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Minutes of the Meeting of the Central Organising Committee
held in Bombay on September 30, 1964, at 11:30 a.m. at the
residence of Sir Homi Mody, 1 Carmichael Road, Bombay 26.

Present :

Prof. N. G. Ranga (in the Chair)
Mr. C. Rajagopalachari
Mr. K. M. Munshi
Smt. Gayatri Devi
Sir Homi Mody
Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel
Mr. Dahyabhai Patel
Mr. P. K. Deo
Sardar Basant Singh
Mr. Harihar Das
Mr. J. Mohammed Imam
Mr. B. P. Singh
Mr. M. R. Masani

Mr. Jaideepsingh of Baria } present by special invitation
Mr. Piloo Mody }

The minutes of the last meeting held in Bombay on June 29 were approved and confirmed.

The Committee passed resolutions of condolence on the sad demise of Mr. G. C. Roy, the General Secretary of the Party Unit in Orissa, and Mr. N. Sivraj, the President of the Republican Party.

Recommendations made by the Organisation Sub-Committee were then taken up for consideration.

The recommendation of the Orissa Executive expelling Messrs. Satyanarayan Mishra and Ghanshyam Das from the Party for indiscipline during the Rajya Sabha elections and commended for acceptance by the Organisation Sub-Committee was approved.

The Orissa Unit's request that the enrolment form of Mr. Dhanpati Sahu, who had applied for membership from the Kula-handi district, be not accepted was considered in the light of the Sub-Committee's recommendation. It was decided that so long as the cases pending against Mr. Dhanpati Sahu were not disposed of and he was acquitted, his membership application for enrolment as a Worker should not be accepted.

In so far as the Rajasthan State Committee's request that Mr. R. C. Bhandari's application for enrolment be rejected was concerned, the Central Organising Committee decided to return the relevant papers to the Rajasthan State Executive for a reconsideration of the matter. Smt. Gayatri Devi, who is also the Vice-President of the State Unit, concurred with this view.

The Committee then took up for consideration the list of Presiding Officers to take the Chair and conduct the first meetings of the State Councils to elect members and office -

bearers of the State Committees and elect the State Unit's representatives on the General Council. On the recommendation of the General Council, the following list was approved :

Andhra	-	Mr. V. T. Sreeniva san
Bombay	-	Mr. Dabhabhai Patel
Gujarat	-	Dr. R. C. Cooper
Himachal Pradesh	-	Sardar Basant Singh
Kerala	-	At Convention
Madras	-	Mr. T. Krishnama
Maharashtra	-	Mrs. Lilavati Munshi
Mysore	-	Mr. M. Malgonkar
Orissa	-	Mr. N. Baksi
Punjab	-	Mr. C. Rai
Rajasthan	-	Col. H. R. Pasricha
Uttar Pradesh	-	Mr. N. Dandekar

The ratio of representation of State Units on the General Council was taken up for consideration and the following recommendation made by the Organisation Sub-Committee was approved, viz., three representatives for the first 200 Workers enrolled and one for every additional 100. Subject to verification of the figures of enrolment, the following would be the rough basis of representation of State Units on the General Council :

<u>State</u>	<u>Enrolment</u>	<u>Proposed Representation</u>
Andhra	2977	20
Bombay	321	4
Gujarat	6148	20
Himachal Pradesh	304	4
Madras	2669	20
Maharashtra	100	3
Mysore	779	8
Orissa	1035	11
Punjab	1738	18
Rajasthan	3186	20
Uttar Pradesh	1822	19
Kerala -	316	3
South Zone	189	
North Zone	85	
Central Zone	42	
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The meeting then took up for consideration the date and venue of the first meeting of the duly elected General Council to elect office bearers and members of the National Executive. The following recommendation made in this connection by the Organisation Sub-Committee was then approved :

Venue - Jaipur
Date - Sunday the 3rd January and Monday the 4th January

The meeting then took up for consideration and adopted the following resolutions :

Malaysia

The Central Organising Committee records its sense of disappointment over the persistence by the Government of India in the

same equivocal and unhelpful attitude as in the past, disregarding the overwhelming feeling in the country, in not condemning Indonesian aggression against Malaysia. Recent statements made on behalf of the Government of India have not made any difference in this respect. The Central Organising Committee feels that public opinion in the country demands that the fullest support should be given by the Government of India to Malaysia in her present troubles.

Food Scarcity And Soaring Prices

The Central Organising Committee of the Swatantra Party is emphatically of opinion that the present food crisis and the soaring prices of all commodities are the direct forewarned consequence of the policies of the Congress Government and they cannot be overcome by the present methods of controls, searches and intimidation but only by a drastic change in the land policies of the Congress regime and its inflationary programme of public expenditure and deficit financing.

Nehru Effigy On Coins

This Convention emphatically condemns the project of minting coins with the effigy of the late leader of the Congress Party and Prime Minister of India as it would constitute political propaganda for the Congress Party through the national currency and points out that this step is wholly inconsistent with the law being enacted to prevent political slogans being written on currency notes.

The Recent Indo-Soviet Agreement On Aid

While the Central Organising Committee of the Swatantra Party would welcome substantial aid from the U.S.S.R., the recent arrangements arrived at with the Soviet Government in Moscow, under which communist technicians would work for many years in India, would lead to communist infiltration in vital sectors of the administration, the defence forces and establishments opening out wide avenues for Communist China's subversive activities.

The meeting then terminated for lunch.

The adjourned meeting of the Central Organising Committee met again at 3 p.m.

