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ANTI-INFLATION DAY:

In accordance with the decision of the Central Organising Committee and the General Council of the Party, September 18 was observed by our units throughout the country as "Anti-Inflation Day." For the occasion, the Central Office published two printed folders entitled "Inflation - Your Personal Enemy" and "The Fight Against Inflation - Swatantra Party's Call." These folders were distributed to the various State offices.

Public meetings were held throughout the country by the Party to draw the attention of people to the growing threat of inflation. Andhra issued a circular to all its district and primary committees to hold meetings and processions on that day. In Assam leaflets in English and Khasi were distributed dwelling on the evils of Inflation. Bombay city held a series of meetings in various sections of the city between the 16th and 19th of September. Apart from meetings at Hira Baug, Chowpatty, Matunga and Chenbur a large meeting was held in the Indian Merchants Chamber Hall which was packed to capacity. The distinguished speakers on this occasion were Sir Homi Mody, Shri K.M. Munshi and Mr. A.D.Shroff. Mr. Morarji Vaidya, Chairman of the Bombay branch, presided. Delhi registered its protest against the inflationary policies of the government by holding a series of meetings from September 11 to 18. Bhopal, capital of Madhya Pradesh, had the privilege of Prof. Ranga's presence. On September 18 at a press conference in Bhopal which was addressed by Prof. Ranga, he explained the need to focus public attention on the "invisible, unascertainable and incalculable drain that the government is making on the savings of the people."

In Madras State, the Party had made elaborate arrangements for the observance of the Day. Apart from directing district units to organise processions and meetings, in the City itself a mile-long procession was organised with trumpets, motor-cyclists, cyclists, horses and hundreds of placards denouncing inflation. The procession culminated at the Marina where a large public meeting was addressed by Rajaji and Mr. M.R.Masani. In a speech lasting half an hour, Rajaji characterised the various schemes of the Third Plan as highly extravagant and wasteful. Rajaji reasoned closely that if the country was to be saved from economic ruin, the party ruling the country had to be shifted from its seat of power, and this could be done only when the people exercised their franchise in the right manner during the next general elections. Mr. Masani in his speech said that as a result of the two national plans, the value of the rupee had now dwindled to a fifth of what it was in 1940.

A novel feature in the observance of the day was the holding of a torchlight procession by the Maharashtra unit of the Party in Poona on September 17. The procession which wended its way through the main thoroughfares of Poona city also carried a giant effigy of inflation. This effigy was burnt with fire taken from a Swatantra Star. The next day a public meeting was held at the Shaniwarwada grounds which was addressed by the Party's leaders in the State. A signature campaign was also launched to obtain signatures on a petition to President Rajendra Prasad seeking his intervention in helping to bring down

the prices of essential commodities.

Public meetings were held in several towns of Uttar Pradesh. The State office had printed over 10,000 leaflets for free distribution explaining the evils of inflation. A procession and public meeting was also arranged in Calcutta. The Punjab Party's office at Patiala issued a directive to its constituent units to arrange for active workers to go about their respective areas and enlighten people on the root cause of the present inflationary conditions. In Gujarat a mammoth public meeting was held in Ahmedabad attended by over 10,000 people. The meeting was presided over by Mr. M.M.Thakor a former principal of the Sir L.A. Law College and a prominent lawyer. Local Dailies gave the meeting front-page publicity

Reports from other States have yet to come in.

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ENQUIRY INTO REPRESSION IN THE PUNJAB:

b The Committee appointed by the General Council of the Party at its meeting on July 31 to make an impartial appraisal of the situation in the Punjab with particular reference to the repressive measures taken by the Government there toured the State during the last fortnight. Headed by the Party's Vice-President Mr. K.M.Munshi accompanied by Shri N.C.Chatterjee, Sardar Kartar Singh Campbellpuri and Mr. C.B. Agarwala, the Committee visited important centres in the State like Jullunder, Ludhiana, Anritsar, Patiala, etc. meeting leaders of the agitation, our own Party officials and others. The report on the Committee's findings will be released in the early weeks of October.

