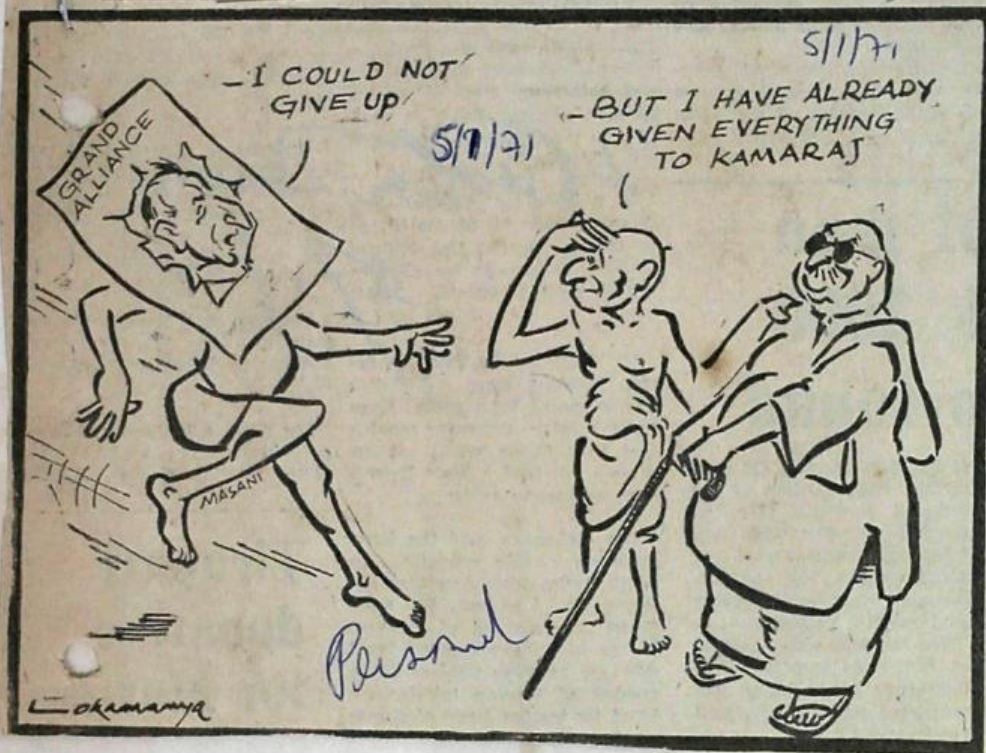


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Masani walks out of talks

Cong (O)-SSP-JS form front

Express News Service

NEW DELHI, Jan 3.

The Old Congress, the Jana Sangh and the Samyukta Socialist Party tonight agreed to have electoral adjustments against the New Congress for the Lok Sabha elections, but the Swatantra Party withdrew from the arrangement.

The proposed alliance of the democratic parties, as envisaged earlier as a full-fledged front with a common programme, underwent a change in the process. The Swatantra Chairman, Mr M. R. Masani, who left the meeting, felt that the change had been brought about at the instance of the SSP which had rejected the Old Congress AICC programme enunciated in its June resolution and which was the basis of the proposed alliance.

The three-party joint statement said that they had decided to form a front to fight elections to the Lok Sabha with a view to defeating the present Government "which is taking the country in an authoritarian and anti-democratic direction."

The Old Congress President, Mr Nijalingappa, later issued an appeal to the Swatantra Party to reconsider its stand and join the alliance in an endeavour to replace the Government headed by Mrs Indira Gandhi.

The dramatic developments of the evening came as a surprise as the SSP had been a late starter, while the Swatantra, the Jana Sangh and the Old Congress had been having protracted discussions ever since the Old Congress AICC session at Lucknow early last month. It was announced that these three parties would make a joint statement tonight and keep the door open for other parties, particularly the Bharatiya Kranti Dal and the SSP.

The meeting at Mr Nijalingappa's residence started late. Mr Vajpayee joined it only after Mr Masani had left. Mr Kumbha Ram Arya was

to represent the BKD but was held up unavoidably elsewhere.

The SSP, represented by Mr Raj Narain, Mr Madhu Limaye, Mr Rabi Ray, Mr George Fernandes and Mr Ram Sewak Yadav, could not agree with the programme and insisted on limiting the alliance to electoral adjustments. Mr Masani did not agree with this approach. His party stood for a full-fledged alliance based on a common programme.

