

SWATANTRA PARTY

(Central Organising Committee)

Agenda for the Meeting of the Committee
at Bombay on the 22nd August 1959.

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1. Formation of Regional Committees and issue of authorisation to each.
2. Issue of Membership forms, Statement of Principles, and the formation of a Committee for publishing speeches of leaders.
3. Methods of Propaganda -- Note of Shri H.G.Ranga
4. Interim Working Arrangements -- Note of S.Y.K.
5. Meeting of the Central Committee of the Party
6. Date and Place of the All-India Convention.

1. The following Regional Committees have been formed:-

Madras

1. Shri K.S.Venkatakrishna Reddiar
2. Shri T.G.Krishnamurthy
3. Shri V.K.Ramaswamy Mudaliar
4. Shri S.S. Mariswamy
5. Shri S.Narayanaswamy
6. Shri M. Ratnaswamy
7. Dr. Santhosham
8. Shri V.C. Subbayya Gounder

Bombay

1. Shri. M.R. Masani
2. Mrs. D. Lynn
3. Shri R.V. Murthy
4. Shri A.P. Ratheesingh
5. Dr. R. Cooper

Andhra

1. Shri G.V.Subbayya
2. Shri R.V.Subba Rao
3. Shri K.V.Reddy
4. Shri R.K.Reddy
5. Shri Vijayakumar Sinha

West Bengal

1. Dr. Kalidas Nag
2. Prof. Alok Ghosh
3. Shri Prathyushkumar Majumdar
4. Shri Badal Gangopadhyaya
5. Shri A.C. Mukherjee
6. Shri Sudhir Das
7. Shri A.C. Sampath Ayyangar.

KARNATAK

1. Shri B.L. Patil
2. Shri K.P. Sarangapani Mudaliar
3. Shri Jinaraja Hegde
4. Shri V.T. Srinivasan
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Uttar Pradesh

1. Shri S.K.D. Palliwal.

(The names of the other members
have not been given)

2. Letters have been received from the following, offering
to start organising work. (This does not include
letters from the interior towns, which will, in course
of time, be sent to the provincial committees)

The Punjab

Sirdar Basant Singh, Patiala

Madhya Pradesh

Shri. H. C. Zamindar, Indore

Shri. D.R. Kithara, Indore

Mr. Zamindar suggests the formation of regional
committees for M.P., with Headquarters for the Northern
States at Bombay. It is better to have one H.Q. for the
party in M.P. itself.

Rajasthan

Maharajkumar Bhim Singh, Jaisalmer.

3. There is no responsible suggestion yet from the follow-
ing regions:

Delhi

Bihar

Assam

Kerala

Gujarat

Letters have been written to Shri Bhailal Bhai Patel, Shri Kanoongo and the Raja of Ramgarh.

The Regional Committee may be soon organised in Bihar, Delhi, and Gujarat. It is unlikely to be properly organised in Orissa, Assam and Kerala.

The Central Organising Committee should issue letters of authority to the Regional committees. The following draft may be considered:-

"The preliminary Convention of the Santantra Party held in Bombay on the 1st and 2nd August, 1959, passed a resolution constituting a Central Organising Committee to make arrangements for the enrolment of members, including the selection of authorities therefor, issue of membership forms and receipts, arrange for local and regional Conventions and to do such other work as may be necessary for the purposes mentioned above".

The following regional committee is hereby constituted for the area comprising of the State of -----.

The major work of the Regional Committee will be to enroll members, hold Local and District Conventions, and organise Party units in various localities.

The Regional committee is authorised to collect donations and subscriptions and give receipts.

The Regional Committee is authorised to co-opt members, subject to ratification by the Central Organising committee.

The Regional authority may delegate such executive functions as may be necessary to the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Collections should be kept in a Bank account in the joint names (either or survivor) of the Treasurer and another Member to be nominated by the Regional committee, with the right of the Treasurer to operate.

Expenditure should be incurred only on the authority of the Regional Committee, which may, however, give specific powers of expenditure ~~with~~ within certain limits and for certain purposes to the persons in whose names the account is kept. All such payments should be ratified at the next subsequent meeting of the Regional Committee. Advances may also be given by the Treasurer for organisational purposes in consultation with any member of the Committee who is so authorised and who is resident in the place where the account is kept and the Treasurer lives.

