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Lecture notes for S.P.
meeting at Matunga on 31.10.62

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Do not wish to prejudge decisions of COC

Views personal

Present plight result of 10 years of neutralism and appeasement

All warnings ignored

Debate in Parliament in November 1950

Dismissed as "alarmists"

National unity of two kinds

e.g. British Labour Party - Greenwood

Distinction between support for war effort and support for
Government - important

Congress government got only 45 per cent popular vote

P.S. ... Out of touch -
(Gandhi)

What is to be done?

(1) *Leadership of Defence effort - Gold Award*
Treat Indian people as adult

- (a) Tell the truth e.g. casualties
- (b) Let war correspondents go to the front

(2) Untie hands of our soldiers tied behind their backs

(a) Accept military aid - Quote Indian Express 25.10.62

Payment beyond our means

Consistent with non-alignment

e.g. Sukarno, Nasser, Tito; U.S.S.R. and U.S.

(b) Learn to recognise friends and enemies

Nemesis of non-alignment being flung in our face
from friends

(c) Make friends with Nepal and Pakistan

Pak. Assam - E. Bengal
80% of our troops according to Ayub deployed around
Kashmir

Mobilise them against Chinese

Ayub's offer of common defence rejected by Nehru - *S.P.*

We should respond to his letter
What wonderful gesture it would be if Ayub were to
assure us that our troops could be shifted
without fear

(d) Classical Hindu doctrine - Two front war

"Enemy's enemy your friend"

Rapprochement with Chinese Nationalist Government - our only friend
during World War II

But what do we do instead?

Support Communist China in U.N. creating second veto against ourselves

Even diplomatic relations not severed - offends elementary self-respect

(e) Suggest recognition of Dalai Lama and arming of Khampas

(f) Provide new Defence Minister enjoying confidence of armed forces

Continuing invitation to aggression. Edment of our

If these correctives made, the consequences of past mistakes can be undone

On this basis, there can ~~now~~ be unity and support of our Government

Our slogan - "Nothing less than Victory; the Chinese must quit India."

(3) Isolate 5th Column - Experience of "Resistance" in E. Europe.

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"In defending our Ladakh and NEFA borders against the Chinese offensive, we are also defending the borders of Pakistan. At the same time, we can more easily achieve victory against the Chinese if we are assured of the goodwill of Pakistan," observed Mr. M. R. Masani, General Secretary of the Swatantra Party, while addressing a public meeting at Napco Gardens this evening. Mr. N. Dandekar, Chairman of the Party in Bombay, presided.

Mr. Masani explained that Indo-Pakistani friendship had become a matter of considerable urgency for two reasons. First, because with the great number of Indian troops deployed in and around Kashmir, India was fighting the battle against the Chinese with one arm tied behind her back. The link between Assam and the rest of India, which the Chinese forces were now approaching, was a very narrow one and East Pakistan lay between the two. This meant that, on the one hand, the defence of Assam was also the defence of East Pakistan and, on the other, that Assam could not be easily defended without a friendly Pakistan. In this context, the speaker expressed the hope that our Prime Minister would take the initiative in the matter and that President Ayub would prove to be a far-sighted statesman by assuring India that Pakistan would not take advantage of India's involvement with the Chinese and that Indian troops deployed on Pakistani borders could be withdrawn and shifted to repel the Chinese offensive without any fear.

Mr. Masani welcomed the Prime Minister's statement that those in authority in India had been getting "out of touch with reality in the modern world" and had been living in an artificial atmosphere of their own creation, and expressed the hope that the necessary rectification in policy would be made without further delay so that final victory against the Chinese may be assured. If such measures were taken, the whole country would line up behind the Government. Among these measures, he mentioned the acceptance of military aid from friendly countries which was entirely consistent even with a policy of non-alignment, learning to distinguish between friends and enemies, isolating the communist Fifth Column within the country, and giving the country and the Armed Forces a new Defence Minister in whom they would have confidence and who could give the dynamic leadership that the present incumbent had signally failed to provide.

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