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the Society, the Government, dn the initiation of Sir S.V.Ramamurti, K.C.I.E. was pleased to convene a conference at the Secretariat, of the Officers of the Society with the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspector of Local Boards, on 10-7-1943 and as a result of the deliberations of that conference, G.O.No.1452 Edn dated 29-10-43 was passed cancelling the previous G.A. (A copy of the latter G,O. is enclosed herewith for your information).

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At that conference the subject of a grant was also discussed and favourably considered, and I was asked to apply to the Director of Public Instruction giving particulars of the financial position of the Society, which I did in my application dated 30-9-1943; but to my disappointment, I received a communication Dis.44203/43 dated 5-11-1943 wherein the Director said that the application was too late for inclusion of the grant in Part II Scheme.

To a further application dated 22-5-44 to the Director of Public Instruction, I received no reply and I did not press the matter further as I felt that I should wait - till a popular Ministry assumed office before renewing - my application. Recently I had an interview with the -

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Madras 22nd May 1946.

The Hon'ble the Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George
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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
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Dear Sir,

I beg to apply for a grant to be made to the South India Bratachari Society on the same lines as that now made to the two Boy Scout Associations.

The Society was founded on 11th January 1941 and has been entirely depending upon public support ever since. Its initial work was greatly handicapped by reason of G.O.No.2425 Edn dated 21-12-1940 which had been passed prior to the foundation of the Society in answer to the request made by the District Board of Chingleput and some other local bodies for permission to depute teachers for Bratachari Training.

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However as a result of the efforts made by

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The Hon'ble Mr. M. Bakthavathsalam, who has been intimately connected with the Bratachari Movement ever since its inception and he was pleased to encourage me to renew my application, since there is a likelihood of the Ministry revising the Budget already passed and it may be possible to include new scheme such as the Bratachari Movement which are of popular interest.

While I am quite sanguine that the public will continue to help the Society with funds to promote special activities such as Training Camps and Rallies as they have done during the past four years, We are greatly handicapped in our work by the absence of full time officials who can attend to the day-to-day routine administration of the Society, organise and run training Camps, inspect periodically the groups that are formed in the province, undertake research work-

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into the folklore of the different linguisite areas Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam and Kanarese and publish pamphlets and handbooks in South Indian languages relating to Bratachari Scheme of organisation and training as also Folk songs and dances. It is impossible for the Society to employ such officials and give them any security of tenure without a regular grant from Government to meet the expenditure on theirsalaries touring etc. This was my experience in the Boy Scout Association and this has been my experience in some other organisations such as the Madras Children's Aid Society where the salary of the staff, theur travelling allowance and their office expenditure are met almost entirely from grants made by Government, though they are non-official besides, like the South India Bratachari Society. The grants to these bodies by the Government are also made without any reference to the collections made by them from the public.

In the case of Boy Scout Associations, a lumpsum grant

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of Rs 7500/- is made bythe Government and the Scout Committees have full discretion to administer the grant and apportion it to different items of expenditure. It is suggested that any grant that will be made to the South India Bratachari Society may be made in accordance with the same principle.

The apportionment of expenditure on different items will entirely depend upon the grant which the Govt may be pleased to make. Salaries will also vary according to the qualifications of the persons appointed for the posts, having also regard to the present high cost of living.

The Society has got a very influential Governing Body with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Patanjali Sastri as President. The sucess of the Bratachari training has been amply deminstrated in the important educational centre, the Wallajahbad Hindu Mata Patasala. On account of the absence of full time Organisers a few other centres that were built could not be sustained though the desire for the spread of the Movement in almost every educational centre is still persisting.

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With a view to start the working of the Movement in right earnest I have got the necessary literatures and rules printed so that they will be available to schools etc. (Copies of the same are enclosed herewith for your information).

I am also enclosing herewith particulars of the help that the Society has received from the public for enabling us to carry on the work so far.

I therefore, request you will be pleased to make a grant of Rs 7500/- as and for the funds of the Society for the year 1946-47 and thereafter Rs 10,000/- per annum annually.

Yours faithfully,

Enclrs. 3.

Honorary General Secretary.

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Abstract.

Schools-Local bodies-Deputation of teachers for Bratachari training-Permitted.

Education and Public Health Department.