The following two monthly statements are prescribed for being sent by the Regional to the Central Committee:-

1. Statement of members enrolled.

<u>Region</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Number enrolled</u>
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2. Statement of Accounts

<u>District</u>	<u>Membership Fees</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
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Subject II. Issue of Membership Forms, Principles, and
and Party Literature.

1. Membership Forms.

Membership forms are being printed in English and the Local languages. The English forms are being printed in Madras. The Tamil forms are also being printed in Madras. Hindi, Gujarati and Marathi forms are being printed in Bombay. It is suggested that Hindi forms may also be printed in Lucknow. Bengali forms are being printed in Calcutta. Steps have to be taken to print the Telugu forms immediately. After ascertaining the number of English forms required for each region, they will be despatched to the respective centres from Madras.

Direct enrolment by the Central Committee may be on the English forms for the present.

The form is in three parts. The first is for the District office, which is the future unit for all election work. The second is for the regional office. The third is the receipt as well as the membership card. It will be assimilated by the Regional Treasurer before issue and the actual person who issues the receipt will sign it.

Instructions along these lines will be issued to the Regional Committees.

2. Principles of the Party.

English copies are being printed in Madras. They will be sent to the respective regional Offices after ascertaining the number of copies required.

The arrangement for printing the Principles in the local languages is the same as for the Membership Forms. The Hindi version made by the U.P. Branch is for consideration.

3. Speeches of the Leaders.

These have to be edited and then printed in

English and in the local languages. A small committee may be formed to take up this work.

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Subject : The Five points suggested by
Acharya N.G. Ranga

1. I think it would be best for our office and us to ask our organisational agents like the U.P. Party, Andhra Kisan Sammelan, Punjab Janata etc. to make use of those persons who have taken the initiative in their respective States to offer to join us and who may be keen on enlisting members for this work, in addition to entrusting this work to all others in whom they have confidence.

2. Secondly, wherever the State agencies or conveners or agents are not yet ready to commit themselves, as is the case in Bihar, we should do well to send the Membership form-books from Madras or Bangalore to the individuals or groups who have contacted us directly, while taking care to inform the non-committed but friendly groups or parties about their addresses etc.

3. Thirdly, Shri V.P. Menon has to take a hand regarding Kerala and help us in developing the Membership (M) Campaign (C) i.e. (M.C.) through those who have contacted us.

4. Fourthly, we must be prepared to entrust this responsibility of (MC) to all these isolated groups and individuals from different States, as for instance, Vidarbha and Assam and expect them to submit their progress reports to us from time to time.

5. Fifthly, we have also to be prepared to send my special representatives to different States like Orissa, Assam, Bengal, M.P., Bihar, Vidarbha and Marathwada to make a study of the sort of people who are offering to help, others who may be approached for cooperation and the limit or degree of responsibility to be offered to various individuals and groups.

Proceedings of the Informal Meeting at
Bangalore on 6th August 1959.

Present: Shri V.P. Menon
Shri B.V. Narayana Reddi
Shri P.K. Sarangapani Mudaliar
Shri S.Y. Krishnaswamy

1. Central Office : The Central Office will be shifted to
8, Grant Road, Bangalore 1. The address of the Central Office
will however continue to be '19 Race Course Road, Bangalore 1'.
Mr. Narayana Reddi will arrange to have the correspondence
collected everyday from the latter address.

Mr. Narayana Reddi will employ such staff as he consi-
ders necessary to run the office efficiently. He will straigh-
away appoint one clerk-steno and when the work increases, an
Office Superintendent. A cycle-peon will also be appointed.

Mr. Narayana Reddi will be authorised to purchase the
necessary stationery. He will also be authorised to purchase
one Typewriter and a cycle.

Party correspondence: All letters intended for the
"Swatantra Party" will be dealt with by the Central Office
except where provincial matters are concerned. The members
of the Central Organising Committee and of the provisional
Regional Organisation will be informed that they should
correspond with the Central Office at Bangalore. They will
also be informed that any letters received by them relating
to Party matters should be sent to the Central Office with
their suggestions for being replied to or for filing in case
they decide to reply to it themselves.

