

Atalji is just a public face

New Delhi, Varun: The British high commission in India. A meeting is in progress to discuss the future policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party. There are several questions which will be the subject of discussion. What is the organisational structure of the party after the new election? Will there be any changes in the party's ideological policies following the election? What is the kind of impact the new leadership will have on the party — positive or negative? Two senior officials of the commission were asked to investigate the situation. The first secretary, Mr. P. S. Rao, and the third secretary, Mr. Paul Buz, were asked to find out a list of the BJP who could be the inside story. In the month of September they will convene a meeting with Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee. The third secretary, Mr. Buz, began the discussion with: "We have been in the BJP for a long time and we have a lot of practical and theoretical issues. And we have reached a conclusion that you are the right person. Others are not big or too small for the kind of worthwhile line of action to be established in the case of such a line the action would remain open. By the way meet the secretary Mr. C.O. Now Mr. Pigeot took over the conversation. He said: "It is required to start a meeting with a person like you. I want to know who the next president of the party would be. I want to know of the future."

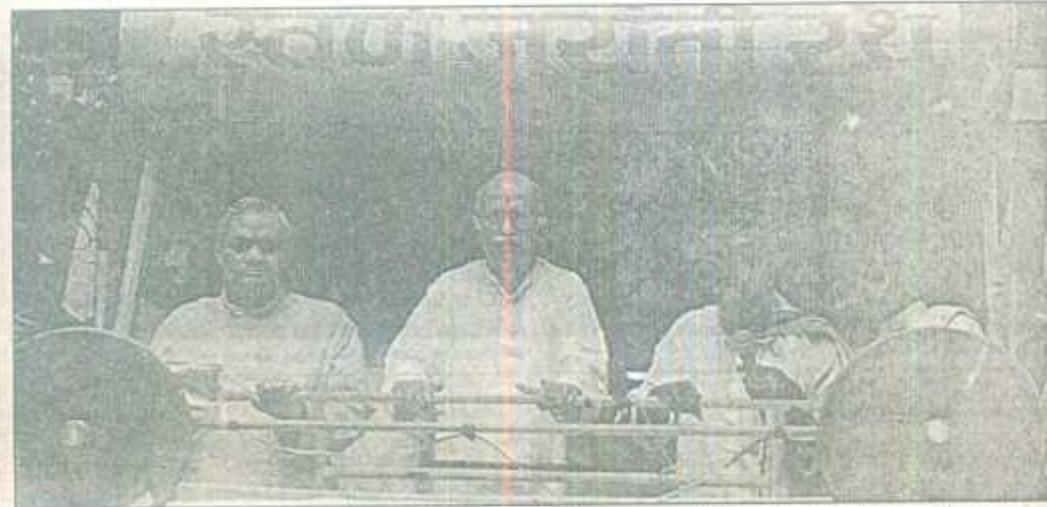
Bharatiya Janata Party theoretician Govindacharya set a dangerous cat among the pigeons by his explosive comments about Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee to a British high commission official. He called Mr Vajpayee nothing more than a mere showpiece of the

BJP. A prominent BJP member, BHANU PRATAP SHUKLA, printed a report of this conversation in Dainik Hindustan, creating considerable ill-will between the two senior leaders. Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee reacted adversely to the disclosures, taking the matter up with

the other leaders of the party. Mr Govindacharya did not specifically deny the contents of the article but went on to praise Mr Vajpayee's leadership. The incident is not without history as Mr Vajpayee has been criticised earlier as well, by the party ideologue

who makes no secret of his differences with the former Prime Minister. The fact that Mr Govindacharya is close to party president Mr L.K. Advani adds grist to the rumour mill and accelerates the factional war that continues behind the public eye within the party.

Left parties are joining the BJP in this movement. All this is sectional and for away. "There is no eigen company entering. In Swadeshi Movement place and it is not has its own job. I hope there was a big Euron and D Even BJP had opposition to 13-day govern agreed to the council of ministers where this decision was taken. This spokesperson was present. Movement is a pulsation. Liberal investments attract. Unless you difference between and necessity, understand the: "What is the inner strength? merely the policy direction by know about it we'd like to know son." "That p Krishna Advani who is the president will always be Advani. His word. This perhaps Dr Joshi refers presidential election kind of a person people's view necessarily to the other he agrees with or an opinion? "Is it because Thakre is being party chief," Joshi was asked. "Yes, sir, this is my impression that it is Mr Joshi's view in one query. "If a mask are in main spokesmen line; this kind taken." The meeting mutual thanks. There is no detailed analysis because every and self-esp close to Mr C very pleased, and its result. The facts of to even wire brass were as British high commission from Mr Gov



Mr Lal Krishna Advani, the voice of BJP, flanked by Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee (left) and Mr Govindacharya (right)

Behari Vajpayee is concerned, his opinion is not really important. He is the public front of the party, and does not represent its inner policies. Mr Joshi's important to BJP policies and the process of decision-making within the party as a mask is in a play, I am a witness to the approval by the RSS and consensus within the party to Mr Thakre's candidature. I am a representative of the RSS in the party and when I am telling you this, you must understand that you are directly talking to an important leader of the party. I am the sole line of communication between the BJP and the RSS. Mr Thakre and Mr Sunder Singh Bhandari cannot do this any longer due to various

reasons like age, health and lack of time. "The question of forthcoming national elections must have figured while the consensus around Mr Thakre was building up. Is the party confident that Mr Thakre has the capacity of leading the party to power? Is a section of voters associated with him, or can he attract a section of voters necessary for a decisive win?" To that, Mr Govindacharya said: "The BJP does not have a narrow casteist or a communal point of view, it is based on nationalist considerations. Such changes or equasions do not have much impact on either party, workers or its supporters." The next query was: "There are

a lot of misconceptions related to issues like nationalism, self-reliance, poverty, fear and corruption, both in the country and also in the BJP. Why do one find so much dissent within the party on these issues?" "Misconception and dissent are not within the party. Misconception is only in the minds of people like you. Our slogan of swadeshi is dictated by domestic compulsions, but that does not mean negation of economic liberalisation in the international context. If we don't talk of nationalism and self-reliance in the country then it will reduce our votebank; at the same time if we don't speak of economic liberalisation at international fora

then our international stature gets affected." The next query: "This means that on the one hand BJP is deceiving not only its supporters but also the people of the country, and on the other hand it is trying to strike a compromise with globalisation?" "This is our political strategy. I will not elaborate more on this." But the questioner persisted: "The RSS is building up a mass movement on nationalism. The Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh and other such organisations are also engaged in the task of accelerating this movement. One of your own leaders is supposed to be the spokesperson and representative of this swadeshi campaign at international fora. Even the

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