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Swatantra Party**Orissa Unit**

312, KHARVELNAGAR

Bhubaneswar-751001LINGARAJ MISHRA
JT. SECRETARY.

CAMP: PURI

Date 28.11.76.

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President :
Sri Harihar Patel

Respected Masaniji,

Yours blessings to our Conference
have created good inspiration
among our workers.

Vice-President :
Sri Durga Charan Nayak

We are sending herewith a copy
of the proceedings for your
perusal.

Anticipating good health of yours
I remain sir,

General Secretary
Sri V. Jaganadham

Yours sincerely,

Lingara 28.11.76
(LINGARAJ MISHRA)
JT. SECRETARY.

Joint Secretary :
Sri Lingaraj Misra

To
Mr. M.R. MASANI
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A conference of the Swatantra party workers was held at Bhubaneswar on 14th. November, 1978 presided over by Sri Harihar Patel, president of the Orissa State Unit. Sri Kityananda Mahapatra, Ex-Minister and president of the Orissa Jana Congress inaugurated the the conference and said that Political parties should be based on sound and distinct principles and policies which should not be confused with programmes. It was always possible for parties to come together in the field of work on the basis of accepted programme and the party principles do not stand in the way if there is no real conflict. In this context he cited the example of Swatantra-Jana congress alliance and said that it started well but went off the track later, due to some wrong actions and bad leadership. He praised the Swatantra party for its clear and distinct principles and courage and devotedness of the assembled workers that they have successfully survived the murderous attempts on the party by its own erring leaders.

The convener of the District conference Sri Lingaraj Mishra, Joint Secretary of the State gave an account of the efforts being made for reorganisation of the party. Earlier he read out

a message received from Bombay from the General Secretary which pointed out that Swatantra message has greater relevance particularly after amendment of the constitution which has upset the constitutional balance and left the citizen without protection.

In a letter to the President, Orissa Unit, Sri K.Sundaram, President of the Swatantra party, India after taking stock of the situation has pointed out that in many states including Orissa opposition had dwindled due to mistakes of B.L.D. and the rules of Bureaucracy is already there as feared. He has observed in conclusion that the opposition can forget about power now. They have to work only for the political education of the masses in democracy. Wishing every success of the conference he sounded a note of caution to the members of the party to be firm on principles and not to compromise for power".

In a congratulatory message from Madras Sri V.S.Srikumar, Joint secretary of the Swatantra party India exhorted Swatantra workers to have faith in Satya Meva Jayate and assured that perhaps we may lose a battle (referring to the amendment of the constitution) but the war we shall win.

Sri Sarat Chandra Mahapatra officiate bearer and member of the national executive who attended the conference on invitation participated in the discussion and highly acclaimed the principles of the party. He deplored that unfortunately ever our top leaders in the state did not care to properly realise about the principles and policy statement of the Party or else

many things more could have been done during the Swatantra-Jana Congress coalition Government. He exhorted the workers to get imbued with the party principles first and go out to the field for propagation.

In his presidential speech, Sri Harihar Patel dwelt upon the points made by several speakers, gave an account of the past events and speaking about the party principles requested everybody to remember that it is a party with a difference. The party has adopted the same principles which govern the existence and well-being of a society and as such are of eternal values. The principles reflect the India tradition and culture and it is wrong to think that it can be destroyed. The principles cannot die. He remained that in the Bhubaneswar session late Rajaji had dwelt upon this and had exhorted everybody-whether he was a member of the Swatantra party or not- to work for the ideals from the respective positions they occupy. He said that working together forges real unity and generates strength and the opposition parties should take this up first without losing time. He was very critical about the present electoral system the net result of which he said was to cover up the individual or the candidate in the symbol and give the people no scope or opportunity to discuss much about the person.

Similarly, in the field of legislation, he said the basic principle adopted by the ruling party is distrust of the individual which is not only incompatible but also denial and destruction of democracy.

The net result of all these is a process of depersonalisation in every field crippling the individual. To speak of democracy in such circumstances is a big hoax. The way socialism is being defined and explained is only culmination of the process. Socialism, if properly understood can only be an attribute of the individual. The individual has to cultivate this tenancy, devote, dedicate and direct his efforts towards the good of the society. This requires assuring congenial atmosphere and necessary conditions enabling the individual to put forth efforts whole heartedly. Instead Government are continuously and systematically depriving the individual of his basic rights, fundamental freedoms and property rights etc. The recent amendment of the constitution will further accentuate the evil.

Regarding party organisation he exhorted the workers to be imbued with the party principles first, live upto the principles and propagate amongst people they come in contact every day in their own life and avocation. There may be occasional organised meetings and conferences etc. but there need not be abnormal zeal or abnormal efforts involving high expenditure.

From amongst the assembled workers Sri Dwijabar Naik, Sri Khetrabasi Das, Sri Ramesh Ch. Nanda, Sri Duryodhan Chouhan, Sri Raghunath Lonka, Sri Banshidhar Padhi and others and Sri Trilokyanath Mohanty, joint Secretary of the Orissa Unit participated in the discussion. They agreed with the hints and suggestions about simple methods given regarding party organisation and expressed desire to meet more often to discuss about party principles.

Earlier at the outset the conference offered homage to the departed soul of Pandit Nehru on the occasion of his birthday. The president said he had high sense of democracy and could never think in terms of disregarding or trampling democracy. "He had on many occasions retraced steps when ~~xxx~~ faced with criticism.

An ad-hoc committee was formed for the district of Puri consisting of the following: Sarva Shri Khetrabasi Das, Ramesh Ch. Nanda, Lingaraj Mishra, Saranga -dhar Ballarsingh, Satchidananda Mangaraj, Raghunath Lenka, ^{and} Auri Ahatei Buryedhan Chouhan, Subal Mallik, Chakrapani Behera and Banshidhar Padhi.

The committee will meet soon to co-opt some more and elect office bearers.