G. O. Ms. No. 1452-Edn. Dated the 29th October 1943

Read the following :—

ORDER :

The Government direct that the orders in G. O. No. 2425 Edn., dated the 21st Decr. 1940, be cancelled in so far as they prohibit local bodies from deputing teachers employed in their schools for Bratachari training. Teachers deputed for Bratachari training will be eligible for the travelling allowances admissible under the ordinary rules and the expenditure on such travelling allowances may be debited to the elementary education fund or to the general funds of the local body concerned according as the teachers deputed are employed in elementary schools or in secondary schools.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

(Sd.) V. V. SUBRAHMANYAM,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction
To the Honorary Secretary, South India Bratachari Society
To all Presidents of District Boards
To Executive Authorities of all Municipal Councils
(through Chairmen)
To the Local Administration Department
To the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras
(through the Mayor)
To the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards
To the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts.

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Superintendent.

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The First South India Bratachari Training Camp

A Brief Review by the Honorary General Secretary

This historic camp which is to usher in the Bratachari movement in South India and which was inaugurated by a distinguished Indian Civilian, Mr. O. Pulla Reddi, I.C.S., Commissioner of the Corporation of Madras, under the presidency of the illustrious Head of our University, Khan Bahadur Sir Mohamed Usman, K.C.I.E., is now concluding its session and I wish to take this opportunity of placing before you a brief review of the camp and its several activities.

That the camp has been a success is the impression left on the mind of all those who have watched its progress during the successive Visitors' Day celebrations and that it will, therefore, pave the way to the establishment of the Bratachari movement on sound lines in Tamil Nad, as also in other regions of Dakshina Bharat, is the hope of those who have spared no pains to contribute to the achievement of that success. One of the most significant factors leading to that hope is the presence of Sri. A. S. Doraiswamy Reddiar, President of the Chingleput District Board, and as such the non-official head of the district in which this first Bratachari camp has been conducted and the supporting presence of a large number of other members of the District Board at this concluding function.

To the Chingleput District Board generally and to Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliar a leading member of the Board, particularly, goes the credit of having sponsored the first proposal to recognise the value of the Bratachari movement [illegible] to introduce it in its educational institutions. While we regret that it did not fi[illegible] responsive chord in the machinery of the Provincial Government, I do not wish th[illegible]rd to be disheartened. The Government have, in my opinion, acted wisely in putting n[illegible]fficial public spirit to a severe test and the hitherto successful activity of the South India Bratachari Society culminating in the conduct of this camp is the answer of the non-official world which, I dare say, the Government will appreciate and, in due course, commend.

To this camp, I am glad to state, the Chingleput District has made the largest contribution both in men and in 'munitions' and as such we propose, without neglecting other districts, to devote special attention to this district in the immediate future. We expect to open as many centres as possible in this district, both in the villages and in the towns, and to establish Bratachari groups in them with the help of those who have been trained in this camp. In this work, we shall require the active support of the District Board and every one of its members and I sincerely trust that we shall have that support in abundance.

That the Society should be a non-political body was the wish expressed at the inaugural function of this camp and I desire to give the assurance that such will be the policy of the Society. By 'non-political' I understand that the Society should not be linked with any political organisation in the country and not that it should have nothing to do with politicians. We want all to support the work of the Society and that it should provide a common platform for all to meet. I believe that politics can be raised to a much higher sphere if the partymen, after their party meetings, will all come and join in a Bratachari dance, so that political differences may not divide one Indian from another brother Indian. We aim at the unity of all Indians irrespective of caste, community or creed, and we shall not allow the entertainment of any political opinion to serve as a bar to participation in the activities of the Society.

During the period of the camp, Poonamallee has been a place of pilgrimage for all classes of people and of all shades of political opinion. Our Visitors' Day celebrations, every Sunday afternoon, have easily attracted large crowds, both of men and women, some of whom have put themselves to great personal inconvenience to visit this camp. These visitors have not only come from the city of Madras but from distant places like Chittoor and Rishi Valley and they have carried with them impressions which will pave the way for the successful introduction of the Bratachari movement in their respective localities.

The most promising sign of the camp has been the presence in it of a number of Muslims and Christians along with their Hindu brethren, all sharing the training in a spirit of friendly co-operation. The Bratachari movement is a solvent for all communal ills from which India is suffering at present and this camp has already shown the way how it is done.