Mr. Dahyabhai Patel briefly reported on impressions of his visit along with the General Secretary to Patna and expressed the feeling that there was a large overtone of goodwill and sympathy for the Party.

The recommendations made by the Organisation Sub-Committee in regard to Bihar were then taken up for consideration.

" The Central Organising Committee considered an appeal by certain members of the defunct Unit of the Party in Bihar against the decision of the Organisation Sub-Committee in dissolving the Bihar Unit of the Swatantra Party.

" After considering the appeal, the Central Organising Committee endorsed the decision of the Organisation Sub-Committee at its meeting in Madras on August 8 dissolving the Bihar Unit on the basis of the recommendations made by Mr. K. M. Munshi in his report and rejected the appeal. The Central Organising Committee is convinced that the State Committee and Unit completely failed to perform its functions.

" The Central Organising Committee next considered the reso-

lution adopted by the Organisation Sub-Committee calling upon the former President and Secretary of the defunct Unit of Bihar, Messrs. Kamakhya Narayan Singh and Shyam Sunder Prasad, to show cause why appropriate disciplinary action including expulsion from the Party should not be taken against them for flouting the authority of the Party by refusing to hand over charge of the papers, books of account and assets of the Party as directed by the Organisation Sub-Committee.

" The Central Organising Committee noted the letter dated August 26 from the Central Office calling upon Messrs. Kamakhya Narayan Singh and Shyam Sunder Prasad to explain not later than September 10 why action should not be taken against them including expulsion from the Party in accordance with the Organisation Sub-Committee's Resolution. In this connection, the reply from Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh of 9th September was taken into account, in which he has submitted his resignation from the Party, was noted. Mr. Shyam Sunder Prasad did not reply to the letter.

" The Central Organising Committee noted that, even while Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh was appealing for justice from the Organisation Sub-Committee and an appeal against the dissolution was pending, Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh had offered to join the Congress.

" Taking all these circumstances into account, the Central Organising Committee resolves to expel Messrs. Kamakhya Narayan Singh and Shyam Sunder Prasad from the Party for gross indiscipline and disloyalty to the Party and further holds that the question of their resignation from the Party therefore does not arise.

" In so far as the MP's, MLA's and MLC's of the Party in Bihar other than Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh and Mr. Shyam Sunder Prasad were concerned, the Central Organising Committee in the absence of individual communication from them, holds that they continue to be members of the Party and cannot, in the circumstances, accept their signatures on what allegedly purports to be their resignation appended to the letter dated September 9 from Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh. The Central Office should write to these MP's, MLA's and MLC's, other than Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh and Mr. Shyam Sunder Prasad who have been expelled, informing them that in case any of them have applied for membership of any other Party, they will still have an opportunity to withdraw their applications (sending a copy of such withdrawal to the Central Office of the Party) and indicating their desire to remain members of the Party not later than October 20.

" In so far as those who have been enrolled as Worker-Members by the defunct Unit prior to 31st July 1964 are concerned, they should be given an opportunity to be considered as duly enrolled on their being screened by the Central Office provided they complete two forms viz., a) a letter addressed to the Party giving the relevant particulars such as receipt numbers and date of enrolment and indicating their wish to be Worker-Members of the Party and b) a letter addressed to the previous President of the State Unit with a copy to the Central Office calling on Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh either to remit their subscription amounts to the Central Office of the Party or to return the money to the applicant concerned.

" The Central Organising Committee notes the universal desire expressed by the Party's friends and sympathisers in Bihar that the Central Office should open a branch office in Patna say at least till the end of 1964, and that the office should be manned by staff deputed by the Central Office to Patna for the purpose. The Central Organising Committee accedes to this demand and requests the Central Office immediately to make arrangements for setting up a branch of the Central Office in Patna.

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The Central Organising Committee requests Mr. Dahyabhai Patel to help the Central Office during the next few months in reorganising the Party in Bihar.

" To ensure the fullest cooperation of the Party's friends and sympathisers with the work of the Bihar branch of the Central Office, the Central Organising Committee approves the following Advisory Committee and authorises the General Secretary to add to the Committee as and when deemed necessary and helpful for the growth of the Party in Bihar :

1. Mr. Ram Binod Singh
2. Mr. Jaleshwar Prasad
3. Mr. Harihar Singh, MLC
4. Mr. N. Bakshi
5. Mr. N. N. Singh Deo of Seraikella, MLA
6. Mr. Jagadhatrinath Sahdeo of Palamau, MLA
7. Mr. Maheshwar Prasad Naran Singh, Muzaffarpur
8. Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal
9. Mr. Harishchandra Mishra, Darbhanga
10. Mr. M. V. Shastri, Jamshedpur
11. Mr. Bashir Ul Haque, Gaya
12. Mr. Budhan Rai Verma, Shahbad
13. Dr. Azazi, Muzaffarpur
14. Mr. Ganga Prasad Singh, Chapra
15. Mr. Gajadhar Singh, Champaran
16. Mr. A. S. Chaudhari, Khunti, Ranchi. "

The following resolution on the Orissa Unit's memorandum to the President of India was then adopted after discussion :

" The Central Organising Committee notes with concern the serious charges of corruption made against Orissa Ministers in the memorial, presented to the President on 13.8.64 by the non-Communist opposition members of the Orissa Legislature and others.

" The Central Organising Committee is of opinion that a commission of enquiry should be appointed to examine the charges as was done in the case of the Punjab Chief Minister in order to clear the atmosphere. "

The General Secretary then reported on the efforts being made by the Central Office to reorganise the Party's organisation in Madhya Pradesh and Bengal.

The meeting then terminated.