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Masani analyses causes of Indira victory

By A Staff Reporter

Personality cult, money power and absence of deserving alternative were the three factors that clinched the landslide victory for Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her party.

This view was expressed by Swatantra Party President Minoo Masani while addressing the Rotary Club of Bombay on Tuesday.

People preferred to trust the devil they knew than the devil they did not know, he felt.

Ridiculing Mrs. Gandhi's claim that the entire people had voted for a direction in which the country should go, Mr. Masani said that out of 54.81 per cent of the electorate that voted, the New Congress secured 43.64 per cent votes. It means that only 23.91 per cent of the total electorate voted for the New Congress.

He argued that out of every four Indians, one voted for Indira Gandhi's party, one for other parties and two did not vote at all.

The Swatantra leader felt that the country would face an unprecedented crisis within the next two years if the expectations of the starving masses were not fulfilled.

Rotary President Pravinchandra Gandhi welcomed the guests. Mr. Watsz proposed a vote of thanks.

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