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SWATANTRA PARTY

Organising Committee of Greater Bombay

A meeting of the Organising Committee was held on Thursday, 29th October at 6 p.m. in the Party office.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. R. Masani (in the Chair).
Mr. Murarji J. Vaidya.
Sir H. P. Mody.
Mr. K. M. Munshi.
Col. L. Sawhny.
Mr. N. H. Mapara.
Mr. J. M. Patel.
Mr. P. H. Mody.
Mr. F. K. Karaka.
Mr. G. P. Hutheesing.
Mr. R. V. Murthy.
Dr. R. C. Cooper.
Mrs. C. F. Lynn.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

Mr. M. Bhimani had agreed to serve on this Committee. Mr. Mendieta was out of Bombay, and no reply had been received from him.

As no action had been taken on Mr. Murarji Vaidya's offer of premises for a Labour Contact Centre by reason of the difficulty in providing adequate supervision, Mr. Vaidya undertook to provide a supervisor also.

It was agreed that Convenors' Reports should be put on the table two days before the meetings of the Committee, and only brief oral summaries be given at the meetings.

The sub-committee appointed to select a paid executive secretary recommended the appointment of Mr. M. Mehta, on probation for six months from 1st November, 1959, on a salary of Rs.700/- a month. The recommendation was accepted. A clear definition of his functions was suggested by Sir H. P. Mody and the Chairman said that he would prepare a memorandum of instructions for the executive secretary, who would work under the guidance of the Committee and the office-bearers.

It was agreed that a monthly report of Bombay activities be sent, as requested, to Mr. Krishnaswamy.

The proposal for a Youth Contact Centre to be run by volunteers from the Ladies' Committee was discussed and

welcomed, though it was felt that an Employment Bureau would not be appropriate. Sir H. P. Mody was requested to discuss the matter with the Ladies' Committee and report to the Committee.

Statement of Position regarding Membership Forms:

Total Printed	4,500 books		(2,10,000 forms)
Total Issued	3,662 books		(1,72,240 ")
For Bombay	515 books		(16,450 ")
Outside Bombay	3,147 books		(1,55,790 ")

CONVENORS' REPORTS:

Meetings: Mr. Mapara's report tabled. Two meetings were held on October 9th and 17th. A further public meeting would be held in celebration of the birthday anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel, to call for urgent and effective action in defence of India's frontiers. Mr. K. M. Munshi would preside and Mr. V. P. Menon, Mr. Lobo Prabhu and Mr. M. A. Master would be asked to speak.

On the occasion of Rajaji's next visit to Bombay, a public meeting would be held at Chowpatty.

Funds: Dr. Cooper reported that Rs.12,000/- had been collected in advertisements, and tickets for the concert on 24th November would be on sale.

It was agreed that a message of fraternal greetings be sent to the Madras Convention of the Party to be held on 31st October, 1959.
