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General Secretary's Letter No. 166

Dear Friend,

The outgoing National Executive, the newly elected General Council and the new National Executive met in New Delhi on November 25 and 26.

While the Newsletter will carry detailed reports on the three meetings, I thought it would be useful to inform you earlier of various decisions that will be of interest to your unit.

1. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE (outgoing):

While most issues dealt with by this meeting pertained to matters coming up before the General Council the Executive did take a decision on the Mahajan Commission Report.

In keeping with the Party's policy of refraining from taking a stand on matters concerning the demarcation of Linguistic States, the National Executive decided to leave the concerned State Units in Bombay, Maharashtra and Mysore freedom to take such decision as they chose on the recommendations of the Mahajan Commission (in so far as it deals with the boundary dispute between the States of Maharashtra and Mysore).

2. GENERAL COUNCIL:

Naturally the most important item on the agenda of the General Council was the election of the Office Bearers and members of the new National Executive.

(i) New National Executive:

The President, General Secretary and the two Treasurers were elected unanimously; but there was contest for the election of the Vice Presidents, Joint Secretaries and members of the National Executive.

The list with addresses of the Office Bearers and members of the National Executive elected by the General Council is attached. (Annexure A).

(ii) Resolutions:

The General Council adopted the following resolutions:

1. Condolence Resolution
2. Relief for Orissa Cyclone Victims
3. Complimenting the performance of the Orissa Government
4. Dismissal of the United Front Ministry in West Bengal, and
5. Minority Governments.

I trust your unit will give as wide a publicity as possible to the resolutions adopted by the Council. No doubt you will have them translated in the local language/s for giving them the widest publicity in your State. The text of the resolutions are attached (Annexure B).

(iii) Party Organisation:

There was a considerable discussion on the state of Party organisation. My note in this connection with particular reference to our performance in the General Elections and the recent Party Elections was circulated along with a note on the need for a "Working Policy" for the Party by Mr. Lobo Prabhu. Mr. H.M. Patel also raised the question of "Centre-State" relationship within the Party. In the discussion that lasted for nearly 4 hours as many as 30 members participated. No specific decisions were taken arising out of these discussions, except that in regard to "Centre-State" relationship within the Party, assurance was given that on matters affecting the State Units, they would be consulted to the extent practicable.

(iv) Representation on the General Council
for Unrepresented States:

Acting under Clause 11(b) of the Party's Constitution the President nominated the following to represent unrepresented States on the General Council:

Bihar	- Mr. T. Parmanand
Himachal Pradesh	- Mr. Budhi Prakash
Madhya Pradesh	- Mr. D.M. Parulekar
West Bengal	- Mr. Rajendra Singhi

Nominations to represent Assam, Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir would be made later.

3. NEW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE:

The new National Executive met on the evening of the 26th.

(i) Central Parliamentary Board:

It constituted the Central Parliamentary Board for the next two years, [vide Annexure C].

(ii) Next National Convention:

The Executive decided to accept the Orissa Unit's invitation to hold the next National Convention in Orissa some time in May, 1968. Further details in regard to this will be communicated to you in due course.

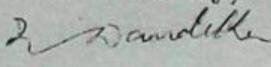
(iii) Cooptions:

In pursuance of the authority delegated to it by the General Council, the National Executive coopted the following to the General Council:

1. Mr. Murarji J. Vaidya,
2. Col. L. Sawhney
3. Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel

Regarding further cooptions, I shall be writing to you shortly.

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Yours sincerely,

(N. Dandekar)
General Secretary

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List of Office Bearers and members of the newly elected
National Executive for the period 1967-69

PRESIDENT:	Prof. N.G.Ranga
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Dr. K.M.Munshi Prof. M.Ruthnaswamy Emt. Gayatri Devi Mr. R.N.Singh Deo Mr.Bhailalbhai Patel
GENERAL SECRETARY:	Mr. N.Dandekar
JOINT SECRETARIES:	Mr. Charanjit Rai Mr. Sundermani Patel Mr. T.Krishnamma Mr. C.R.Irani
TREASURERS:	Dr. R.C.Cooper Mr. H.P.Nanda
MEMBERS:	Mr. C.Rajagopalachari Mr. M.R.Masani Mr. G.Latchanna Sardar Basant Singh Mr. P.K.Deo Mr.Lakshman Singh of Dungarpur Mr. S.S.Mariswamy Mr. K.K.Kuruville Mr. E.Mohammed Imam Mr. H.M.Patel Sardar Ram Singh Mr. K.Sundaram Mr. B.P.Singh Mr.G.Hanumantha Rao Mr. Dahyabhai Patel Mr. Martin Narayan Majaw Mrs. Kailash Rekhi Mr. J.M.Lobo Prabhu Mr. C.C.Desai Mr. Loknath Misra

Condolence Resolution

"This meeting of the General Council of the Swatantra Party records with a deep sense of sorrow the passing away of three eminent personalities:

Mr. G. D. Patil, M.P., (Swatantra)

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, M.P.

Master Tara Singh

The General Council conveys its sympathies to their families."

SWATANTRA PARTY

Resolution moved by Mr. K.P. Singh Deo, M.P. and unanimously adopted by the General Council

Relief for Orissa Cyclone Victims

This meeting of the General Council of the Swatantra Party extends its sympathies to the unfortunate victims of the recent cyclone that ravaged large areas of Orissa. The human suffering caused by this visitation of nature's fury has only added to the cup of sorrow of the people of Orissa already undergoing the effects of a three-year old drought.

This meeting of the General Council appeals

- a. to the Central Government to render maximum assistance financially and in other material ways to the State Government to enable the latter to provide in adequate measure material assistance like loans to agriculturists, house-building equipment and accelerate Relief Works such as the reconstruction of wells, tanks and medium scale irrigation Works; and
- b. to the people of India in general and to members of the Swatantra Party in particular to donate liberally to the Orissa Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

SWATANTRA PARTY

Resolution moved by Mr.P.K.Deo and unanimously adopted by the
General Council

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General Council

The General Council takes note of and endorses the Resolutions of the National Executive of May 1967 ruling out the possibility of the Swatantra Party joining a Government at the Centre which includes Communists of either variety and of September 1967 calling for the banning of both Communist Parties and the removal of Communist Ministers from the Government of West Bengal.

The General Council welcomes the dismissal though belated of the Cabinet which was perverted by the Communists into an instrument of disruption and subversion of the Rule of Law as instanced by Gheraoes and Naxalbari and calls for the banning of the Communist Parties.

SWATANTRA PARTY

Resolution moved from the Chair and unanimously adopted by the
General Council

Complimenting the performance of the Orissa Government

This meeting of the General Council of the Swatantra Party wishes to place on record its appreciation of the good work done by the Orissa Government and in particular the following achievements:

- abolition of Land Revenue and Panchayat Taxes
- the Code of Conduct for Ministers
- the efficient administration of relief work among the victims of the cyclone which ravaged large parts of the State
- for providing the State with clean administration

This meeting also wishes to record its appreciation of the humanitarian and selfless service rendered by the Swamies of Anand Marg and the spirited and honest service by the administrative staff of the Government in that State.