

## ELECTIONEERING IN ORISSA

Both Rajaji and Prof. Ranga referred to the recent Orissa mid-term elections in the course of their speeches at Triplicane Beach in Madras on June 24.

Rajaji said that huge amounts, even bigger than the sum suggested by the leader of the P.S.P., had been spent and it clearly showed that the Congress was the "rich man's Party" and not the Swatantra Party. The people might now begin to think that only money could win elections. He therefore appealed to them not to be discouraged but to exercise their franchise properly without caring for money. Rajaji wondered how the leader and organiser of the election work in Orissa, Mr. Patnaik, managed to get more than a hundred and fifty jeeps — all new ones — for election work and how they were going to be utilised after the elections.

He added that, in the Orissa elections, the Congress had circumvented the provisions of the Representation of the People Act by spending huge sums of money in the name of the Party, because individual candidates could not do so.

In his reference to the Orissa elections, Prof. Ranga suggested that an enquiry should be instituted into the allegations of malpractices during the elections.

Mr. M. R. Masani, the Party's General Secretary, in a talk with an *Indian Express* reporter drew the moral of the Orissa mid term elections. He said that about 15 per cent of the electorate had voted for the Congress. "It is a miserable mandate that Mr. Patnaik has obtained and he cannot claim to represent the people of Orissa. The Government just formed is a minority Government," he remarked.

Mathematically speaking, Mr. Masani computed that only some 30 percent of the electorate exercised its franchise and, of the votes polled, the Congress got about 40 per cent.

## RAJAJI COMPARES SWATANTRA'S FIGHT TO THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Addressing a public meeting on June 5 in Madras City, Rajaji likened the Swatantra Party's bid to capture power in the next general elections to the American civil war.

"As the American civil war was fought to abolish slavery, the Swatantra Party is fighting to liberate the people from slavery under the Congress regime. It is the slavery that is meant by the socialistic pattern of society", Rajaji said.

Elaborating, Rajaji continued that the Congress

Government was intimidating the people to strengthen the Congress and all Ministers, except the Prime Minister, were engaged day in and day out in collecting funds for the election and doing party propaganda. The people were really afraid of the Government. They had lost all their courage after the British had left India.

The Party's founder added that the fight against the Congress was the second freedom fight in India. The first was the fight against the British rule.

When Rajaji said that he looked forward to the poor people to support the Party with their votes and money, hundreds of people came forward to offer donations. A good sum was collected on the spot, reports an *Indian Express* dispatch of June 7.

## INSURANCE AGAINST NATIONAL DISASTERS—PROF. RANGA'S SUGGESTION

In a talk with Pressmen at Hyderabad on July 17, Prof. N. G. Ranga said that it was high time the Union Government organised an all-India famine and other national disasters insurance fund to rush assistance and relief to the affected people.

He said that such a fund would help the States to reconstruct their social economy wherever such floods and other national calamities occur. He recalled that they had such a fund till 1920 and it was liquidated during the last 40 years. After much agitation by Kisan organisations, the Union Government had constituted a national calamities fund, but it had left freedom to States to join it or not and it has also failed to assure its own annual contributions.

He suggested that the fund should be established permanently with an annual contribution from all the States at the rate of five per cent of their budgetary revenues and an equal contribution from the Union Government.

Prof. Ranga is currently on a tour of the Telengana region of Andhra. It has been reported that wherever he went he was enthusiastically received and his public meetings have averaged an attendance of five thousand people.

## THE SWATANTRA PARTY AND THE PUNJAB

Addressing a press conference at Chandigarh on July 16, where he had gone to participate in a meeting of the State Executive Committee, the Party's General Secretary expressed the hope that it would not be difficult to defeat the Kairon Government in Punjab

at the next General Elections. He said that his hopes were based on two assumptions. First, he thought that the Kairon Government was exceedingly unpopular because of absence of a clean government, rule of law, security of individual citizens and civil liberty.

Secondly, although he ruled out electoral alliances, he expected mutual local adjustments could be made with other democratic parties, like the P.S.P. the Jan Sangh, the Akali Dal and the Republican Party, as a matter of courtesy and on the basis of reciprocity.

