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My dear Sri Masani,

I am sending you a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of sympathisers of Swatantra Party in the District of South Kanara.

Mr. Lobo Prabhu, I.C.S.(Retd) who belongs to this District has kindly consented to preside over the District Conference of Swatantra Party which is now fixed up to be held on 4th October 1959. I was requested by the reception committee to invite you to inaugurate the Conference. I find there is all round support for the Swatantra Party in view of the Land Reform Bill and State Trading. In the matter of ^{the} farmer this District is completely neglected in understanding the complications inher~~ent~~^{ent} in the long standing ~~the~~ customary rights of the different interests with reference to Land ownership and cultivation. The peculiarity of this District is that there are large number of Joint Families undivided from centuries owing to the system of inheritance known as Aliyasantana customary Law.

Lately the difficulties were recognised by the Revenue Minister of Mysore but we are not sure whether the Legislature would be prepared to treat this district differently.

from others in respect of a right to resume land for self cultivation ~~fr~~ from the tenants. ~~If~~ The question of ceiling on land holding is meaningless ~~the~~ the right of ~~a~~ resumption is not recognised. If that right is conceded to the owners of land a large number of tenants would be displaced without any land available for them ~~for~~ for cultivation. It has been suggested that so far as the Joint Families in this District are concerned the right to retain tenancy, at least within the ceiling limit, should be recognised.

Another peculiar ~~feature~~ feature of this District is ~~the~~ existence of a large number ~~xx~~ of religious institutions, public and private trusts for charities and education. During the last discussion on the Mysore Land Reforms Bill the Hon'ble Revenue Minister categorically stated that he was not prepared to exempt such public and private Institutions and temples from the application of the provisions ~~of~~ of confiscation ~~the~~ the entire land of those Institutions. The Bill provides for granting nonresumable Bonds for the compensation fixed to be paid with 5% interest thereon payable to the institutions by the Government. This provision is a death blow to all those religious institutions which are about 3500 in this District.

A meeting of the sympathisers of the Swatantra Party was held on 14.9.1959 at Keertai Mahal under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Laura Pais, Vice Chairwoman of the Mangalore Municipality.

The meeting decided to hold a district Conference in the first week of October in Mangalore. It resolved to request Mr. Lobo Prabhu, I.C.S. (Retd) to preside over it and also to invite one of the top leaders of the Party to inaugurate the Conference.

Fee for A class membership of the Reception Committee was fixed at Rs.25 and for B.class at Rs.10. Twentyfour A class members joined on the spot. It was also decided to call a meeting of the Reception Committee to elect a Chairman of the same and to settle further details of work on or about the 25th of the month.

A Committee of the following members was constituted to enrol members to the Reception Committee and to make arrangements for the district Conference.

Mr. K.Uggappa Shetty, Advocate, Treasurer and Secretary
" R.K.Salian, Engineer, Secretary
" Christian Cariappa, Munciple Councillor, Mangalore.
Mrs. Laura Pais, Munciple Councillor.
Mr. N.Krishna Bhat, Advocate.
" Bailur Vasudeva Rao, Advocate, Udipi.
" Abdul Rahim, merchant, Mangalore.
" B.A.Pais, Land Holder, Mangalore.
" Thimmappa Shetty, Industrialist, Mangalore.
" M.R.Bhat, Ayurvedic Physician, Mangalore.
" Syed Ahmad, Munciple Councillor, Mangalore.
" H.S.Wodeyar, Mangalore.
" Gopal Salenna, Munciple Councillor, Mangalore.
" K.Narasimha Pai, Merchant, Mangalore.
" B.K.Manjunathaiah, Engineer, Mangalore.
" Jayaraja Ballal, Advocate, Mangalore.

Shri Gopal Salenna welcomed the formation of the Swatantra Party under the able leadership of Rajaji and desired that it should be broadbased. Mrs. Laura Pais expressed that she would work whole heartedly for the success of the Party.

Mr. K.Uggappa Shetty thanked the gathering.

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