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Meetings of Central Committees

CENTRAL PARLIAMENTARY BOARD

The Central Parliamentary Board met in Madras on September 29, 1967.

The Board deplored the Speaker's hesitation to take a stern view of noisy, disorderly and obstructive behaviour of some Members in the Lok Sabha.

In regard to certain issues that were to come up before the last session of Parliament, the Board gave the following guidance:

Social Control of Banking

The Board felt that the powers presently vested in the Reserve Bank of India were quite adequate for the exercise of social control over credit policies and management of banking institutions. The Parliamentary Group of the Party was asked to be vigilant and oppose any extension of these powers or any measure which would constitute undue interference with the autonomous working of commercial banks.

Nationalisation of General Insurance

The Board condemned the move to nationalise General Insurance and asked the Party's Parliamentary Group to oppose such a proposal if introduced in Parliament.

Monopolies Bill

The Board reiterated the Party's opposition to monopolies and monopolistic practices as much in the State Sector as in the Free Sector of the Economy. The Party's Group in Parliament was asked to study the provisions of the Bill and to deal with them on merits in the light of the Party's policy on the subject.

Orissa Government

The Board reviewed the performance of the Orissa Government and their problems like the Telugu-Oriya tension and students agitation. It also discussed the Cabinet expansion, food zones, foodgrains prices and

OBITUARY

The "Icy hand" of death claimed the lives of three leading members of the Party in the last three months. Each of them was a champion of the Party and each one contributed to its growth in his own way.

On November 1 1967, we lost Mr. G. D. Patil Member of Parliament from Bijapur who died of a heart attack. He was only 45.

On December 6, we lost Col. L. Sawhney who also died of a heart attack. He was 52. He was a great source of strength to the Party and it was in recognition of this that at the recent meeting of the General Council he was coopted as a member of the Council.

On New Year's day January 1 1968, we lost our Joint Secretary Mr. Charanjit Rai who passed away at 50, after a brief illness. Mr. Charanjit Rai was elected Joint Secretary only last month securing the highest number of votes. We cannot express our sorrow better than to quote from a letter from our President Prof. Ranga to Mr. Dandekar: "How much he has achieved in such a short time! To have grown to be such a progressive and prosperous industrialist and to have won the confidence of so many young, rising entrepreneurs in Bombay and Delhi is an achievement. He had become a 'dear' to us all so much so that he topped the polls in the election for Joint Secretaries. He has been a wonderful ally to Sardar Latchanna in the All India Backward classes Federation. I had grown to like him so much and depend upon his good sense and counsel, so quiet, sensible and confiding.

I can easily imagine how forlorn you and Masani must be by this sad loss.

I condole with you, with the members of his family and our Party.

Rarely do we come across such a gem of man, and it was our good fortune to have enjoyed his friendship during these 3 years.

Mr. Narasimha Rao, M.P. is also inconsolable over this tragedy".

The "Swatantra Newsletter" records its deep sense of sorrow at the passing away of these three stalwarts of the Party and conveys its heartfelt sympathies to the families of the bereaved.

procurement policy, the Code of Conduct for Ministers, and the abolition of land revenue and panchayat taxes.

The Board recorded its appreciation of the excellent work done by the Orissa Government during the short period it had been in office and in particular the relief given by the government to peasants. The Code of Conduct recently adopted by the Ministers in Orissa was especially commended.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

There were three meetings of the National Executive since the publication of the last issue.

The first of these was held on September 29 and 30.

Projecting the Party's Image

During a discussion on national affairs, current political problems and the state of Party organisation, the Executive endorsed the views expressed by Rajaji that the Party should not get unduly involved in the current shifts in power politics but should remain steadfastly loyal to its principles and project its image and propagate its philosophies on a wider scale.

Specifically in regard to Party organisation, the Executive was generally of the opinion that:

- the Party should now concentrate on strengthening its organisation and in projecting its own image as the only democratic alternative to the Congress, and not allow its identity submerged in so-called "United Fronts;"
- that the Party should cooperate in efforts to get rid of Communists from Governments dominated by them, e.g. West Bengal;
- that State Units should take the initiative in organising Kisan movements to popularise the Party among Kisans and help them secure a fair deal; and
- that the Party should lay stress on developing and training Party cadres.

Language and Education

On language and education the Executive approved the motion that had been then tabled in the Lok Sabha by Mr. Masani and Mr. Dandekar and reaffirmed the position taken by the Central Parliamentary Board on July 23 that:

- the autonomy of the Universities should be respected and that they should be left free to determine what should be the medium of instruction;
- that parents must be left free to determine the language in which their children should be taught;
- that the Party opposed the concept of neighbourhood schools, and insisted that parents be left free to send their children to the schools of their choice; and
- that the Party stood for implementing in full and

without reserve Mr. Nehru's pledge on the Official Language.

Duplicate Workers' Cards

The Central Office was authorised to issue to State Units suitable Cards *without* serial numbers and with the words "Duplicate" stamped on them for use in proper cases (where duplicate cards were required to replace lost cards) and to make suitable provisions to safeguard against their being misused.

The second (and last) meeting of the outgoing National Executive was held in New Delhi on November 25.

This was on the eve of the General Council meeting and was mainly devoted to laying down the procedure to be followed in the election of Office Bearers and members of the National Executive by the General Council.

Mahajan Commission Report

The Executive decided to allow freedom to the concerned State Units of the Party in Bombay, Maharashtra and Mysore to take any position they chose on the Mahajan's Commission's report.

The New National Executive (elected by the General Council that morning) met on the evening of November 26.

Central Parliamentary Board Constituted

The first act of the Executive was to constitute the following Central Parliamentary Board for the next two years:

Members

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari
Mr. M. R. Masani, M.P.
Mr. Laxman Singh of Dungarpur
Mr. H. M. Patel, M.L.A.
Mr. B. P. Singh
Mr. G. Latchanna

Ex-officio Members

President

Prof. N. G. Ranga, M.P.

Vice-Presidents

Maharani Gayatri Devi of Jaipur, M.P.
Dr. K. M. Munshi
Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy, M.P.
Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel
Mr. R. N. Singh Deo

Senior Treasurer

Dr. R. C. Cooper

General Secretary

Mr. N. Dandekar, M.P.

Leader of the Party's Group in the Rajya Sabha
Mr. Dahyabhai Patel, M.P.

Assam Ad Hoc Committee

The following Ad-Hoc Committee of the Party for Assam was approved:

President:

Mr. Ghana Kanta Gogoi

Vice-Presidents:

Mr. Rohimuddin Ahmed, M.L.A.
Mr. Romesh Mohan Kouli, M.L.A.
Mr. Abhoy Charan Das
Prof. Alexander Warjri

General Secretary:

Prof. Martin Narayan Majaw

Joint Secretaries:

Mr. Padma Bikash Borgohain
Mr. Mohammed Ismet Halim
Mr. Debendranath Barua
Mr. Bapuram Singnar

Treasurer:

Dr. P. Nongrum

Members:

Mr. Kenny Chympa
Mr. Deben Gogoi
Mr. Deben Goswami
Mr. Nazrul Hussain
Prof. A. Thakuria
Mr. Rathi Kanta Boarch
Mr. Herendranath Barua
Mr. Bhimsen Bhengra
Mr. Simon Munda
Mr. Umesh Borgohain

Next National Convention

The Orissa Unit's invitation to hold the next National Convention of the Party in Orissa sometime in May 1968 was accepted. Details are now being worked out. *held in Oct 1968*

Cooptions to General Council

In pursuance of authority vested in it by the General Council, the National Executive coopted the following to the General Council.

Mr. Murarji J. Vaidya
Col. L. Sawhney
Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel, M.P.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the newly elected General Council was held in New Delhi on November 25 and 26. Out of 170 members, 111 were present

on the first day and 113 the next day. The main business before the Council was the election of the new National Executive for the next two years.

President

Prof. N. G. Ranga, M.P. was elected unanimously

Vice Presidents

The following were elected Vice Presidents:

Dr. K. M. Munshi
Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy, M.P.
Smt. Gayatri Devi, M.P.
Mr. R. N. Singh Deo, M.L.A.
Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel, M.L.A.

General Secretary

Mr. N. Dandekar, M.P. was elected unanimously.

Joint Secretaries

The following were elected

Mr. Charanjit Rai, M.P.
Mr. Sundermani Patel, M.P.
Mr. T. Krishnamma
Mr. C. R. Irani

Treasurers

Dr. R. C. Cooper and Mr. H. P. Nanda were elected unanimously.

