

RAJAJI SPEAKS

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.... Forget me. Never mind individuals. The party will be alive and must be alive if you want India to be saved from communist dictatorship. The party is bound to be there and let us make sure that we play our part properly.

Last address to general council Madras, on June 24, 1972

.... This is not the time for us to make rifts and show cracks in our party. We are the only political party with proper national aims and policies, who have accepted correct principles of taxation, public expenditure and foreign policy and the distribution of power and responsibility between State and citizen. We are not after power, but want these principles to be accepted in the governance of India whoever may be holding power. We are essentially a party bent on the difficult task of educating the public. We must hold together in order that this work of propagating correct principles of good free government may go on uninterrupted until it is generally accepted.

Fifth National convention at Bhubaneswar Oct. 5, 1968

.... We must fight now as dedicated soldiers for freedom against power-entrenched coteries masquerading as patriots while they are really concentrating on personal careers and ambitions. Not minding success or failure we should go on fighting for as many years as may be necessary without a break as a matter of moral and religious duty. We are continuing Gandhiji's work. We shall never yield to depression on account of obstacles or reverses. As the English people fought for centuries with their kings and barons to secure democratic government, we must with equal patience, courage and stamina fight our new barons and royal families and secure freedom for the citizen and real democracy for the nation, released from a feudal hierarchy not based on the public ownership of land, but built on permit-licence-power seized by the party in office with all the attendant unworthy adhesions of that system.

Fourth National Convention New Delhi on Dec. 12, 1966.

..... The critics of the Swatantra Party, whether they be external critics or internal dissenters, do not realize the true mission of the party. It is an educational mission not a power-aimed grouping. Responsibility and power may and should be taken when they come, but the shaping and working of the party should not be around the power-aim, but should be in conformity with the aim of the education of the people and other political groups to see the validity of the party's economic and political principles. This makes a great difference in viewpoint. The evaluation of the parties work depends on this. Those who come into it to snatch power must feel frustrated at the absence of adequate mass strength. But those who understand the mission of the party have much reason to feel satisfied with what the party has achieved and is doing. The back of the permit-licence raj has been broken. There is

an increasing realization of the need for harmony replacing the conflict between investors and workers, and of the identity of interests between the two. The very fact that the Communists have intensified their opposition to the Swatantra Party testifies to the success of the party in its aims.

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...The sovereign advice of the Bhagavad Gita is for one to pursue one's mission with equanimity as regards success and failure. This is the yoga of Samatvam. If we follow this advice and pursue our swadharma without capitulating God's grace will help us to overcome all difficulties. Let us put our trust in the words of Bhagawaan and in Satyam eva jayate.

Let us not fall into the traps in our way and be instruments for communism and irredeemable dictatorship. The Swatantra Party should stand firm and not extinguish itself. To give up one's Swadharma is to extinguish oneself. Let us realize our dignity and our importance to the nation as the corner-stone of the temple. Outside the legislatures we can, if we make up our minds be more powerful than all the abettors of the drift to dictatorship.

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I must confess I don't feel happy over the practices and conventions of political parties, be it the party in office or those outside office. People gather together on account of identity of opinions. But when, reversing the natural order, opinions are made implicitly to follow the directions of party leaders. I do not feel that it is democracy or freedom. Identity of opinions should not follow party loyalty but precede it. It should not be just a mechanical arrangement to keep power, actual or potential. By all means let people hold together and not too easily fall out. But there must be a reality in opinions voiced by the party as distinguished from the authoritarianism of party leaders and what may be called sheep loyalty.

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The National Convention of the Swatantra Party ~~taking~~ notes that the President of the Party, Mr. Piloo Mody has been campaigning and lobbying actively ~~far~~ in favour of the dissolution of the Swatantra Party, so as to enable the formation of a new Party.

The various statements issued by him from time to time have in a way ^{on which} committed the Swatantra Party to dissolution in the eyes of those outside the Party even though the Party itself has yet to take a decision in this regard.

In order ^{to ensure} ~~to ensure~~ that procedural decisions are taken in an objective manner and to prevent a feeling among delegates ~~that~~ who are not in agreement with the President's ~~views~~ of unfair treatment from the Chair, the Convention hereby decides that the President shall vacate the Chair when the discussion on the Party's future comes up ~~far~~ and his place shall be taken by one of the Vice-Presidents present or in their absence anyone decided upon by the ~~Convention~~ delegates at the Convention.

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