Another encouraging feature of the camp has been that those who have come to participate in the training, teachers and non-teachers alike, have come at their own expense, and neither the Government nor any of the local bodies have been asked to contribute any share to such expenditure. It is only on such spirit of self-sacrifice that a great movement can be built and the Bratachari movement has begun well in this manner. Even the two young men who went to Calcutta for training did so at their own expense though deputed by the South India Bratachari Society. Self help is the best form of help and no one who is unwilling to put his hands into his purse for the sake of furthering the cause of this movement, can be either a Bratachari or a believer in the efficacy of the Bratachari movement.

It may be truly said that Poonamallee has gone Bratachari-mad and many a parent has expressed that his children who went but to see the 'fun' at the camp on a solitary evening went back to sing and dance at their house, but not to his tune. A C.I.D. inspector who attended one or two demonstrations of Mr. G. S. Dutt, himself did so, and his wife who took him for mad, came to this camp to see what it was like, and it will not be a surprise if we hear that both have now gone 'mad' and are dancing to the Bratachari tune round the domestic hearth.

Even old people have not escaped the spell of this wonderful camp that will make history for South Indian masses. Rao Bahadur M. Narasimham Pantulu, a retired district collector and magistrate and a retired member of the Public Services Commission, who presided over the second Visitors' Day, found himself carried by the current and the fervent appeal to his brother Andhras, in which his soul found expression, will always be remembered as a magnificent tribute to the inspiring character of the Bratachari movement. The immediate response which his appeal had from several centres in Andhra Desa will soon materialise in the organisation of a second South India Bratachari Training Camp, somewhere in the Andhra districts and mainly for Andhras, for which the necessary Telugu literature has already been prepared and will soon be published.

Women too have been asking for a separate camp in Thyagarayanagar or some other suitable centre in the city of Madras. This too is in the immediate programme of the Society and we are looking to Mrs. T. S. Ramaswami Iyer, who presided over the Women Visitors' Day, to take up the leadership of the movement among women, even as her husband Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Iyer is doing among men.

We do not propose to issue any public appeal for funds; but we invite those who are sincerely interested in the welfare and progress of this movement and who realise that no organisation can be built without financial aid, to send voluntary contributions to our Honorary Treasurer, Sri. S. Venkatesa Iyengar, Advocate, "Seshadri Vilas", Mowbray's Road, Mylapore.

The Bratachari movement is not a rival to any other movement now in vogue in this country. It is a mass movement and is all-comprehensive. As the Bratachari movement spreads, people will not find it necessary to strain either their energies or their purse in participating in other movements, whether indigenous or foreign. The all pervading influence of the Bratachari training will not only build a better race of men physically in South India, but will also contribute, in an abundant measure, to its cultural and spiritual revival.

The question of recognition by Government is only a question of time, and when the public come to recognise the movement more and more as being beneficial to them, the Government will have naturally to follow suit. I would, therefore, ask the public to support the Movement in an increasing measure and leave it to the Society to obtain recognition from the Government in due course of time. No less an authority than the All-India Educational Conference has resolved during it session in December 1937 that "as Bratachari combines physical, moral and spiritual training with a strong national background and has been found suitable for all grades of educational institutions, steps should be taken to introduce the movement on as wide a scale as possible, and this Conference recommends it for consideration in all parts of India". In view of this, the Government can have no hesitation in according recognition to this purely indigenous movement of a highly educational value.