Mr Masani expressed his deep disappointment at the unfortunate last minute rethinking on the part of the Old Congress amounting to

vacillation and indecision. His "mandate had expired" and he would place the matter before the National Executive of his party, due to meet in Madras on January 13.

The Swatantra leader said that it was the Old Congress programme which formed the basis of the proposed declaration. He and Mr Vajpayee had signed it yesterday and Mr Nijalingappa had agreed with it as far back as December 20. The position was well understood. He had no authority to agree to the new adjustment or anything short of a principled electoral pact of the kind intended to be announced.

The three-party announcement, signed by Mr Nijalingappa, Mr A. B. Vajpayee, Mr Ram Sewak Yadav and Mr George Fernandes, said that they had come together to fight the elections in order to offer the country an alternative which it urgently needed. "We appeal to other parties, groups and individuals who share these objectives to join us. Our endeavour would be to put up one agreed candidate for each Lok Sabha constituency throughout the country who would be supported by all our parties."

The three parties have also
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Three-party joint front

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agreed that the allocation of constituencies and the nomination of candidates would be carried out by a co-ordinating committee of these and other parties cooperating with this alliance.

Leaders of these parties expressed the hope that the BKD and the Swatantra Party would join the front. Mr Raj Narain said that they

would meet the BKD Chairman, Mr Charan Singh, tomorrow.

Mr Nijalingappa later told newsmen that there had been no firm decision to have a full-fledged alliance based on an agreed common minimum programme. Talks for such a programme could follow the electoral understanding. "They can take place even now."

Mr Vajpayee said that there was no change in the position since yesterday. "We were three yesterday and we are still three today," the only difference being that the SSP had come in and the Swatantra had gone out.

Asked why a common programme had been given up, Mr Vajpayee said that such a programme was needed only for an alternative Government, otherwise it remained only on paper. The need today was to have a broad-based front of all nationalist and democratic parties so that the objective of defeating the ruling party could be achieved. A common programme could be evolved after defeating the New Congress, as had been done in several States after the fourth General Election.

Replying to a question about the SSP fighting shy of having a common programme at the Central level when it had insisted on it in the States, Mr Raj Narain said that the common programme

now was to oust Mrs Gandhi from power.

According to Old Congress circles, the inclusion of the SSP in the electoral front is a definite political gain in that the front could not be dubbed only as a combination of rightist parties. They also pointed out that the Lucknow session of the party had only authorised Mr Nijalingappa to enter into electoral 'adjustments' with other democratic parties.

Ruling Congress circles did not seem to be perturbed at the proclamation of the front, which they said was only a loose arrangement bereft of any firm commitment by the constituent parties to a minimum programme. In their view, such a front could hardly provide an alternative to the present Government.

Masani blames Old Congress

NEW DELHI, Jan 3 (PTI).
The Swatantra Party Chairman, Mr Minoo Masani, today blamed the Old Congress of "vacillation and indecision" in its attitude to the formation of a "principled electoral pact".

Mr Masani, in a statement said: "It is our view that nothing less than a full-fledged electoral alliance with an agreed programme and one agreed candidate in each constituency throughout the country supported by all the parties to the pact can provide such an alternative."

"We thought this was well understood and, therefore, after protracted discussions, it was arranged to announce yesterday that the Presidents of the Congress (O), Jana Sangh and Swatantra would meet the Press this evening and announce the setting up of a democratic front in a statement, the terms of which were agreed upon by all the three of us."

"Unfortunately it would appear that some last minute rethinking has once again led to vacillation and indecision on the part of the Congress (O)."

"What is now proposed at the instance of the Samyukta Socialist Party is an attempt at a mere electoral adjustment without a democratic front and without a common programme."

"I have no authority from my party to agree to this proposal or to anything short of a principled electoral pact of the kind that was intended to be announced."

"I shall therefore place this new proposal before the National Executive of my party when it meets at Madras on January 13. It will be for that body to define the party's attitude to this development."

Prefix dropped

NEW DELHI, Jan 3 (PTI).
What was conceived as a "socialist democratic front" by the Old Congress six months ago, came out as a mere "front" tonight.

The adjective "socialist" was dropped from its resolution by the Old Congress at the Lucknow session last month.

Tonight, the prefix "democratic" disappeared in the joint statement announcing the birth of the three-party front.

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By Our Staff Reporter

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 by President Mr V. V. Giri.