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A Note on the Election of Party Committees.

The Central Organising Committee which met in Bombay on March 15, 1962, drew up a time-table for the enrolment of members and the holding of elections to various Committees of the Party. It was then decided that the membership rolls would close on September 30 and Party elections from the primary level would begin from 1st October and that elections at the District and State Committee level should conclude by October 31. Elections to the National Executive and General Council should be taken in hand in November and completed by December, 1962. The National Executive and the General Council would assume office from January 1, 1963.

This was communicated to State Units by General Secretary's letter No.42 of May 14, 1962.

Subsequently the Organisation Sub-Committee meeting in Madras on July 21 and 22, 1962, considered the requests received from the various State Units asking for a postponement of last date/ membership books from September 30 to November 30. In response to these requests, the last date of enrolment was shifted to November 30. Elections from the primary, district and State level were to commence according to a revised schedule from 1st December.

This was communicated to State Units by General Secretary's letter No.46 of 30th July, 1962.

On October 17, General Secretary's letter No.49 regretted that the Central Office had not received any communication from State Units in regard to the progress being made with the enrolment campaign. Instructions in regard to membership enrolment and the maintenance of membership registers and the remitting of the Centre's contribution were given.

After the declaration of the Emergency, the Organisation Sub-Committee which met in New Delhi on November 7 decided that in view of the situation the elections to various Party Committees be postponed. Ad hoc arrangements were made to reconstitute State Committees in order to bring in fresh blood and two of the State Committees have been so reconstituted.

There is a growing feeling at the lower levels of the Party that the indefinite continuance of ad-hoc arrangements is not a healthy practice for the fostering and maintenance of inter-Party democracy. In view of the changed conditions since the Cease Fire, this feeling should be taken account of. It is therefore suggested that the Central Organising Committee meeting on February 9 consider the situation and establish a time table afresh for completing of enrolment before the holding of elections to Party committees.

The following programme is placed before the Central Organising Committee for its consideration:

Last date for closure of membership enrolment - June 30, 1963.

Last date for receipt of Centre's share of membership fees - July 31.

Scrutiny of membership forms and registers - July to September.

- Last date for completion of elections at the
Constituency and District levels - October 31, 1963.
- Last date for elections to State Committees . November 30.
- Elections to the National Executive and
General Council - December 30, 1963.
- Assumption of office by National Executive
and General Council - January 1, 1964.
- The Committees at the Constituency, District and State levels
will assume office immediately following their respective
elections.

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