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Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 1-8-1946.

From

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government E & P.H.Dept., Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Party and political organisations - Students congress - Students Federation" and Black shirts' etc., Advisability of students being members.

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It has been brought to my notice by the Heads of certain educational institutions that most of the students in their institutions are members of any of the following groups viz., " The students Congress" The students' Federation" and The Black Shirts" and that they waste most of their time in quarelling among themselves losing all sense of discipline and corporate life. From every point of view I consider that it is undersirable that students should take an active part in party politics. I would like to know what the views of the government are on students being members of political or party organisations.

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For Director of Public Instruction.

To C.S.
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not withstanding requisition stop will government take strong action on leave educational ~~instution~~ institutions to tender services of student agitators

= Principal the Hindu College =

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Rama Krishna Rao
M.A., L.T.

THE HINDU COLLEGE
MASULIPATAM

Dated Oct 24, 1946.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT., GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
29 OCT 1946

Submitted
to HM
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D.O.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, GOVT. OF MADRAS
OCT 1946

Dear Mr. Chetti,

As desired in your message and D.O. dated 22-10-46 I am sending a detailed report of the occurrences here between the 11th and 22nd inst on which latter date we were forced to close the College unable to cope with the rising tide of disorder. The authorities i.e. the police and the magistracy did not show the least inclination to keep the gates of the College clear for us by arresting or otherwise dealing with the strikers and their allies who blocked them effectively. It was indeed a saddening sight to see all regard and consideration for the teacher melting away in the heat of the passions roused. I am unable naturally to commit to writing all that has happened. But if you can kindly bespeak a personal interview with the Hon. minister, I shall be

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glad to run up for a day and explain things in detail. I strongly feel that so long as students enrolled in Colleges and High Schools have liberty of membership of outside associations, particularly Communist bodies who only too faithfully adhere to their creed of anarchy, confusion and disturbance and are permitted to sing to the tune set by such bodies no Educational institution can function to any purpose. If any an interview can be arranged, please wire to me.

Dr. Sepes has a long tale of similar disorders in Guntur. If from other quarters there have been no complaints, it does not mean all is well there, though Kistna and Guntur are in the forefront of disorderliness, thanks to the strength of the Communist forces in their districts: It only means perhaps that they have not yet reached the point of helplessness that we have.

Yours sincerely,

K. Sivaramakrishna Rao

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The Hindu College,
MASULIPATAM.

24- 10-1946

From

Sri K.Sivaramakrishna Rao, M.A.L.T.,
Principal, The Hindu College, Masulipatam.

To

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The Director of Public Instruction,
Old College, Nungambakam,
Madras

Sir,

Through announcements made by handbills, Posters and Megaphones it became known on the 17th morning that a Strike and Demonstration were being organised on behalf of students by the Masulipatam Students' Union on the 18th instant against the system of detentions. It was subsequently learnt that the Demonstration was ordered by some Provincial Student Organisation to take place in all the Andhra Districts. The Principal and the Headmaster accordingly sent round notices on the 17th instant warning the students against allowing themselves to be drawn into the Strike and Demonstration and pointing out that such participation would constitute a breach of the Rules of the institution and render them liable to a fine.

In utter disregard of the warning the Strike was organised on the 18th instant. It was evident even in the morning that the Strike spirit had gathered considerable momentum since the 9th of August when a similar Strike by students was conducted with impunity, the Police and Magistracy alike rendering no assistance to clear the gates of the College where the Strikers and their allies lay flat causing obstruction to peaceful and law-abiding students who wished to attend the classes. A large number of young men blocked the gates of the College lying down about 10 feet broad determined to effectively prevent any students from entering the College and School compound. Not satisfied with this, Parties of Strikers spread themselves on the roads and in the lanes over a radius of three furlongs, using physical force and violence wherever peaceful picketing and moral suasion failed to make an impression. Over 300 students in the College and about 150 in the High School, however, managed to attend the classes with the greatest difficulty, as they had practically to walk over the Strikers lying down at the gates, only members of the staff being allowed free ingress.

By the evening, the situation grew definitely worse and violence became more manifest. The Strikers now threw off all semblance of peaceful picketing and began to manhandle all the students who had entered or tried to enter the College. A party of them entered the compound and threw stones at the students attending classes in the High School. Students who slipped through the cordon and were found making their way into the buildings were given the chase right up to the class rooms. The Principal's car was held up at the entrance with several Strikers hanging on to the mudguards on each side making it difficult for the car to proceed. When at last a way was made for the car one of the hangers on had a small scratch from the mudguard which the Strikers exaggerated into a serious accident, two or three outsiders making it an occasion for vomiting the filthiest abuse at the Principal. Two or three stones were also pelted at the car as it was moving forward slowly. It was evident that the situation had much deteriorated. Even members of the Staff who had been allowed free ingress in the morning, were only allowed in after some argumentation and amidst cries and jeering from the crowd. At all stages of this disturbance there were requisitions sent for assistance from the Police to remove obstruction at the gates and to quell the disorder but the District Magistrate and the District Superintendent of Police being away the subordinate officers were hesitant to take any action. The College and High School Staff found themselves helpless in the disorderly conditions that prevailed all round. Soon after 5 O' clock, however, the crowds at the gates and in the compound melted away to form a procession which paraded the streets with flags, slogans and megaphone exhortations.