Members of the National Executive

The following were elected

- 1 Mr. C. Rajagopalachari
- 2 Mr. M. R. Masani
- 3 Mr. G. Latchanna
- 4 Sardar Basant Singh
- 5 Mr. P. K. Deo
- 6 Mr. Laxman Singh of Dungarpur
- 7 Mr. S. S. Mariswamy
- 8 Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla
- 9 Mr. J. Mohammed Imam
- 10 Mr. H. M. Patel
- 11 Sardar Ram Singh
- 12 Mr. K. Sundaram
- 13 Mr. B. P. Singh
- 14 Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao
- 15 Mr. Dahyabhai Patel
- 16 Mr. Martin Narayan Majaw
- 17 Mrs. Kailash Rekhi
- 18 Mr. J. M. Lobo Prabhu
- 19 Mr. C. C. Desai
- 20 Mr. Loknath Mishra

(For details of the elections,—see "Party Elections" elsewhere in this issue.)

Representation for Unrepresented States

In exercise of powers vested in him under Clause 11(b) of the Constitution, the Party's President Prof.

Ranga nominated the following to represent unrepresented States on the General Council:

West Bengal	— Mr. Rajendra Singh Singhi, M.L.A.
Bihar	— Mr. T. Parmanand
Himachal Pradesh	— Mr. Budhi Prakash
Madhya Pradesh	— Mr. D. M. Parulekar

Nominations for the representation of Assam, Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir are to be made later.

Cooptions

The General Council resolved that as recommended by the outgoing National Executive the authority to coopt additional members on the General Council not exceeding 10% of the Council's strength (viz. 17 members) be delegated to the new National Executive.

Party Organisation

There was a detailed discussion on the state of Party organisation including the problem of Centre-State relations within the Party and the need to evolve a working policy for the Party. The General Secretary's Note on Party organisation in the context of our performance in the General Elections and the recently concluded Party Elections was the basis for discussion. As many as 30 members participated.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

Condolence

"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."

Moved from the Chair

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

- d. 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.

Moved by Mr. K. P. Singh Deo M.P.

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.

Moved from the Chair

Dismissal of United Front Government in West Bengal

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.

Moved by Mr. M. R. Masani, M. P.

Minority Governments

The General Council of the Swatantra Party views with concern the growing interference of the Centre in the working of State Governments and using the institution of Governor to instal minority Governments in the States.

Moved by Mr. P. K. Deo, M.P.

RAJAJI

From Kashmir to Kanyakumari and from Kutch to Cachar, Rajaji's 90th birthday was celebrated by all lovers of freedom. The celebrations were not confined to the Swatantra Party alone. While the Party feels proud to have him as its father, he belongs to the whole country.

The messages of greetings that he received on that day cut across Party lines and even international boundaries. Messages poured in from the President of India, the Governors and Chief Ministers of several States, members of the diplomatic corps, political leaders and other leaders of public life not to speak of numerous common folk.

The Hindu of 10th December published an article by Mr. B. Shiva Rao in appreciation of Rajaji's outstanding services to the country. Numerous journals carried articles on his life.

Party Units throughout the country observed his

birthday with public meetings and prayers in temples, churches and mosques wishing him a long life.

The Mysore Unit of the Party in a report to the Central Office said that despite inclement weather, a large gathering attended a citizen's meeting to mark the occasion which included speakers from the Praja Socialist Party, the Jan Sangh and non-Party men along with those of the Swatantra Party.

In Poona, a well-attended meeting was addressed by Mr. T. R. Deogirikar, an eminent personality of Poona. In Delhi, the President of the Party, Prof. N. G. Ranga, Mr. M. R. Masani and Mr. Dahyabhai Patel paid tributes to Rajaji at a public meeting held in the Capital.

Similar functions have been reported from practically every State. Though somewhat belated, the *Swatantra Newsletter* joins with the millions in praying for good health and long life for Rajaji.

West Bengal Affairs

(Reproduced on page 4 is the text of the resolution on the dismissal of the United Front Government in West Bengal adopted unanimously at the meeting of the General Council in New Delhi on November 26.

Subsequently, Mr. Rajendra Singh Singhi, the lone MLA of the Party in the State Assembly joined the West Bengal Cabinet as a Minister of State on the invitation of the Chief Minister, Dr. P. C. Ghosh.

This action of Mr. Singhi is in line with the unanimous resolution referred to above. The following extract from a Circular issued by the General Secretary to members of the Central Parliamentary Board will give an idea of the circumstances leading to Mr. Singhi's joining the Cabinet:

"(i) Ever since the formation of the United Front Government soon after the last General Elections, Mr. Singhi has withstood all kinds of pressures both from the then United Front Government and the Congress Party to lend his support to the one or the other.

"(ii) Soon after the formation of the P. C. Ghosh Government, I happened to be in Calcutta. And, on December 2nd, 1967, I discussed with Mr. C. R. Irani (our Joint Secretary in charge of West Bengal) and Mr. Rajendra Singh Singhi, our Party's attitude to Dr. Ghosh's Government in the light of the unanimous Resolution on West Bengal adopted at the meeting of the General Council of the Party

held on November 26. At that time, neither Mr. Irani nor Mr. Rajendra Singh Singhi had any inkling that the latter would be invited to join Dr. Ghosh's Government as a Minister.

"(iii) I left Calcutta on 2nd December. On the night of the 3rd December, Dr. Ghosh invited Mr. Singhi to join his Cabinet as a Minister of State. Mr. Singhi had to give his answer immediately, but was unable to contact Mr. Irani. So he accepted; and the news was in the papers the following morning.

"(iv) This was indeed a great honour for Mr. Singhi, he being the lone member of our Party in the West Bengal legislature as against 17 admitted supporters of Dr. Ghosh and some Independents, apart from Congressmen. Moreover, although our Party might have preferred President's Rule (instead of a Minority Government with Congress backing being installed) after the dismissal of the Ajoy Mukherjee Government, our disinclination to welcome the formation of Minority Governments does not go so far as to refuse to cooperate with the P. C. Ghosh Government, much less to bring it down, because the alternative may well be the reinstallation of the communist-dominated United Front Government with all its disastrous consequences."

Party Elections

(With the election of the National Executive by the General Council on November 26, the whole process of Party Elections, involving the election of Office Bearers and members of various Committees from the Primary to the National level, was successfully completed. This was the second Party Elections the first one being in 1964. Actually, the elections that have just concluded should have been held last year; but in view of the General Elections, the last National Convention decided to extend the term of Office of the Committees elected in 1964 till the end of 1967.

Compared to 25,536 Workers/Life Workers/Life members on the rolls as on July 31 1964, the number as on June 30, 1967 was 47,151. As against 388 Primary Committees and 12 States Committees elected in 1964, this year 561 Primary Committees and 12 State Committees were elected.)

The process of elections began in August this year with the certification of membership rolls by the following representatives of the Central Office who scrutinised membership forms, registers of membership, and books of account in the respective State Offices:

Andhra	: Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao
Bombay	: The Central Office
Delhi	: Mr. Sundermani Patel
Gujarat	: Mr. Suketu J. Shah
Kerala	: Mr. T. Krishnamma
Madras	: Mr. T. Krishnamma
Maharashtra	: The Central Office
Mysore	: Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao
Orissa	: Mr. C. R. Irani
Punjab	: Mr. Aliyar Singh
Rajasthan	: Col. H. R. Pasricha
UP	: Col. H. R. Pasricha

Immediately following certification, elections began from the Primary level and, barring a few minor problems in some districts and talukas, the elections were completed on schedule.

The various State Councils which elected the State Executive Committees and their representatives on the General Council were presided over by the following officers appointed by the National Executive:

Andhra	: M. R. V. Murthy
Bombay	: Mr. Murarji J. Vaidya
Delhi	: Mr. M. R. Masani
Gujarat	: Prof. P. J. Shroff
Kerala	: Mr. K. Sundram
Madras	: Mr. T. Krishnamma
Maharashtra	: Mr. Murarji J. Vaidya
Mysore	: Mr. T. Krishnamma
Orissa	: Mr. C. R. Irani
Punjab	: Col. H. R. Pasricha
Rajasthan	: Col. H. R. Pasricha
Uttar Pradesh	: Mr. M. R. Masani

The strength of the outgoing General Council including coopted members was 162 members. On this occasion, based on the formula of three representatives for the first 400 Workers/Life Workers/Life Members and one more representative for every additional 150 (subject to a maximum of 20 and a minimum of 3 as laid down in Clause 9(b) of the Party's Constitution), the Statewise representation on the General Council worked out as follows:

State	Membership	Representation on the General Council
Andhra	6565	20
Bombay	2253	15
Delhi	771	5
Gujarat	11,645	20
Kerala	1,022	7
Madras	5,916	20
Maharashtra	395	3
Mysore	1,593	10
Orissa	3,926	20
Punjab	1,476	10
Rajasthan	5,059	20
Uttar Pradesh	6,530	20
Total	47,151	170

Unlike on the last occasion, when a unanimous panel was recommended from the Chair and accepted by the General Council, there was on this occasion a keen contest especially in respect of the offices of Joint Secretaries and membership of the National Executive. As has been reported elsewhere, there was unanimity in the election of the President, the General Secretary and the two Treasurers.

