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A meeting of Swatantra Party in Parliament was held in the Party Committee Room, Central Hall, Parliament House, on 19th February 1963. The following Members were present:

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| 1. Prof. N.G. Ranga | 8. Shrimati Basant Kanwar Ba |
| 2. Shri Dahyabhai V. Patel | 9. Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy |
| 3. Dr. B.N. Singh | 10. Maharajkumar Prithvi Raj |
| 4. Maharani Gyatri Devi | 11. Shri Manta Singh |
| 5. Shri C.L.N. Reddy | 12. Shri Jagat Kishor Prasad Narain Singh |
| 6. Shri Narendrasingh Mahida | 13. Shri Sundermani Patel |
| 7. Shri P.N. Solanki | |

Prof. Ranga took the chair.

Prof. Ranga apprised the Members of the discussions he had last evening with the leaders of P.S.P. and Jan Sangh about the possibility of tabling joint amendments to the motion on the President's address. The following were the points on which agreement was reached:

- 1) that the Address fails to reiterate the nation's firm resolve, as solemnly and unanimously expressed by Parliament on November 14, 1962, "to drive out the aggressor from the sacred soil of India, however long and hard the struggle may be;"
- 2) the omission to indicate concrete plans or measures to vigorously prosecute the war for the liberation of Indian territory from Communist China's occupation and for the restoration of India's territorial integrity;
- 3) that in spite of the continued occupation of India's territory by the Chinese Communists and the need of emergent action to combat it, the irrelevant emphasis laid in the Address on peaceful methods is calculated to undermine the morale of the people and rob the national crisis of its content of urgency and the Proclamation of Emergency is being continued mainly to strengthen the Party in power; and
- 4) the failure of Government to step-up efforts to ensure wholehearted and affective flow of military aid from all friendly democratic countries."

Prof. Ranga also informed the Members of the other amendments which were drafted by the Party's Executive Committee at its meeting

meeting on 18th February and were to be tabled on behalf of the Party:

- 1) Regrets the failure of the Govt. to replace their Plan by a Victory Plan, based upon (a) whatever national resources can be mobilised through only such taxation and public loans as can be raised without endangering the national economy and entrenching too much upon the slender resources of the masses of our country, (b) the wholehearted assistance that all friendly and democratic countries can be persuaded to offer through our firm alliance with them in resisting and containing Communist Chinese expansionism, and (c) by the elimination of all wasteful expenditure;
- 2) the failure of the Government to indicate any definite steps to protect peasant proprietorship to assure remunerative level of agricultural prices and to provide other incentives to agriculturists to ensure increased agricultural production;
- 3) the oppressive Gold Control Order which offends the deepest public sentiments and robs millions of highly skilled artisans of their independent means of livelihood and undermines the rural credit; and
- 4) draws pointed attention to the coercive methods being adopted to raise the Defence Funds and in the light of this experience this House is reluctant to support the introduction of the Defence Labour Bank based on the so-called donation of free labour from every adult embracing men and women.

It was decided that, like joint amendments, Party's amendments should also be pressed to division immaterial of the votes likely to be secured by us. All the Members were therefore requested to be present in the House on 28th February at the time of voting.

It was decided that the same amendments, as were tabled in the Lok Sabha, should be tabled in the Rajya Sabha on behalf of the Party.

The following Members were selected to speak on the items indicated against their names:

1) President's Address

Prof. N.G. Ranga
Maharani Gayatri Devi
Dr. B.N. Singh
Shri P.N. Solanki
Shri Y.N. Singh

2) Railway Budget

Prof. N.G. Ranga
Shri Yashpal Singh

3) Budget

Shri P.K. Deo
Shri C.L.N. Reddy
Shri Narendrasingh Mahida
Prof. N.G. Ranga

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

Sd: Narendrasingh Mahida
Secretary