He adverted to the Punjab unit's initiative in convening unity conferences on the issue of high taxation, good Government and civil liberty in this context. This working together might lead to a better understanding, he added.

On the Punjabi Suba issue as also on the proposed fast by Master Tara Singh, Mr. Masani stated that the Party had taken no stand but its members were free to express their individual views.

## NEWS FROM STATE PARTIES

### ANDHRA PRADESH

Vishakapatnam was the venue of a meeting of the State Executive Committee on June 21. In the absence of the State President, Shri Ramachandra Reddi, Shri G. Latchanna presided. The President of the Party, Prof. N. G. Ranga and the General Secretary, Shri M. R. Masani, were among those present at the meeting which discussed the Party's fundamental policy and planning in relation to the next General Elections.

A Parliamentary Sub-Committee consisting of the following has been constituted:

Shri Ramachandra Reddi  
Shri G. Latchanna  
Shri J. Chandramowli  
Shri T. Krishnamma  
Shri N. Sankara Reddi  
Shri G. B. Appa Rao M.L.C.  
Shri J. D. Italia

Prof. Ranga and Mr. Masani later addressed a meeting of State Committee members and special invitees on the 22nd.

Earlier the State Committee leaders present met Party workers and were introduced to them by Shri Beesetti Apparao. Prof. Ranga, Shri M. R. Masani and others also addressed the workers.

Secretary of the Srikakulam district unit Shri Hari-krishna Choudhury addressed a public meeting in the village of Gudarirajamalipuram. This village is noted for its fight against the Zamindari system. Various speakers who also spoke on the occasion said that the yield per acre which was very poor now was a direct result of Congress policy. A village Committee was formed soon after the meeting.

In West Godavari district a public meeting at West Bipparru on June 9 was presided over by Shri B. Seshagiri Rao.

A statue of Prof. Ranga was unveiled at Poranki in the same district. It had earlier been taken in a procession round the area in a bullock cart. This statue has been installed in the Centre of Poranki village. Large crowds followed the procession and a meeting held later on the occasion was addressed by Shri Chandramowli and Shri P. Rajgopal Naidu among others.

Joint Secretary of the State unit Shri P. Kotiswara Rao addressed a public meeting at Ponnur in the Guntur district. A resolution of condolence on the death of Shri Khasa Subba Rao was also passed on

the occasion. President of the district unit Shri J. Chandramowli also spoke. Prof. Ranga who rose to speak amidst cheers and acclamation outlined to the gathering the misdeeds of the Congress and our own Party's plans to combat the ruling Party.

A successful public meeting was held at Thimmapuram in Guntur district. This place is the Constituency of the State Finance Minister Shri Brahmanand Reddi. Prof. Ranga, Shri T. Krishnamma, Shri Kotiswara Rao, Shri J. Chandramowli, Shri B. Sivaiah and others, who had earlier been taken round in procession in bullock carts, addressed the meeting.

A Party office was opened in Tenali on June 25. A function held to commemorate the occasion was presided over by Shri J. Pandurangarao. A farmer from Tenali was one of the speakers. He complained at the meeting that the manure that was being distributed to them was adulterated with chalk and salt and requested the Swatantra Party's assistance in putting a stop to such mal-practices.

Nehru chowk, Repalle, was the venue of another public meeting on June 18 which was addressed among others by Prof. Ranga, Shri P. Koteswara Rao, Shri K. Rosayya and others. Shri Kasturi Subbarao a retired District Magistrate of East Godavari District presided.

At Karvetinagar in Chittoor District a meeting held on June 6 discussed at length the agrarian problems in the State. Shri P. Rajagopala Naidu, M.L.A. was the principal speaker. President of the Puttur Taluq unit of the Party Shri Krishnaswamy Naidu was in the Chair. Secretary of the Puttur taluq unit, Shri K. B. Siddayya also spoke.