In so far as the Vice-Presidents were concerned, the number of Vice-Presidents was increased from 4 to 5, with the result that all the five who contested were elected. There were 11 nominations for the 4 vacancies of Joint Secretaries. Four of them withdrew leaving a field of seven in respect of whom the voting was as follows (the first four being declared elected):

Mr. Charanjit Rai	91 votes
Mr. Sundermani Patel	70 "
M. T. Krishnamma Chaudhary	69 "
Mr. C. R. Irani	61 "

Unsuccessful

M. N. S. Varadachari	45 votes
Mr. Madhu Mehta	36 "
Mr. N. K. Somani	30 "

The major contest was for the election of the 20 members of the Executive. There were as many as 58 nominations; but 30 of them withdrew, leaving the field for 28. The voting figures were as follows:

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari	105 votes
Mr. M. R. Masani	101 "
Mr. G. Latchanna	95 "
Sardar Basant Singh	94 "

Mr. P. K. Deo	93	"
Mr. Laxman Singh of Dungarpur	93	"
Mr. S. S. Mariswamy	89	"
Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla	87	"
Mr. J. Mohammed Imam	87	"
Mr. H. M. Patel	82	"
Sardar Ram Singh	82	"
Mr. K. Sundaram	81	"
Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh	76	"
Mr. G. Hanumantha Rao	75	"
Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel	74	"
Mr. Martin Narayan Majaw	70	"
Mrs. Kailash Bekhie	69	"
Mr. J. M. Lobo Prabhu	69	"
Mr. C. C. Desai	66	"
Mr. Loknath Mishra	61	"
Mr. Mandhata Singh	57	Unsuccessful votes
Mr. V. T. Sreenivasan	53	"
Mr. Vadilal Lallubhai	48	"
Mr. N. Shivappa	46	"
Mr. V. N. Patil	45	"
Mr. Devi Singh	44	"
Col. H. R. Pasricha	36	"
Mr. P. A. Choudhary	20	"

The first twenty were declared elected.

In what respect were the present elections different from those of 1964? In the first place, unlike in 1964, unanimous elections were not necessarily the rule this time; and there was considerable canvassing

for support to this or that candidate. Secondly, in 1964, the number of new faces that replaced those who were on the earlier *Ad-Hoc* Committee were very few. This time, new comers made up more than 50% of most of the committees from the Primary to the National level as the following details of new office-Bearers and Members of State Committees and the National Executive will testify.

State Committees

State Presidents	2 out of 11	are new
Vice Presidents	22 out of 32	" "
General Secretaries	7 out of 11	" "
Joint Secretaries	28 out of 30	" "
Treasurers	10 out of 14	" "

National Executive

Vice Presidents	2 out of 5	are new
General Secretary	is new	
Joint Secretaries	all four	
Treasurers	one of the two	
Members	9 out of 20	

With the exception of Delhi, the States in which no elections could be held in 1964 because of paucity of membership continue to be in the same unfortunate position as in 1967 also. They are Assam, Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana (a new State). The following statement gives a constituency-wise enrolment position:

Enrolment Position at Primary Unit (Assembly Constituency Level)

State	1		2		3		4		5		Remarks
	Enrolment		Total number of Assembly constituencies		More than 20		Less than 20		No Enrolment		
	1964	1967	1964	1967	1964	1967	1964	1967	1964	1967	
Andhra	4310	6565	300	287	67	73	52	50	181	164	
Assam	—	—	105	126	—	—	—	—	—	—	Elections not held
Bihar	—	—	318	318	—	—	—	—	—	—	Elections not held
Bombay	787	2253	24	30	10	30	1	—	13	—	
Delhi	—	771	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Constituency-wise registers not maintained
Gujarat	634	11645	154	168	—	—	25	31	75	6	Taluka is the Primary Unit
Himachal Pradesh	316	—	40	—	—	—	2	—	27	—	Elections not held
Haryana	—	—	—	81	—	—	—	—	—	—	Elections not held
Kerala	316	1022	—	133	—	19	—	50	—	64	In '64 there was no constituency-wise breakup.
Madhya Pradesh	—	—	288	296	—	—	—	—	—	—	Elections not held
Madras	3023	5916	206	234	—	75	—	71	—	88	1964 list of workers constituency-wise not available
Maharashtra	169	395	264	270	—	—	—	—	—	—	The District is the primary Unit
Mysore	1192	1593	208	216	16	26	22	50	170	140	
Orissa	1113	3926	140	140	21	—	52	—	6	—	1967 constituency-wise
Punjab	1757	1476	154	184	49	35	8	18	9	51	break-up not received.
Rajasthan	3490	5059	176	184	87	89	13	38	76	57	
Uttar Pradesh	2709	6530	430	425	55	106	32	90	343	229	
West Bengal	—	—	252	280	—	—	—	—	—	—	Elections not held

In the Appendix we have listed in detail the addresses of State Offices, names of their Office Bearers and members of State Committees, and the names of the members of the General Council and the National Executive. The Central Office very often receives requests for such lists. May we therefore request readers to preserve this issue carefully.

FOCUS ON ORISSA

The Cyclone

The cyclone that struck the coastal districts of Cuttack, Balasore and Puri last October left behind a trail of human misery and destruction, adding to the travails of the coalition Government already burdened with the legacy of empty coffers and inefficient administration. However, with commendable zeal the Coalition Government has taken expeditious measures to provide relief to the victims and to bring about a return to normalcy in the areas visited by nature's fury.

The extent of destruction caused by the Cyclone can be gauged from the following facts and figures released by the Public Relations Department of the Orissa Government:

Damage to buildings, equipment and other properties belonging to the veterinary and animal husbandry and Fisheries department.....	Rs. 7,30,000.
Net loss suffered by the State Electricity Board...	Rs. 35,00,000.

District-wise the figures are:

Cuttack District

Number of villages affected	1,928
Population in affected area	7,77,000
Number of houses damaged	1,09,500
Human casualty	329
Loss of cattle	9,532

Balasore District

Number of village affected	97
Population in the affected area	32,063
Number of houses damaged	7,000
Human casualty	Nil
Cattle casualty	Nil

Puri District

Number of villages affected	31
Number of houses damaged	3,500
Human casualty	1
Cattle deaths	150

Swift Relief Measures

42 medical officers, 139 sanitary inspectors, 20 health assistants and members of other ancillary staff besides eight mobile medical units began operations immediately in the cyclone affected areas of Cuttack district. Medical stores worth a lakh of rupees were sent as also two lakhs anti-Cholera vaccines. To deal with cases of fractures, a surgical team consisting of a surgeon and an anaesthetist were detailed. By the end of November 60% of the people of Cuttack and 2,83,660 animals had been inoculated. An amount of Rs. 75 lakhs for relief, loans and restoration of Government

properties in the cyclone hit areas was ear-marked. House-building grants totalling 15.53 lakhs were distributed by 30th October to the needy people of the cyclone affected areas for repairs and reconstruction of their houses. 60 gazetted officers and 133 non-gazetted officers were engaged in the disbursement of this amount.

In a communication to their officers dealing with relief operations in the flood and cyclone affected areas, the Government of Orissa urged the officers to attend to their work with promptitude, sincerity and alertness. This followed reports about the lack of alertness on the part of some gazetted and non-gazetted officers. The Government's communication also warned that if such slackness was brought to the notice of Government, disciplinary action would be taken.

33,097 wells, 3057 tanks and 1,118 ghats were chlorinated, to prevent the outbreak of epidemics. To supply drinking water, 190 surface tube wells were sunk. Foodgrains were despatched to the affected areas and distributed through 153 relief centres and 162 retail sale centres.

The Government decided to grant exemption of school and examination fees to the students of cyclone affected areas. In addition, grants were given for the repair and reconstruction of school buildings.

To prevent distress sale of jute by jute-growers, arrangements were made to open purchasing centres and to purchase jute from the growers at a minimum floor price.

Voluntary Contributions poured into the Chief Minister's Relief Fund in amounts varying from Rs. 50 to Rs. 50,000. A Committee to coordinate activities of non-official relief organisations was set up with the Chief Minister Mr. R. N. Singh Deo as Chairman.

Evaluation Committee for Public Undertakings

The State Government has set up a Committee to evaluate the work of the Public sector undertakings of the Orissa Government headed by Dr. P. S. Lokanathan, and with Mr. Pran Prasad and Mr. G. Ramamurthy as its members. The terms of reference of the Committee are to examine:

- (a) the objects for setting up the various undertakings belonging to the Orissa Government and the extent to which these objectives have been realised,
- (b) if the objectives have not been realised, the reasons for such a state of affairs,
- (c) whether the capital outlay of these undertakings have been economical and proper,
- (d) programmes of work undertaken and such modifications as may be necessary for a realistic implementation of the programme,

- (e) the capital outlay still required for implementing the programme of ensuring maximum returns as early as possible.

