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SWATANTRA PARTY

Resolution adopted by the General Council on May 28, 1966

Food and Agriculture

The General Council deplores the fact that a sizeable section of the population is starving, notwithstanding the assistance of other countries.

The Council refers to a Resolution of the National Executive on November 1, 1965, and considers it necessary that:

- i. All restrictions on the movement of food grains whether between zones, Districts and Belt areas or otherwise be removed.
- ii. That if this does not help to even supplies and prices, throughout the country - as it should do from all previous experience - Government should buy grain at prevailing prices for subsidised sales to the weaker elements of the population.
- iii. That, as production has been restricted to the disturbed conditions introduced by so-called Land Reforms, there should be no dispossession of owners, while at the same time all actual cultivators should be protected against eviction and unfair rents. As such they should be entitled to cooperative and other loans for which they are in pressing need.
- iv. That land revenue should be abolished as it is a crime to tax the peasant who produces food for the country.

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