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SWATANTRA PARTY

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL ON MAY 28, 1966

Nuclear Bomb

The General Council of the Swatantra Party is clear and firm in its view that India should not embark on any scheme of making nuclear weapons.

The view taken by India under Jawaharlal Nehru's leadership on this question still holds good.

Any step taken towards arming ourselves with nuclear weapons is bound to lead to a ruinous race in such manufacture taking the nation to economic ruin and moral stultification. When we depend on foreign aid, even for supplying ourselves with the necessities of civil life, it would be utterly unreasonable to get involved in a nuclear race.

As long as nuclear weapons are not internationally banned altogether, we cannot do better than to seek an assurance from the U.S.A. on behalf of President Johnson's offer in October 1964, that the U.S. A. would guarantee full protection against any nuclear threat.

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