The Committee has been empowered to make a comprehensive assessment of the economics and efficiency of these undertakings and also examine the present organisational set up of these undertakings and give their suggestions for modifications for more efficient management. Besides, the Committee will also suggest specific measures for protecting Government interests without substantially affecting the efficient management of the undertakings and suggest, after examination if any of these public sector undertakings should be closed down or their activities progressively reduced or altered in the interests of the State.

Orissa Leads in Family Planning

Orissa stands first in the effective implementation of the Family Planning Programme.

During the "Special Family Fortnight" observed from September 15, 1967, a total number of 16,940 sterilizations were performed.

Commission to Inquire into Charges of Corruption

Mr. Justice H. R. Khanna has been appointed as the one-man Commission to investigate charges of corruption against former Orissa Congress Ministers including Mr. Biju Patnaik and Mr. Biren Mitra. The Chief Minister, Mr. Singh Deo told newsmen in Delhi on September 25, that the Enquiry would be based on the memoranda presented by the Swatantra Party and others.

He said that he had rejected the demand for an enquiry against some of the present Ministers as well as those who were Ministers before 1961 since no *prima facie* case had been made against them.

Code of Conduct for Ministers

The following is the code of conduct adopted by the Orissa Cabinet to govern the conduct of its Ministers.

A Minister shall—

- (a) within three months after his appointment give a confidential report to the Chief Minister stating his/her total world assets and liabilities and the name and nature of the business in which he/she or any member of his/her family is interested;
- (b) sever all connection, except of divesting himself/herself of the ownership, with the conduct and management of any business in which he/she or any member of his/her family was interested before his/her appointment as a Minister. Provided, however, that he/she may transfer his/her interests in the conduct and management of any business to any member of his/her family

other than his/her wife (or husband as the case may be) or a dependent child of his/her;

- (c) furnish annually by the 31st March to the Chief Minister a confidential report as to the increase or decrease, along with details as far as practicable, of his/her assets and liabilities anywhere in the world;
- (d) refrain from selling to the Government any moveable or immovable property unless he/she is so permitted to do by the Chief Minister and that only in the best interests of the State;
- (e) refrain from conducting or managing any business or undertaking for profit;
- (f) not be a Director of any Limited Company other than a Cooperative Society and that only with the express permission of the Chief Minister;
- (g) ensure that the members of his/her family also do not engage themselves in any business or contract or work, supply or service with the Government or undertakings under the Government except supply of goods or service at standard market rates;
- (h) refrain from getting in his/her name or name of any member of his/her family any licence, permit, quota for the purpose of business and leases from the Government or Government undertaking of the State without express permission from the Chief Minister;
- (i) report to the Chief Minister if any member of his/her family joins against his/her wishes the conduct and management of any business;
- (j) not accept personally or through a member of his/her family any sort of pecuniary gratification or contributions for any purpose, whether political, charitable or otherwise.

2. No Minister shall personally or through any member of his family raise subscriptions or accept contributions for any purpose other than those laid herein below:

In case any purse intended for charitable purpose or for any public gathering, he shall pass over the said property to the concerned institution or for the concerned purpose at his earliest. Provided that in case any money or property is so given for the purpose of a political party, a Minister shall on payment of the same to the party authorities secure a receipt for the same.

3. A Minister shall not accept any gifts or other gratifications except customary ones that are consistent with his or her social traditions. Such gifts may, however, be not accepted from officers of the State or officers in any State undertaking, or others who are not relations or friends with whom there is customary exchange of gifts.

4. A Minister shall not himself/herself or through any of his/her family members contract debts from

persons or sources which may embarrass or influence him/her in the discharge of his/her official duties.

5. A Minister as far as practicable during his/her official tour avoid to stay in the private house of anybody other than a relation and discourage lavishness or extravagance in parties given to him/her or on his/her behalf.

6. Whenever the Chief Minister shall be of the opinion that a Minister is not keeping to the Code so prescribed, he may bring the matter to the notice of the Minister concerned who thereupon may inform the Chief Minister about the bonafides of his dealings in the matter.

7. The information required under clauses (a) and (c) shall be put in a cover sealed by the Minister. After it is presented to the Chief Minister, the Chief Minister's seal shall be put on the same. The cover thereafter shall be kept in personal custody of the Chief Minister as a most confidential document. The

sealed cover so kept shall not be opened unless so decided by the Cabinet and that for the only purpose of any enquiry, investigation into the conduct of a present or past Minister. The cover shall be opened and used in such way and manner as shall be directed by the Cabinet from time to time.

8. In the case of the Chief Minister, the very same code of Conduct as laid above for a Minister shall apply but for the purposes of filing the information required under clauses (a) and (c) above, the Chief Minister shall file the said information in cover under his own seal. The said cover shall be presented to the Council of Ministers and as directed by the Council of Ministers the said cover shall be sealed with the seal of another Minister. After being so sealed, the document shall be kept in the personal custody of the Chief Minister.

The term "Members of the family" referred to above shall mean wife, or husband as the case may be and any dependent child.

Kashmir Swatantra Forum

In the last issue of the *Newsletter* we had mentioned Mr. Raghunath Vaishnavi as President of the Forum. Due to unavoidable personal circumstances Mr. Vaishnavi felt compelled to give up his office. Mrs. Goodie Oberoi is now acting in his place.

The General Secretary Mr. N. Dandeker was in Kashmir on August 14. He addressed a public meeting and a Press Conference. The following are excerpts from the proceedings of the Press Conference.

Q. Did you meet any particular person, like Mirza Afzal Beg?

A. I had a frank and free talk with him. We discussed a number of things. I am sorry I cannot disclose the contents of our talk but he was as eager as anybody to see the air cleared. Our Party does not support the demand for plebiscite and we believe the Plebiscite Front has played a negative role in Kashmir.

Q. Can you find some meeting ground between the Swatantra Party and Mr. Beg?

A. He is not averse to the idea of Swatantra in Kashmir.

Q. What was the thing which got your attention here first of all?

A. The people who came to receive me at the airport (laughter).

Q. You do not support plebiscite; do you rule out the existence of the Plebiscite Front?

A. I do not rule out what exists.

Q. What are your comments on the remarks passed by the Kashmir Congress Chief in the Assembly here about Swatantra in Kashmir?

A. I have heard about it. I did not expect him to say that they were not going to allow us to operate

here. If he wants to fight us politically, we accept the challenge. I may also refer to his remark that Swatantra was a party of landlords, industrialists and rich people. The fact is this, that we have less support from such people than the Congress is enjoying. I would also like to tell you that all the seats our Party has won in Parliament this time are rural seats and none of them is an urban seat.

Q. Will Sheikh Abdullah support the idea of Swatantra in Kashmir?

A. He is under detention at present. I can talk about him only after he is free. There is no doubt that he is the largest single element in the mixture. But I can say he will not oppose the idea. I am sure about that.

On October 23, on hearing reports from the Swatantra Forum in Kashmir of the deteriorating situation in that State, Mr. M. R. Masani issued a statement in which he said:

"Starting with the unfortunate incidents of 7th June, there has been a chain of events which have endangered stability and the maintenance of law and order in the State and which have repeatedly demonstrated the inability and the incapacity of the present State Government to deal with the situation. Indeed, the Government machinery is being largely influenced by political considerations.

The situation has been further aggravated by the behaviour of the police and security forces imported into the State from Punjab and other parts of India. By their behaviour these security forces are in fact helping to turn the people of Kashmir against our country. A shocking development has been the conflict

between the Kashmir police and the outside police elements which has developed unfortunately on communal lines. The respective minorities in both Kashmir and Jammu are today suffering from a feeling of insecurity.

The appointment of one or two commissions proposed by the Chief Minister of Kashmir will solve nothing and will not bring any reassurance to the people of the State. The present situation is not only the result of wrong and unimaginative policies pursued over several years but is a reflection of the fact that Kashmir was denied fair and free elections along with the rest of India in February this year and as a result is administered today by a weak and ineffective Government which is not representative of the people.

In these circumstances, what is needed is that there should be an immediate release of political prisoners and detenus and the restoration of full civil liberties and normalcy in public life. This should be followed by a Round-Table Conference convened by the Prime Minister in which the leaders of various points of view in Jammu & Kashmir can participate. This would pave the way for dissolution of the present State legislature the elections to which were vitiated by a climate of intimidation and the fraudulent rejection of a large number of nomination papers, so that a fair and free election of the nature that the rest of India enjoys may take place in which all political elements can participate.

Such an election would result in the emergence of a State Government which would enjoy the confidence of the people, be able to deal with the problems of the State and be in a position to negotiate with the Union Government in regard to the exact position of the State of Jammu & Kashmir in the Indian Union, the measure of autonomy it should enjoy and its relations with the Centre. There are obviously difficulties and hurdles that will have to be cleared, but there is no other path than this towards the solution of the Kashmir problem and the sooner it is adopted the better."