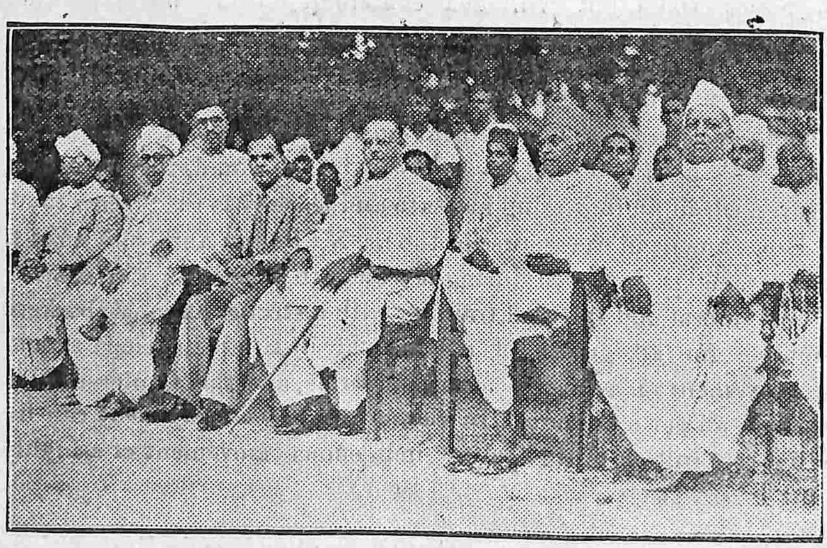
It is a matter for extreme regret that the soul and embodiment of the Bratachari movement, Sri. Guru Saday Dutt, I.C.S., (Retd.) is not here amidst us in his physical presence. The bed of illness on which he is lying has been too avaricious to let him come so far away. But it is gratifying to know that he is steadily recovering and he will be able to come in person, at no distant date, to test the first fruits of this training camp, in the shape of Bratachari groups that will be established in the different parts of the country.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all those who have co-operated with me in making this camp a success. My particular thanks are due to the Instructors and the Instructress from Bengal and their leader Sri. Nabanidhar Bannerjee, B.A., B.T., who have spared no pains to make our men and women under training as efficient as possible, within the brief period of four weeks, which has been at their disposal. To Sri. C. D. Natarajan, Advocate and Camp Director, who has spent all his time in camp, and to Sri. K. S. Munuswamy, the Vice-Chairman of our Camp Committee, who has spent a greater portion of his time in the camp, I am most grateful. Theirs has been the true service, ungrudgingly rendered. To those who have come from distant places like Rishi Valley, Ramnad, North Arcot and Bangalore to receive the training and also to those who have come from the city and several centres in this district, I extend my most sincere congratulations, that they have been able to visualise the greatness of the movement and its nation-building character and have, therefore, come to participate in the pioneering work of the Society to lay a solid foundation for the building up of a vital Bratachari movement in South India.

Poonamallee
8th June 1941

K. Sanjiva Kamath

Honorary General Secretary
South India Bratachari Society



The Opening Function on the 11th May 1941

This Review was presented at the concluding function of the First South India Bratachari Training Camp held at the District Board High School, Poonamallee, under the distinguished presidency of Sri. A. S. Doraiswamy Reddiar, President of the District Board, Chingleput, on Sunday, the 8th June 1941 at 5 P.M.

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APPENDIX TO THE REVIEW

A Brief Report by the Camp Director

The First South India Bratachari Training Camp commenced its session on the 10th May 1941 and will conclude tomorrow, the 9th June 1941, the camp being held at the premises of the Chingleput District Board High School, Poonamallee. Of the 37 trainees in the camp, 3 are women trainees and among others, 3 are B.A., L.Ts., 2 B.As., 1 B.Sc., 1 Intermediate, 1 Licentiate in Agriculture, 6 S. S. L. Cs., 3 Secondary Trained Teachers, 4 Higher Elementary Trained Teachers and the others students of High School classes. The trainees come from the following places:—Polur, Sattur, Malayandipatnam, Kengeri in Bangalore Taluk, Conjeevaram, Wallajabad, Ponneri, Royapettah, Perambur, Triplicane, Theagarayanagar, Tambaram, Trivellore and Poonamallee.

The following daily routine was followed in the camp throughout the whole period of training :—

Rise up 4-45 A.M. Assemble 5-15. Class in Bratachari exercises and dances 5-15 to 7-15. Chota Hazri 7-30 to 8. National Acrobatics and games 8 to 8-45. Manual Labour 9 to 10. Bath 10 to 11-30. Breakfast 11-30 to 12 noon. Compulsory rest 12 noon to 2 P.M. National Instruments class 2 to 3. Lecture Class 3-15 to 4-15. Tea 4-30. Bratachari exercises and dances 5-15 to 6-45. Music Class 7-30 to 8-30. Dinner 8-30. Lights out 10 P.M. Saturdays were declared as holidays but the trainees mostly remained within the camp and revised the lessons.

Organisation

The entire body of the trainees, both residential and non-residential, were constituted into one *Ani* under an *Ani-Thalaivar*, assisted by an *Udavi Ani-Thalaivar*. The Ani was further classified into 5 *Paguthies* each under a *Paguthi Nayak* and the 5 Paguthies were named after the 5 Vrathas, *Knowledge*, *Labour*, *Truth*, *Unity* and *Joy*. The women trainees were constituted into a separate Paguthi called *Mallee Paguthi* in honour of Poovirunthamallee (Poonamallee). Each Paguthi was housed in a separate *Viduthi*.

