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—Masani

MADRAS, June 3—Mr. M. R. Masani former General Secretary of the Swatantra Party, told pressmen here yesterday that the decisions of the National Executive of the party in Madras had "adhered to considerations of short-term expediency which had characterised its decisions at the previous meeting in April in Delhi."

In the General Council of the party held here, he said, efforts were made to rectify matters in the form of two resolutions. They were, however, defeated by a majority of the members of the Council. "In these circumstances there was clearly no alternative left open to me but to decline the offer of re-election to the seat on the Executive vacated by me", he said.

The resolutions referred to by Mr. Masani called upon the party to create conditions favourable for Mr. Masani's acceptance of the membership of the executive again and to appoint a committee to inquire into certain allegations against the leadership of the party in Gujarat.

Asked by pressmen about what he intended to do now, Mr. Masani said the decisions taken by the party in Madras would not only help it to grow but actually recoil on it and harm it. He believed that "the task of those like Mr. K. M. Munshi Vice-President, myself and many others who believe in ethical and disciplined methods, is to educate and rouse the members of the party and to appeal to the considerable fund of idealism that exists within the party ranks, so that the demoralisation that has crept into the party may be eliminated." This could be done more effectively by those who were not tramelled by the responsibility of administering party affairs, he said.

The recent electoral reverses the party had suffered, Mr. Masani said, provided a warning to the party. "If the party does not awaken to put its house in order and to restore its credibility, I fear the outlook for the future of the party is bleak". He added he would try with all his strength 'to prevent such a catastrophe.'

When pressmen told him that Mr. Dandekar, General Secretary of the party, thought that the party had passed the cross roads, Mr. Masani said he would disagree. 'The party' he said "is now at the cross roads. It is going to be there for many months to come".—PTI.

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