

(2496)

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Bombay Regional Council, held on Monday the 5th October 1970

A meeting of the Bombay Regional Council was held at the Party office on Monday the 5th October 1970, when the following members were present :

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Shri R. V. Murthy (Chairman) | 2/8 |
| 2. Shri Madhu Mehta             | 4/8 |
| 3. Shri P. S. Koppiker          | 8/8 |
| 4. Shri S. Ramachandran         | 6/8 |
| 5. Shri Hiren Shah              | 7/8 |
| 6. Shri Adi Narain              | 8/8 |
| 7. Shri M. S. Pirzada           | 5/8 |
| 8. Shri Shafi Thanawala         | 2/8 |
| 9. Dr. A. M. Shaikh             | 2/3 |
| 10. Shri J. Venkiteswaran       | 5/8 |
| 11. Shri V. M. Astik            | 2/3 |
| 12. Shri Seshamani Tiwari       | 2/3 |
| 13. Shri Indukumar Thakkar      | 7/8 |
| 14. Shri Arjun Ekke             | 5/8 |
| 15. Shri V. H. Sequeira         | 7/8 |
| 16. Shri N. K. Jagtap           | 3/8 |
| 17. Shri Datta Wadekar          |     |

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Ramesh Dave.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th September 70 was taken up for approval.

Shri Sequeira's objection to certain omissions and additions in the minutes of the last meeting of the Regional Council was taken up and after discussion, it was decided to delete paragraph No.3 of the minutes of the meeting of 7th September 1970. The minutes were then approved.

2. a) Arising out of the minutes, regarding item No.5 (Training Classes) as reported by Shri Madhu Mehta, it was decided to have these classes of Col. Sawhny Training programme in the month of March 1971 and the General Secretary was asked to write to them accordingly.

b) Regarding slum clearance, Mr. Shafi Thanawala who presided over the last meeting said that this matter was proposed to be dropped. It was, therefore, decided to drop it.

c) Regarding the District office for Bombay North East, since Mr. P. M. Shah was not present Shri Astik representing that district said that negotiations were being carried on with some landlords and that they would be able to report about it shortly.

d) Regarding the National Convention, the Chairman said that all details pertaining to the formation of various committees were mentioned in the General Secretary's report (appended thereto) to the members and he requested the members to look into it and suggest in what way each one would be able to help in making it a success.

e) Regarding the results of the membership drive, the office placed before the meeting a report of the members enrolled during the period.

f) Regarding the office premises for Worli unit, Shri S. Ramachandran reported that he had already visited the site and Mr. Ekke had just submitted the estimate for putting up an office which, he would look into and report.

g) Regarding subvention to Primary Units Mr. V. H. Sequeira suggested that only those units which showed good activities should

be given. In this connection, the General Secretary said that the procedure was calling for reports of activities of the units, scrutiny of such reports by the secretary in charge of the related area and on the basis of his recommendations the subventions were released. Mr. J. Venkiteswaran wanted that those units which were showing good results must be given more. The Chairman replied that whatever was being paid by the Regional office was something which no primary unit in other states was getting and we should appreciate the gesture of the Executive Committee.

h) On the membership drive, Mr. Shafi Thanawala reported that the members of the Primary Unit have already collected more than 50 workers and he could collect the same to be submitted in the office. Shri Sequeira reported that due to various agitations and programmes he could not collect the membership forms from other workers and they would submit the same by the weekend. However, the members were requested to submit the forms as early as possible. And it was decided to keep 31st December 70 to be the last date for assessing and awarding the proposed Trophy for the highest membership.

4. Regarding the Shibir, the General Secretary reported that the Mahim Unit had agreed to host the Shibir at the Bharat Scouts and Guides Hall, Shivaji Park and the shibir will for a day which will be addressed by All India leaders, followed by questions and answers. He also said that the Shibir would end in a public meeting at Shivaji Park. The delegates fee would be Rs.2/- per head and the Maharashtra Region also has been requested to send their delegates for the Shibir. In this connection Mr. Shafi Thanawala suggested that while sending the letters to the workers, the names of the leaders who would be attending also should be mentioned so that it would attract more delegates and this was agreed to provided leader's consent could be obtained in time.

5. Regarding the physical education programme submitted by Shri Hiren Shah, it was decided that this matter should be discussed at the next meeting and the members were requested to come with their suggestions there on.

6. With the permission of the Chair, the Party's line of action in regard to the Parol bye election was discussed. Some members wanted that the Party should support the Shiv Sena, while some others expressed that we should not openly align with parochial parties. However, the following resolution as passed by the Maharashtra Executive Committee was unanimously adopted.

"The Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, strongly condemns the statement of Shri Vasantraodada Patil, President of the M.P.C.C.(R) who has openly extended his support to the candidate of the Communist Party contesting the bye-election to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly from the Parol constituency in Bombay. The Communist Party is anti-democratic and works against the Constitution, it believes in violence and has extra-territorial loyalty. The ruling congress has entered into an unholy alliance with such Party, throughout India. This alliance is very dangerous to the interest of the country. The patriotic people of Maharashtra should take cognisance of this fact and strongly oppose this unholy alliance".

As this resolution has already been passed at the Maharashtra Executive Committee and appeared in the press, it was felt that there was no need for issuing any fresh statement to the press.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

CHAIRMAN.