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HYDERABAD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY THE 6TH MARCH, 1953.

The Assembly met at Two of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR.]

Mr. Speaker: The Leader of the House will make a statement now.

Expression of Condolences on the Death of Marshal Stalin

The Chief Minister (Shri B. Ramkrishna Rao): Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is my sad duty to refer to a very important and most sorrowful event that occurred in the early hours of this morning. We have been hearing about the sudden and serious illness of Generalissimo Marshal Stalin, the Premier of the U.S.S.R. It was given out that he had a very serious cerebral hemorrhage due to high blood pressure and almost from the start, I am afraid, his recovery was not very much expected. Early this morning, we heard the news of his passing away in Moscow.

Sir, Generalissimo Marshal Stalin is one of those few great men, who leave indelible marks and impressions of their teachings and actions on the history of humanity. Born in Tiflis, Georgia, in 1879, he was 74 years old, when he passed away in the early hours of this morning. He was attracted to political revolution at the early age of 15, as many great revolutionaries were. Everybody knows that he led a life of trials and tribulation that all patriots and revolutionaries have led in the past. Jails and exile were the places where he spent a lot of valuable years of his life. When Lenin passed away in 1924, the mantle fell on his weighty shoulders and for the last 30 years Generalissimo Stalin has been responsible not merely for the political and economic regeneration of Russia but also for a great revolutionary change in thought in the whole world.

It is no exaggeration to say that he is a man, in whom there was a rare combination of strength of thought and strength of action. He was the leader of the October Revolution of 1917 and at least during the last 25 years, he, more than anybody else, was responsible for the great strides of progress that the U.S.S.R. has seen. He did not stop at that. It is not merely that he was the builder of modern Russia, but he

exercised a considerable influence in moulding the destiny of humanity during the last 25 years. He has been either directly or indirectly responsible for the great mental revolution in many parts of the world, many parts far-flung, either in the West or in the East. We have lost, as I said before, one of the greatest men that the world has produced in recent times. You are aware, Sir, that in our own country, we have been accustomed to compare and contrast our own great leader, Mahatma Gandhi, who passed away five years ago. We have been accustomed to think in terms of comparing and contrasting the ideologies for which they respectively stood. It has been said many times that except for the difference between the principle of means and ends, the objectives of Gandhiji and Stalin were not very different. It is not my purpose now to discuss this matter; suffice it, to say that all great men whether it is Mahatmaji or Marshal Stalin, were actuated by a desire of building up and leaving behind a better world after them. That was the sole objective of their mission of life. That is why I am sure, the whole world mourns the death of Marshal Stalin, irrespective of its allegiance to his ideologies and philosophies or not. I, on behalf, of the Members of this Assembly and as Leader of the House, have to perform this painful duty with the greatest sorrow, to make a reference to his death. I propose a resolution of condolence of sorrow on behalf of this Assembly :

“This Assembly records its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Generalissimo Stalin and expresses its sincere feelings of sympathy and condolence to the Government and the people of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, in its sad bereavement.”

Sir, I am sure, every Member of this House reciprocates my feelings and we are all one in paying tributes to the great qualities of leadership of the late Marshal Stalin. I am sure, the one objective for which he stood, namely, the betterment of the masses, will always be regarded as the objective, which every nation and every people will try to achieve. The methods may be different, but the objective is there and I am sure nobody on this side of the House disagrees with the objective. The Russian nation and the Russian people have been our friends and the whole of the Indian nation today shares their sorrow. It is, therefore, our duty to express our sincere sympathy and condolence to the Government and the people of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic of Russia

I have proposed this resolution on behalf of this Assembly and I have no doubt that it will have the unanimous support of the House. This resolution will, with your permission, Sir, be communicated to the President of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic through the President of the Indian Republic in the usual manner. I request you, Sir, after this resolution has been adopted by this Assembly to adjourn today's work in order that the Leader of the Opposition and other Members may have an opportunity of convening a public meeting and pay the homage due to the great leader, who has passed away, and whose void cannot be filled in the immediate future.

Shri V. D. Deshpande (Ippaguda): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to associate in the condolences expressed by the leader of the House. I support the resolution and with great sorrow I pay my tribute to Comrade Stalin. He made great efforts in recent times to preserve and strengthen it. As Dr. Radhakrishnan expressed this morning, Comrade Stalin's first and foremost concern was to preserve and strengthen peace. Today, the whole mankind is stunned to hear of Comrade Stalin's death. We have lost him when we needed him most. Every citizen in whatever part of the world he may be, will feel his void and his irreparable loss will be felt for a long time to come.

