

Constituent Body Vacancies

BOMBAY LIST FINALISED

A list of 13 names to fill vacancies in the Constituent Assembly from Bombay Province was finalised in Bombay on Friday at a meeting between the Premier, Mr. B. G. Kher, and the representatives of the Bombay, Maharashtra and Gujarat Provincial Congress Committees.

The Maharashtra and Bombay Provincial Congress Committees were represented at the meeting by their respective presidents, Mr. B. S. Hiray and Mr. S. K. Patil, while the Gujarat Provincial Congress Committee was represented by Mr. Bhogilal D. Lala.

Mr. Kher told reporters on Friday that the list of names would not be announced forthwith. Two of the persons chosen for membership of the Constituent Assembly from Bombay Province were from the merged States while the remaining represented the rest of the Province.

Mr. Kher said that Mr. Nijalingappa, President of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee, did not attend the meeting. Mr. Nijalingappa wrote a letter to Mr. Kher, the contents of which, he said, could not be divulged.

The Congress Working Committee could not have taken any decision other than the one that they did take in regard to the action of the Karnatak legislators, Mr. Kher said, commenting on the Working Committee's resolution released on Thursday. The Working Committee's decision, he thought, was both correct and fair.

Mr. Kher expressed the hope that Karnatak legislators would abide by the Working Committee's resolution and resort to strictly constitutional means for the achievement of their object, namely, the formation of a Karnatak Province. The need for discipline in Congress ranks, he added, was very great at the present moment and the contemplated resignations of Karnatak legislators would only serve to lessen that discipline, instead of enhancing it.