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debts. I'm sure that isn't in my dossier."

MODESTY had stood motionless, for two hours. Every ten minutes a ragged sentry with a slung Garand rifle passed within thirty feet of her on his beat. Six weeks ago he had been a rebel. Now he and his friends were Government troops.

Six days had passed since her meeting with Tarrant, and she knew now that his assessment of the situation had been a shrewd one. If Willie Garvin was to be brought out alive it would have to be very soon.

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More Perks for M.I

By Renee Isar

NEW DELHI: The results of the Haryana n poll were a great disappointment for the Swatantra which has had setbacks in Bombay and Rajasthan. Only 2 out of 32 candidates put up came in, as a out of 12 in 1967.

"There isn't one case since the General Elections w give confidence to the Party. Still, we hope to work and the people in the interests of the nation as a whole", s DESAI, Swatantra member for Sabarkantha in Gujarat.

Calling on this eternally youthful ex-ICS, diplomat, industrialist and politician at his Akbar Road house, I was amazed again that in all the years—14 now—since first meeting him during his High Commissioner-ship in Ceylon he has not aged at all and is as sharp, energetic and full of vitality as ever.

He believes that it would be for the best if the Jana Sangh and the Swatantra Party were to join as they are the only two parties that can offer opposition. If they don't, the Congress will have a long lease.

As there is constant talk about a Coalition, particularly by Jayaprakash Narain and Rajaji, I asked what the realities were to justify and necessitate a coalition, after all there is no emergency in that sense.

"True, there is no emergency", he replied, "yet there is an indirect emergency, there is no progress, law and order are getting worse and worse and only a Coalition Government can take strong enough measures without getting involved in controversies." But he added: "The move must come from the Congress Party".

He agreed, however, that with the number of victories lately the Congress feels in a comfortable position, so this is unlikely. "The Congress Party has yet to learn that the welfare of the people is above their personal welfare. Coalition is the answer for any Party that believes in the good of the country."

What about the proposed ban on political donations? "The Swatantra Party believes in a ban, most of the opposition came from Congress members", he said, pointing out that it is the Congress that gets the lion's share of donations from private sector business. "Only with a ban like this can we lead a clean life. Election expenses would be reduced all around, that would be all to the good, the election expenses are pi ve.

Regional Security

As C. C. has been India's High Commissioner both in Ceylon and in Pakistan and was the real brain behind the idea of a regional group of "Colombo Powers"—Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia—he has very definite views (as on everything else) on the question of South-East Asia. With the vacuum that is being created, the solution, according to him, is greater reliance on collective security through the United Nations. Should India try to work for a system of regional treaties? "No, India would be suspected of wanting to take the

of hidden subsidies in t of various concessions.

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