As regards Bratachari Dances and Exercises :—

The scheme of training devised by the Nayak Allajee or the Chief Instructor, Sri. Nabanidhar Bannerjee, B.A.,B.T., of the Bengal Bratachari Society, was such as to take trainees from stage to stage beginning from the simplest constituent movements of a particular dance and exercise. This method of training was calculated to assure individual perfection in rhythmic movement and in the course of 3 weeks the trainees were taught a number of action songs and traditional dances.

The women trainees gave a demonstration of Bratachari dances and songs. The men trainees also contributed a number of items during the interval. Mrs. Ramaswami Iyer spoke in appreciation of the ideals of the movement and appealed to her sisters to join the movement. Mr. B. Manavala Chowdry proposed a vote of thanks.

On Friday the 6th June, tests in Bratachari activities were conducted by Mr. Nabanidhar Bannerjee, B.A., B.T., the Chief Instructor of the Bengal Bratachari Society.

The report will be incomplete if I do not mention a word about the mess arrangements for the campers. Throughout the period good vegetarian food was given to the trainees and copious supply of protected water was made available to the campers.

Conclusion and Thanks

In conclusion I wish to place on record the unstinted help and co-operation given by the Panchayat Board President, Mr. Seshachariar, the Sanitary Staff of the Panchayat Board and the Health Unit. I also wish to mention the help and co-operation given readily and willingly by Mr. Santanaswami, Headmaster of the Board High School, Poonamallee, and Mr. Sivarajan, Agricultural Demonstrator of the School. But for their services and co-operation, the campers' convenience and comforts could not have been so well attended to, and I thank them most sincerely on my behalf and on behalf of the South India Bratachari Society.

I am in duty bound to mention in this report that happy and cordial co-operation prevailed throughout the period of training between me and the Instructors from Bengal in carrying out the daily routine. The Instructors from Bengal have left no stone unturned to teach and teach well the Bratachari dances, songs and exercises to the trainees. With perseverance and patience coupled with earnestness and zeal, the Instructors from Bengal have succeeded in training the campers in Bratachari dances and songs within a comparatively short period. They have done their duty by us and it is our duty now to show them by our efficiency and continued activity how very much we appreciate their efforts.

Poonamallee
8th June 1941

C. D. Natarajan
Camp Director

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Grant - South India Bratachari Society
Application for a grant of Rs 7500 for 1946-7

Cro 37963/46. From the Honorary General Secretary, South India Bratachari Society, Madras dt 22-5-46

Endorsement 37963 B/46 Edn-1 dt 17/7/46.
Forwarded to the DPI for very early remarks

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Education Department

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From (Name) Dr.S.R.U.Savoor, M.A.,
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Designation Director of Public
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To

The Secretary to Government,
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
3 AUG 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Enclosures :

Rc. No. 633 D/46 dated 31-7-46. 194 .

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Sir,

Sub: Grant - South India Bratachari Society - Application for a grant of Rs.7500/- for 1946-47.

With reference to Government Endt. No.37963 D/46 Edn. - 1 dated 17th July 1946, I have the honour to state that the Bratachari movement has not been introduced as an integral part of the curriculum in the schools so far. The question of grant from the Educational Budget cannot be considered unless it is so introduced. The question whether it is desirable to introduce it will have to be examined carefully. With this end in view the matter has been referred to the Chief Inspector of Physical Education, Madras, who has promised to study the movement and its activities and submit a report thereon.

2. In these circumstances the question of a grant of Rs.7500/- for this year, 1946-47, does not arise. If the

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Association submits its audited accounts of receipts and expenditure the question of grant for 1947-48 can be considered.

R. Narasimhan

for Director of Public Instruction.

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E & PH (B1) Dept.

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The G.O. reqd for the disposal of this cl. has been called for from MRO, Chittoor. This may lie over till 9/8/46.

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From the Hony. Genl. Secretary, South Indian Bratachari Society, dated 22.5.46.

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From the Director of Public Instruction, ~~Rc~~ No. 633 D/46 dated 31.7.46.

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Memo No 37963-B1/46-2 Edn. d. 11/9/46.

