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MASANI QUITS

By A Staff Reporter

Mr. M. R. Masani has resigned from the presidency of the Swatantra Party. He has communicated his decision to the General Council which meets on April 17 and 18.

In a letter to the General Council, Mr. Masani has said that as president of the party he took "full share of responsibility" for the party's plight following its reverses in the mid-term elections.

Mr. Masani has expressed the hope that by accepting his resignation, the Swatantra Party would provide an example of an exception to the common tendency of politicians to make excuses for hanging on to office.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, founder-leader of the Swatantra Party, told the "Indian Express" in Madras today that he was trying to persuade Mr. Masani not to resign.