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written statement with Mr. Dahyabhai Patel at his side.

As Mr. Masani was half-way through, word came through that Mr. Vajpayee was on the telephone.

He later told pressmen "there was nothing in it" (conversation with Mr. Vajpayee.)

Back to Mr. Nijalingappa's residence, newsmen found the leaders chatting — some relaxed, some tense.

Mr. S. D. Mishra, Congress (O) general secretary, asked a newsman to read out Mr. Masani's statement.

At the end, Mr. Mishra and some others remarked "It does not matter, Let us go ahead."

And then came a typed joint statement which was read out by Mr. Vajpayee.

Some of the reporters present chorused "It is a mutilated front, sir."—PTI.

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NEW DELHI, Jan. 3—High drama marked the announcement tonight of a ~~quilted~~ front of three opposition parties to defeat the Congress.

The SSP leaders, who arrived here today, were closeted for

about three hours with their counterparts in the Congress (O), including Mr. Nijalingappa and Dr. Ram Subhag Singh.

The Swatantra chairman, Mr. Minoo Masani, who joined them later, left the meeting, held at Mr. Nijalingappa's house in a huff amidst shouting.

As the waiting pressmen crowded round him, Mr. Masani said "Please come to my house".

Shortly after Mr. Masani left, Mr. Nijalingappa came out, looking tired, and told pressmen that their talks could not be finalised as Mr. Masani "is going to Madras for instructions."

He said though the Swatantra Party's executive would meet in Madras on January 13, he would like to announce the formation of a joint front "within a week, if possible within a couple of days."

"Please leave us in peace," Mr. Nijalingappa pleaded in reply to questions from pressmen as he went back to resume talks with leaders of the SSP.

Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Jan Sangh chief, had arrived by then and pressmen briefed him on what had happened.

Shivering in the biting cold, as newsmen made a beeline for Mr. Masani's residence, one of the Congress (O) leaders wanted them to "come again."

Mr. Masani was ready with a

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Desai declines comment

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 3 — The Congress (O) leader, Mr. Morarji Desai, declined comment on the walk-out of Mr. M. R. Masani, chairman of the Swatantra Party, from the parleys on "alliance" with a common programme with Congress (O) and other parties.

Mr. Desai told pressmen "such things require patience."—PTI.

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