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Proceedings of the meeting of the Reception Committee of
S. K. District Swatantra Party Conference held on
4-10-1959.

Shri J. M. Lobo Prabhu, I. C. S. (Rtd.) Presided.

Shri K. Uggappa Shetty, Jt. Secretary of the Conference explained the object of the meeting.

1. Shri Katapadi Laxminarayan Nayak was unanimously elected as the President of the Reception Committee. Mrs. Loura Pais was elected as the Vice-Chairwoman and Shri U. C. S. Bhat, Advocate as Vice-Chairman.

2. The following additional members were elected to the Committee to hold the District Conference.

1. Mrs. Lucy Mascarenhas, 2. Shri T. M. Aranha, 3. Sri M. N. Chowta, 4. Sri. C. V. Nayak, 5. Sri. J. P. Rego, 6. Sri. K. Narain Rao, Coondapur, 7. Sri. G. P. Lobo, 8. Sri A. P. Subbiah, Puttur, 9. Sri. C. S. Shastry, Puttur, 10. Sri Krishna Rai, Puttur, 11. Sri B. G. Ramanna Rai, 12. Dr. M. C. Shastry, Kadri 13. Dr. Bhujanga Hegde, Coondapur, 14. Mrs. Bhavani Adapa, 15. Miss. Sabitha Chouta. 16. Sri Subramanya Gowda, Puttur, 17. Sri M. Raghavendra Pai, Merchant, Mangalore, 18. Sri M. Anantha Naik, Merchant, Mangalore.

3. The following Sub-Committees were formed for various duties connected with the Conference.

(a) Invitation Committee.

1. Sri Jayaraj Ballal, Court Road, Mangalore-2.
2. „ E. A. Pais, do do
3. „ C. V. Nayak, Tile Manufacturer, Mangalore-1.
4. „ M. Anantha Nayak, Merchant, Bunder do
5. „ B. M. A. Kini, Urva Market, Mangalore-3.
6. „ K. Narain Rao, Advocate, Coondapur.
7. Dr. Bhujanga Hegde, do do

8. Sri B. Vasudeva Rao, Advocate, Udupi.
9. „ K. Laxminarayan Nayak, Katapadi.
10. „ Nemiraja Hegde, Merchant, Belthangady.
11. „ A. P. Subbiah, Puttur.
12. „ Krishna Rai, Puttur.
13. Dr. Sham Shetty, Mulki.
14. Sri N. Krishna Bhat, Advocate, Mangalore.
15. „ H. S. Wodeyar, Bunder, Mangalore.

The members of this Committee were authorised to prepare a list of invitees and despatch invitations. Sri Jayaraj Ballal agreed to be the convenor of this Committee. It was decided to address the invitees as Mr. & Mrs. as it was desired that large number of ladies also should be invited to the Conference.

(b) Arrangement Committee

was formed to make arrangements to hold the Conference and also for the accommodation of the invitees from outside the district.

1. Sri. E. A. Pais—Convenor.
2. „ B. Thimmappa Shetty.
3. „ Rajiva Shetty, Advocate.
4. „ R. K. Salian.
5. „ Sunderam Shetty, Advocate.
6. „ G. P. Lobo.
7. „ Manjunathayya.

(c) Finance Committee—for collection of donations.

- (1) Sri U. C. S. Bhat, Advocate.
- (2) „ K. Sunderam Shetty, Advocate—Convenor.
- (3) „ N. Krishna Bhat, „
- (4) „ Manel Anantha Naik.
- (5) „ J. P. Rego, Bolar.

4. It was decided to hold the South Kanara Swatantra Party Conference on 25th October 1959 at 10 A. M. and at 3 P. M.

5. Mr. J. M. Lobo Prabhu offered a room for the office of the Conference in Hampankatta which was accepted with thanks.

Mr. G. P. Lobo, offered to be in charge of office, he was authorised to engage an assistant.

