

Swatantra Party

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NOTICE

A meeting of the Organising Committee will be held on Friday, 8th January, 1960 at 6 p.m. at the Party Office.

Your presence is earnestly requested.

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HON. SECRETARY.

SWATANTRA PARTY

Organising Committee of Greater Bombay

A meeting of the Organising Committee was held on Wednesday, 2nd December, 1959 at 6 p.m. in the Party office.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. R. Masani (in the Chair).
Mr. Murarji J. Vaidya.
Mr. K. M. Munshi.
Mr. M. K. Tata.
Mr. P. H. Mody.
Mr. F. K. Karaka.
Mr. B. K. Mistry.
Mr. N. H. Mapara.
Dr. R. C. Cooper.
Mr. G. P. Hutheesing.
Mrs. C. F. Lynn.
Mr. S. R. Mohandas, (Observer).
Mr. B. K. Desai, "
Mr. M. N. Mehta, (Executive Secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from Sir H. P. Mody and Mr. V. Paranjoti.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were confirmed and signed.

Mrs. Premila Wagle and Mrs. Rhoda Mehta were co-opted to the Organising Committee.

Business Arising: The performance of 'Judas Maccabaeus', arranged by Mr. V. Paranjoti in aid of Party funds was one of exceptional artistic excellence. The Committee accorded its deep appreciation of the work done by Mr. Paranjoti and his group of artists and writers and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to them.

SWATANTRA SERVICE CENTRE: 40,000 copies of the Service folders are ready, 10,000 in each of the 4 languages, English, Hindi, Marathi and Gujerathi.

The Centre was distributing tickets, for the combined I.N.T. and U.S.I.S. cultural show, among college students who were unable to get admission for want of funds. Rs.100/- was sanctioned for expenses in this connection.

A further Rs.250/- was sanctioned for expenses involved in the Party's cooperation with the Committee For Solidarity with Tibet.

It was resolved that a statement be sent to the Press and otherwise publicised, opposing the proposed increase in bus fares, and that a public meeting would be organised at

the appropriate time and place as and when the need for it arose.

DRAFT ON FOREIGN POLICY: Some drafts prepared by Mr. G. P. Hutheesing and Mr. M. Das in regard to the approach to foreign affairs which the Party might adopt were considered. After discussion, it was agreed that members attending the Central Organising Committee meeting in Hyderabad advocate the adoption of an attitude to foreign policy on the following lines:

While welcoming the way in which Parliament had reflected public opinion and the way in which the Prime Minister had, in his reply to the debate, responded to the popular feeling, the Party should urge the adoption of the following measures' -

1. Strengthening the Armed Forces by the expansion of the territorial forces, and the consideration of the desirability of compulsory military service.
2. The better equipment of the Armed Forces by securing material available, with or without payment.
3. Settlement of outstanding issues with Pakistan.
4. Consultation with the neighbouring countries of South and South-East Asia.
5. Vigilance against infiltration and 5th Column activities.

CONVENORS' REPORTS:

Meetings: Several reports of meetings, successful and unsuccessful, were tabled for the attention of the Committee. It was resolved that investigations should always follow into reasons for the want of response, whenever it arose.

Ward Organisation: Mr. Mistry's draft for quick enrolment on the spot was accepted. Where ward workers desired to form committees of persons who were known to be dependable and responsible, it was decided that ad hoc committees of about 5 people or more might be formed, provided that no expenses were asked for and no exclusive rights were thus conferred.

The Statement of Accounts for the Convention was presented by the Honorary Treasurer and adopted, with a vote of thanks to the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Auditor for their services.