Commenting on the recent decision of Government to allow Sheikh Abdullah limited freedom, Mr. Masani told the *Hindustan Times* Correspondent on December 8, that the Government's decision was an altogether inadequate response both to needs of justice and freedom as also to the widespread demand made by M.P.s and the public in general for his unconditional release. He said "Quite apart from respecting the fundamental rights to justice and individual liberty, Sheikh Abdullah's release could have been used as a starting point for a whole series of measures to ameliorate the unfortunate situation in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The niggardly concession now made is wanting, therefore, both from the point of view of justice and that of statesmanship."

Printing and Publication of Election Pamphlets and Posters

We would like to draw the attention of Party Units and Members to the following Press Note issued by the Election Commission on November 8, regarding the printing and publishing of election pamphlets and posters. All concerned are requested to note the instructions carefully and to comply with the Rules as and when the occasion arises:

"The Commission by its press note released on the 2nd January 1967, had drawn the attention of all the political parties, contesting candidates and owners of printing presses to the provisions of Section 127 A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which stipulates the every election pamphlet, hand-bill, placard or poster which is printed or multigraphed by any process (except copying by hand) must bear on its face the name and address of the printer and the name and address of the publisher.

The printer of any such document must obtain from the intending publisher, a declaration (in duplicate) as to his identity, signed by him and attested by two persons to whom he is personally known.

As soon as the document is printed, the printer must send one copy of the declaration and one copy of the document to the Chief Electoral Officer, if

the document is printed at the capital of the State, and to the District Magistrate of the District in any other case.

These restrictions, however, do not apply to any hand-bill, placard or poster merely announcing the date, time, place and other particulars of any election meeting or routine instructions to election agents or workers.

Contravention of any of the provisions of the section is made punishable with imprisonment upto six months or fine upto two thousand rupees or with both.

However, several instances have come to the notice of the Commission where on the eve of the last general elections, printing presses failed to comply with the requirements of the law in this respect, and the proprietors of such presses have generally pleaded ignorance of the law for this lapse.

In the interests of pure, free and fair elections the Commission is anxious that the law should be strictly enforced and the defaulters made to pay the penalty if they fail to comply with the requirements. The Commission would, therefore, like to draw the attention of the printing presses, political parties and the public once again to the provisions of the law".

Prime Minister's Visit to Moscow

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The unbecoming gesture on the part of the Prime Minister in being the only Prime Minister of a democratic country to accept with remarkable haste an invitation to participate in the 50th Anniversary-day celebrations of the Communist Revolution in Russia drew immediate protest from the General Secretary Mr. N. Dandekar, Mr. M. R. Masani and Mr. Manu Amersey, Members of Parliament. They telegraphed to the Prime Minister as follows:

"Your Decision To Go Out Of Your Way To Moscow To Participate In Celebration Of 50th Anniversary Of Communist Revolution Which Occasion Will Be Used For Totalitarian And Anti-

Democratic Propaganda is Totally Inconsistent With Your Professed Policy of Non-Alignment And Unfair To This Country Stop Wonder Whether You Have Ascertained How Many Prime Ministers Of Other Democratic Countries Are Also Attending Or Whether You Will Be In Company Of Soviet Satellites Stop Would Request You Even Now Reconsider Decision".

A As it happens, apart from Finland — which for geographical reasons is compelled to maintain "friendly relations" with the Soviets — not a single democratic country in the world other than India sent its Prime Minister to attend the celebrations. B

Vietnam and China Policies

In a letter to the *New York Times* on November 5, Rajaji compared President Johnson to Hercules and suggested that the whole civilised world should appreciate the heroism of the U.S. President.

He said "America should not only win the war in Vietnam but, in my opinion, take the Government of South Vietnam over for a period by a solemn treaty as a trust and then leave South Vietnam to govern herself free from the terror and exactions of an armed communist party helped by foreign governments." American confession of defeat in Vietnam, said Rajaji, will result in "the shrinking in a tragic measure" of the respect the US now commanded.

Speaking to pressmen at San Francisco on October 17, Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel, leader of the Party's Group in the Rajya Sabha referred to the American Demonstrators and said "I am sure if half of the demonstrators went to South Vietnam or Taiwan, as I have, they would not be against the war."

He added "Vietnam is a test. China wants to take over all the countries in Southeast Asia one by one as Russia did in Eastern Europe." Mr. Dahyabhai Patel went on to say that he was of the opinion that if the U.S. kept up the pressure in South Vietnam "the end of the war would come soon." Mr. Dahyabhai's visit was widely reported in the San Francisco press. The following is an extract from a report that appeared in the *San Francisco Examiner* of October 18:

"India's ruling Congress Party is nudging the vast nation toward a possible Communist takeover, a high ranking member of the country's Parliament warned here today.

"The Congress party and the government it controls are moving more and more in the direction of communism" he asserted.

"The ranks of our Senate and House of Representatives have been steadily growing in opposition to the Congress regime," Patel reported. "We are

resisting the trend toward communism which stems from socialist programmes in our country."

The Senator (Mr. Dahyabhai Patel) who flew into San Francisco after attending meetings and discussions with leaders of free nations in Southeast Asia, will stay in the Bay Area for several days.

He has been invited to deliver an address to students at the University of California in Berkeley tomorrow. The invitation came from Paul Seabury, a professor in the political science department.

The Senator was not at all surprised when he was asked to comment on the current anti-draft and anti-Vietnam War disturbances.

"I feel very sad that something like this should be happening here in your free country," he said adding:

"I am inclined to think that the hidden hand of communism works and tries to magnify differences among people.

"Such situations create a crisis, and the breakdown of law and order compels the authorities to take drastic action. This makes the authorities look unpopular and draws sympathies toward the demonstrators, who very often are misguided." Nevertheless, Patel said, he doesn't anticipate any trouble when he goes to the Berkeley campus tomorrow."

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Seventy Members of Parliament belonging to the Congress, Jan Sangh, Swatantra, SSP, PSP and Akali parties and some Independents have demanded in a joint statement that India should break off diplomatic relations with Communist China without any further delay; that India should take no step to support the Peking Regime's entry into the United Nations, and that India should recognize the Republic of China in Taiwan and establish normal diplomatic relations with its Government. B

Prominent among those who signed the statement are:

1. Mr. C. D. Pande (Congress)
2. Prof. Balraj Madhok (Jana Sangh)
3. Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel (Swatantra)

4. Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee (Jan Sangh)
5. Mr. Hem Barua (P.S.P.)
6. Mr. Arjun Singh Bhadoria (S.S.P.)
7. Mr. Uttam Singh Dugal (Akali)
8. Mr. Jagat Narain (Independent)
9. Mr. Prakash Vir Shastri (Independent)

'Breakthrough' in Haryana Elections

Even while this report was being printed the architect of the "breakthrough" Mr. Charanjit Rai passed away in Bombay on Jan. 1, 1968.

"As preparations for mid-term elections in Haryana are on, seven former Legislators of the dissolved Assembly and leaders of public opinion joined the Swatantra Party today marking a major breakthrough for the Party in the youngest State." Thus reported the *Statesman* of December 19 on the entry into the Party of the following leading figures of Haryana:

1. Mr. Hardwari Lal, former Education Minister
2. Mr. Manpool Singh, former Deputy Speaker
3. Mr. Phool Chand, former Minister of State
4. Mr. Jaswant Singh, former Deputy Minister
5. Mr. Maro Ram

This indeed is a major breakthrough. A Press Conference held in Chandigarh on December 18 was addressed by the General Secretary, Mr. N. Dandeker and the Joint Secretary in charge of Haryana affairs, Mr. Charanjit Rai.

Speaking to Pressmen, Mr. Dandeker said: "We have been thinking for some time that the Party should play its role in public affairs in Haryana.

"There has been a political vacuum here with the break up of the Congress Party and in the absence of any other all-India party except the Jan Sangh. With the elections round the corner, we have now made up our mind to enter the scene in Haryana."

The "vacuum", he said, was more than merely "political." It is the protection of the big and small peasants in the vast rural areas, a task which Sir Chotu Ram had begun in his time. The Swatantra Party had clear ideas on "land holdings and what goes with agriculture and farming that still remains a vast private enterprise.

"Our appeal" he continued "is fundamentally to the rural people in the State. Also in this State there is scope for tremendous industrial growth. Our party has

a very definite philosophy not only about farming but also about free enterprise in industry."

"We stand for a philosophy" Mr. Dandeker said, that the State should be there only to provide facilities, build up the infrastructure, but not interfere in the lives of the people further. The citizen must be left free considerably to develop and build prosperity."

"It is individualism, if that is the definition; and it is in direct antithesis with any kind of socialism. We completely deny the validity of all kinds of socialism preached by the Congress or the Communist Parties."