The Hony. Genl. Secretary, South Indian Bratachari Society, Madras, is informed that it is not possible to make any grant to the Society in the current year. He is requested

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requested to furnish the Director of Public Instruction with a copy of the audited Statement of receipts and expenditure of the Society for 1945-46 at a very early date so that the question of giving a grant for 1947-48 may be considered in ~~due course~~ connection with the Budget estimates for that year.

In the meanwhile the Chief Inspector of Physical Education, Madras, has been asked to study the movement and its activities and to make a report.

11/8/46.

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9/8/46

To

The Hony. Genl. Secy.,
South Indian
Bratachari
Society, Madras

Copy to the D.P.I.

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Why the Society has been started:

"At a time like the present when the greatest need of the country is unity, the Bratachari Movement is most welcome."

Sir Mhd. Usman.

"I hope that people of Madras will make a determined effort to support the Bratachari Movement, because I am confident that it will do immense good."

A.F.W. Dixon, I.C.S.

"I have no doubt that the inspiring example which Mr. Dutt leaves behind will make others take up the movement and adapt it to local conditions."

Sir S. Radhakrishnan.

"The best tribute we can pay is by making a similar endeavour in our own Province."

C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliar.

"Such a useful and indigenous art should be taught in our Schools and Colleges."

T. A. Ramalinga Chettiar.

"A wonderful indigenous system of training for the young. I hope Madras will take up the Movement, and adapt it to local conditions."

G. A. Natesan.

"I am sure that the inherent merit of the thing will carry all before it."

C. Rajagopalachari.

"It would be an advantage to Indian youth if it joined such a dynamic movement based on the fivefold ideals of Knowledge, Labour, Truth, Unity and Joy."

B. Sambamurti.

"This movement will certainly make the youth real citizens of the world."

V. V. Giri.

"Madras would benefit by it."

S. Satyamurti.

"I am glad the Harijan community has preserved a certain amount of the great culture of India."

V. I. Munisamy Pillay.

Bratachari Movement is one of the great movements expressing India's national culture born in that 'home of culture and beauty'—Bengal.

Dr. G. S. Arundale.

"In copying the example of Bengal and adapting their own folk songs and folk dances to the training of their youth, the other Provinces would not only be helping themselves but promoting the realisation of national unity."

The Hindu.

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KNOWLEDGE

THE
SECOND SOUTH INDIA BRATACHARI LEADERS'
TRAINING CAMP

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

BY

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Dr. B. V. Narayanaswami Naidu,

Principal, Pachiappa's College, Madras.

(Delivered on the occasion of the inauguration of the Camp by Mr. Justice N. Chandrasekhara Iyer, under the presidency of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Patanjali Sastriar on Sunday 16th May 1943 at 7 p.m.).

Physical education, as we understand it to-day, is intimately connected with training boys and girls to grow into healthy and able-bodied citizens, physically vital enough to withstand the strain of living under the urban and artificial conditions of an industrial and, I may add, marring civilization, mentally so disciplined that reason will not easily give place to emotion, and spiritually so strong that love, forbearance, service and sacrifice shall always prevail as the prime motives of human action and endeavour.

Through games and dances, through physical training and numerous other types of bodily activities, efforts are now being made in all civilized countries to secure a more balanced and unified development of the physical, mental and moral aspects of the human personality than has hitherto been possible in recent times.

Accordingly, physical education has to-day become an integral part of sound systems of general education all over the world. The education is designed to draw the best out of the human personality, the training we give to the young should take into account the close inter-dependence of the body and mind. But, on the other hand, it should not be

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Bratachari ideals and practice are self-dedication in service of others and the vigorous pursuit of work and duty, individual as well as social.

In India, a large majority of people do not have active habits, and false notions of delicacy and a half knowledge of the West have led to the abandonment of our indigenous systems. The average health of Indians is, to say the least, deplorable, and comparatively very little is being done to remove the causes of ill-health, poverty, ignorance and superstition and to better the conditions of living especially of the poor. We are fast tending to become one of the most degenerate peoples in the world. As one remedy, small but essential, I would beseech you to interest yourselves in the active recreation of our people.

In conclusion, may I say that as Bratachari combines physical, moral and spiritual training with a strong national background and has been found suitable for all grades of educational institutions, steps should be taken to introduce the movement on as wide a scale as possible in all educational institutions in our Province.