Saturday the 19th instant was a full working day for the High School and there was an appearance of a return to normal conditions. Certain special classes and tests held in the College on that and the following day were also attended more or less normally. But on Sunday the 20th instant some students who had played a leading part in the strike met the Headmaster and the Principal and demanded the withdrawal of the notice regarding the fine and also an announcement that no punishment would be meted out to any one for participation in the Strike. They threatened to resume the Strike from Monday onwards unless these demands were met. No such assurance could be given as it would have amounted to condonation of a deliberate breach of Rules of discipline framed in accordance with the Rules and regulations laid down by the University and Government and also subscribed to by the students and their parents at the time of admission.

Learning that posters were again put up and preparations were in progress for the resumption of the Strike on Monday morning, the Principal saw the District Magistrate who had just then returned from the camp and explained to him the whole position. Enclosed is a copy of the letter that was presented to him and to the District Superintendent of Police who had also returned from his camp. In response to the requisition for assistance, the Police appeared on the scene early in the morning and tried to keep possession of the gates so that such students as wished to enter might have an unimpeded passage. But the Strikers closed in and lay down at the gates as usual. The Police made an attempt to pull away the Strikers but later abstained from doing so when certain girl students of the College also lay down across the entrance. Seeing that no help was possible and the situation was going beyond all control, the Principal sent a notice closing the College for the rest of the day. The crowds still continued at the gates and on the road even after this announcement, as the High School was to commence its work from 10 A.M. and they were resolved to stop it. At about 10 A.M. the District Magistrate Mr.R.Galletti arrived on the scene and after a preliminary meeting with the Principal and the Staff proceeded to the gates and had a long talk with the leaders of the Strike. He pointed out the legal implications of the course they were pursuing and tried to dissuade them from their thoughtlessness. He suggested that representatives of the Strikers might meet the Principal, the Staff and the Secretary of the Committee at 2-30 P.M. in the afternoon with any grievances they might have and that in the meantime, as an earnest of their willingness to come to a settlement, they might clear the gates for the students of the High School which was working at the time. But this had no effect.

At 2-30 P.M. in the afternoon, the conference between the Strike leaders and the Principal, the Staff and the Secretary of the College committee took place in the College. Mr.Galletti who was also present by invitation took the lead in the conversations that followed. He explained to the Strikers that their activities were illegal and that they amounted to criminal trespass and wrongful restraint as per the Provisions of the Indian Penal Code but in view

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Minister. Riotous scenes followed the meeting at which this decision was taken. The whole body stampeded the grounds marched round the College and High School buildings for about half an hour, even while a police picket was on duty in the premises and finally dissolved about 11-30 A.M.

The above forms a summary of the happenings between the 17th and the 22nd instants and of the disorderly scenes that were ~~acted~~ enacted in and about the College from the 18th to the 22nd instants. There are some features of the whole situation that demand attention. The Strike was originally organised at the command of a provincial association with reference to the general question of detentions, though, as it developed, other issues like the fine threatened to be imposed by the Principal and also some minor ones that had not been thought of before have been subsequently made to figure in the list of the Strikers' grievances.

At the beginning the whole action at the gates was staged almost wholly by outsiders among whom there was just a sprinkling of present students of the College. Only picketing at ~~the~~ a distance and on the roads was done by student strikers but as the helplessness of the authorities became more and more patent students in large numbers were drawn fearlessly into action so that some students who had never been suspected of any partiality for disorder were also seen active.

The men who directed the Strike and the activities of the Strikers, egging them on to acts of violence, intimidation and disorder that disturbed the whole town were seasoned Veterns who had been trained in the methods of political agitation, some of them ex-students of the College and active members of Communist bodies. They appeared to have no fear of anything in Heaven or Earth and were able to successfully draw in all the disorderly elements in the town from tiny idle do-nothing urchins to soda-water bunkmen. Marching from success to success, encouraged by the helplessness of the authorities and the police they roamed the streets indulging in malicious propaganda and disseminating the wildest lies by means of megaphones.

There was clear manifestation of a belief all around that the popular Government which is now in Power would not endorse the use of any measure of force even in the strict maintenance of law and order. This belief was openly expressed by the Strikers and their allies in their megaphone exhortations.

Out of the whole position which I believe is by no means unique to this town or College but has become a familiar feature of all Educational institutions particularly in the Kistna and Guntur Districts, there stand out certain vital issues which should be squarely faced by every one interested in the problem of Education.