Mr. Dandeker did not consider the Swatantra's aims in Haryana too ambitious. The Party would welcome members who believed in its ideology, he said. He added that Mr. Charanjit Rai would look after the Party's organisational work in Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir.

The Ad-Hoc Committee of the Party for the State of Haryana has been reconstituted to make it more representative of its new composition, with the following as its members:

1. Mr. Hardwari Lal	Chairman
2. Mr. Inder Singh	Member
3. Mr. Manphool Singh	Treasurer
4. Mr. Phool Chand	Member
5. Mr. Jaswant Singh	"
6. Mr. Ram Singh	"
7. Mr. Avinash Chand Tiwari	"
8. Mr. K. C. Jain	"

The news of the entry of the Swatantra Party in a big way in Haryana, while causing understandable concern in certain quarters, was extremely well received by the press and the public. Swatantra marches on!

'LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTION!'

The Soviet Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the State Planning Commission said in Moscow on Saturday that nearly one-third of Russia's total industrial production now comes from over 4,600 factories working on a profit-earning system. He added that nearly all industries would be switched over to the new system by the next year.

Times of India, August 13.

DEBATE

Floor-Crossing

In response to our invitation to readers of the Newsletter to submit their views on floor-crossing, we give below the views of Mr. Shiv Datt Sharma, Secretary of the Aligarh Unit of the Party:

"If floor-crossing is based on a genuine disagreement with regard to an issue of national importance, it is a healthy practice, quite in consonance with democratic principles. For example "if some Congress members of Parliament cross the floor on the issue of bank nationalisation or if members of the Bengal U.F. cross to Congress because of anti-national activities of communist components of the front, it does

not smack of opportunism. In fact in the larger interest of Indian democracy such processes should be encouraged. There is another aspect of the question. Politically we are passing through a process characterised by increasing classification of basic concepts as well as by rapid fragmentation of the amorphous man, called the Congress Party. As this process proceeds, as it should, people are likely to change parties on the basis of genuine political disagreement. However, when change in political label is motivated by personal consideration it is detrimental to democratic growth. Each case of floor-crossing, therefore should be judged on its own intrinsic merit."

DEFECTION STATISTICS

"A little over nine per cent of the members elected to State Legislatures have changed their loyalties since the last general election, according to a U.N.I. survey.

Out of a total membership of 3447 (excluding Himachal Pradesh and Tripura), 314 members have changed their parties, or if they happened to be independents, joined one party or the other during the last 10 months.

The largest number of defections—over 125—have been from the Congress. The two Communist Parties have been free from defections. While none from the Left Communist Party snapped his ties, only one member (from Bihar) has left the Right Communist Party.

Swatantra Party

Among the opposition parties the Swatantra Party had the maximum number of defections, 24, followed by the Jan Sangh with 11.

Eight legislators elected on the ticket of the Samyukta Socialist Party and six on that of the Praja Socialist Party have also defected.

Similarly, 30 legislators elected on the ticket of regional or smaller parties have changed their sides.

One hundred and eight legislators elected as independents have joined some political party or the other.

But defections have not been a country-wide phenomenon. Nagaland, Kerala, Madras and Maharashtra have been free from floor-crossings.

Likewise, incidents of floor crossing in Mysore, Jammu and Kashmir and Orissa have been negligible.

Defections have, however, been responsible for the toppling of Governments in four States, for the imposition of President's Rule in the fifth and for currently threatening the existence of the sixth.

As a result of defections from the Congress, the Governments in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh fell. Similarly, because of defections from the United Front the Governments in West Bengal and Punjab have fallen. In Bihar, the Congress-Shoshit Dal is claiming a majority and this is to be tested next month.

Madhya Pradesh

The largest number of defections, 66, have been in Madhya Pradesh, leading to the resignation of the D. P. Mishra Ministry. Uttar Pradesh came next with 62 defections resulting in replacement of the C. B. Gupta Ministry by a multi-party coalition headed by Mr. Charan Singh, who, along with his followers, crossed the floor from the Congress ranks to the opposition.

In a majority of cases defection from the Congress have been due to differences among top leaders over ministry-making.

In Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, a section of Congress legislators walked over to the Opposition as they were discontented over the treatment meted out to them by the party leadership.

In some other states, notably Punjab and Haryana, some of the members defected from their parties for lure of office. Many of them were rewarded with ministries. In Haryana, for instance, two members defected four times, two thrice and six twice."

Indian Nation, December 11, 1967

NEWS FROM STATE UNITS

ANDHRA

The new Andhra State Executive met on December 9 at Vijayawada.

It conveyed its greetings to Rajaji on his 90th birthday.

It viewed with grave concern the scarcity conditions prevailing in the districts of Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Anantapur, Chittoor, Mahaboobnagar, Nizamabad, Nellore and Narasaraopet, in the Ongole and Palnad areas of Guntur District and the Nuzvidu Taluk of Krishna District as a result of failure of crops for want of timely rains.

Noting with regret the soaring prices of food grains and the very inferior quality of rice supplied through fair price shops and ration shops, the State Executive called on the Government of Andhra to declare the areas mentioned above as famine areas and appealed to them to:

1. release necessary stocks of food grains to the drought affected areas,
2. open fair price shops for every unit of one thousand population,
3. by provide drinking water and irrigation facilities by digging tube wells,
4. supply fodder to cattle free of cost,
5. suspend collection of taxes of all nature and to suspend the collection of all Government loans,
6. start famine relief works giving top priority for repairs of all existing irrigation sources and to provide necessary funds for taking up pending irrigation schemes,
7. to sanction special agricultural loans and to supply agricultural implements, seeds and fertilisers free of cost, and
8. to take such other steps to ameliorate the conditions prevailing in drought affected areas.

The Committee condemned the undemocratic action of the Andhra Government in enacting the retrograde "Land Revenue Enhancement Act" despite strong opposition to the measure. It called on the peasantry of Andhra Pradesh to stand firm and take legal action to prevent the implementation of the Act.

Stating that the food procurement system of the State Government had been a total failure and had resulted only in pushing prices higher, the Committee suggested to the Government to build up stocks by purchasing paddy in the open market through traditional food grain dealers and rice millers and to supply rice to the poor through fair price shops.

Ridiculing the partial de-control of sugar as the pretext on the part of the Government to shed its responsibility for supplying sugar to bulk consumers, the State Committee called for the total de-control of sugar as the only means of bringing down prices.

It regretted the unwise and undesirable decision of the Government in enhancing school fees which had led to violence.

The Committee called for the complete abolition of prohibition as in Orissa and Mysore.

The Committee appointed four organising secretaries to assist in the development of Kisan, Youth, Labour and Swatantra Sevak organisations.

Mr. Gadalingana Gowd, MP, President of the Kurnool District Unit of the Party has been devoting considerable time to work within his constituency. He extensively toured the drought-affected areas in his district to study the conditions of the people living in that area. As a result of his tour, he has drawn the Government's attention to the critical conditions especially in regard to drinking water facilities.

In a statement issued from Hyderabad on October 7, the Party's President, Prof. Ranga, appealed to the ryots in the State to observe Kisan Protest Week from November 1. In his statement he said that the Congress Government in Andhra seemed to excel every other State Government in imposing a "package deal" of anti-kisan measures with the object apparently of exposing the hollowness of the Central Government's boast of giving priority to agricultural production.

He referred in this connection to a ban on the export of gur to adjacent States which were the traditional markets for Andhra Gur. The ban had brought down the prices of gur by more than 50% and this had blighted the hopes of cane growers for the next year. He added "I have no hesitation to say that this package deal of the Andhra Government is the greatest disincentive to agricultural production and turns the Government into an enemy of our kisans. So it is the duty of all the kisans to record their most vehement protest against it."

BIHAR

The Ad-Hoc Committee of the Bihar State Unit at a meeting in Patna on October 28 decided to launch a movement if the Government insisted on going ahead with its policy relating to share cropping, paddy levy and the monopoly procurement programme. It also urged the Union Government to withdraw immediately the evacuation notice served on about 25,000 families likely to be displaced by the construction of the Farakka barage and to set up a panel of engineers to devise ways to execute the project "without tears."

GUJARAT

The first meeting of the newly elected State Council of the Gujarat Unit of the Party was held in Ahmeda-

bad on September 17. Besides attending to its main business which was the election of a new State Executive, the State Council adopted several resolutions on current issues agitating the people in the State; extracts of which are reported below:

Narmada Project

"This meeting of the State Council of the Gujarat Swatantra Party notes with regret the utter failure of Gujarat Government in solving the problem pertaining to the Narmada Project, a project of great national importance and life-line for the future prosperity of Gujarat.

This meeting urges the President and the General Secretary of the Gujarat Swatantra Party to take suitable steps to solve this problem of All-India importance at the earliest opportunity by holding discussions with the new council of Ministers of Madhya Pradesh."

