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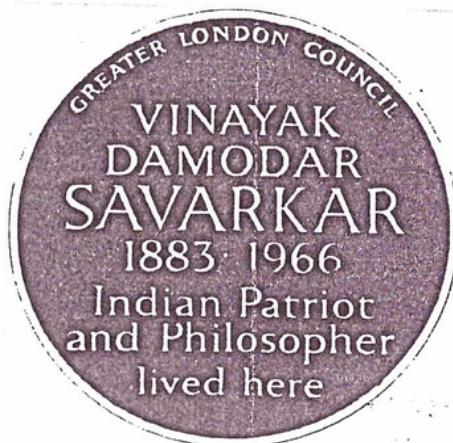
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INDIAN PATRIOT HONOURED

Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, the prominent revolutionary leader in London, who was sentenced to transportation of life for 50 years in the Andaman Islands by the British Government in 1910 will be honoured by the Greater London Council. Savarkar Centenary Celebration Committee in London has achieved its goal of creating a permanent monument of Savarkar in London from where he initiated his revolutionary aspect of struggle for Indian freedom. Greater London Council has been active in restoring the historic values of London for the past many years. GLC approved Savarkar Committee's proposal and a Commemorative Plaque in the name of Savarkar will be fixed on the house at 65 Cromwell Avenue, Highgate London N.6. Savarkar lived at this house from June 1906 to July 1909. It was known as "India House", then and was owned by Shyamji Krishnavarma, a graduate from Oxford and Cambridge. (Mr Krishnavarma himself lived with his wife in another house, not very far from "India House"). "India House" was used as a students hostel and many Indian revolutionaries lived there. Among the famous Indian leaders, Mahatma Gandhi, Bipinchandra Pal, Lala Lajpatrai, Madam Cama, Bhai Parmananda, Virendranath Chattopadhyaya, Sardar Singji Rana and Sikandar Hayat Khan stayed at this house for a few days and participated in the discussions about the Indian freedom movement. Thus the house became very famous during this time.

To remember Savarkar on the eve of the Plaque unveiling means recognising the value of Freedom: National, political and social. To think of him as a reformist means to be aware of the Social problems throughout the world. His sufferings will morally support thousands of oppressed people even today. No doubt his writings will inspire several readers for decades to come.

The plaque will be unveiled by Lord Fenner Brockway on Tuesday 28 May 1985 at 12. noon. (Lord Brockway himself will be celebrating his birth centenary after three years!) A public meeting has been arranged at GLC County Hall Conference Room on the same day at 7.00 pm under the Chairmanship of Cllr Norman Howard (Chairman of Historic Building Committee of GLC).



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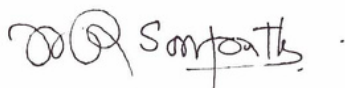
Dear Sir

COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE IN THE NAME OF 'SAVARKAR'

I am enclosing a copy of the 'Press Release' of the Commemorative Plaque Ceremonies in the name of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar on Tuesday 28 May 1985.

I would be glad if you could publish the news prior to the ceremonies and send your representative or photographer to cover both the events on 28 May '85.

Yours faithfully

 Sonpatki.

(Mukund Sonpatki)

Honorary Secretary.

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