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OUR MEMBERS IN PARLIAMENT:

During the recent session of the Lok Sabha, our Party spokesmen took a leading part in various debates. The most important debate was of course that on the Third Five Year Plan. Hitherto the Plans have been passed unanimously in spite of the fact that several members of Parliament had mental reservations. This time, however, the leader of our parliamentary group, Prof. Ranga, moved a substitute motion disapproving the Third Plan. The motion was of course defeated by 221 votes to 9, but, as Mr. Masani observed, "In the past we have been told that Parliament unanimously passed the Second Five Year Plan. But this Parliament is not going to accept unanimously the Third Five Year Plan. However few we may be, we shall record our dissent because, when the time comes, when this Plan fails and when the people call us to account, we shall be able to come forward and show who were the people who warned the Government, though their warning was not listened to."

During the debate on foreign policy, Prof. Ranga, while welcoming the liberation of African States, regretted that "a new kind of imperialism was spreading its tentacles in the east particularly in Asia." He particularly referred to Tibet and advocated a stronger line in dealing with the Chinese. Calling on the Prime Minister to explore the possibilities of settling all outstanding issues with Pakistan, he said steps should be taken to strengthen India's relations with our Asian neighbours.

The debate on the Government Employees strike was another occasion when our Party's spokesman, Mr.M.R.Masani, delivered a speech critical of government policies which precipitated the strike. This speech was in striking contrast to that of Mr.Nehru's which was an attack on labour.

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MR. MASANI CALLS FOR DISENGAGEMENT IN KASHMIR:

During his recent visit to Lucknow, the General Secretary, Mr. M.R.Masani, addressed a press conference on September 12. He referred to the meeting taking place between Mr.Nehru and President Ayub Khan in Pakistan and put forward certain suggestions. He said that the two leaders should agree to guarantee that the present cease-fire line in Kashmir will not be infringed by either side until the dispute has been amicably settled. According to Mr. Masani, a welcome effect of the agreement would be that it would be possible for both India and Pakistan to withdraw troops that are massed on either side of the cease-fire line. As for our troops, they would then be free to be deployed on our Northern frontiers where they were badly required to stop Chinese incursions, to counter the build-up of Chinese forces that was proceeding in Tibet, and to put heart into the people on the frontiers and also our friendly neighbours, Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan, who needed reassurance about our capacity to defend them if they were attacked.

Mr. Masani made it clear that what he was suggesting was an interim measure designed to disengage the forces on both sides of the cease-fire line in Kashmir.

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SWATANTRA AND THE NEXT ELECTIONS:

Addressing a press conference in Madras on August 20, Mr.K.M. Munshi, Vice President of the Party said that the Party would be sufficiently strong by the 1962 elections to capture power in "two or three States" and provide "substantial opposition in a large number of States."

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DISSOCIATION FROM GOVERNMENT BODIES:

Prof. N.G.Ranga has resigned from the membership of the National Advisory Committee on Public Cooperation. In the course of his letter of resignation, Prof. N.G.Ranga has observed: "The Government is bent upon pursuing its unwise and reactionary policies of subverting the economy of the self-employed peoples, that is, the Kisans, Kalakars and Dukandars, and extend the tentacles of Statism and weaken, if not subvert, the existing strands of decentralised economic means of living of our masses."

Mr. M.R.Masani earlier similarly declined to join the all-Party M.P.'s Informal Committee on Planning constituted by Government. In response to an invitation received by him from Mr. G.L.Nanda, Minister of Planning, Mr.Masani had pointed out that "while we are not opposed to democratic and decentralised planning as such, there is no basic agreement with the present pattern of planning in the case of those of us who are in the Swatantra Party." Mr. Masani said he would "be glad to attend meetings of the Committee to state frankly how my colleagues and I look at any particular issue that is placed before the Committee." "If, on the other hand," Mr. Masani had gone on to say, "the acceptance of the basic principles of the pattern of planning on which the present Government has embarked is a pre-condition for membership, then obviously there is no room for us in this committee. It is for you to decide this point." In his reply, Mr.Nanda had observed that "we have not asked Members of Parliament who are in this Committee for any commitments. The Committee meets in relation to our preparation of the Third Five Year Plan. It is obvious that this involves a certain basis of planning. Any discussion of the subject has to proceed on that basis." As a result of this reply, Mr.Masani

wrote to Mr. Nanda asking him to be excused from serving on the Committee.

The attitude of Prof. Ranga and Mr. Masani stems from the policy of the Swatantra Party which, as was evidenced in the debate in the Lok Sabha on the Third Five Year Plan last week, is one of outright disapproval of the current pattern of planning and of the Third Five Year Plan.

