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The political tornado has blown over the little towns of Dausa and Chomu, of course not without leaving the Swatantra party unhurt; indeed, the tornado has shattered the prestige of Maharani Gayatri Devi, M.P. and leader of the Swatantra in Rajasthan. The ear-bursting din of some four weeks preceding the by-election to Parliament and the Vidhan Sabha has vanished and the dust kicked up by campaigners, which had rendered visibility poor in the two towns has settled down and one could now analyse the behaviour of the electorate.

HANDSOME WINS FOR CONGRESS

Much to the surprise of the most optimistic Congress leaders, Nawal Kishore Sharma, an unknown Congress worker, trounced Maharaj-kumar Prithvi Raj Singh, a former M.P. and son of the Maharaja of Jaipur, who is now India's envoy at Madrid. More surprising than the victory of Sharma was the margin by which he defeated the prince—6,327—in the Dausa parliamentary constituency.

And few expected that the guileless Ram Kishore Vyas would defeat the formidable former Chief Minister, Tikaram Paliwal, fighting as a Swatantra candidate for the Chomu Assembly seat. Vyas, Home Minister till 1962 and P.C.C. President during 1966-68, had tasted defeat successively in two general elections and in the Chomu constituency.

Mr. McNamara, World Bank President, Mr. McNamara's one-day visit to Japan on his way home from Indonesia and his talks in Tokyo with Foreign Minister Miki and Finance Minister Mizuta.

As Mr. Karunanidhi is one of the top leaders whose words carry a lot of weight in the party, special significance was attached to the suggestion, and political observers feared that it would lead to a clash of interest between him and his other colleagues in the Ministry of

influence and hold on the people. It needed to maintain the party's should quit office, as the service of these senior leaders were urgent. Mrs. Sathiyavani Minthure, and the Minister for Harjan Wel Minister, Mr. K. A. Mathialagan, Mr. V. R. Nedunchezhiyan, the Food Minister, the Education Minister, himself the "desire" that besides indicated his "desire" that besides

Munnetra Kazhagam. He had also Congressmen against the Dravida "propaganda" carried on by in order to counter the "vituperation" and take up active party work from the 15-month-old State Cabinet Ministers have to step down meeting in Tiruchi recently. Four Treasurer of the party, at a pass by Mr. Karunanidhi, who is also the

A "resignation plan" proposed by the Madras Public Works Minister, Mr. Karunanidhi, has caused a stir in the D.M.K. ranks and threatened a split in the party's top leadership.

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ferent countries. Mr. Patel said that the S.T.C. was intending to set up a footwear unit in Kanpur having a capacity to manufacture a million pairs annually. There was a proposal to have another unit with a 3-million pair output capacity with Soviet technical collaboration. In this connection, he said, the out of a total foreign exchange earning of Rs. 7.5 crores from footwear exports in 1967-68 Rs. 4.5 crores was contributed by the S.T.C. Asked whether it was true that the Russians found the footwear made in Pakistan superior to Indian-made footwear, Mr. Patel said, this might be so, but cause the leather obtained from slaughtered animals was better

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