

# Grand alliance collapses

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and individuals who share these objectives to join us.

"Our endeavour will be to put up one agreed candidate for each Lok Sabha constituency throughout the country who will be supported by all our parties.

"The allocation of constituencies and the nomination of candidates will be carried out by a co-ordinating committee of these and other cooperating parties."

Agencies add: The Swatantra walk-out of the protracted parleys came less than an hour before a scheduled press conference to announce an Congress (O)-Jan Sangh, Swatantra Party "democratic front" with a common programme that had been agreed upon by the three only yesterday.

The pitch was quered by the SSP leaders who joined the parleys this afternoon and said they would join the three if the combination would be for the purpose of electoral adjustments alone without any common programme other than the defeat of the present Government at the Centre.

Mr. Masani wanted the joint declaration agreed upon yesterday to be released to the press even before the SSP leader joined the parleys. But Mr. Nijalingappa wanted to wait for SSP and BKD leaders as well.

Mr. Masani walked out of Mr. Nijalingappa's residence where the parleys were held, an angry man, half an hour before the scheduled press conference.

## SSP replaces Swatantra

Although Mr. Nijalingappa added to the new joint declaration an appeal to the Swatantra Party and the BKD to join the new electoral arrangement and his Jan Sangh and SSP friends endorsed the appeal, the new front leaders took a philosophical view of Mr. Masani's action.

Mr. Vajpayee said in answer to reporters question: "There is no change in the position since yesterday. We were three yesterday and we are still three today. The only difference is the Swatantra has gone out and the SSP has come in.

The Congress (O) SSP leaders said they saw no reason to wait until Mr. Masani obtained new directions from his national executive on January 15.

Asked why plans for a common programme had been given up, Mr. Vajpayee said: "A common programme is needed only for an alternative Government. Otherwise, the common programme will remain only on paper.

"The need of the hour is to form a broad-based front covering all nationalist and democratic parties so that the objective of defeating the ruling party is achieved.

"Did we not after the 1967 elections, when the Congress Party was defeated in several states, come together to chalk out common programmes and form Governments?"

## Raj Narain's arguments

Mr. Raj Narain said he had every confidence that the BKD would "not lag behind any one of the parties who have already decided to join hands in defeating the Indira Government".

He also appealed to the people

place even now," he added.

According to Congress (O) 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.

After Mr. Masani had left the meeting, Mr. Vajpayee who had just then reached New Delhi from Ambala joined talks. Mr. Vajpayee contacted Mr. Masani when he was half way through with his press conference. Nevertheless Mr. Masani came back to newsmen to complete his narration of the day's events and the hitch which developed in the talks.

Asked about the talks between him and Mr. Vajpayee, Mr. Masani said it was only about fixing the meeting between the two.

Only a few minutes after Mr. Masani had left and before Mr. Vajpayee joined the talks, Mr. Nijalingappa told newsmen that the promised joint declaration of the opposition parties would not be coming both during the day. But the moment Mr. Vajpayee came in events took a different turn. A consensus developed in favour of an immediate declaration of resolve even leaving out the Swatantra Party.

car. The result was that the production at Durgapur, Bhilai and Rourkela plants had considerably suffered.

Referring to the present stagnation in engineering employment, he said, that it was a temporary phase and it would be a folly if our students did not qualify as engineers as no five-year plans could be implemented successfully without engineers.

Earlier the chairman of the sub-centre, Dr. Jagdish Lal said that technical education, as it obtained today, needed replanning. We have to keep abreast of the technological development taking place in other parts of the world. PTI

## CPI to sponsor R. K. Garg

From Our Correspondent

SAHARANPUR, Jan. 3.—The district council of the Communist Party of India, Saharanpur, has decided to field Mr. R. K. Garg, Supreme Court advocate, from the Roorkee-Dehra Dun parliamentary constituency against the likely Congress (O) candidate, Mr. Mahavir Tyagi.

Mr. Yashpal Singh, who had defeated Mr. Tyagi in this constituency in the last general election, is expected to contest from Haryana.

**Resignation from League:** Mr. Anwar Taban, Urdu poet, has resigned from the Muslim League as he found "some of the local leaders to be communal-minded while the declared policy of the League is secularism". He was joint organiser of the city committee of the League.

**Train theft case:** Anil Kumar,



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## Congress- pact in M-

From Our Staff Correspondent

BHOPAL, Jan. 3.—Selection of 17 and 12 Lok Sabha seats for setting up their candidates by the Madhya Pradesh units of the SSP and the CPI, which could not send a single member to the dissolved house, is little surprising. According to observers, this is part of pressure tactics and is intended to provoke other parties to come to an electoral understanding with them.

Neither the Jan Sangh nor the ruling party have so far shown any inclination to arrive at an understanding with the SSP and the CPI respectively. In fact, the tentative list of candidates of the Jan Sangh is ready in respect of all the seats, barring those falling in the Gwalior region. The Pradesh Election Committee of the Madhya Pradesh Congress will finalize its list at its meeting tomorrow.

The CPI decision, however, will slightly affect Congress prospects at Indore from where the Union Minister of State, Mr. P. C. Sethi will seek re-election. The CPI will field Mr. Homi Daji, member of its national council, who had lost to Mr. Sethi by 1,00,350 to 1,34,468 votes in the last general election.

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There were in all about 63 kacchi bastia.

Mr. Vaid announced the plan to develop a new scheme near Bawal Mandelgh stadium where 494 acres would be developed at a cost of Rs. 1.59 crores.