6. The following resolution was moved by Shri S. D. Kombrabail and it was passed unanimously.

The Reception Committee of the Swatantra Party of the South Kanara District views with alarm the report that the Mysore Government has decided to impose a levy at ten per cent of the yield of all holdings for procurement of supplies for their Fair Price Shops. This ignores that the policy of procurement this year depressed production and raised the price of rice from its previous level by 50%. The then Collector of the District announced from village to village that he would reduce the price of a moora (nearly a maund) to Rs. 3/- when the price as established by supply and demand was about Rs. 20/-. He then proceeded to procure rice from millers and wholesale dealers at about Rs. 16/-. This lead to a landslide of supplies to Kerala where the prices were more than Rs. 30/-. The result is that at present the price of rice is about Rs. 31/- which not only the urban population but more than half the rural population which do not grow enough for their own needs have to pay because government gratuitously disturbed the production and disorganised the movement to the markets.

The present proposal to procure 10% of the production will entail.

(1) That more than half the cultivators, who own less than 3 acres, which barely feed them, will have to part with their production and buy rice for themselves at the higher prices which are inevitable.

(2) That as the resulting procurement will not be able to feed the urban population, the general price level will be inevitably raised, making the position worse than it is.

(3) The procurement operations will generalise official interference and corruption, adding to the depredations on the poorer cultivators.

(4) As this is a deficit district and the Mysore State as a whole is deficit, the procurement operations will impose

a new and unnatural demand on the market, which will raise prices in a measure which cannot be foreseen.

(5) The psychology induced by procurement will lead to hoarding both by producers and consumers, not to speak of middle men which will constitute a further stimulant to the prices.

The Madras Government have realised that their procurement policy was responsible for the increased prices and have decided to suspend it. The Mysore Government may follow that example. If it persists, the Swatantra Party will organise a Food Freedom Movement on behalf of the Urban and Rural masses which the Government proposes to victimise from its ill considered and untimely schemes, which may bring political power to it but bring poverty and starvation to the people.

Mr. J. M. Lobo Prabhu expressed that the Swatantra Party inaugurated by Rajaji, a sage and the front rank politician of the country, should be built up as an opposition party to save the country from destruction that was bound to follow if the Congress was not opposed day to day and also in future general elections. He requested the members to propogate the principles of the party and instill in them that it was not a party of the rich men but it was the party to guard and save independence of the individual rich and poor, trader or agriculturist and was wholly opposed to totalitarian policies of the Congress. He promised to give definite programme of work in his presidential address in the coming Conference.

Shri K. B. J. Hegde thanked Mr. J. M. Lobo Prabhu and members present.

On 14-9-1959 the following were elected to the Reception Committee.

1.	Sri K. B. Jinaraja Hegde, Advocate, Mangalore	—	3
2.	„ N. Krishna Bhat	do	1
3.	„ U. C. S. Bhat	do	1
4.	„ M. K. Devaraj	do	2
5.	„ K. U. Shetty	do	1

6. Sri P. Jayarama Shetty, Advocate, Mangalore—1
7. „ M. N. Chouta do do 1
8. „ B. Thimappa Sheety, Tile Manufacturer
9. „ N. K. Manjunathayya, Engineer
10. „ Jayaraja Ballal, Advocate, do 2
11. „ Kochikar Narasimha Pai, Merchant, Mangalore—3
12. „ S. G. Salenna do 1
13. „ J. O. B. Andrade do 1
14. Mrs. Loura Pais, M. C. do 1
15. Mr. E. A. Pais, M. C. do 1
16. „ Christian Cariappa M. C. do 2
17. „ K. Abdul Rahim do 2
18. „ S. M. Sayed Ahmad, M. C. do 1
19. „ M. M. Khadilkar
20. „ P. S. K. Hegde, Advocate, Udipi
21. „ K. Varadaraja Pai, Advocate, Udipi
22. „ D. Puttaswamy, Advocate, Mangalore—3
23. „ Sunderam Shetty, Vijaya Bank, Mangalore—2
24. „ B. Vasudeva Rao, Advocate, Udipi
25. „ H. S. Wadeyar, Merchant, Mangalore.

Sri R. K. Salian & Sri K. U. Shetty were elected joint Secretaries & K. U. Shetty as treasurer.

Mangalore, }
4—10—1959. }

K. U. SHETTY,
R. K. SALIAN,
Joint Secretaries.

