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GUJARAT AFFAIR DOMINATES SWATANTRA
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Rebels sacked to please Masani

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MADRAS, June 1.

THE big question looming large before the two-day session of the Swatantra Party general council that began here today is whether Mr M. R. Masani, who along with Mr C. Rajagopalachari forms the party brain trust, will consider the concessions made to him by the national executive last night.

Mr Masani had resigned from the executive over the question of disciplinary action against some partymen who defied party rules in Gujarat.

Nobody can say that the Gujarat rebellion has been put down with an iron hand as Mr Masani and party vice-president K. M. Munshi had demanded. But the expulsion of Mr U. N. Mahida, who defied the party directive and contested the Rajya Sabha seat from the Gujarat Assembly and the debarring of Mr Bagwanji-bhai Patel and two others from holding office in the party's organisational and legislative wings and the disciplinary action against several others should meet more than half way Mr Masani's cry for a "tough and uncompromising line against rebels".

It is clear that Rajaji had played the key role in keeping Mr Masani satisfied within the party without at the same time risking a wholesale revolt in the Gujarat unit of the party—a revolt which may benefit the Congress Party.

Significance is attached to party general secretary Dandekar's revelations to newsmen that Mr Masani's resignation should be deemed final as he had refused to withdraw it even under Rajaji's advice. In a surprising contrast to this categorical statement is Mr Dandekar's comment in another context that for all he knew the general council could still re-elect Mr Masani to fill the vacancy caused by his resignations.

Chairman Ranga and Mr Masani did not take part in the deliberations of the party's Parliamentary Board and the executive. Mr Ranga is keeping aloof because he does not like his "views should intrude upon the discussion on Gujarat affairs". Mr Dandekar admitted that Mr Ranga is at variance with Mr

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Foreign Minister Takeo Miki has suggested that a special "Fund for the Renovation of Vietnam" be established under the Asian Development Bank. He has proposed that industrially advanced states, which have interests in Vietnam, should contribute to a fund for the financing of economic aid to both parts of Vietnam. The proposal is based on views expressed at the April conference on the economic development of southeast Asia in Singapore.

POLICE PICTURES: Police photographs of demonstrators within the last 24 hours. Home Secretary James Callaghan told the House of Commons in London on Friday. It is believed that the security branch of the police has immense files on thousands of people who have marched in the streets throughout Britain.

Biafran team returns home

LAMPALA, June 1 (Reuters)— Biafra's delegation to the abortive Nigerian peace talks in Kampala here for London early today on their way home. Before leaving, delegation leader Sir Louis Mbanefo said Biafra was willing to resume the talks any time the Federal Government showed that it really wanted peace. The Biafrans' departure came hours after their walk out yesterday on the ninth day of the conference aimed at ending Biafra's 11-month old civil war.

ASIANS NEED VISAS FOR ZAMBIA

USAKA, June 1 (Reuters)— Asians living in East Africa, and holding British passports now require visas to enter Zambia, a Ministry Home Affairs spokesman here yesterday. The spokesman said visas would be granted only if applicants could provide a written guarantee they would be permitted to enter their country of origin.

EROTIC PAINTINGS

STOCKHOLM (Sweden), June 1 (Reuters)— The world's first international exhibition of erotic paintings