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Minutes of the Meeting of the Secretaries of State Units
held on Sunday, May 29, 1966 at 8 a.m.
in Bombay.

Present: Mr. M.R. Masani, General Secretary - in the Chair.

Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao,	Andhra
Prof. Martin Narayan,	Assam
Mr. Budhan Rai Verma,	Bihar
Mr. C.R. Irani,	Bengal
Col. H.R. Pasricha,	Delhi
Mr. Jaideepsinh of Baria,	Gujarat
Ch. Inder Singh,	Haryana
Mr. Buddhi Prakash,	Himachal Pradesh
Mr. N.C. Zamindar,	Indore
Mr. A. Madhava Warriar,	Kerala
Mr. S.S. Mariswamy,	Madras
Mr. V.N. Patil,	Maharashtra
Mr. V.T. Srinivasan,	Mysore
Mr. P.H. Krishna Rao,	Mysore
Mr. Sundermani Patel,	Orissa
Sardar Basant Singh,	Punjab
Thakur Mandhatta Singh,	Rajasthan
Mr. I.S. Bhargava,	Rajasthan

The General Secretary welcomed those present and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss concrete problems of organisation as also to try and establish better coordination between the State Units and the Central Office, a point on which much had been said at the General Council on the preceding two days.

State Conventions

In order to ensure that the dates did not clash and to enable the National leaders to attend these Conventions, if invited, the following dates were communicated by the General Secretaries of the State units present :

Mysore	:	June 11 and 12, 1966 at Bangalore
Madras	:	September 24 and 25, 1966
Rajasthan	:	October 22 and 23, 1966
Orissa	:	October 8 and 9, 1966
Gujarat	:	October 30 and 31, 1966 at Ahmedabad
Andhra	:	October 1 and 2, 1966
Punjab	:	November 5 and 6, 1966.

The General Secretary of the Madras Unit, Mr. S.S. Mariswamy, felt that communications (not merely postal) between the Central Office and the State Units left much to be desired. He felt that the Central Office should not sit back after issuing circulars, but pursue the matter with periodic reminders in the event of non-compliance.

He added that whenever the General Secretary was preparing his report, State Units should be asked to submit a report of their activities well in advance.

Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao felt that there should be an exchange of ideas and visits to one another's State by the leaders of the State Units.

Mr. V.T. Srinivasan stated that at times there was an inordinate delay on the part of the Central Office in replying to correspondence from State Units and he suggested that a printed acknowledgement card should be sent in reply to queries whenever a delay was inevitable either due to the absence of the General Secretary or due to the matter requiring time for consideration. He also suggested that the General Secretary's itinerary

from month to month should be circulated to all State Units.

Mr. N.C. Zamindar said the Maharaja of Baria was in direct correspondence with the Party's members in Jhabua and that commitments were being made to them without the knowledge of the Indore Regional Office. He pleaded that the Indore Region Unit should be kept informed and that no commitments should be made without consulting them.

Mr. Sundermani Patel expressed the view that it was not possible for a single Organiser to cover an entire Parliamentary constituency. He further expressed the opinion that the existence of full-time Field Organisers was acting as a dis-incentive to honorary workers. On the request of the General Secretary, Mr. Sundermani Patel agreed to submit an alternative scheme for Field Organisers in his State after consulting his President, Mr. R.N. Singh Deo.

Mr. Sundermani Patel felt that a Camp or two must be held by every State for Party workers. In this connection, the Central Office agreed to request the Andhra and Mysore Units to let them have copies of talking points prepared by them for the holding of such Training Camps in other States. It was felt that Training Camps should be held at the Parliamentary Constituency level and that a certain amount of funds on an ad hoc basis should be made available. Mr. Masani, the General Secretary, agreed to raise this matter with the Honorary Treasurer. It was felt by all present that all Training Camps should be conducted between now and September, and not later.

Mr. Hanumantha Rao raised the question of a formation of a Volunteer Force and referred to the successfully conducted Camp for Swatantra Sevaks in Hyderabad last February. While the idea was definitely good, the General Secretary explained the limitation of resources. He, however, agreed to commend the scheme of Swatantra Sevaks to State Units where Parliamentary constituencies already adopted by the Party would be asked to send a representative to the Training Camp for Swatantra Sevaks which could then be held in each State.

The General Secretary then conveyed to members present the decision of the Central Parliamentary Board designed to make expeditious approval of the Assembly candidatures easier. The suggestion by the Central Parliamentary Board that a Central representative would attend a meeting of the State Parliamentary Board which recommended such candidatures in which the Central representative would be given the necessary authority to approve all such candidates which were unanimously recommended and to refer back to the Central Parliamentary Board such nominations as were controversial was felt to be cumbersome since there may not be enough Central representatives to go every now and then to attend meetings of the State Parliamentary Board which would, in the light of the General Elections being only nine months away, now meet oftener.

The General Secretary agreed to convey to the Central Parliamentary Board the suggestion of the meeting that, as an alternative to the Central Representatives going to meeting of the State Parliamentary Boards, the State Parliamentary Boards should forward to the Central Parliamentary Boards a list of Assembly candidates with reasons for their nominations. Those which were unanimously recommended and against which there were no appeals could be approved by circular at the discretion of the Central Office.

Labour

The General Secretary then reported on the good work being done by the Labour Wing. Mr. G.B. Sukhee, who was at this stage invited to participate in this meeting, stated in reply to a question that it was not the intention of the Coordinating Committee for Independent Trade Unions to form

a Swatantra Trade Union Federation but that its aims were limited to educating workers and to prepare them for running their own Unions. The suggestion made by members that the Labour Bulletin should be made available in Hindi as well was accepted, subject to the availability of funds.

A suggestion was made that the renewal of membership should be coincident with the terms of office of Office Bearers and Membership of Party Committees. The General Secretary said this might be brought up before the next National Convention.

Discussing the problem of renewal of membership and the issue of Cards to those who had lost them, it was agreed that a member who had lost his card could either be given a new one or a receipt in lieu of the card whenever a membership came up for renewal. It was urged that members, as distinct from workers, should also be enrolled.

In regard to the formation of Constituency Committees, wherever membership enrolment had sufficiently progressed to warrant such a step, it was perfectly in order for elections to be held.

In so far as the representatives on the District Committees are concerned, the new Constituency Committees could send their representatives to the District Committee.

The question of reconstitution of committees as a result, with the entry of fresh blood resulting in Committees not being truly representative, was raised. The General Secretary pointed out that the National Executive at its meeting held in Madras on February 26 and 27, 1966, had given State Units authority to dissolve such unrepresentative District Committees and to form new ones which were more representative of the membership. This provision could be availed of whenever such a situation arose.

The meeting then terminated.
