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SWATANTRA PARTY

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL ON MAY 28, 1966

MIZO HILLS

The General Council of the Swatantra Party having made its own assessment of the problems of the Mizo Hills through its representative there, is convinced that, while recourse to violence should always be condemned as a means to a political solution, much of the recent trouble in the Mizo Hills could have yet been avoided had the Party in power made prompt and sincere efforts to find a lasting solution to the problems of the hills of Assam, instead of aggravating the situation further through callous indifference and delay. Further, the Council views with grave concern the attitude of patronage shown by the Ruling Party in Assam towards the now outlawed Mizo National Front even after the latter had publicly announced in 1963, its goal of an independent State outside the Union of India. Such patronage of an anti-national party was obviously motivated by the desire to crush, even at the expense of political morality, legal and democratic Opposition Parties. The Council calls upon the people of India to resolutely resist the increasing number of attempts by the Ruling Party to apply double standards to public life. It also calls upon the Government to summon immediately a Conference of the political parties of the hill areas of Assam to try and evolve a permanent solution to the varied problems of the Mizos.

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