Reports of Party activity in the Telengana region of the State have also come in. At Tandur in the Hyderabad district a workers' meeting was attended by President of the District unit Shri S. Jaganmohanareddi, Secretary Shri Muhammad Usman and others. The meeting resolved immediately to initiate a tour to popularise the Party in their constituency. It was also resolved to hold a public meeting at Tandur and request Mr. G. Latchanna to address the meeting.

Party workers met at Vikarabad on June 13. Shri Krishnareddi President of the local unit spoke on the need to strengthen the Party and prepare for the next elections. Shri Mir Davar and Shri I. L. N. Sastri were among those who addressed the meeting.

In the Warangal District, President of the district unit Shri J. Gopal Rao extensively toured the district addressing meetings to explain the Party's philosophy.

He also used the opportunity to assess the Party's capacity to set up candidates in his area during the forthcoming general elections.

## BIHAR

With commendable speed, the Bihar unit of our Party is gearing itself for the big fight with the Congress. It is reported that upto 30th June 3,000 applications for Party nominations to fight the elections were received by the State Office. The State Working Committee and Parliamentary Board met on the 15th and 16th of June respectively. Nineteen screening Committees were constituted to visit the various districts of Bihar and scrutinise the candidates' list and recommend worth while men.

In fact, the leading Patna daily, *The Searchlight*, commenting on the election drive initiated by the State Party reported that the Party had already completed the first phase of its election preparations. While the total number of seats to the Parliament and Assemblies have yet to be finalised, the daily commented that wherever work has already started it is being planned on a voter to voter basis to be launched three months before actual polling. It added: "The Party's hot cake is expected to be "Down with Co-operative Farming". The driving force of course will be the Raja of Ramgarh, whose personality is irresistible."

## ASSAM

In the months of May and June, the officials of the Shillong branch of the Party report increases in membership in a number of regions on the hills. For instance, the Jowai Committee of the Party intimate that from a mere 73 their membership has shot up to over 300 in the space of a fortnight.

The Secretary of the unit, Mr. John Deng, visited the Dawki area on the East Pakistan border. He met the headmen and other leading persons in the villages he visited and found a welcome response to our Party's policies.

Four delegates from our Party participated in the Fifth All Party Hill Leaders Conference held at Tura in the Garo Hills. Our delegates report that the Conference appreciated the Party's stand on the various issues especially in the context of the demand for a separate Hill State.

## BOMBAY

There has been a spurt of activity during the last few weeks under review. The City office has successfully stolen the limelight on a couple of controversial issues that were subjects of serious debate in the City.

The Party organised a symposium of eminent educationists to pronounce their views on the proposed move of the Bombay University to abolish morning classes. This meeting which was well attended was widely reported in the Bombay press and our Party was the first to have afforded a platform for the expression of independent, non-political opinion on an educational issue.

The Maharashtra Housing Board which is currently on a building spree was brought to book by a panel of architects and engineers organised by the Party who investigated faulty construction reported in the Motilal Nagar Colony of the Board. This panel expressed its opinion that the Board would do well to concentrate on quality rather on quantity, for, it opined the semi-permanent structures constructed by the Army during the war years were without doubt sturdier and more habitable than the so-called recently completed permanent structures of the Board which like a pack of cards started disintegrating with the first onset of the monsoon. The report of this panel was widely carried in the Bombay press and was the subject of several editorial comments as well.

The devastating floods in Maharashtra have resulted in considerable loss and damage to life and property. The Bombay unit organised a procession of over 300 people who went about some of the busiest thoroughfares of the City in July to collect aid both in cash and kind for the stricken people of the State. Over three truck-loads of old clothes were collected as well as over Rs. 5,000 in cash. Volunteers from the Party also collected donations from picture houses where slides calling on patrons to contribute to the Party's Maharashtra relief fund had been displayed. Later the volunteers from the Party visited Poona and organised the distribution of old clothes, brass utensils, dhotis, soaps etc. to the flood stricken people.

Study Circle meetings on subjects like "Labour and Swatantra" and "The Third Five Year Plan" were held. A meeting of Party workers on 18th June passed a resolution expressing profound sorrow at the sad demise of Khasa Subba Rao, Editor, *Swarajya*.

A meeting was organised at the Party office to protest against the squabbles of the municipal administration in the City.