Gas Prices

"This meeting of the Council of the Swatantra Party Gujarat expresses its strong sense of resentment at the unusual delay in giving the award of gas prices in Gujarat, even though two years have elapsed since the appointment of the arbitrator. The dates for giving the award have been officially announced frequently, there has been a serious delay in giving the award by the arbitrator.

Although the Prime Minister in a talk with the MPs from Gujarat at New Delhi had already assured that the decision of the arbitrator would be announced by the end of August, no award has yet come forth. Such a delay has effected the industrial development of Gujarat in general and Dhruvaran extension project in particular which would be seriously handicapped in regard to securing necessary foreign exchange. It is seriously apprehended that such a delay might ultimately result in a dearth of power generation seriously jeopardising the industries of Gujarat.

This meeting therefore hopes that both the Central and the State Governments would realise the serious repercussions resulting from such avoidable delay and request that the award should be given forthwith without delay and the date for announcing the award may be strictly adhered to."

Removal of Restrictions on Cultivators

"As the result of the policy of the Government to compel the cultivators to sow particular variety of cotton, even though such variety may not suit the soil, the cultivators of Gujarat have to sustain an inestimable loss. Due to the policy of controls on ginning, sale of cotton, import policy of foreign cotton and control of credit etc. the cultivators are placed in a helpless economic plight, resulting in aggregate of cotton stocks, lying unsold. This meeting urges the Government to remove all these controls which have adversely affected the interests of the cultivators in this State."

Suspension of Service on the Metre and Narrow Gauge Railways

"Recently as a result of a demand for higher coal price, the Railway authorities, without any previous intimation to the public has suspended the services on Metre Gauge and Narrow Gauge railways in the country resulting in untold hardships to the public in general and to the people of Gujarat in particular, which has a large proportion of Metre as well as Narrow Gauge lines.

This meeting of the State Council of the Gujarat Swatantra Party believes that such a high-handed action could be taken only in a totalitarian State. In a State which is run democratically such a serious lapse and callous disregard for public hardships is unforgiveable. This meeting wishes that Government should realise its duty and express regrets for the hardships caused to the general public and should take steps to assure that there would be no recurrence of such lapses in future."

Thanks to the pressure brought on the State Government by the State Unit's warning that implementation of the Government's proposal for the compulsory procurement of paddy would mean a state-wide agitation organised by the Party, the Government of Gujarat has made significant modifications in their proposals.

The mobilisation of farmers' opinion against the measures began in mid-September when the Gujarat Party Unit threatened to launch an agitation if the State Government imposed a food-grain levy. It sent out a Circular to District and Local Units to get ready to launch intensive agitation if the Government did not withdraw its measures. Among the plans were a token fast before the Chief Minister's House led by Bhaikaka.

In Ahmedabad, on October 20, the State President Mr. H. M. Patel attacked the very principle of the grain levy order and advocated its replacement by Government purchases in the open market with subsidised distribution. He warned the Government that the levy would inflict untold hardships on the small farmer who would be prevented from selling even the non-levied part of his rice before levy was collected by the Mamlatdar.

A couple of days later Bhaikaka described the Government as looters. He went on to say that so many things were done in the name of the poor but it was the poor who were being looted by the Government.

Abandonment of the food-levy order by the Government as a result of the preventive action taken by the Party in that State led a correspondent to ask "Who is governing Gujarat—Hitendrabhai or Bhaikaka?" The report carried in the *Jai Hind* of 2nd November stated that this was the question being asked by the Congress MLAs of each other. Whatever the answer, the fact remains that thanks to our action the move which would have brought untold hardship

to the farmers of Gujarat has been stopped on time before it could do any damage.

As we go to Press, we learn that the Gujarat State Convention held in Navasari on the 24th and the 25th of December was an outstanding success. Most people in Gujarat were under the mistaken impression that "Swatantra" held no appeal for the public in the Southern Districts of Gujarat and could make no headway there because it was supposedly dominated by the towering personality of Shri Morarji Desai, the Deputy Prime Minister of India. The success of the State Convention at Navsari and the throngs which crowded the public session held in a vast shamiana in the afternoon of 25th December, the rapt attention with which the speakers were heard, the eager participation in the public session by all leading personalities and associations in the town and the obvious joy with which they presented garlands of flowers to the leaders present at the convention,—all these were like so many slaps in the face for our detractors.

KERALA

200 Party volunteers marching with two food jathas organised by the Party, one from the constituency of the State Food Minister and the other from Kasargode, demonstrated before the State Secretariat in Trivandrum on September 2.

The two jathas consisting of five members each started on 9th August and toured the different districts of the State before reaching Trivandrum. The processionists demanded the abolition of monopoly procurement and free trade in foodgrains.

In a statement to the press on November 5, the State President Mr. Sebastian Paikada said that the Party would launch a state-wide agitation for mobilising public opinion in favour of free trade in foodgrains and distribution of ration rice received from the Centre to those having incomes of less than Rs. 300 per month. Mr. Paikada told pressmen that this demand, which was now being echoed by the Muslim League, had at that time been rejected. But now since the same demand has been put forth by one of the constituents of the United Front Government, the suggestion could not be lightly brushed aside.

The Kerala correspondent of Swarajya in his report on August 28, stated that the Kerala Unit of the Party is "becoming aggressively defensive". The report cited a statement by Mr. K. C. Joseph the then Joint Secretary of the State Unit, that the State Unit's food policy of cancellation of ration cards of the rich, increased rations at low price to the needy, abolition of levy procurement and restoration of free trade in foodgrains, enjoyed the support of the labouring classes, the beedi worker and the rickshaw puller.

Prof. Ruthnaswamy the Party's Vice-President was in Kottayam on September 19. Replying to a question he said that the issue of the merger of the Kerala Congress with the Swatantra Party would be consider-

ed if the Kerala Congress dropped its lingering attachment to socialism and subscribed to the Swatantra Party's programmes and policies.

Referring to the United Front Ministry in Kerala, he stated that the Ministry was more interested in organising "struggles" against the Centre than in solving domestic problems.

It is proposed to hold the next meetings of the Central Parliamentary Board and the National Executive at Ernakulam towards the end of January 1968.

MYSORE

"A Government which could not create one national food zone for the entire country had no right to preach national integration", said Mr. Sa. Ganesan at a meeting in Bangalore on 1st October, organised by the Mysore Unit of the Party. Referring to the language issue he said that it could not be decided by the rule of majority alone. In a humorous vein he asked, why the Congress which always swore by majority chose the Lion on the emblem of the Asoka Pillar, and not the donkey which was the most prolific among the animals in this country. Similarly, he said the Congress should have chosen the crow and not the Peacock as the National Bird.

A meeting held in Malleswaram on 27th August was addressed by M/s. N. K. Ganapaiah, H. B. Jwalanaiah, M.L.A., S. V. Shama Rao, K. N. V. Rao and B. R. Ramaiah. The speakers discussed the critical economic situation.

MADRAS

Mr. R. M. Seshadri was elected on August 22 to the Madras Legislative Council from the Madras Graduates Constituency in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. H. V. Hande of our Party who is now a member of the Lower House.

The following is an extract from a report submitted to the General Council by Mr. S. S. Mariswamy, General Secretary of the Tamil Nad Unit:

I am happy to state that we have been able to set up 96 Primary Unit Committees out of a total of 234 Assembly Constituencies. In the previous Party Elections held in 1964 we were able to set up only 58 Unit Committees. I am also happy to state that we have been able to form District Committees in all the Districts in the State except in Nilgiris District where also we hope to set up the Committee before the end of this year. We are also taking steps to see that Committees are set up in all the Assembly Constituencies before the end of March, 1968.

The total number of workers enrolled this year is 6132 which is more than double the number of persons enrolled at the time of the previous Party Elections. In 1964 the total number of workers enrolled was 2640 and the Life Workers 29. Now we have on our rolls 106 Life Workers.

The State Council at present consists of 130 mem-

bers elected by the various District Committees and this is as against the total number of 63 members in the previous State Council.

I am happy to state that our Party fared exceedingly well in the recent General Elections. Out of 27 candidates set up by us for the Assembly seats 21 members were elected and out of 8 candidates for the Parliamentary seats 6 candidates won the elections. In the last General Elections we were able to secure only 9 seats in the Assembly and no seats at all in Parliament.

MAHARASHTRA

Koyna Earthquake

Readers are aware of the earthquake that devastated Koyna and scores of villages in the Ratnagiri, Satara and Karad districts. The Maharashtra Unit of the Party was quick in lending its helping hand to provide relief to the victims of the earthquake.

Immediately, on hearing of the calamity, the State Unit sent out a team of four Workers to obtain a first-hand report of the extent of damage and to assess the immediate requirements of the people in the affected areas. On receiving the report, the Party approached numerous Industrial Houses in Bombay city and received generous response. Leading Textile Mills supplied the Party with a thousand blankets for Koyna. These were taken to Koyna and handed over to the Lions Club and Rotary Club of Karad who are actively engaged in relief work. They appointed Mr. K. B. Pandey, a Party Worker to take charge of the distribution of the blankets.

