

Dr. LOHIA

A LEADER OF MANY SPLENDOURS AND WONDERS

- I have always liked you among the politicians.
- You have always been foremost in my heart and mind.
- In heart, for the reason that you were the most earnest socialist among the socialists.
- In mind, for the reason that you have always been the best of the rest in your boldness, manifoldness.
- Were known for your good humour and forth right candour.
- For your ever green and sheen versatile talk and mock.
- The best critic among the critics.
- The best speaker, writer, and the spokesman.
- Have been so consistent in your social concerns and political convictions.
- Well read, well informed, knowledgeable, scholastic.
- Informal, un officious, homely and warmly in your walk.
- Reflective, contemplative and philosophic in your talk.
- Were so much liked by the mass too, and the 'class' of course.
- Such an interesting, impressive, inspiring speaker and talker.
- So much at ease with any subject, any field, be it be political, social, cultural, religious, economic, philosophic, historic, scientific.
- So friendly with the ordinary too, the extraordinary, the common too, the uncommon.
- So 'native' in your being and bearing.



- You evolved Indian socialism by combining Gandhism and Marxisms of all kinds, making it your own, 'The Lohian', to suit the peculiar Indian conditions.
- Your's was the only socialism of the Indian kind so to say, which still goes in your name and spells your fame.
- You liked Hindi much, but did not detest or disown any other as the Chuavanists do, the Jingoists.
- Were so much known for your punch and the hunch with which you confronted the 'yes men' and the 'fuss men' too in and out of parliament, non plussing them all with your astute acumen.
- You were at your best, when you spoke against the dynastic, the hegemonic, the monopolistic Indian politics and the politicians of the Nehruvian era.
- Unlike most of the politicians and the political parties, who sympathised more with the workers than with the peasants, you evinced very keen concern and interest in issues related to both.
- Not known to identify with this section or

that but with all in the society, more so with the Harijans, the backward and the women.

- Gandhi knew towards his end that, you were the only honest and out and out Gandhian among the Gandhians, who steadfastly stood by him with your integrated, inclusive, political, social and economic philosophy and ideology.
- Raised your voice like Gandhi did for the under privileged and the down trodden till your last breath.
- Known for your taste for the best in arts, poetry, music and literature.
- Were a very great admirer of men of letters, so much so that, when 'Gautam' took you to 'Viswanadha', you seem to have exclaimed "Gautam, you said he is a 'Maha Kavi', 'no', he is a 'Maharishi'". You were so much open minded and open hearted unlike many who thought of Viswanadha otherwise. Such was your nobility and humility.
- Stayed with Badrivishal at Hyderabad, (the great connoisseur and patron of art, literature and music.) Who was very popular with the proletariat and also for his stand on separate Telangana.
- Had the best of your friends in Hyderabad in Badri Vishal, Keshavrao Jadhav, Gautam Rao, Mahadev Singh, Somaiah, Aruna, Battam, PVG, M.S.Appa Rao, M.F.Hussain and in Bangalore in Anantha Murthy, Pattabhi, Snehalatha and many others and used to visit Hyderabad and Bangalore very often to be with them.
- No wonder, you were very fond of Telangana for the reason that you felt

for the Telanganites who suffered at the hands of the more advanced Andhra politicians, as that was in keeping with your Socialism and Gandhism.

- I was very lucky to have known you even as a young student leader when you obliged my request to speak even at a hostel (where I was the president of the students union) in O. U. Where I went to the extent of defying the then VC who was against my inviting you to speak as you were then very sharply criticising Nehru's policies and therefore were considered an enemy of the state (centre).
- You came, spoke and won the hearts of the listeners even though you knew it all, as you were a great appreciator of boldness, more so boldness against the authoritarian coldness.
- I still very much remember, relish and cherish it, as the best moment of my life.
- How many of my age and stage in India can boast like me for an act like that which paved the way for my being so bold to do the most desirable than the desired in the colleges and the organisations where I worked.
- That spirit of defiance of the officious and the uncharitable that I relished and cherished, I have always retained and preserved ever since.
- And last but not the least, for your placidity, simplicity and utter abandon in your sociability with which you used to mixup particularly with the intellectuals with your unique smile and style inspite of your inimitable, inexplicable intellectuality and versatility.



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