A special Kisan train from Andhra which was on a tour of the country touched Bombay City. A majority of Kisans on this train belonged to the Swatantra Party. The Bombay City Party held a reception in their honour on the occasion.

The Raja of Ramgarh, President of the Bihar unit of the Party and Vice-President of the All India Party, was given a reception by the Bombay branch of the Party when he was recently in the City. He confidently asserted at this meeting that the Swatantra Party in Bihar would come to power with the next General Elections.

## GUJARAT

Reports of Party activity in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat are very encouraging. Shri Maganlal Joshi, the Convenor of the Party in the area, and Shri Bhagwandas Sheth, President of the Jamnagar district, toured the entire district of Jamnagar visiting numerous villages and towns in the process. Shri Sheth visited Kalavad and reorganised the Committee there.

During his tour of the district, Shri Maganlal Joshi visited Lalpur, Bhanwad, Jam-Jodhpur Khambalia, Kalyanpur, Okhamandal and other towns. He is reported to have addressed over a dozen meetings and numerous smaller group meetings at the town and

village levels. Dr. R. P. Bhat, Shri Manilal Bhubbhatti, Shri Bhagwanji Bharot, Shri Kanubhai Khanderia, Shri Bhikhubha and others accompanied him in what turned out to be a successful electioneering tour. He also conferred with Party workers at Junagarh.

Meanwhile the most important activity of the State Party was the finalising of candidatures for the forthcoming General Elections.

The State Parliamentary Advisory Committee met at Ahmedabad on 25th June. At this meeting they discussed with district leaders present the Party's chances in their own areas with a view to assess what the Party could hope for in the coming General Elections on a State-wide basis.

## MADHYA PRADESH

The Indore region of the Party in Madhya Pradesh is showing more confidence in its capacity to give the Congress a rude jolt. As the first step in its campaign, the Party has introduced a Bulletin entitled *Swatantra Samiksha* in Hindi. This Bulletin, while giving Party members in the region news of Party activity and policy pronouncements if any by Party leaders, also devotes space in giving detailed instructions on how to organise and run effectively local Party organisations.

Organisationally the Party leaders in the region have been continuing their tours to maintain contacts with the common people. Mention must be made here of the strenuous efforts put in by Kaka Saheb Parulekar, veteran leader of the State, who is widely respected by even those who are not our Partymen. He visited Dewas recently.

Shri N. C. Zamindar visited Harda, Pachmarhi and Bhopal where he held talks with various political leaders.

## MADRAS

A Parliamentary Board for Madras State has been constituted consisting of the following:

Shri C. Rajagopalachari

Shri Sa Ganesan

Shri S. S. Mariswamy

Shri Ramaswamy Padiachi

Shri V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliar

In the first fortnight of June, State Committee members toured the various areas scrutinising prospective candidates for the Assembly and the Lok Sabha. The results of their tours were discussed at a meeting of the State Parliamentary Board on the 21st and by the State Committee on the 23rd and 24th when Prof. Ranga and Mr. M. R. Masani were present.

On the evening of the 23rd a public meeting was held at Triplicane Beach which was addressed by Rajaji, Prof. Ranga and Mr. Masani.

In the course of his speech, Rajaji stated that the "Congress should be ashamed of its success in Orissa because they had won the Elections by spending a huge amount of money collected from rich people. This, he affirmed had made Democracy a mockery.

He appealed to all democratic parties to unite together to dislodge the Congress from power.

Prof. Ranga, speaking on the occasion, questioned the failure of the President of India to dismiss the Assam Ministry when it could not protect the life and property of people there. Referring to the Orissa Elections, he challenged the Congress Government to institute a commission to go into the charges that the ruling Party has misused their power in the Elections.

Mr. Masani, who also addressed the meeting, referred to the communal disturbances in the country and the proposals submitted by the National integration Committee of the Congress. He said that the bogey of communalism was being put forward by the ruling Party to divert people's attention from the failures of the Congress administration in domestic as well as foreign policies.

