

S W A T A N T R A P A R T Y

Greater Organising Committee For Greater Bombay

A meeting of the Organising Committee was held on Friday,
9th October 1959 at 6 p.m. in the Party Office.

PRESENT:

Mr. M.R. Masani (in the Chair),
Mr. Murarji Vaidya,
Sir H.P. Mody,
Mr. K.M. Munshi,
Mr. V. Paranjoti,
Mr. J.M. Patel,
Mr. N.H. Mapara,
Mr. M.K. Tata,
Mr. P.H. Mody,
Mr. F.K. Karaka,
Mr. G.P. Hutheesing,
Mr. R.V. Murthy,
Dr. R.C. Cooper,
Mrs. C.F. Lynn,
Mr. F.S. Mulla (invitee),
Mr. S.R. Mohan Das, (Observer),
Mr. M.R. Pai, "
Mr. B.K. Desai "

The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

Resolution on death of Mr. Subbiah Gounder: (to be forwarded to the Swatantra Party Office at Coimbatore). The Committee expressed its deep regret and sense of loss at the passing of Shri Subbiah Gounder and its sympathy with his bereaved family.

The Chairman, reporting on his recent tour abroad, said that keen interest was shown in the Party, both in the U.K. and on the Continent, with an awareness of detail which seemed to show that good publicity had been given to the Party Principles and activities. It was suggested that an article giving impressions of his tour should be published in "Swerajya".

Mr. K.M. Munshi reported on his recent tour of the northern cities and said that there was a good response to the Party in U.P., Bihar, Delhi, Punjab, Calcutta and Rajasthan.

It was agreed that Mr. Mendieta of Caltex and Mr. M. Ehimani be co-opted to this Committee. It was also felt that a prominent Maharashtrai should be included in this Organising Committee.

CONVENORS' REPORTS:

1. Meetings: Mr. Mapara's report appended. It was stressed that adequate publicity should be given for the meetings of the 14th and 17th by posters in prominent places and by personal contacts with students in colleges where possible.
2. Funds: Mr. Paranjoti's report appended. Members of this Committee were asked to support the effort for 24th November. Rs. 9,100 have already been collected for advertisements and further advertisements were asked for.

3. Labour: Mr. Karaka reported that three meetings of labourers in a housing colony had been held, and a Manifesto to Labour had been prepared for consideration by the Centre.

4. Publicity: Mr. Mody reported that the Convention Handbook was ready and was being daily distributed. The Chairman said Mr. Mody deserved to be congratulated on its get-up which was appreciated in Europe. The Convenor felt that the needs of adequate publicity were faced with the problem of shortage both of money and of material.

It was suggested that pamphlets and folders costing around two annas each could be printed with Mr. Munshi's help and articles like Rajaji's recent publication in the 'Hindustan Times', and recordings made at meetings, be used as basic material.

5. Ward Meetings: Mr. Mistry's report appended. Mr. Mistry had met with an accident which would confine him to bed for six weeks.

Proposal for Labour Contact Centre: Mr. P.C. Cherian's letter in this connection was placed before the Committee. It was agreed that the idea of such a Centre was good, and that it should be situated in a part of the City where a large number of labourers could be easily contacted. Mr. Murarji Vaidya offered premises at Lalbagh. The Convenor for Labour said this was an ideal location and immediate steps would be taken to explore its possibilities. Mr. Cherian may be informed accordingly.

Propaganda expenses to a limit of Rs.150/- were sanctioned in connection with the Students' Meeting organised for 1st October 1959.
