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Gujarat Swatantra leaders spared, says Masani

By A Staff Reporter

Mr. M. R. Masani, former general secretary of the Swatantra Party, said in Bombay on Tuesday that there was an "unpublished decision" not to take serious disciplinary action against certain Gujarat leaders by the national executive of the Swatantra Party.

These leaders had been called by the national executive recently to explain their conduct during the elections to the Rajya Sabha from Gujarat.

This has been revealed in the correspondence between Mr. Masani and Mr. N. Dandekar, present general secretary of the party, released to the press, in Bombay on Tuesday.

COMMITTEE'S FAILURE

Mr. Masani said the published version of the committee's decision was an "eyn-wash."

He pointed out that the committee had failed to take notice of the betrayal in not discharging their duty of the president and general secretary of the Gujarat State unit and the action of certain members of Parliament including a member of the national executive who had gone all the way from Delhi to Ahmedabad to canvass against the party's candidate.

"The committee has," Mr. Masani said, "purported to court-martial the corporals while turning a blind eye to the colonel and captains involved."

Mr. Masani said he could do more for the party by staying outside the national executive and devoting himself for constructive work.