A public meeting to mark the Second Anniversary of the State Party which was held on 5th June was attended by Shri C. Rajagopalachari, Shri Sa Ganesan, Mr. Santhosham, Prof. Ruthnaswamy Shri S. Narayanswamy, Shri Veerajinnu Chettiar, Shri A. R. V. Achar and others was held at Madras. The speakers dwelt on the philosophy of the Party and the fight that had been undertaken against the misrule of the ruling Party.

On June 25th addressing a public meeting at Peddunaickenpet, Rajaji characterized the present Government as a 'permit Government' and said that the main aim of the Swatantra Party was to do away with such a permit society which gave birth to a new business community which instead of dealing in goods conducted business in the transfers of permits and licences.

State Party leaders Shri Sa Ganesan and Shri S. S. Mariswamy toured the district of Trichy, Ramnad, Coimbatore and Madurai, Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari districts respectively.

Four out of ten constituencies in the city of Madras now have Constituency Committees. This has been accomplished with the help of the State Sub-committee in charge of the Madras city and with the assistance of Dr. M. Santhosham.

Public meetings were held in the Chingleput district at Madurantakam on the 28th of June with Shri M. K. Anandchariar presiding. Public meetings were also held on June 1 in the district of Salem, at the Periaputhur Agraharam. Panchayat Board President Shri S. Elumalai Gownder presided. A Committee for the area has since been formed. Similarly another public meeting was held at Komarapalayam on the 13th of June with Dr. S. Krishnamurthy Rao presiding. Among others who addressed the meeting were Shri Sa Ganesan and Shri Bhawani Natesan.

Public meetings were held in the district of Coimbatore at Peelamedu, Kaliyur, Irunkarai, Tholanpalayam and Komarapalayam (Bhawani). At all these meetings State President Shri Sa Ganesan was present.

A public meeting was held at Madurai town on 20th June under the Presidentship of Municipal Chairman Shri S. Devasagayam. Dr. M. Santhosham, Shri P. K. Mookiah Thevar, MLA, and Shri K. Kuppuswamy Iyer were among others who addressed this

meeting. On the 29th another public meeting was held at Pudukkalpatti.

Constituency Committees for the Melur and Ottanchatram constituencies was formed last month. Public meetings were also held at Arimalam in the Trichy district and Kumbakonam in the district of Tanjore.

In the district of Nilgiris 23 village Committees were formed during the month. At Ramnad district the Tirukoshtiyur constituency Committee was formed on June 4.

## MAHARASHTRA

State Convenor, Shri Koshti visited Sangamner in the Ahmednagar district and contacted prospective candidates there. He also visited Nasik in this connection.

At Vasmatnagar in the district of Parbhani one of our members was declared elected to the local municipality. Some members of the Party are also standing as independents in the Nanded municipal elections.

Gangapur in Aurangabad district now has a Committee under the Presidentship of Shri Bhagwan Rao. Shri K. R. Deshmukh and Shri Yogiraj Balwant Singh have been touring some of the districts in Maharashtra.

## MYSORE

On the invitation of the former President of the Party, Rao Bahadur B. L. Patil, acting President Shri K. H. Srinivasan and the General Secretary Shri V. T. Sreenivasan visited Hubli in the Dharwar district where they discussed with Mr. Patil and others the Party's plans for Dharwar. The discussion also resulted in a resolution to hold a district Convention of the Party at Haveri in the last week of this month. This meeting also passed a resolution protesting against the indirect pressure brought by the Planning Commission on the Mysore Congress Party to reduce or get reduced the maximum land ceilings recommended by the Joint Select Committee of the Mysore Legislature.

Kunigal is an important taluk in Tumkur district. Recently elections to the Municipal Council and taluk board were held. Our Party members who contested the Elections as independents emerged with a majority. This augurs well for the future of our Party in that area. This has given added enthusiasm to our Party workers who are very active both in Kunigal and in the adjoining constituencies of Chandrashekar-pura.