He not only built the Soviet Socialist Republic, but with the other democratic people of the world tried his best to fight against fascism and war. Who among us do not know that in the dark hour of the second world war when the fascist forces were going across the world successfully, in the fight for freedom and democracy it was this great man who with his strategy, wisdom and perseverance stopped the fascist forces at the gates of Stalingrad. That was the turning point in the second world war and mankind was saved from the fascist forces. Today again we are finding all over the world war-mongers trying to bring the third world war. It was this great personality and the people's forces of the world united together that were trying to stop any further war-mongering. India stands—and has always stood—for peace, as our Premier has said many times, and he, along with the Great Stalin, was striving all these days to have peace through a five powers Peace Pact and to save humanity from war. At this critical hour in the history of the world, we have lost the great binding force which could have united all the democratic and peaceful forces all over the world. On this occasion, while offering our condolences,

while expressing our grief and while sharing the sorrow of the Soviet Union, let us all who stand for peace and democracy pledge that all the democratic and peaceful forces will unite as never before, so that mankind can be saved from the third world war, and the great cause for which Comrade Stalin strived will be successful with our united efforts. I pay my homage—I cannot pay better homage than what the Leader of the House has done—to Marshal Stalin. Let us all be united for the preservation of peace.

I offer my condolences at the sudden and sad death of Comrade Stalin.

Shri Annaji Rao Gavane (Parbhani): Today the world has lost one of its greatest sons. The toiling masses of the world have lost in him not only a friend and philosopher but a vigilant and constant fighter for their liberation. The world today needs him most. Our fitting tribute to this great son of Russia and Leader of the proleteriat world will be to follow his ideal of world peace and united and ceaseless struggle for the achievement of the goal which Comrade Stalin ever tried to attain.

We express our deep condolences and share in the calamity of the Russian people in particular and the world in general.

I support the resolution which the hon. Leader of the House has placed before it.

شری مادھوراؤنرلی کر (ہانگولی۔ محفوظ)۔ مسٹر اسپیکر۔ دو تین روز سے اخبارات میں مارشل اسٹالن کی شدید علالت کی خبریں شائع ہو رہی تھیں کہ اون کی حالت نازک ہے۔ لیکن اس علالت نے آج دنیا کی ایک بہت بڑی ہستی کو دنیا سے جدا کر دیا۔ میں اون کی موت پر گہرا اظہار کرتا ہوں اور لیڈر آف دی ہاؤز نے اس سلسلے میں جو ریزولوشن پیش کیا ہے اس کی نائید کرتے ہوئے اہل رشیا کے اس غم پر اظہار ہمدردی کرتا ہوں۔

Shri G. Rajaram (Armoor): I associate myself with the views expressed by the Leader of the House as well as the Leader of the Opposition on the sudden demise of Marshal Stalin. I cannot but say that the death of Comrade Stalin has really stunned the whole world today. Whatever may be our differences in political ideologies, we cannot remain silent over this great calamity that has overtaken the world. Comrade Stalin's services, particularly to the U.S.S.R. in

building and shaping its economic and social structure, and also his philosophy and actions, were to a great extent a source of revolution among the proletariat classes throughout the world. This great man has been, for the last 25 years, continuously and consistently has been instrumental in checking the development of the fascist and reactionary forces. It is because of Comrade Stalin and his thesis and philosophy that capitalism and imperialism, which would have dominated the entire world, could be stopped to a certain extent. Otherwise, I am sure that the proletariat classes or the working classes of the world would have been in great suffering. On behalf of the Socialist Party, I fully share the views expressed by others and I express my condolences to the people of the U.S.S.R. in their great loss.

Mr. Speaker : I also associate myself with the feelings expressed in the resolution proposed by the hon. Leader of the House. Marshal Stalin was a person who brought about a great revolution in a country which is practically one-sixth of the area of the world. He revolutionised the economic conditions of more than 19 crores of people. I express my feelings of sorrow and condolences to the Government of the U.S.S.R.

I request all the Members to stand in their seats for two minutes in silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

(All the Members then stood for two minutes in silence, and the resolution was passed).

Mr. Speaker : I shall communicate the resolution, as desired by the Leader of the House, to the President of the U.S.S.R., through our President of India.

The House now stands adjourned till 8-30 a.m. tomorrow.

The Minister for Commerce & Industries and Labour (Shri Vinayakrao Vidyalkar) : Are we to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Sir ?

Mr. Speaker : No. We meet at 8-30 a.m. and, if necessary, we shall again meet in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned till Half past Eight of the Clock on Saturday the 7th March, 1953.