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Sir,

I understand from a letter received from the office of the Director of Public Instruction ,that the Government has sent a Memo No. 37963 dated 11-9-46 regarding the - subject of grant to the South India Bratachari Society. I regret I have not received a copy of the Memo.

pp 32-36 infra

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my reply to the communications I have received from the Chief Inspector of Physical education on behalf of the Director of Public - Instruction for your information and that of the Hon'ble Minister for Education.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. General Secretary.

Enc, one.- letter

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Dear Dr. Andress,

I acknowledge receipt of your lette
26th August 1946 and your subsequent reminder dated 24th
I have not received the copy of the Government Memo dated
11-9-46 referred to in your letter under reply. I have al
made it clear in my letter dated 13-8-46 to the Director
Public Instruction that the procedure suggested by you
letter dated 10-8-46, is not acceptable to us.

It is only after a study of the Move
the Government passed the G.O.No.M.S.1452 dated 29-10-
cancelling its previous G.O.No.2425 EDN dated 21-12
adhere to the opinion that no further study is warr
under the circumstances of the case.

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The Movement is one which has been recog
aided by Government and Local Bodies for over 10 yea
Bengal, where it has been placed on the same footing
Scout Movement and a similar principle was accepted
Government conference held at the Secretariat on 10-
which reference has been made in my brief report of
Society for the years 1943-44 enclosed along with m

Madras

Security,

ors and you have ample knowledge of the Movement sufficien to make a recommendation to the Government, if your recommendation is considered necessary. This is what you wrote to me in your letter dated 6-8-43 referring to the excellant work done by one of our Instructors; " I am sending a report to Capt. Harvey recommending its adoption in all villages. The proposal involves money, and yet I hope it will be given every consideration. Capt. Harvey is very much impressed."

For the information of the Government I am giving below an xtract from the G O. issued by the Govt of Bengal as early as 36.

> " ....In their circular No. 2376 L.S.G. dated 15th April 1936 Government expressedthe view that the Bratachari Movement wasnot only an importantadjunct to the educational system of the Province but was also calculated to conduce to the physical and moral development of the students and public at large and to foster a ~~healthy~~ healthy sense of civic duty and promote beneficial activities in the sphere of social service."..

At the very inception of the Movement the District Board of hingleput, under the guidance of Mr. Bhakthavathsalam, now inister for Public Works and the then Congress Party President the District Board, Mr. A. S. Doraiswami Reddiar, appointed a mittee consisting of Mr. Muthuranga Mudaliar, Mover of the

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regards the Hindustan Scout Movement was due to circumstances into which I do not wish to get into at present.

I wish to add in conclusion, that if the Governmentix is satisfied with my study and opinion about the Bratachari Movement and the opinions given by those to whom reference has been made both in this letter andthe reports sent to you, I shall welcome the Government Grant, otherwise the subject will have to remain where it is at present.

Yours sincerely,

Sanjiva Kamath

Hon. General Secretary.

Dr. G. E. Andrews,
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C.no. 57344 B1/46.

Grant - South Indian Bratachari Society.

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From the Honorary General Secretary, South Indian Bratachari Society, dated 26/9/46.

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Memo no: 57344-B1/46-1 Edn dt 5/10/1946.

~~With reference to the letter cited above~~. A copy of ~~the~~ Government Memo no. 37963-B1/46-2 Education, dated 11/9/46 is ~~forwarded~~ furnished ~~to the Honorary General Secretary of the South Indian Bratachari Society, Madras.~~

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To
The Hony. Genl. Secy.,
The S. I. B. Society (with a copy of Memo at pp23-24 cf of (i))

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Note:- After issue may be filed with the papers at ⓘ.

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In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

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From (Name) Dr. S.R.U. Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instnuction,
Post Box ______, (Station) MADRAS.,
Telegraphic Address ______

To

The Secretary to Government,
Edn & P.H. Department.

R.C. No. 633 D/46, dated 13--10--1946. 19

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Sir,

Sub: Grant - S.I.Bratachari Society.
* Ref: Govt. Memo No.37963-B1/46-2 Edn., dated 11th September1946.

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Enclosures ______

Spare Copies ______

I have the honour to report that the Honorary Secretary has not furnished me with a copy of the audited statement of receipts and expenditure of the Society for 1945-46 as per the orders of the Government. It is not therefore possible to consider the question of giving grant to the Society for 1947-48.

