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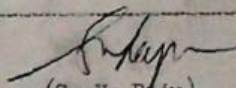
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Bombay, April 3.

Mr. M.R. Masani has tendered his resignation as President of the Swatantra Party. In a letter to members of the General Council, which meets on April 17 and 18 in Bombay and will consider the letter, Mr. Masani has explained that the reason for his resignation is the acceptance of what he describes as a sound principle of administration, whether in civil, military, business or political life, that when a disaster overtakes a country, army or organisation, the man at the helm of affairs should take responsibility for the debacle and hand over office to someone who may bring fresh ideas and an open mind to the task.

Mr. Masani has expressed the view that the present plight of the Party is a cumulative result of several shortcomings and mistakes and that, as President of the Party, he should take his full share of responsibility for them. The Swatantra President has expressed the hope that, by accepting his resignation, the Swatantra Party would help in providing an example of an exception to the common tendency of politicians to make excuses for hanging on to office, whether in government or elsewhere. He has assured members of the Council that, as a member of the Party, he proposes to continue to advocate the philosophy and principles of the Party to the best of his capacity.

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