A public meeting was held on July 1 in the Gandhi Bazar Circle of Mysore City. Treasurer of the all-India Party Shri B. V. Narayan Reddy addressed the meeting on the subject 'The Voter and the next General Elections'. In the course of his speech Mr. Reddy strongly criticized the indiscriminate nationalisation policy of the ruling Party. He said that the Central Government had failed both in its domestic and foreign policy. Adverting to the Congress Five-Year Plans Mr. Reddy remarked that the Congress Government had no right to burden posterity with a huge load of debt which it would be unable to repay.

In the meantime and under the pretence of benefiting posterity the middle and poorer classes of citizens were being slowly wiped out of existence by the tremendous rise in the cost of the basic necessities of life. For all these reasons Mr. Reddy emphasized it was the duty of the voter to vote for the Swatantra Party in the next General Elections so that a strong and healthy opposition could be formed in the Lok Sabha and in the various State Assemblies. This would act as a brake on the squander-mania of the ruling Party and prevent them from taking the country on the road to ruin.

## PUNJAB

The State Executive met at Patiala on June 11 to consider the question of appointing an Election Board. The meeting decided to leave the nomination of the personnel of this Board to the State President and General Secretary. At this meeting a few other Sub-Committees viz. Funds Collection Sub-Committee, and a Sub-Committee consisting of Brigadier Pritam Singh as Chairman and Chaudhri Ram Singh, a former Minister in the erstwhile PEPSU State, was formed to draft the State Party's Election Manifesto.

Party General Secretary, Mr. M. R. Masani, was present on July 16 at another meeting of the State Committee report at Chandigarh. The principal item of discussion at this meeting was the State Party's role in the forthcoming general elections.

Jathedar Uddham Singh Nagoke, Raja Maheshindra Singh M.L.A., Sardar Basant Singh and Shri S. N. Khosla were among those who attended a huge gathering at Meems on the Bhuri-Bagri road in Sangrur district on June 14 where thousands had assembled in connection with a religious function. The gathering was largely rural.

Venturing outside the State, Jathedar Nagoke visited Bazpur in the district of Nainital in Uttar Pradesh in response to a call by settlers from the Punjab in the area. These settlers, who have been in this region as cultivators for well over a decade, are in danger of being evicted by the present Uttar Pradesh Government, back to the Punjab. These settlers were actually invited by the then Government of India to settle and clear the forest lands in the Terai region of Nainital. By dint of their hard work they had made the virgin soil yield bountiful crops. The Government of Uttar Pradesh is by its actions creating another inter-State refugee problem, writes our State Office. Jathedar Nagoke heard their grievances patiently and has taken up their case with our Party's U.P. President, Shri S. K. D. Paliwal. Paliwalji has promised to meet a representative of these settlers to understand their grievances and difficulties in person.

On the occasion of the celebration of the martyrdom of Guru Arjun Dev, the State President addressed a huge public meeting estimated at between forty and fifty thousand. He explained to the audience the philosophy of the Swatantra Party.

The Jullundur district unit of the Party held a conference at Kartarpur on June 19 with great success.

The Punjab Unity Board, about which reference has been made in our last Newsletter, met at Amrit-

sar on June 21 at Manji Sahib, Golden Temple. Master Tara Singh of the Shiromani Akali Dal, Jathedar Nagoke and Sardar Basant Singh of our Party, Sardar Harbhajan Singh of the Punjab P.S.P. and Gyani Pindi Dass of the Hindu Mahasabha were present. The Board strongly condemned the unwarranted arrests of Akalis once again by the Punjab Government and placed on record its deep resentment of such repeated suppression of civil liberties.

On June 22, Dr. Kali Charan and others addressed a well attended public meeting at the Dressi ground in Patiala.

Meanwhile in the Haryana region of the State numerous meetings and conferences were the chief features of party activity.

Choudhury Dharam Singh Rathi was present at Party workers meetings at Beholi in Panipat District and at Ambala Cantonment. Officials of the district unit were present on the occasion.

Public meetings on the 19th, 20th and 23rd June at Narnol, district Mahendergarh, Ambala Cantonment and Village Jhateepur in Panipat district were successfully held. Choudhury Dharam Singh Rathi, MLA, Raja Maheshindra Singh, MLA, Shri Madan Lal Sharma, Shri Krishna Lal Chander, President of the Hissar district unit and others were among those who addressed these meetings.