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NEWS FROM STATE PARTIES:

Andhra:

The Andhra Party reports that a major highlight of our Party's activity in the State in July was a magnificent floral procession in which Prof. Ranga was taken over a long rural road in Ongole area lined by flag-waving cheering crowds. Prof. Ranga was seated in a chariot drawn by 35 pairs of the world famous Ongole bulls. The procession was significant in the context of the spontaneous exhibition of emotion in favour of our Party in the rural areas. It augured well for the future of the Party in the State.

The Executive Committee of the Party met at Guntur on July 18 under the chairmanship of State President, Shri B. Ramachandra Reddi. Many decisions were taken on the occasion, among which was the one to hold a State Convention on November 6 this year at Guntur. Organizational more attention is being paid to the formation of primary units. Two new units namely Chirala Town Committee and Chirala Constituency Committee in the district of Guntur, two units viz., Narasapur Taluq Committee and Narasapur Town Committee in West Godavari district, the Khammam District Committee in Khammam district and another in Srikakulam district were formed in July.

The West Godavari district Committee met on August 7. A resolution was passed at this meeting condemning the decision of the Government to distribute manure throughout the State. The resolution held that this would lead to black-marketing and other corrupt practices that have been resulting from the State entering into trade and demanded that facilities be given to businessmen to handle sale of manure.

Shri Sunkara Satyanarayana, a Working Committee Member of the Andhra Party, inaugurated on August 14, the Party's village-to-village touring team to spread the message of Swatantra. The tour of the Party will last from 14 to 28th. Others who took part in the meeting of the 14th were Sri P. Kotiswararao, Secretary of the State Party, Shri K. Bapaiah, Secretary of the District Committee and others. The touring Party addressed many meetings in the villages of the various districts explaining to the villagers the adverse effects of Cooperative Farming, Land Reforms and other legislations that were being introduced by the Government.

In Guntur district similar progress is reported. Here too, Shri N. Venkiah, M.L.A., commenced a tour of the villages in this area which lasted till August 19. He addressed several meetings in the various villages. He explained to the village folk how the Swatantra Party's members in the local legislature opposed the Government's move to introduce Tenancy Legislation.

A village unit was formed on August 15 at Garikipadu in the district of West Godavari.

At Chirala there was a meeting of the Constituency Committee which was attended by the State Secretary, Mr. P. Kotiswararao. Page No.

A Workers' Meeting was held on August 10 in Puttur Taluq. Over a 100 representatives attended. Mr. P. Rajagopala Naidu, M.L.A., who addressed the gathering, dwelt at length on the evils of Land Reform as contemplated by the Congress government and warned that the Third-Plan would reduce farmers to the position of mere labourers. A Taluq Committee has been formed with Mr. P. K. Raju as President.

Although in the Andhra Assembly we have a strength of only 17 we were able to secure the election of a member of our Party to the Legislative Council. Mr. Rani Reddi who contested the elections, is a veteran leader of our Party from the district of Anantapur. As in the case of Bihar where with a minority of seats we were able to get candidates of our choice selected, so too was the case here. The lesson was equally important viz., that even outside our Party we have influence in unexpected quarters.

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Delhi:

The ad hoc Committee of the Delhi Party met on August 18. Among the many decisions taken was one to set up a Civic Affairs Committee. This Committee will take up Civic and allied problems of the citizens of Delhi, such as recent increase in local bus-fare.

A sub-committee was appointed to make arrangements for observing Anti-Inflation Day. It was decided to hold five public meetings in various parts of the City. The meeting also decided to conduct a signature campaign against Inflation and to submit a memorandum to the Central Government.

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Kerala:

A highlight of our Party's activity in the State was Rajaji's visit to Palghat. Rajaji had been invited to Palghat to address the Palghat District Merchant's Chamber at their annual meeting. Coming straight from Coimbatore where he attended the first Madras State Convention, Rajaji, during a brief halt of 12 hours at Palghat, addressed no less than 7 meetings. Beginning with an address to the members and workers of the Party, he went on to speak at the Palghat District Merchant's Chamber, the members of the Bar Association and the members of the Rotary Club.