The trust has proposed three development schemes within the city. A vegetable market and a grain market would be constructed to remove the shops belonging to this trade outside the city.

Mr. Vaid said the proposal to dismantle the existing court buildings is changed. It was now proposed to house some markets on these premises after making some alterations. Previously, it was thought of constructing multi-storeyed buildings here.

He said it was also proposed to devote some energy on retaining the beauty of the old city and beautify the other part. The co-operation of municipal authorities would be sought to find a way for retaining the pink colour. Some ornamental projects might also be undertaken.

Mr. Vaid said that the trust found it difficult to deal with the self-designed housing co-operative numbering over 100. The societies had bought most of the land around the city. The trust was in contact with the state Government so that such lands could be acquired and given to the people genuinely in need.

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## SSP replaces Swatantra in three-party front

By Our Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3.—Events took a dramatic turn today when the rightist parties' plan to form a grand alliance collapsed. Late at night, two of the three original parties—the Congress (O) and the Jan Sangh—however managed to resurrect a "front" with the help of their new-found friends in the SSP. The Swatantra Party is out of it.

The three partners then issued a joint statement not setting out any concrete programme but only reiterating their well-known one-point programme of "Indira hatao."

The grand alliance move came to a sudden end when Mr. M. R. Masani, chairman of the Swatantra Party, withdrew from the talks this evening insisting on some minimum programme as part of the electoral alliance.

The front parties—the Congress (O), the Jan Sangh and the SSP—issued the following statement:

"Mr. Nijalingappa, president of the Congress (O) Mr. A. B. Vajpayee, president of the Jan Sangh, Mr. Ram Sevak Yadav, chairman of the SSP Parliamentary Board and Mr. George Fernandes general-secretary of the SSP, have announced the decision of their parties to form a front to contest the elections to the Lok Sabha with a view to defeating the present Government which are taking the country in an authoritarian and anti-democratic direction.

"In order to offer the country an alternative which it urgently needs we have agreed to come together to fight the election. We appeal to other parties, groups

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at Dairpatpur (Moradabad) and Meerut in the pay scale of Rs. 200-15-275-EB-350-EB-20-450- plus other allowances as admissible to the employees of the Federation from time to time. The candidate should possess a Degree in Commerce and should have minimum of 3 years practical experience of working in any commercial organization of repute. Candidates having the background of Cost Accounting will be given preference. A higher start may also be allowed to deserving candidates.

Applications alongwith attested copies of certificates and other testimonials should reach the Secretary, Pradeshik Co-operative Dairy Federation Ltd., 29 Park Road, Lucknow latest by 15th January, 1971. (LCS-7043)

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Chemistry Department,  
Lucknow University,  
LCS-7030 Lucknow.

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been discovered at Bhima, on the left bank of the river Bhima, by the south-western circle of the Archaeological Survey of India in the course of a survey of the ancient sites which are going to be submerged as a sequel to the construction of a dam across the Bhima at Ujjani in Ahmednagar District.

Among the surface finds are painted pottery and blades.

The collection of pottery includes remains of the neolithic period.

Thus Khed appears to have been the meeting place of the Neolithic people from the Deccan and the chalcolithic people from the Godavari and Narmada valleys.

On the basis of the finds, the site may be dated back to about the middle of the second millennium BC. The occurrence of the black-and-red ware in small quantities is another significant feature of the site.—UNI.

### TENDER NOTICE

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Percentage rate tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited from the approved contractors of P.W.D. Public Health Branch, Haryana under the revised system of enlistment on the prescribed form obtainable from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 2/- each. Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money in the shape of Treasury challan/Deposit at Call/Receipt of the scheduled bank duly pledged to the undersigned. Tenders will be opened at the date and time noted against each in presence of

### PSP leadership

SAKARWADI (Ahmednagar), Jan. 3—Leaders of the Praja Socialist Party, now here to participate in the eleventh national conference, were somewhat taken aback with the news from Mysore that three of their members of the dissolved Lok Sabha had defected and decided to join the Congress.

The general secretary of the party, Mr. Prem Bhasin, told newsmen that during negotiations for seat adjustments with the Congress the PSP would insist for these three seats and in the event of failure would not have any seat adjustment in Mysore and would contest on its own.

The parliamentary board of the party would be meeting in Delhi on January 5 immediately after negotiations with the Congress scheduled for January 4.

Mr. S. M. Krishna, Mr. K. Lakkappa and Mr. M. Hutche Gowda are the members who had decided to join the Congress.

Meanwhile, Mr. P. Viswambharan from Kerala was included in the national executive in place of Mr. Suraj Narain Singh of Bihar who had left the party.—PTI.

### 'Punjab border areas neglected'

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3—The border areas in Punjab had been badly neglected and the Central Government had discriminated against the state by not giving any grants for the development of these regions, the Punjab Finance Minister, Mr. Balwant Singh said here today.

He pointed out that Central grants for development schemes in the border areas had been given to Assam, West Bengal and Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr. Singh was addressing a congregation at a local gurdwara on the occasion of the 304th birthday celebrations of Guru Gobind Singh.

He said the Punjab Government had collected Rs. 17 lakhs from 300 persons and four business houses for the uplift of the Harijans.—UNI.

Thousands of Sikhs in the capital paid homage to Guru Gobind Singh.

A procession was taken out through the city streets. The procession started in the afternoon from Gurdwara Rakabganj and was led by Panj Piaras.

All the gurdwaras in the capital were illuminated.—UNI.