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MADRAS, June 2
The general council of the Swatantra Party met here yesterday, sixty-nine members attended. Prof. Ruthnaswamy presided in the absence of Mr. Ranga.

The first question taken up for discussion was the circumstances leading to Mr. Masani's resignation. The council debated at considerable length two resolutions.

The first resolution, while appreciating that the reasons which led Mr. Masani to resign from the national executive and the central parliamentary board had helped in saving to some extent the harm done by the party's image by the defeat of the party's official candidate for election to the Rajya Sabha last March from Gujarat, called upon the national executive to create conditions to enable him to accept membership of these bodies again.

The second resolution called for the appointment of a committee to inquire into certain allegations against the leadership of the party in Gujarat and also proposed that disciplinary action be taken against Mr. C. C. Desai who, it was alleged, had admitted having worked against the official candidate.

After considerable discussion in which a large number of members took part, both resolutions were put to vote and declared lost.

The general secretary proposed that subject to Mr. Masani's consent to be re-elected to the national executive of the party, Mr. Masani declined but he assured the council that he would continue to work for the party both in Parliament and outside.

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