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Organising Committee of Greater Bombay

A meeting of the Organising Committee was held on 2nd June, 1960 at 6 p.m. in the Party office.

PRESENT:

Mr. Murarji J. Vaidya (in the Chair).
Mr. M. R. Masani.
Mr. Piloo Mody.
Mr. M. K. Tata.
Mr. B. K. Mistry.
Mr. R. V. Murthy.
Mr. R. C. Cooper.
Mrs. D. Lynn.
Mr. S. R. Mohandas (Observer).
Mr. M. N. Mehta (Executive Secretary).

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May, 1960 were confirmed subject to the following amendments:
 - a) Sri R. V. Murthy's name inadvertently left out, was to be added to the list of members present.
 - b) The last sentence in the first paragraph stating that "matters requiring urgent attention might be referred personally to Sir H. P. Mody", should be deleted.
 - c) A decision made at the said meeting but not included in the minutes was to be entered as follows: "It was decided that the Central Party would share half the cost of the cyclostyling machine with the Bombay branch."
2. Mr. Masani explained the position about the bills for printing of publicity literature which were to be paid to Associated Advertisers & Printers, amounting to about Rs.13,000/- It appears that a misunderstanding had arisen out of the fact that Mr. K. M. Munshi was understood to have said that his Organisation would undertake the sale and distribution of publicity literature. In view of this, it was decided that the whole matter should be kept pending till Mr. Munshi's return to Bombay. In the meantime a cheque for Rs.3,000/- had been sent to the Associated Advertisers & Printers as part payment.
3. Several items of expenditure were then sanctioned by the Committee and the following decisions were made:
 - a) No expense above Rs.100/- should be incurred without the consent of the Organising Committee. Any expense below Rs.100/- could be sanctioned by any of the Office-bearers.
 - b) No payments were to be made without a supporting voucher or bill.
 - c) All the pending payments were to be settled after a detailed account is rendered by the Executive Secretary to Dr. Cooper's satisfaction.

- d) No advances were to be given to anybody unless authorised by the Committee or any of the Office-bearers.
- e) In future, at small functions, all expense in connection with loudspeakers was to be cut out.
- f) An excess of Rs.100/- spent for conveyance by the Executive Secretary, unaccounted by him was to be adjusted against Rs.80/- spent by him on the Party's behalf and the balance of Rs.20/- to be debited to his salary.
- g) No entertainment expenses for giving tea to visitors, workers, etc. were to be incurred on behalf of the Party.
4. The Bombay Branch decided to discontinue the Clipping Service from June onwards. Bills upto 31st May, at Rs.100/- each for 3 months were to be shared 50/50 by the Central Party with the Bombay branch.
5. The Committee took note of the report in the Press that Mr. Raja Hutheesing had sent his resignation to Shri Rajaji and also noted his lack of courtesy in not writing to the Bombay branch. The Committee also appreciates the stand taken by the Chairman and his rejoinder in the Press.
6. Messrs. Piloo Mody and B. K. Mistry were elected as Vice-Chairman and Honorary Secretary respectively.
7. The Service Centre report, which had been tabled, was noted. As it gave useful information regarding the cases handled by the Service Centre a copy was given to Mr. Masani for inclusion in the Swatantra Newsletter. It was suggested that contacts be made by our Centre with senior students in colleges to help students solve their problems regarding admissions etc.

CONVENORS' REPORTS

Mr. B. K. Mistry reported that the circular for forming a cadre of active workers had been sent out but sufficient time had not elapsed to judge the response. Circular letters were still being sent out.

The Executive Secretary reported about the meetings held so far at Bandra and Beg Mohammed Park. The Chairman referred to meetings that had been scheduled at Versova and Ujhasnagar.

8. The Central Organising Council had decided to hold meetings in Bombay in August next to celebrate the anniversary of the Party. It was suggested that a public session would be held on Sunday, 31st July morning at 10 o'clock with tickets for admission at Rs.10/- 5/-, 2/- and 1/-. The following venues were selected in order of preference as shown:

- A Kesar Baug.
- B G. J. Hall.
- C Sunderbai Hall.

A public session was preferred to be held at the G. J. Hall and a public meeting on the evening of the same day was to be held at Kesar Baug at 6 o'clock. The arrangements for the public session would be made in consultation between the Central

office and the Bombay Party, but all arrangements for the public meeting at Kesar Baug and the expenses were the responsibility of the Bombay office.

The Central Organising Council would meet on the 29th and 30th of July. A dinner was to be arranged on the night of 30th July (Saturday), when all those who paid a subscription of Rs.100/- would be invited to participate.

It was also decided to present a purse to Rajaji.

9. To ensure smooth and efficient arrangements for the public meetings, it was decided to raise a volunteer corps of about 50 to 80 people. Mr. Mohandas agreed to provide about 40 volunteers and Mr. B. K. Mistry was to contact a group of workers who may bring in another 40. A uniform - blue pant and white shirt with a star - would be provided by the Party. In this regard as much donation as possible was to be raised in kind. Members of the volunteer corps must be also members of the Party.

10. The Party would not put up candidates officially in the forthcoming Municipal elections but will extend its support unofficially to those members of the Party who wish to stand for the elections as independent candidates.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Amendment:

Minute No. 3 - Certain expenses were sanctioned by the Committee as per attached sheet.