At the invitation of the Raja of Kollengode, Rajaji visited the Kollengode palace where he was received with all the customary ceremonial royal honours, with Poorna-kumbhan, thalappoli, caparisoned elephants, nathaswarans etc. All along the 14 mile route from Palghat to Kollengode, Rajaji was cheered by people lining on either side of the road. He addressed an informal meeting of the members of the Kerala Land-holders' Association and discussed with them steps that they should take in the matter of the Kerala Agrarian Bill which had already lapsed and which the present Ministry is introducing with modifications suggested by the President. In the evening our Party held a mammoth public meeting at the Fort Maidan which was attended by over 15,000 people. This is the first important public meeting held by our Party in Kerala and more significant is the fact that the district of Palghat returned the maximum number of 14 Communists to the Legislative Assembly as against one Congressman. Rajaji's visit to Palghat, writes our Kerala Party, has infused a lot of enthusiasm into our Party workers and interest has developed among the people to know more about the Swatantra Party.

Of interest is the gesture of the Kerala Government in instructing the district authorities to treat Rajaji as a State Guest during his stay at Palghat. While thanking the authorities, Rajaji preferred to stay with our Partymen.

The Secretaries of the Kerala Party toured the coastal districts viz. Trivandrum, Quilon, Alleppey, Ernakulan, Trichur, Calicut and Cannanore and appointed Convenors in all the eight districts and addressed several meetings. A local Committee has been formed at Aror in the district of Alleppey.

A week before Rajaji arrived in Palghat an influential District Committee was formed with Mr. Sheik Mohaned Rowther as President, Mr. N.A.Karin as Secretary and a 21-member strong Executive Committee.

Party Secretary Mr. A.P.Thampi, has submitted an application to the authorities for the establishment of a Malayalam Daily, the first issue of which is expected to be out on Vijayadesani day, September 30.

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Madhya Pradesh:

After attending the meetings of the Central Organising Committee and the General Council held in Bombay in the last week of July, Mr. R.Agnibhoj, Convenor of the Party in Madhya Pradesh toured Frug, Raipur, Bilaspur, Surguja, Sahdol and Jabalpur districts. He explained to the Divisional Organisers and to district leaders the various decisions taken by the COC and the GC.

On August 15 an ad hoc Committee of 15 members for the State Party was announced by the Convenor.

On behalf of the Party, a statement was issued to the press protesting against the recent expansion of the Madhya Pradesh Ministry.

A symposium arranged by the Round Table Forum was held to review the 13 years of our Freedom. Every party had a spokesman at the symposium and so did we. Mr.Agnibhoj, speaking on the occasion, said that under the Congress administration efficiency, honesty and justice had degenerated and socialism of the Congress was just another name for Aninalism.

Inspite of heavy rains, Rajkumar Udai Singh is touring Indore Division on Party work. Similarly, Shri H.S.Dwivedi and Shri Shivanarain Vaidya as also Shri Satyanarain Kenriwal and Shri Zanindar are doing active work.

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Madras:

The most important event for the month of August for Madras was the First State Convention held at Coimbatore on August 14. The Convention was a big affair attended by over 5,000 delegates from all the Districts and about 10,000 visitors. A special Pandal had been constructed for the purpose.

The Convention was inaugurated by Mr.K.M.Munshi, Vice-President of the All India Party, and presided over by Miss Kurshedben A.D.Naoroji grand-daughter of Dadabhoj Naoroji. The Convention got under way after the State President, Shri Saw Ganesan, had hoisted the Party flag and the Chairman of the Reception Committee, Mr.G.K.Sundaran, welcomed the gathering.

In his inaugural address, Mr.Munshi stated that "after the demise

Of Sardar Patel in 1950, Pandit Nehru and the Congress wield such power as was not seen anywhere in the world" and emphasised that in the hands of the Congress, the sanctity of the Constitution had been lost. He criticised the policy of the Congress regarding Land Ceilings "their dominating tendency on every aspect of life of the community by unabated exercise of power, patronage and coercion."

Miss Khurshedben A.D. Naoroji quoted extensively from the speech of her grandfather Mr. Dadabhoi Naoroji delivered at the Indian National Congress in 1906 comparing individual freedom in a country to one's own breath without which the man is nothing but a corpse. She exhorted the audience to fight with pure conscience to regain the freedom which is now denied to the people by the Congress.

Shri Muthuranalinga Thevar, formerly of the Forward Bloc and now a member of the Swatantra Party, sent a tape-recorded speech to the function as he himself was prevented from attending it due to illness. In his speech he exhorted the people to join the Swatantra Party to save the country from ruin.

Rajaji, who addressed the gathering, repeated his two challenges to the Congress Government, viz., that they should step out of office 6 months prior to the general elections and refrain from collecting Party funds from companies. He replied to those who argued that this was not the practice in any other democratic country, that things which are unique are happening in this country and that there is no harm in setting up a practice for the good of the community.

