

SWATANTRA PARTY

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(Tel. No. 262885)

June 29, 1959

Dear friend,

The next meeting of the Organising Committee of the Swatantra Party for Greater Bombay will be held on Sunday, July 5, 1959, at 9:30 a.m. at Geeta Mandir Hall, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chowpatty.

Your presence is earnestly solicited.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) R. Hattoria

for Raja Hutheesing,
Organising Secretary.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Organising
Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd June,
1959, at 5 p.m. in Mr. Masani's office.

Present

1. Mr. M. R. Masani (in the Chair)
2. Dr. R. C. Cooper
3. Mr. Morarji J. Vaidya
4. Mr. V. Paranjoti
5. Mr. V. K. Mistry
6. Mr. R. Hutheesing
7. Mr. R. V. Murthy
8. Mrs. G. F. Lynn.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman informed the Committee that Sir U. P. Mody had verbally agreed to join the Party and the Committee. He also read out Mr. K. M. Munshi's letter, who had welcomed the formation of the Party, but desired certain clarifications as to its policy. Mr. Munshi had not yet decided to join the Party.

The Chairman then reported on the Questions-and-Answers Meeting held on 22nd June at Podar College Hall in Matunga. He also gave a brief account of the tea-party at which he had invited various leading businessmen. At the tea-party Mr. A. D. Shroff informed the Chairman that Rs. 10,000 were donated by an anonymous donor to the Party. The Chairman also informed the Committee that a further sum of Rs. 5,000 was received by him from an anonymous donor.

It was resolved that Mr. P. Mody should be invited to the Meetings of the Committee as a special guest.

The Chairman reported an offer of a premises of about 2,000 sq. ft. in Woodhouse Road, for the office of the Party. It was however felt that the premises were unsuitable and an effort should be made to find some other premises at a suitable place. Mr. Mulla was asked to see Mr. Naval Tata in connection with certain vacancies in Army & Navy Bldg., Mr. Hutheesing was asked to see Mr. Jehangir in this connection.

It was resolved that Mr. Paranjoti's offer to organise a musical concert to raise funds for the Party should be accepted. A Sub-Committee with power to co-opt consisting of Lady Mody, Mrs. Lynn, Mr. Paranjoti and Mr. Mulla was appointed.

It was resolved that the Statement of Principles of the Swatantra Party should be printed in Marathi and Gujarati.

The Chairman reported that Shri Rajagopalachari had agreed to the suggestion of the Committee that an effort should be made to transfer from Ahmedabad, the National Conference which was to be held at Ahmedabad on the 1st of August. The Chairman mentioned that Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel who was in charge of the arrangements at Ahmedabad was coming to Bombay to see him on the 23rd, and he hoped that some agreement would be arrived at, with him. The Committee decided that the Conference be invited to meet in Bombay.

It was resolved that Honorary Organisers should be appointed in the city to organise the Party. The suggestion that for the present the

organisers should be appointed in the city to organise the Party. The suggestion that for the present the organisers should be appointed constituency-wise was agreed to. For this purpose a Meeting of those who have signed the Party forms expressing their interest in the Party should be called on Sunday, the 5th July, at 10:30 a.m. at Blavatsky Lodge or at Gesta Mandir, whichever was available.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Rajagopalachari had agreed to address two meetings in Bombay. He was expected to arrive on the 5th July. It was agreed that the first meeting should be arranged to be held at Kannada Education Society High School, Wadala, on Sunday, the 5th July, at 6 p.m. The Second Meeting was fixed for Monday, the 6th July at Sunderbai Hall, so that the overflow from the hall could hear from the compound. Swastik volunteers have offered their services to assist at these two meetings.

It was resolved that a subscription buffet-dinner should be arranged at Taj Mahal Hotel, on the 6th July when Shri Rajagopalachari would be the Chief Guest. The subscription for the dinner was fixed at Rs. 100/- per head and not more than 100 guests should be invited.

The next meeting of the organising Committee was fixed for 5th July at 9:30 a.m.

It was resolved that a Current Account of the Swatantra Party (Bombay Committee) be opened with the Union Bank of India Ltd., Head Office, Bombay, and that the account be operated jointly by any two of the following office bearers :-

- (1) Chairman.
- (2) Any one of the Joint Honorary Secretaries; and
- (3) Honorary Treasurer.

It was further resolved that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Union Bank of India Ltd., for their record.
