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Alliance parties will prepare common lists

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New Delhi, Jan. 4—To give a practical shape to the electoral pact forged by them, the leaders of the Congress (O), Jan Sangh and Swatantra parties today sent instructions to their respective State units on the adjustment of seats for the Lok Sabha election.

They have asked them to sit together and draw up common lists of candidates which would be supported by all the three parties. Only in cases of disagreement, a reference should be made to the proposed Co-ordinating Committee which is to be set up shortly.

The signatories to the joint statement issued yesterday were in touch with each other today. Mr Nijalingappa left for Bombay on way to Bangalore and is expected to return on Jan. 8 or 9. It is only after he is back in Delhi the Co-ordinating Committee will be set up. In the meantime, the Sushil Dal and Vishal Haryana Party are expected to join the front and their representatives may also find a place in the committee.

According to authentic reports of what transpired at the meeting of the Opposition leaders yesterday at Mr Nijalingappa's house—from which the Swatantra Party Chairman, Mr Masani withdrew—Dr Ram Subhag Singh, who is opposed to the idea of limiting the scope of alliance, played a decisive role in bringing about the agreement.

Dr Singh first held a meeting of the SSP leaders at his house

and prepared them for joining hands with the Congress (O) in fighting the Congress (N) at the polls. When the scene shifted to

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Mr Nijalingappa's house, Mr Masani read out at the meeting the draft statement signed by him and Jan Sangh President Vajpayee. The brief statement sought to pledge the Congress (O), Jan Sangh and Swatantra to an electoral alliance of "democratic parties" with a common programme based on the AICC (O) resolution of June last passed at its Delhi session.

The SSP representatives, particularly Mr Madhu Limaye and Mr Raj Narain, insisted that the reference to the minimum programme based on the AICC (O) resolution should be deleted. If that was not done the scope of the proposed alliance would be restricted.

Dr Ram Subhag Singh force-

fully supported this stand. He is not happy over the June AICC resolution which, according to him, had somewhat "diluted" the Congress policies and programmes. It had made a reference to communism with which no compromise was to be had. He felt that what last was not relevant today and, the AICC may have said in June in any case, every party could revise its stand to suit the fast-changing situation.

Mr Masani's draft also referred to the three parties forging an alliance and then inviting other parties to join it. Dr Singh and the SSP representatives did not want the scope of the front to be limited. In any case, they seemed reluctant to give the Swatantra party the credit for taking the initiative in the matter of forging an opposition alliance.

Mr Masani found strong support from Mr S. N. Mishra, leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha who said repeatedly that the draft should satisfy all the parties concerned. Mr Masani even agreed to mention the words "democratic socialism" in the draft as a concession to others. Finding Mr Nijalingappa undecided, Mr Masani withdrew from the meeting. As soon as he had left Mr Vajpayee joined the talks. Thereupon Mr Singh insisted that the front should be forged at the meeting.

Had Mr Morarji Desai been present at the meeting, things might, perhaps have taken a different shape. Mr Nijalingappa himself told newsmen that he was not sure how soon the front would come into being.

Masani's points

The irony of the situation is that some of the points which Mr Masani had insisted on found a place in the communique signed by the remaining three parties later. These included reference to the Government taking the country in an "authoritarian and anti-democratic action." This clearly accommodated Mr Masani's point to exclude the Communists.

Similarly, the three parties "appealed" to other parties to join them. This was more or less on the lines of Mr Masani's draft.

Congress (O) sources feel that probably Mr Masani thought that the front could not be forged without its participation. This had not come true. They say that it was the attitude the Swatantra leader had taken at the meeting that had urged the participants to forge a pact without delay.

In a letter addressed to Congress workers Dr Singh today reminded them that the coming election provided an opportunity to them to take the country on the path to "real democracy, socialism and secularism." They must look to the welfare of the peasants, workers, petty traders and businessmen so that their rights are not snatched away by any party.

East

outh Zone humbled holders
nal of the Duleep Trophy
here today.

ould have done far better with
more concentration and better
application.

In South's second venture Baig,
who was missed at 4 in 19 off J.
Patel by Borde at forward short-
eg, went on to make 33 and was
op scorer. But Baig's was an-
other bad innings and there were
many streaky edgers and bad
pulls which did not go to hand.

Joshi getting some bite off the
pitch bowled well to take the
wickets of Baig, Jaisimha, Belli-
appa and Vishwanath. The last
mentioned was reported ill and
was out for a 'duck.' Pataudi
with 14 and Abid Ali after an
escape were unbeaten when the
declaration came.

For West openers Gupte and
Mehta batted better than in first
innings but their showing came
too late to make any impression.

South Zone—1st innings 371.