President of the Party, Prof. Ranga, then addressed the meeting. He demanded in his speech the setting up of "an All Party Commission to distribute government money impartially to all districts and taluks according to their needs just as the University Grants Commission does."

Prof. Ruthnaswamy felt confident that the Swatantra Party would come out successfully in the next elections.

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi, President of the Andhra Party, addressed the function. Fraternal delegates from Mysore and Kerala were also present.

On the evening of the 14th, Rajaji addressed a public meeting of over 40,000 persons in Coimbatore. During his speech he deprecated the recent visits to the Soviet Union by the President of the Union and State Ministers and said that it would have been better if the visits were made after their dispute on the Sino-Indian border question was settled.

Several resolutions were passed at the Madras State Convention. Among them was a resolution condemning the repressive measures of the Punjab Government.

Another resolution protested against the Madras Land Ceiling Bill and pointed out that "the imposition of ceiling on any kind of property whether with or without compensation is bad, because it will kill incentive, destroy public confidence and make people feel that what they work for and acquire may any day be taken over by the Government."

A third resolution expressed the fear "that the so-called compensation proposed to be given under the Land Reforms scheme is a farce and that the Government's intention is to pay only nominal compensation and bring to the notice of the Government the fact that such a policy is against Justice and Dharma."

The Conference also passed a resolution demanding that Parliament enact a law "prohibiting companies giving donations to political

parties in order to ensure honesty and fairness in the Administration of the country."

Resolutions criticising the present taxation policy, condemning the habit of Ministers to organise tours for Party propaganda, calling upon Party units to observe September 18 as Anti-Inflation Day, criticising the role of the Reserve Bank in the Palai Bank crash etc., were also passed.

An important resolution also passed on the occasion was one calling upon each district unit of the Party to organise Youth Organisations and Volunteer Corps and use them for door to door and village to village propaganda and contact.

Apart from the Convention public meetings were held on the following occasions:

On 6th August at Ambathur (Chingleput District), on the 7th at Gudiyathan (North Arcot District), on the 15th at Sawcarpet, on the 16th at Mylapore, on the 21st at Washermanpet, and on the 28th at Chetput - all in Madras.

At the Ambathur meeting, Shri Saw Ganesan, State President and Shri S.S. Mariswamy, the General Secretary, explained with facts and figures how the Congress has been hoodwinking the public by false propaganda, the mischievous motive of the Land Ceiling Bill and the governmental machinery and power being utilised to strengthen and enlarge the Ruling party at the cost of the rate-payers.

The meeting at Sawcarpet was addressed by Prof. Ranga, Mr. K.M. Munshi, Mr. Krishnamurthy M.L.C. etc.

The meeting at Washermanpet was held to celebrate the first Anniversary of the Party in Madras. A long procession led by a chariot with portraits of leaders and followed by ten horses were the main features of the function. Rajaji addressed the gathering.

At Chetput again, where Rajaji spoke, he criticised the proposal of the Government to levy indirect taxes to raise a sum of Rs. 11,000 crores during the Third Plan period and said that the people would be driven to more pover-stricken conditions on account of the taxes as prices of essential commodities would go up further. He said that unless there is a check on the rise of prices, the Plans would be a failure. He also explained the necessity for a strong opposition to the Ruling party.

State President, Shri Saw Ganesan toured the districts of Tanjore holding meetings in Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and many other places.

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Maharashtra:

As reported in our August Newsletter the Poona Party played host to Prof. Ruthnaswamy, member of the Central Organising Committee. During his stay of four days Prof. Ruthnaswamy fulfilled a number of engagements giving an impetus to the Maharashtra Party.

On August 3, Prof. Ruthnaswamy addressed a public meeting at the Tilak Smarak Mandir which was presided over by Shri V.S. Bhide, a former I.C.S. official. In his speech Prof. Ruthnaswamy summed up a record of the Congress Government by the formula "Depression, Discontent, Repression". The social, economic and political policies of the Congress lead to economic depression evidenced by scarcity of food, clothing, decent housing, high prices, widespread unemployment. He pointed out that the failure of the Congress Government in these matters was due to their preferring big speculative plans and projects

to doing small things like village roads, rural housing, village industries which would have found employment for millions and increased the productivity of workers rural and industrial. He urged the people of Maharashtra to be loyal to the ideals of individual liberty and enterprise fostered by their great leaders from Shivaji to Tilak and join the Swatantra Party.

