

Dear Reader

INDIA HAS DRIFTED into communism and without realizing it into its necessary corollary, dictatorship. The free way of life which was guaranteed by the 1950 Constitution is being wrecked as a result of the hold on the permit-livelihood monopoly held by the Indira Congress. Are we to allow this without any form of resistance? Parliamentary resistance has been rendered impossible. We must depend on other forms of resistance if the people of India must have democracy and are not to be doomed to serve under an unqualified dictatorship which knows how, and has the power, to perpetuate itself.

The mission or *swadharma* of the Swatantra Party has been made more obvious than before by its failure to make any show in the recent polls. Its duty is to live, not to allow itself to be extinguished, to live purposefully, and save the Constitution. It is the corner-stone of our temple. The more powerful the dictatorship which has established itself, the more necessary is the Swatantra Party for the nation. 'No capitulation' should be our slogan.

The sovereign advice of the *Bhagavad Gita* is for one to pursue one's mission with equanimity as regards success and failure. This is the yoga of *samatvam*. If we follow this advice and pursue our *swadharma* without capitulating, God's grace will help us to overcome all difficulties. Let us put our trust in the words of *Bhagawan* and in the Upanishad *mantra*, *Satyam eva jayate*.

Let us not fall into the traps in our way and be instruments for communism and irredeemable dictatorship. The Swatantra Party should stand firm and not extinguish itself. To give up one's *swadharma* is to extinguish oneself. Let us realize our dignity and our importance to the nation as the corner-stone of the temple. Outside the legislatures we can be more powerful than all the abettors of the drift to dictatorship.

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IT IS INDEED remarkable that State Governments and Legislatures keep up their attacks on property, putting 'ceilings' on the extent of the holding allowable as lawful, although it is well-known that as soon as a person dies, whether he be Hindu or Muslim, the property gets distributed among the children and members of the family

making each person a small landholder without the assistance of any ceiling law. What is wanted is only a little patience for the present holders to die and not any ceiling law.

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THE ASSESSMENT of press observers and commentators in New Delhi seems to be that the Indira Government will concentrate on its socialist objective giving it priority over measures to increase production. This means, the Indira Government is more intent on establishing dictatorship than on social justice. The Congress (O) leaders should realize the grave suicidal error they have been guilty of in supporting the wrecking of the Constitution which was the only guarantee for the freedom of the citizens. The Congress (O) leaders should, if they do not wish to abet the ruin of democracy, reverse their attitude and get back to defending the Constitution of 1950. Then they can and should join hands with all others who stoutly stand for defending the Constitution of 1950 and all of them can work sincerely and strenuously for social justice and keep off the statism which calls itself socialism.

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I READ with great distress a news item which appeared on March 30 that the public sector might start manufacturing Renault cars. There is absolutely no chance of improving our export position through such manufacture. It will only add to our many disappointments. The resources which India can put at the disposal of the public sector should be used for totally different purposes.

The small car project is likely to die a natural death in consequence of the cost of it.

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I GREATLY appreciated Sri Dandekar's idea, which he discussed with me when we met recently that while the Swatantra Party's programme and policy should be the difficult task of reviving the respect for moral values, which has so sadly disappeared, the party should, meanwhile, stand guard on at least the external behaviour of the wealthy and support the use of effective penalties to that end. It is very difficult, however, to devise any way to carry out this idea.

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