

"MOST FLEXIBLE CONSTITUTION"

Claim In Constituent Assembly

From Our Special Representative

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The Indian Constitution was much more flexible than any other written constitution, asserted Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar in a 40-minute analysis of the draft before the Constituent Assembly today.

He said that he did not subscribe to the view that the Centre had been made strong at the expense of the units. On the contrary, the provisions governing relations between the Centre and the units had been made elastic to suit conditions in the country. Even the Article relating to taxation had taken full account of the needs, aspirations and financial resources of the Provinces and States.

Sir Alladi paid a tribute to the skill and ability of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, and to the assistance rendered to him by Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari and Mr. S. N. Mukerji.

The Constitution was the crowning act of a life of service and sacrifice on the part of the Assembly President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, he said.

The Nationalist Sikh viewpoint was presented to the House, today, by Giani Gurmukh Singh Mussafir, President of the East Punjab Provincial Congress Committee. Supporting the Constitution, the Sikh leader hinted that there were genuine fears in the minds of Sikhs in the absence of reservation for that community. This, he said, was a heritage of the past and felt confident that in actual working the new Constitution would prove as beneficial to the Sikhs as to any other community in the country.

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