On the 4th and 5th of August, he addressed meetings organised by the Local Catholic Association. On the 6th he visited the offices of the Kesari founded by Lokmanya Tilak and the Maratha where he was received by Mr. Jayavantrao Tilak, grandson of Lokmanya Tilak.

The State Office reports that various district units of Maharashtra celebrated Independence day with flag-hoisting ceremonies. In Poona district the flag-hoisting ceremony was held at the Party Office. An Aurangabad district office was opened at Jalna on Independence Day. The next day city and taluk offices were opened at Vasmatnagar in the district of Parbhani.

A State branch of the Public Aid Committee has been formed by Mr. V.S.Bhide, a former district court judge, and Shri V.N.Patil, Bar-at-Law.

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Mysore:

The Holenarsipur Taluq Conference in Hassan District was held on August 7. It was inaugurated by Shri P.H.Seshagiri Rao, member of the State Organising Committee. Vice President of the Mysore Party, Mr. K.H.Srinivasan, presided. A large gathering from the rural areas attended the meeting and the conference was undoubtedly a success.

On July 12, Mr. K.H. Sreenivasan and Secretary Mr. V.T.Sreenivasan visited the headquarters of the Chikmagalur district. At a meeting of the local sympathisers a district committee was formed.

On August 18 a public meeting was held at Bangalore with Mr. B.V.Narayana Reddy, Hon. Treasurer of the Party in the Chair. The subject of the meeting was "Welfare of our Nation". The meeting was addressed by Mr. M.V.Iyengar, Editor of the Kannada magazine "Jeevana."

A largely attended meeting was held at Channarajanagar and was addressed by Mysore District Party leaders on August 29. An ad hoc Committee has been formed for Channarajanagar town and taluq.

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Uttar Pradesh:

On August 4, a meeting of the State Executive was held. Some important resolutions were adopted.

- (a) Salaried Organisers of the Party should be appointed in every division and district of the State. The salaries of the Divisional Organisers and District Organisers of the poorer districts should be paid by the State office, while better-off districts should be asked to pay at least 50% of the salary of the district Organisers out of their own funds.
- (b) Meetings of Party organisers and workers should be held at the headquarters of every Division by the 18th September to take stock of the progress of the Party.
- (c) A Conference of all Party workers of the State should be convened at Agra from October 2 to 8

- (d) All districts should be instructed to hold Party Conventions in the months of November and December.
- (e) A monthly bulletin of the Party should be published for circulation among the Pradhans of the village Panchayats and Sarpanchas of the Village Adalats, numbering 50,000.
- (f) The State Party office should give some financial help to needy districts for organisational work of the Party.

A training camp-cum-Seminar was conducted by the Gonda district unit of the Party at Balrampur and it was attended by 200 Party workers.

A conference of Convenors, Secretaries and Presidents of all district units in U.P. was convened on 22nd August at Lucknow. This Conference which was presided over by State President, Mr. S.K.D. Paliwal, was attended by over 200 office-bearers representing 50 districts. They presented reports of progress in their respective areas. The General Secretary, Choudhury Layaq Singh reported on the progress of the Party generally in the State.

This conference adopted a number of resolutions relating to Anti-Inflation Day, a legal ban on contributions of Companies to Political parties, Ceilings on land, Chinese aggression on India, etc.

Tours of the various districts and Divisions were undertaken by Sardar Sant Singh, Shri Khanani Singh, M.L.A., Shri Baldeo Singh, M.L.A. and Shri P.N. Srivastava. The Party can legitimately claim a sense of satisfaction at the fact that the dispute between students of Lucknow University and the authorities was resolved through the efforts of our Party leader, Shri S.K.D. Paliwal.

Choudhury Layaq Singh toured Agra and addressed Party workers. Similarly he toured Mainpuri.

The U.P. Party has been devoting considerable attention to publicity. Already the Party has a Daily called "Sainik", a fortnightly, and "Swatantra Raj" an Urdu fortnightly. The President of the U.P. Party Shri S.K.D. Paliwal has written biographical sketches of Rajaji, Prof. N.G. Ranga, Mr. M.R. Masani, Sir H.P. Mody and Mr. K.M. Munshi which are available with the U.P. office.

The U.P. Party has published the Hindi translation of "To Prosperity Through Freedom". It has requested us to inform our Party units elsewhere through this Newsletter that requests for Hindi copies should be addressed to the U.P. Swatantra Party, Kaiser Bagh, Lucknow.

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