

could there be a compromise with the Congress. He described the differences between Kabir and Ajoy Mukherjee as those between husband and wife. (He did not clarify who was the husband and who ~~was~~ the wife). He then asked both Kabir and Mukherjee to come to his side and held the two in a close embrace while the delegates broke into wild cheers. But the embrace notwithstanding, the differences remained.

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However, the real hero of the Convention was Shri Charan Singh. His exposition of the aims and objects of the new party was superb. Politicians, he said, were ~~the~~ responsible for the present plight of the country. It remained to be seen, he said, whether the tribe of politicians could deliver the goods.

An overwhelming number of delegates wanted Shri Charan Singh to be the new President. The Kabir group was very particular that Mahamaya Babu should not be President. But Shri Charan Singh refused to get involved in this controversy. He himself proposed the name of Mahamaya Babu, who was unanimously elected.

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