West Zone—1st innings 185 (M.
S. Gupte lbw Abid Ali 8; N. M.
Mehta lbw Abid Ali 1; A. V. Man-
kad c Abid Ali b Govindaraj 1;
G. Borde c Abid Ali b Govin-
daraj 41; D. N. Sardesai c Ven-
kataraghavan b Abid Ali 22; E. D.
Solkar c Vishwanath b Abid Ali
14; H. S. Kanitkar lbw Abid Ali
31; Vithal N. Joshi st. Krishna-
moorthy b Kumar 18; Uday Joshi
c Govindaraj b Jaisimha 25; J.
Patel not out 22; S. A. Hattea c
Pataudi b Jaisimha 0; Extras 3).

Fall of wks: 1-9, 2-10, 3-10, 4-51,
5-69, 6-107, 7-135, 8-141, 9-185.

Bowling: Govindaraj 15-3-55-2,
Abid Ali 23-5-65-5; Kumar 17-6-37-
1; Venkataraghavan 11-4-23-0; Jai-
simha 1-2-1-0-2.

South Zone—2nd innings 102 for
decl. (N. Jayantilal c Kanitkar
b Patel 22; A. A. Baig b V. N.
Joshi 33; M. L. Jaisimha c Solkar
V. N. Joshi 18; P. N. Bellappa
Mankad b V. N. Joshi 2; Pataudi
not out 14; Vishwanath b V. N.
Joshi 0; Abid Ali not out 12.
Extras 1).

Fall of wks: 1-34, 2-64, 3-74,
4-76, 5-76.

Bowling: Hattea 6-0-36-0; J.
Patel 8-2-15-1; V. N. Joshi 13-2-
4-4; Solkar 7-3-10-0; Uday Joshi
10-6-0.

West Zone—2nd innings 65 for
decl. (M. S. Gupte not out 25; N. M.
Mehta lbw Kumar 34; Solkar c
Krishnamoorthy b Jaisimha 6;
Uday Joshi not out 0).

Fall of wks: 1-40, 2-65.

Bowling: Govindaraj 8-1-11-0,
Abid Ali 5-1-15-0; Kumar 6-1-26-
0; Venkataraghavan 4-3-1-0; Jai-
simha 4-2-11-1; Pataudi 2-1-1-0.

Karnataka, Kerala varsities in last 8

Madras, Jan. 4 (PTI) — Karnataka
beat Sri Venkateswara 2-0 to enter
the quarter-final of the Inter-Universi-
ty (south zone) hockey tournament
for men, which began here today.

Both the goals came in the first
half through centre-forward Kelly
and inside-right Arabhi.

Venkateswara started off well but
taded out after Karnataka's first goal.
The winners tally might have been
much bigger but for some missed
chances — Kelly being the worst of-
fender.

Earlier, Nagpur got a walk-over as
their opponents, Andhra failed to
turn up.

In the inaugural match played in



Services basketball team
Shri Venkateswara

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OFF THE TRACK

Morarji and his adopted political grandson Minoobhai

BY DEVOZA

It is very gratifying to note that Mr Morarjibhai is fast becoming a political god-father to Swatantra President Mr Minoob Masani. Mr Morarjibhai had, of course, been emerging more and more as a guardian angel of the entire Swatantra Party but the recent controversy in Gujarat over the grand alliance has also revealed the god-fatherly role of Mr Morarjibhai as the custodian of Mr Minoobhai's political interests.

On Sunday however, we witnessed a rather melodramatic development. Mr Morarjibhai was pleading the case of his political ward Mr Minoobhai Ahmedabad against the noisy group of Syndicate Congressmen from Rajkot district who were issuing threats of revolt in the district if the Syndicate PCC gifted away the Rajkot seat to Mr Minoob Masani.

While Mr Morarjibhai was advocating Mr Minoobhai's cause against his own partymen the Swatantra Party president was staging a dramatic walkout from the conference of grand alliance parties whose leaders had met to thrash out the details of the proposed front.

The reaction of Mr Morarjibhai to this childlike gesture of Mr Minoobhai shows the typical god-fatherly touch. He described the Swatantra president as an "impatient" man and added that the task of forming the front required patience and persuasion.

Doesn't this remark of Mr Morarjibhai sound like the traditional rebuke of an affectionate grandfather to a naughty grandchild?

Mr Minoobhai's response to this warmhearted rebuke also confirmed the god-fatherly relations which had developed in Delhi between the Swatantra chief and the Syndicate leader from Gujarat. According to news reports Mr Masani did not hold Mr Morarji Desai responsible for the vacillating and indecisive attitude of the which led to the latest crisis in the grand alliance talks. He blamed the Samyukta

Socialist Party for turning the alliance into a sort of loose arrangement for election adjustments.

