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- At Nehru's suggestion Achariya Kripalani, ex-Congress President and a sharp critic of Patel, has organized a "democratic" group of Congressmen. Kripalani is being aided by Dr. Profulla Ghose, ex-premier of West Bengal, and by some of Ghandhi's faithful licutenants.
- This group, which Nehru sees as an effective tool against Purshottandas Tandon and Vallabhbhal Patel, is strongly opposed to the "corrupt practices" of Patel and his followers. The group also condemns Patel's communal 2. bias, ** 25X1A

Comment. The original report is vague as to dates, but the organization seems to have occurred during or right after the recent Nasik Congress.

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Comment. A Chinese businessman of Calcutta, who made a recent trip to New Delhi, has confirmed that Nehru is moving to organize a new party along progressive-demogratic-socialist lines.

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