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Mr. Girish Munshi, General Secretary of the All-India Swatantra Party has issued the following statement to the Press:

" The action of the Central Government headed by Mrs. Indira Gandhi in declaring internal emergency and in arresting Shri. Javaprakash Narayan and other non-CPI opposition leaders and even her own 'difficult' party members is shocking. This latest step makes it clear even to gullibles who have given her the benefit of doubt that Mrs. Gandhi desires nothing else than to stick to power at any cost. She has made use of the conditional stay granted by the Supreme Court to impose monstrosity of internal emergency on the people. She is preparing to destroy democracy and assume dictatorial powers in this country.

It is significant that for some time past, Mrs. Gandhi has not only been denigrating her own party members but has been superseding or removing members of judiciary and army and civil servants who do not rubber stamp her evil designs.

She may succeed for a short while, but the entire people cannot be suppressed for long. The people will rise.

The Swatantra Party stands with other non-CPI opposition parties in their fight against the evil designs of the dictator and condemns the murder of democracy perpetrated by declaration of the emergency and the arrest of the non-CPI leaders who have been exposing her and her corrupt government.

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