Village Chhattar in Karnal district was the venue of a well attended Conference. This conference which had been organised by Choudhury Jagjit Singh General Secretary of the Tehsil unit was addressed by the State General Secretary and Choudhury Vijay Singh District unit President. On the occasion a purse of Rs. 500 was presented to the District President by the local villagers. The same day another conference attended by about 5,000 persons was organised at village Naguran. The same speakers again addressed this conference.

A Similar Conference were held between the 26th and 28th of June at village Alawa, village Kodha, Rajond and village Gulyana all in the Karnal district.

## UTTAR PRADESH

The State Executive Committee met in Lucknow on July 9 in the presence of the Party's General Secretary to discuss election policy and strategy.

The State Party's activities during May and June were of a varied character. They included everything from an Urdu Poet's conference to intervening in a labour management dispute and a couple of conventions at the district level.

In May the Kanpur unit arranged a symposium of Urdu poets to popularise the Party among the Urdu speaking people. The State office reports that the Kanpur unit was specially active in May. They organised a number of meetings in the outlying rural areas and organised a Party Committee at Maghra village.

The State President, Shri S. K. D. Paliwal, and the General Secretary of the State unit, Choudhury Layaq Singh, intervened in a dispute between the management and labour of the Swadeshi Cotton Mills in Kanpur at the latter's request. The Union is led by the Communists who naturally tried to intensify the

differences between management and labour. Thanks to the intervention of our Party men, both the parties came to terms and the lockout was ended. This has vindicated the Party's labour policy which calls for collective bargaining procedures.

Shri Paliwal and Choudhury Layaq Singh visited Meerut at the invitation of the local unit of the Party. Shri Paliwal who had been invited by the Indian Council of World Affairs delivered a lecture on 'Swatantra Party's need in India in the context of world affairs'. Later they addressed a public meeting of over 5,000. Earlier Choudhury Layaq Singh had addressed a public meeting at Hapur an important grain centre in U.P.

Party organisers in the Meerut and Farukabad areas viz. Shri Ratanlal Joshi and Shri Prayaq Narain Srivastava toured various towns and villages in their respective spheres to provide a fillip to Party organisation there.

The Party office at Gonda district reports that in the local elections of the Presidents of twenty four Gram Sabhas seventeen members of the Swatantra Party who contested as independents emerged successful.

Shri Prayaq Narain Srivastava who was sent by the State Party office to reorganise the district Committee at Farukabad accomplished his mission and the new Committee has decided to hold its district Convention in August.

The Aligarh district unit held its convention at Sikandra-rao. Attended by over 10,000 people and over two hundred delegates from the various subdivisions of the districts, the Convention was eminently successful. Shri S. K. D. Paliwal, Ch. Layaq Singh and Shri Anand Prakash Sharma also participated and spoke on the occasion. A Kisan rally was also held on the occasion. The Convention was followed by a largely attended public meeting which was addressed among others by Mr. P. N. Joshi from Delhi, Rao Krishna Pal Singh of Mathura, Raja Man Singh of Bharatpur, Shri S. K. D. Paliwal and Ch. Layaq Singh. Resolutions denouncing the Congress Cooperative Farming, Ceiling on Land Holdings and Socialism were passed.

Party conventions of the Bijnor and Mathura district were held at Chandpur and Kosi respectively. The Kosi Convention was attended by the State President and the General Secretary and Shri Bachchu Singh the youngest brother of the Maharaja of Bharatpur.

In the meanwhile arrangements are proceeding briskly for the holding of the Second National Convention at Agra. Both Shri Paliwal and Ch. Layaq Singh are meeting at people at Agra to organise this Convention. A Reception Committee Office has been established at 6-H Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Agra. The spacious Ram Lila Grounds opposite Akbar's Red Fort and only 6 furlongs from the Taj Mahal has been selected as the site for the convention. The river Yamuna, Agra Fort Railway Station and the Government Roadways Bus Station are hardly a couple of furlongs away. Former major Rao Krishna Pal Singh has undertaken to organise a team of 5000 volunteers for the Convention.

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