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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ORGANISATION SUB COMMITTEE
OF THE SWATANTRA PARTY HELD IN MADRAS ON SUNDAY, 17th MAY,
1964 AT 4.45 P.M.

Present: Prof. N. G. Ranga (in the chair)
Mr. C. Rajagopalachari
Mr. M. R. Masani

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30th January, 1964, in Bangalore were confirmed.

It was decided to recommend to the Central Organising Committee at its next meeting that the Party's two Vice-Presidents, namely, Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy and Maharani Gayatri Devi, should be appointed members of the Organisation Sub-Committee. It was further decided to recommend to the Central Organising Committee that the two Vice-Presidents and Mr. B. P. Singh, President of the U. P. Unit, should be nominated to the Parliamentary Board.

The Report of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Third National Convention to consider amendments to the Party's Constitution other than those in regard to membership provisions was considered. It was decided that the only amendment to the Constitution recommended by the Sub-Committee, namely, one in regard to the date by which the first elections to Party Committees should be held, should be placed before the General Council for adoption.

On a question of interpretation being raised in regard to the meaning of Article 5A of the revised Constitution in regard to the rights of Life Members, it was the opinion of the Sub-Committee that a Life Member who agrees to be a Worker by undertaking to perform one or other of the kinds of activities listed in the Constitution, would be eligible to be a Life Worker and in that capacity would be entitled to hold office and enjoy all the privileges of a Life Worker. Where, however, a Life Member claims exemption from paying any fee beyond Rs. 15.00 and does not agree to undertake any work in accordance with the Constitution he would be a Life Member with the right to vote but without being eligible to hold office or be a member of an election committee.

It was decided that the next meetings of the Parliamentary Board, Central Organising Committee and the General Council should be held in Bombay between June 28 and July 1.

The state of the organisation in Kerala and correspondence between the zonal organisers and the Central Office was reported to the Organisation Sub-Committee. After discussion, it was agreed that the matter should be reviewed by the Central Organising Committee at the end of June when they meet in Bombay. It was felt that it might be useful to have one spokesman from each of the zonal committees as an invitee at the time of the Central Organising Committee and General Council meetings in Bombay so that the matter may be discussed thoroughly and a decision taken in the light of this discussion. The Central Office would, in the meanwhile, seek to assess the progress made by the organisation and the response forthcoming. The question of holding a State-wide Convention would have to be held over till November so as to give the Party time to ascertain the measure of response and take a decision as to whether or not the Party should put up candidates in the State Assembly elections in Kerala early in 1965.