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"If the Indian Government resume negotiations with the Chinese Communists despite past assurances and the wishes of the people, they will show that, like the Bourbons, they have learnt nothing and forgotten nothing and will be inviting for this country another disaster beside which the events of last year will look like a picnic," said Mr. M.R. Masani, General Secretary of the Swatantra Party, while addressing a public meeting organised here by Indians for Victory, with Principal A.B. Shah in the chair.

No nation which believes in its future would enter into negotiations after a military defeat such as that sustained by India. It would be as if Britain had accepted an armistice from Hitler immediately after Dunkirk. "In such circumstances, the desire to negotiate can only be the product of a sick mind," observed the be speaker. There was a wide gulf between the thinking of the Government and of the people similar to the one that had developed in Britain during World War II when Mr. Chamberlain was still Prime Minister.

"The alternative", said Mr. Masani, "is not to resume hostilities right away but to break off diplomatic relations with the aggressors, to build up our armed forces with the help of allies and friends in the democratic world, to establish friendly relations with Pakistan through a solution of the Kashmir problem and thereby to create a situation where we develop the capability to eject the aggressors from our territory."

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