The political affection of the Syndicate grandfather of the Swatantra Party seemed to have antagonised his other grandchildren also. The most puffed lot was the kids from Rajkot appear to have felt jealous of the unwarranted affection showered by grandfather Mr Morarjibhai towards his adopted grandson Mr Minoobhai.

These discontented party children from Rajkot remembered beating they had received from the "free enterprise" of Mr Minoobhai in the by-election of 1963 and general elections of 1967. They would, of course resent the unwarranted affection showered by the "socialist" grand-dad Mr Morarjibhai towards his adopted grandson from Swatantra party.

Even other family friends are reported to have felt amazed at the reckless manner in which the 'Sarvochcha' grandfather, Mr Morarjibhai has started 'adopting' more and more grandsons from the Swatantra Party. Some of these grandsons are evaluated to nothing more than liabilities in elections. For example, even the Swatantra Party itself is not so much enamoured of Prof. R K Amin who seems to have now been given the gift of Ahmedabad district Lok Sabha seat at the suggestion of Mr Morarjibhai Desai.

The Swatantra Party workers are reported to have resented the "arrogant" manner in which Prof. Amin had allegedly treated after his success in 1967 poll. He is also criticised for neglecting the constituency even during the disastrous floods and famines during the last four years.

This would rather prove that the 'Sarvochcha' grandfather had showered more affection on the undeserving adopted grandchildren from Swatantra family while he went on neglecting kids from his own Swatantra family.

ICE AND COMMERCE

Conditions Ahmedabad

Castor rallies further

313.75 (312.50) Saraspur 205
(205) Raipur 305 (312.50) Aad.
Electricity 110 (110) Monogram
70 (72.50) Rohit 80 (78.75) Val-
labh Glass 90 (89) New Coitor
230 (231.25) Marsden 75 (75)
Universal Dyestuff 60 (57) Sarang-
pur Cotton 430 (430) Ait 146.25
(146.25) Vikram 107.50 (107.50)
Isteels 77 (78) Nila Products
240 (240) Gujarat Steel Tubes 134
(133) Tarun Commercial 136.25
(136.25).

Price Fluctuations At A Glance:
Following were today's price
movements with name of scrips
opening high low closing previous
closing and difference in order

Atul Rs 335.75 340 335.75
339.25 333 P 6.25 Calico 436
498.50 496 497.50 493 P 4.50
Ambica 697 702 697 700.50 693
P 7.50 Arvind 535 538 535 536
531 P 5 New Shorrock 479 485 479
482 473 P 9 Tata Ordinary 106.50
107 106.50 106.90 106 (P 90
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95 P 4 New Commercial 98.75 98.75
98.75 98.75 98.75 (nil)

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AHMEDABAD, Jan. 4. —
Buoyant conditions prevailed in
the oilseeds futures market today.
Prices shot up further on
persistent buying and nervous
covering.

Castor (April) rallied further
from Rs 143.45 to Rs 144.60,
before closing at Rs 144.45 a
gain of Rs 1.15 on balance.

Cottonseed (April) finished at
Rs 88.50 as against the previous
closing of Rs 85.00.

In the spot section castor was
quoted at Rs 35 cottonseed at
Rs 20.10 per 20 kg groundnut oil
was quoted at Rs 46 per 10 kg.

In view of the sharp spurt in
prices the market authorities fixed
a special clearing rate at
Rs 144.50 for Castor (April) and
at Rs 85.50 for cottonseed
(April).

PRICE RANGE

Castor (April) Rs 143.60
144.60 143.45 144.45 closed.
Cottonseed (April) Rs 88.70
88.80 8.40 88.50 closed.

BOMBAY STOCK QUOTATIONS

Rates in brackets are on cash
basis.

STEELS	
Indian Iron	
Mukund Iron	16.09
Tata Ordinary	105.75
Tata 2nd	
preference	
Textiles	
Ahd. Adva	240 00
Apollow	32 24
Dawn Mills	68 00
B. Dyeing	44 75
Can India	50 00
Century	866 00
Finlay	170 00
Gokak	
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Khatam	157 00
Chinow	274 00

ata Power	155 50
Asian Cable	
Cash list	
Textile & Rayon	
Mahindra	
Zenith Steel	
Sandvik Asia	
Lak Machinery	
Cement	
Davnya	11.88
India	
viscose	
Asso. Bearings	286 00
Amalga, Elec.	
L. Oxygen	81 00
Camphor	217 50
Chaise Bright	
Lat Iyer	218 00
rit Tight Note	
Gammon New	9 36
hind Lever	23 36
L. Alum.	