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SWATANTRA PARTY

Organising Committee of Greater Bombay

A meeting of the Organising Committee was held on Friday, 13th November, 1959 at 6 p.m. in the Party office.

PRESENT:

Mr. M. R. Masani (in the Chair).
Mr. Murarji J. Vaidya.
Mr. Victor Paranjoti.
Mr. A. Mendieta.
Mr. N. H. Mapara.
Mr. B. K. Mistry.
Mr. R. V. Murthy.
Mr. G. P. Hutheesing.
Dr. R. C. Cooper.
Mrs. C. F. Lynn.
Mr. S. R. Mohandas, (Observer).
Mr. M. N. Mehta, (Executive Secretary).

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

The Chairman reported on his visits to Madras, Tanjore and Mangalore. He reported that Rajaji felt it was neither wise nor expedient for the Party to make a personal pronouncement on foreign policy, but suggested that the Bombay Committee's approach might be placed before the Central Organising Committee on December 9. Mr. Murarji Vaidya, Mr. Hutheesing and Mr. Mohandas were asked to draft a note within a week so that it could be put before the next meeting of the Organising Committee, which would meet some-time towards the end of this month or the beginning of December.

As the proceeds of the performance of Handel's 'Judas Maccabaeus' on 24th November go to the Swatantra Party, members were asked to help increase attendance at the concert and to make it a success from every point of view. Books of tickets were taken by some members of the Committee.

An offer of another performance by Mrs. Hima Kesarcodi was to be declined with thanks at this stage as it was felt it would not be possible to organise sufficient support for it in the near future.

CO-OPTION:

Mr. Mendieta and Mr. Bhimani were welcomed on the Committee. It was decided to co-opt Mr. Ranvir Khatau.

SERVICE CENTRE:

The Chairman outlined a plan for starting a Swatantra Service Centre from the 1st December, 1959. Three distinct kinds of services will be provided:-

1. Civic Grievances Bureau.
2. Youth Service Centre.
3. Legal Assistance Bureau.

The two former will be run by the Ladies' Committee and the latter by two Lawyers. This Service Centre was welcomed as one way of fostering good public relations for the Party.

CONVENORS' REPORTS:

PUBLICITY: Mr. P. Mody reported that leaflets in English, Gujarathi, Hindi, and Marathi and a booklet consisting of the speeches of Rajaji, Shri Munshi, Prof. Ranga, Mr. M. R. Masani and Mr. A. D. Shroff, were being planned. Also booklets on: Towards Economic Bankruptcy, Social and Religious Decay, Crisis in Character, Democracy and the Personal Cult, 'Nurturing the Viper', The Art of Making Enemies and Losing Friends, The Plight of the Peasant, State Encroachment on the Judiciary, State Enterprises are Waste Enterprises, and the People's Burden.

As the Chairman had to leave, Mr. Murarji Vaidya took the Chair.

Mr. Mistry suggested that special membership forms be printed to facilitate enrolment at meetings. He was asked to draft the form in cooperation with Dr. Cooper and Mr. Mehta.

MEETINGS: Mr. Mapara reported that two meetings will be held at Malad and Mandvi this month.
