



114 Wellington St.,  
Ottawa, Ontario,  
December 3, 1948.

Mr. Mayo Singh,  
Paldi,  
British Columbia.

My dear Mayo Singh Ji:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter that I have today sent to the President of the Khalsa Diwan at Vancouver, and would be glad if you would kindly advise me regarding your views on this question. All I am anxious about is that this Anniversary should be observed in a suitable and impressive manner worthy of the dignity of our country and of the great man whose anniversary we will be observing.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*H. S. Malik*

High Commissioner for India.

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The President,  
Khalsa Diwan Society,  
1866 West 2nd Avenue,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sardar Sahib:

I have been considering the question of a Public Meeting on the occasion of the First Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's death. After giving the whole question my fullest consideration, I have come to the conclusion that a Public Meeting on a suitable scale can be arranged best at Vancouver which is, of course, the centre of the area where the largest number of our people in Canada now reside. A meeting of this kind could have been arranged, of course, in Ottawa or Toronto or Montreal, but in any of these places the number of Indians is very small and it would be difficult to have a truly impressive and representative gathering. I think, therefore, that the best place for it would be Vancouver, and I would be glad if this matter could be considered by you and the members of the Diwan. I think you will agree that on this, the First Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's death, the Public Meeting should be on an impressive scale, and I am quite sure that for such a meeting the best place would be Vancouver. However, I shall be glad to hear from you regarding your views on this matter by air mail as early as possible.

If you and the members of the Diwan are proposing to hold a meeting, then I would be glad to come to Vancouver with my wife especially to participate in it.

Yours sincerely,

High Commissioner for India.