2. Madras Office.: An important aspect of the Party's
work relates to the gathering of material, the compilation
of the material and its issue to the public as well as to
the Party members. Questions will have to be asked in the
Legislatures. Pamphlets will have to be issued to the pub-
lic as well as to Party members. Indeed, the issue of che-
pamphlets in the local languages is one of the most import-
ant items in the Party's work. Talking points will have to

Action:

Mr. Narayana
Reddy. Please
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be given to our speakers -- with reference to the nature of the audience whether urban or rural. The speeches of some of the leaders will have to be brought out in book form. On matters on which the Party has to oppose the Government, data has to be collected and classified. For instance, if it is intended to criticise the Life Insurance Corporation, a list of their investments which are speculative or were purchased in excess of the market price will have to be obtained. If it is intended to criticise cooperative farming, information about the societies newly started, special help given to them by Government at public cost will have to be compiled. The Party should also have a system of gathering and filing material on economic and social matters as part of its day-to-day work instead of hunting for such material as and when the demand arises. The Members of the Party should be able to ask the Central Office for whatever material they require. These and other matters require frequent consultation with Rajaji or the Party leader at Madras.

In order to fulfil these purposes, it is intended to have a Leader's office in Madras. It will also function as the Party's research and publication wing. Mr. S.Y. Krishnaswamy will be in charge of it. For the present provision will be made for rent not exceeding Rs.125 p.m., a clerk-typist on Rs.100-150 p.m. and a peon on Rs.40 p.m. Mr. Krishnaswamy will be authorised to incur expenditure on stationery, one Typewriter, and also a cycle and the minimum furniture necessary.

It may also be necessary to purchase a duplicating machine, but this should be done at minimum cost and in any case on a system of instalment payments.

As far as possible, printing should be centralised. This is not to say that all the printing must be done in one place, but merely that there should be a central authority authorising the printing of the material required by the Party. At present printing is being done in various places

and in different forms. The stationery of the Party should be standardized to the maximum extent possible. The economy of the centralised purchase will have to be investigated. A circular will be issued to all the Members of the Central Committee that no printing should be ordered by anyone without reference to the Research Office in Madras.

F I N A N C E:

a) The existing funds will be allocated to the Central Office.

b) Future collections will be allocated between the respective provincial and Central office in accordance with the directions of the Sub-Committee for organisation, till the All India Convention formulates a set of rules therefor.

c) Funds are now in the name of Shri Narayana Reddy. They will be transferred to a joint account (either or survivor) in the names of Mr. Narayana Reddi and Mr. V.P. Menon. Mr. Reddi will have power to operate on the funds.

d) A proportion of the funds not exceeding Rs. 15,000 may for the present be transferred to a 'Call Deposit' in the Bank of India.

e) No expenditure should be incurred by anyone in the Party unless the prior sanction of Mr. V.P. Menon and Mr. Narayana Reddy is obtained. They will on this point function under the authority of the organising committee.

f) A permanent advance of Rs. 200/- will be given to Shri. S.Y. Krishnaswamy for stationery and other expenditure. At the end of each month he will send a statement of account to Shri Narayana Reddy containing a serial list of the expenditure incurred which should be covered by vouchers in the case of all purchases made and by his own vouchers in the case of stamps for postage. The money spent will be recouped so as to bring it up to Rs. 200 at the beginning of each month.

g) The Central office accounts are at present partly in Bombay and partly in Bangalore. It is not necessary to transfer the Bombay account to Bangalore. It will be sufficient for the Central Office at Bangalore to get a monthly statement of account. Bombay account may also be in the joint names of the Treasurer - Sir Homi Modi and another person of his choice (either or survivor) with permission to Sir Homi Modi to operate. Just as Bangalore expenditure account will have to be authorised by Shri V.P. Menon and Shri Narayana Reddy, so also, for the sake of convenience the organising Committee will authorise Sir Homi Modi and Mr. Masani to incur expenditure for Party purposes on the Bombay account. This working rule will be communicated to all the Members of the Organising Committee and the Regional Council.

Appeal for Funds.

The funds received so far are insufficient for the expenditure of the Party. It is understood that contributions have not been coming to the Central Office for some time now.

Rajaji will be requested to issue another appeal for funds.

Authority.

The present arrangement is that a Committee has been set up by the Bombay Convention to deal with all matters relating to Membership and organisation. The various suggestions made above will be placed before the Committee which meets in Bombay on the 22nd inst. before further action is taken on them.