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2. I may further point out that the Honorary Secretary of the Society does not want the Chief Inspector of Physical Education to study the movement and its activities and to make a report. The Chief Inspector of Physical Education is therefore unable to make any recommendations about the grant. There is no record of any Officer having made a study of this Movement or of the actual work carried out under the Movement in any school.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R. Narasimhan

For Director of Public Instruction.

P.R.K. 15/10/46

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No action seems necessary at present.

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pp 1-6 cf — From the Honorary General Secretary, South Indian Bratachari Society, dated 22.5.46.

pp 21-22 cf — From the D.P.I., ~~Rc~~. No. 633 D/46 dt 31.7.46.

pp 1-6 cf — The Honorary General Secretary of the South Indian Bratachari Society has applied for a grant of Rs 7,500/- for the year 1946-47 and for an annual grant of Rs. 10,000/- thereafter. The Secretary

p 6 cf — reports that without Government financial assistance, it will not be possible for them to employ a regular paid staff to organise their work on proper lines.

p 3 cf — He requests that the association may be helped in the same way as the Scout Associations.

2. The DPI has asked the Chief Inspector of Physical Education,

p 21 cf — Madras, to study the movement and its activities and to submit a report on the question of introducing it ~~the movement~~ as an integral part of the curriculum in ~~the~~ schools. He reports that it is not possible to make a grant to the Society in 46-7 from the Educational budget as ~~it~~ the Bratachari movement has not yet been introduced in the curriculum of ~~the~~ schools. He suggests

p 22 cf — that the association may be asked to submit its audited statement of receipts and expenditure for 1945-6 so that the question of giving a grant for 47-8 be consid [illegible]

Director's recommendation may be accepted, the proposal being treated as a Part II scheme ~~being a new Service, it will have to be con-~~ for 1947-48. ~~sidered as a Part II scheme for next year~~. The question of giving a grant to the three Scout Associations is also considered as a Part II scheme every year.

R. M. Sec.

3. A draft memo to the Secy of the Society is submitted below for approval. May be circulated to H.M. (Education) before issue.

Rub 9/8/46

The question of encouraging the Bratachari movement in the Province was considered at length in 1940. Please see the letter of the D.P.I on pp 29-31, the notes and minutes on pp 51-56 and the order on p 57 of G.O. No. 2425 Edn d. 21-12-40. The decision was that public funds should not be expended upon the movement until it had established itself in Madras with such modifications as were necessary for Madras conditions. This decision was reconsidered in 1943 and the Govt ~~decided that~~ cancelled the ~~prohibitory~~ orders in so far as they prohibited local bodies from deputing teachers in their schools for Bratachari training. The report of the Chief Inspector of Physical Education promised by the Director may be awaited. The draft Memo is for approval.

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(K) G.O. No. 1452 29-10-43

R. M. Sec.

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circulated to H.M. (P.W.) w.r.t. H.M. (Edn's) minute on p 2 ante.

R. M. Sec.

H.M. (P.W.)

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The Draft explains the proposal. The file may now be recirculated

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TSA 30.8.46 H.M. (Edn)

TSP 5/9/46 H.P.M

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PSS H.E. agrees H.E.

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[Memo no 37963 B1/46-2 Edn d 11.9.46] p 23 cf

From the DPI ~~Rc~~ no 633 D/46 dated 13.10.46 pp 40-41 cf

From the Hony General Secretary. South India Bratachari Society d 26.9.46 p 31 cf

With reference to the memo on pp 23-24 cf. the DPI reports that the Honorary Secretary of the South India Bratachari Society has not furnished him with a copy of the audited statement of receipts & charges of the Society for 1945-6 and that he does not want the Chief Inspector of Physical Education, Madras to study the movements & activities of the Society & make a report. The Director has therefore no recommendation to make in regard to the payment of a grant to the Assn in 1947. Attention is in this connection solicited to the concluding paragraph of the letter from the Hony Secy of the Society on p 31 cf wherein he has stated, that the Govt are prepared to accept his offer p 40 cf

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the movement and make a grant the matter may rest where it is at present. In the circumstances the question of giving a grant to the Society need not be considered as a Part II scheme for 1947-8. This will not also satisfy the criteria laid down in the Finance no. note no 54303 B-1 d 9. 10. 46

The file may be circulated to HM (Edn). for perusal of the Director's report & orders on A above; by circular

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