It is gratifying to record that we were the first political Party in the state to rush to the aid of the victims of the earthquake. Apart from the blankets, cash donations amounting to Rs. 2,000 were collected in Bombay with which requirements like utensils, sarees etc. were purchased. The Poona Unit of the Party joined in a collection drive organised by the Mayor of Poona.

On 17th December, the Bombay Unit organised a procession. Two lorry loads of clothes, aluminium utensils, plastic buckets and cash donations of over Rs. 4,350 were collected and sent to Koynanagar. The President of the Bombay and Maharashtra Regional Units, Mr. N. Dandekar, has been nominated by the Maharashtra Chief Minister as a member of the Koyna Earthquake Rehabilitation Committee.

At a public meeting held in Poona on November 28 the Party's Unit paid homage to Mahatma Jyotiba Phule on his 77th death anniversary. Mr. K. R. Koshti, President of the District Unit eulogised the unique services rendered by Mahatma Phule. Among other speakers were Mr. Sumatilal Shah, Mr. Neelam Makhija and Mr. Panjabi. This meeting which was held in a poor but cosmopolitan locality was well attended. Local enthusiasm for the meeting was evident from

the fact that the residents resorted to self-help in cleaning the area, preparing a temporary approach road and even borrowing an electric connection from a neighbouring house at quite some distance. Thirty men and women joined the Party at the meeting.

The Joint Secretary of the Maharashtra Unit of the Party, Mr. Madhu Mehta has criticised the Maharashtra government and the Sangli Municipality for going out of its way in providing water supply, electricity, roads on the Sangli-Miraj Road and other facilities for the forthcoming session of the Congress Party in Sangli.

The session was shifted subsequently to Hyderabad due to the Koyna Earthquake.

The General Secretary of the Party, Mr. Dandekar was felicitated in Poona on his re-election as President of the Maharashtra State Unit. He addressed workers and discussed with them suggestions to strengthen Party Organisation in Poona District.

ORISSA

Here is a summary of the proceedings of the Dhenkanal District Committee held on October 9. We commend it to our District Committees throughout the country as a model of how to go about the work of the Party at the district level.

The Committee resolved to set up suitable candidates from amongst the Party workers in the ensuing Panchayat Samiti election. In the absence of such suitable candidates, the party workers and the Primary Units were advised to support progressive independent candidates.

A sub-committee consisting of the President, Sri Sadananda Das and Sri Balkrishna Patnaik, member was constituted to select suitable candidates in the ensuing Panchayat Samiti elections, in consultation with the respective Primary committees and Ad-Hoc Committees in Special Constituencies (where there are no Primary committees).

In view of the changed political situation of the post election period, it was of vital importance that the programme, achievements and the ideology of the first Swatantra-led Government in India should reach every nook and corner of the area of the District. Hence all Primary committees and Primary Units were urged to enrol themselves as subscribers of the Oriya daily "Swarajya" and also to enrol at least five sympathisers as subscribers thereof by 31st December, 1967.

The Primary committees were advised to ensure that all workers who failed to renew their cards by the 30th June, 1967, should do so by the 31st December, 1967.

In view of the post election political situation the role of Swatantra workers had become a very important and responsible one. They were reminded of the twelve pledges which they had signed while enrolling themselves as workers of the Swatantra Party. They

from the General Secretary's desk

Dear Friend:

The state of the Party organisation has been exercising the minds of all of us. For instance, this was discussed at length at the recent meeting of the General Council in New Delhi and earlier at a meeting of the National Executive in Madras last September.

The Madras meeting of the Executive spelt out details of how the Party should go about this job. Please see the relevant report on page two. The Executive endorsed the views expressed by Rajaji that the Party should not get involved in short term politics of "expediency" but remain steadfastly loyal to the Party's principles, while projecting its image and propagating its philosophy on a wider scale.

This endorsement assumes special significance in the context of present-day politics. It implies our acceptance of the fact that our Party has to tread the long and hard path rather than be tempted by any short cuts to office and power. It implies a willingness to plough a lonely furrow if necessary, but to keep intact the Party's identity firmly based upon the principles which distinguish it from the communal parties at one end and the communist parties at the other.

To do this, we must have a strong organisation with a dedicated leadership and disciplined rank and file.

What is the state of our Organisation today? Let us consider the recently concluded Party elections. The most encouraging factor in these elections was that "unanimity" in the election of Office-bearers and members of the various Committees was not made a fetish. It was in fact the exception rather than the rule. This is as it should be. We are a democratic Party wedded to democratic procedures. The keen contests for posts of Office bearers and for membership of various committees, whether at the Primary, District, State or National level, was an indication that we are a live Party. After all, why should any one wish to strive for a position in a young organisation such as ours if that organisation were merely a paper body? Therefore, in my view, the contests for official positions within the Party bear testimony to our growing strength and importance in the country's political life. But having said this, let me also sound a note of caution. Now that the elections are over, it is necessary to work together as a well disciplined team. The victors no less than the vanquished must consciously set aside the differences generated during the heat of elections, with single-minded devotion to the Party and with a determination to get on with the job of strengthening it and propagating its principles. There must be no factions, no groups, no other interest but the interests of the Party.

At this point, let me share with you my sense of

grave disappointment over the fact that even after seven years there are still large areas in the country where the Party has little or no organisation, despite the fact that it has wide acceptance in general even in those areas. More disappointing still is the fact that even within those States where the Party is comparatively well organised, enrolment is so lopsided that a large number of districts have no party organisations worth the name. It is true our membership has doubled since 1964. But a study of the distribution of membership in the better organised States (with membership exceeding 5,000), reveals that more than one-third of the membership is confined to just two or three districts, with gaping voids elsewhere.

This does not quite match up with our claims to be a National Party. I suspect that one of the reasons for this is the absence of seriously organised efforts to enlarge the area of the Party's influence on ground. Our leaders in the States and State Committees appear to have sat back, misled by enrolment figures which, as I said earlier, do not give a correct picture of the extent of our organisation. True, there are other difficulties also: finance, for one; manpower, for another; transportation in the form of jeeps, for a third. But basically our failure to grow evenly and with strength all over the country springs from a state of inertia to explore new territories to conquer. "Where there is a Will, there is a Way", runs the old adage.

That the National Executive has the Will and is seeking to find out the Way is indicated by the fact that we now have four Joint Secretaries to assist us in this work. Each of them will concentrate on a group of States and give them their personal attention. In States without any organisation, the Joint Secretary concerned will have virgin territory to develop. In the better organised States his assistance and guidance will be available to the State leadership to improve their organisation. The intention is not to supplant but to supplement.

There is of course a great deal of scope for improving and strengthening the Party's organisation. The Central Office will endeavour to assist in this task to the maximum extent possible. But our resources in men, money and materials (especially vehicles) are strictly limited. So the initiative has to come from the States themselves. Strangely, everybody has ideas on the subject. A plethora of them was ventilated at the first meeting of the new General Council held in November at Delhi. But the thought which was insistently uppermost in my mind when I listened to all those wonderful suggestions was: "who or what was stopping all these gentlemen with bright ideas from getting on with the job in the way they suggested at the Primary, District or State level"? And so I must

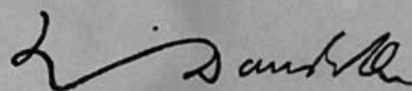
repeat what I said then. No one is stopping you from getting on with the job in the way you think best and most fruitful. What is needed is a concerted effort on the part of every member of the Party to increase its membership and to develop a strong party organisation in whatever way he thinks best, subject only to two conditions: firstly, we must not abandon or compromise our basic principles; and secondly, we must avoid resort to agitational and disorderly tactics that have become so much the curse of this country today.

I referred earlier to our determination not to sacrifice principles at the altar of political expediency. This is of fundamental importance. For what good is a strong organisation if the Party loses its soul somewhere along the road? It is easy, and indeed tempting, for us to seek, and possibly even engineer, alliances with other political groups and stray individual dissidents so as to get into seats of power faster than if we were to go it alone. That is the path of unprincipled expediency. It would be easy for us to play on the emotions of the people to work up agitations and demons-

trations and indulge in cheap political stunts which may win us immediate favour with the public when so misguided. But when the dust settles down we will emerge much smaller in the estimation of all thinking men.

✓ Sound political principles and a strong party organisation go hand in hand. We owe it to the country and to the people not to sacrifice the one for the sake of the other. For when the present political mood of the country subsides there must be a party which has the right basic philosophy and the supporting organisation necessary to pick up the pieces and rebuild the fabric of our democratic structure. That means you and all of us, of the Swatantra Party.

Jai Swatantra



"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldiers and the sunshine patriot will, in the crisis shrink from service to their country; but he that stands it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly. It is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price on its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM would not be highly rated.

— THOMAS PAINE

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