the question as to the representation of the minorities in the event of a bye-election and suggested that specific phraseology should be used to ensure that in the event of a representative of a minority community vacating his seat a member and representative of the same community be returned. The point was made, however, that we should not press for this as we could leave it to the good sense of the Congress Party. On that we were completely reassured and did not press the matter further. If Congress now deprives us of the seat which they were good enough to give us from the C.P., it will mean that I shall be kept out of the Constituent Assembly. I thought that as my home was in the C.P., it would be most appropriate for me, and particularly in view of my promise to the Bengal M.L.As. to seek election from that Province, which I had hoped would be automatic.

I have tried, without success, to get an appointment with you during the past two days. I wanted to see you, not about a seat in the Constituent Assembly, but about what I regard as a very urgent question, namely, the position in Bengal. I have

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just returned from there and it was brought to my notice, and since my return I have received further information, that members of my Community are being threatened with reprisals because the Anglo-Indian M.L.As. had voted with the Congress on the 20th instant. The Association's Civic Defence Union is capable of resisting organised attack but I am apprehensive lest the women and children are suddenly, and individually, attacked. This would be comparatively easy as it happens that members of my Community live predominantly in the Muslim localities. I am seeing the Viceroy about this in an effort to urge the need for some administrative change. While no trouble may arise, I feel that with a purely communal ministry in the saddle and administering an area which it is now certain they will not control, attempts may be made to promote disorder and organised attacks might even be connived at. Under the circumstances, I feel that even a Section 93 Administration, until matters are sorted out, will be better than leaving things as they stand at present. I wanted to discuss this whole matter with you before seeing the Viceroy but unfortunately your Secretary thought it best not to give me an appointment.

With my kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Frank Anthony
(FRANK ANTHONY)

The Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Home Member,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

23rd June 1947. 20

Dear Mr. Frank Anthony,

Thank you for your letter of the
23rd June 1947.

As I told you, it would, ^{be} very difficult, if not impossible, for us to promise you election to the Constituent Assembly from the Central Provinces. In view of the dual character of the Constituent Assembly in future, several of the existing Members would have to vacate their seats, and it will be necessary for us to reconsider existing vacancies from a different angle. In these circumstances, the best course would be for you to seek re-election from Bengal. Otherwise there is a danger of

your losing the seat

Yours sincerely,

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NEW DELHI. 1. 23rd June 47 194

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Dear Sardar Patel,

I have already addressed Acharya Kripalani and Pandit Bhukla with regard to the election of a representative of my Community, from the Central Provinces, to the Constituent Assembly, in the vacancy created by Gibbon's resignation. Under the June plan, I have had to vacate the seat to which I was elected by the Bengal Legislature. As I am now desirous of being returned from the Central Provinces, which is my home province, I have asked the Anglo-Indian M.L.As. in Bengal to return one of their own number to the Constituent Assembly. I shall, therefore, be grateful if the Congress will be good enough to arrange for my return from the Central Provinces. This will maintain the number of 3 seats granted by the Congress to my Community.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Frank Anthony
(FRANK ANTHONY)

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