Should the student enrolled in a College or a High school, in exercise of the independence that he claims, be allowed the right of joining extra-scholastic bodies or associations with political or quasi-political aims, developing loyalties elsewhere which materially interfere with the attachments and interests that should bind him to his alma mater?

Should he be permitted to draw out of the jurisdiction of the school authorities and put himself under the direction of such outside body or association much to the detriment of the respect and obedience that he should cultivate to the Teacher in the interests of his own future and the growth of his character?

Should he be encouraged in the belief that he has interests and rights which he has to safeguard against his own teachers by alliance with outside forces?

Should he have the right of going on strike to safeguard these interests and, as the expression goes, to obtain redress for his grievances, real, imaginary and fabricated and in the heat and fury engendered in the course of such strikes to burn all the attachments that naturally bind him to his teachers and his home, the two factors that should dominate his early life.

Should he lay himself open to the bid for support from every ambitious person or body anxious to obtain a following no matter how the young man's early growth is affected thereby?

Should he have the liberty in alliance with his allies to agitate against educational standards, for example, for higher percentages of passes in the examinations, for the abolition of all detentions and punishments and also for a hand in the shaping of all educational policy instead of leaving the task to Educationists and Statesmen who could be expected to see better?

These issues are of vital concern ~~with all~~ alike to the Government and all Educational authorities and agencies in the country including the Universities. No Educational institution can function to any purpose unless the anarchy and disorder caused by the false ideas mentioned above are immediately made removable by the Government and the Rules and Regulations governing the conduct of life in such institutions are so altered that such disorders are made impossible.

Principal

The Hindu College,
MASULIPATAM.

22- 10 - 1946.

PRINCIPAL
Kaza Sivaramakrishnarao, M.A.L.T.,
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Dear Sir,

I am thankful to you for your kind letter and the advice conveyed therein. My letter to you this morning must be clear proof that I do not desire to be unduly severe on the / students but that my promise that no notice whatever would be taken of any kind of excesses committed by the Strikers - and they have been mounting up hour by hour - would amount to a proclamation of helplessness and a direct encouragement to even greater excesses in future. This morning the whole body , a promiscuous mass of men, students and non-students stampeded our grounds under the very nose of the police petrol indulging in all kinds of abusive and other slogans. I shall be looking forward to what those young men will have to say under the admonition that you have administered to them this morning.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd)

To
R.Galletti Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.
District Magistrate, Kistna.

(True copy.)

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THE HINDU COLLEGE,
MASULIPATAM.
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To

The Circle Inspector of Police,

Bandar.

Sir,

The peons and watchmen guarding the College and High School buildings have come running to me just now and tell me that a large body of students have entered the compound and are breaking open the doors. They have threatened them with violence if they interfered. The property and buildings of the College and High School are in imminent danger. Unless the Police appear on the scene in sufficient force to quell the disorder and arrest the rioters or otherwise deal with them all law and order will be at an end, Prompt and immediate aid is requested.

Sd/- K.Sivaramakrishnarao,
PRINCIPAL.

Copies to the District Superintendent of Police, Kistna and District Collector and Magistrate.

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(True Copy.)

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THE HINDU COLLEGE,
MASULIPATAM.
22 - 10 - 1946.

Notice.

Due to the physical obstruction and molestation caused to peaceful and lawabiding students desirous of attending College or school by disorderly elements both at the gates and approaches to the compound for about half a mile all round since Friday the 18th instant, it ~~had~~ has become impossible to carry on the work of the institution. The undersigned is therefore constrained to close the College and High School sine Die pending the return of order and normal conditions.

Sd/- K.Sivaramakrishnarao.

PRINCIPAL.

(True copy.)

PRINCIPAL
Kaza Siva Rama Krishna Rao,
M.A.,L.T.

THE HINDU COLLEGE,
MASULIPATAM.

Dated 22 -- 10 -- 1946.

Dear Sir,

The students whom we met yesterday afternoon did not make their appearance after you left the College. We could do away even with any expression of regret by them as you had suggested, in view of their youth and pride natural to their age. But their refusal to convey even an oral assurance that they would not indulge in strikes at every stage and their sullen disappearance after your kind intervention are significant. Under the circumstances the gentlemens' understanding that you were pleased to suggest will only comprise a promise on our part not to fine or otherwise punish the students who have created all this trouble and no kind of regret or assurance on their side. Any such announcement or promise, if made by us, would be tantamount to a total surrender of all authority and a direct invitation of further troubles day after day in future. Due to the obstruction caused to the peaceful and law-abiding students both at the gates and elsewhere even today and the forces of disorder running riot in the College and High School compound and the surrounding area for about a radius of half a mile all round, it has become impossible to work the College and High School. I am therefore constrained to close them Sine Die awaiting better times and a return of order and peace.

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/- K.Sivaramakrishnarao.

P.S. Since writing the above, events have moved further and the annexed copy of the requisition sent to the Police will give an idea of the state of things prevailing.

Sd/- K.Sivaramakrishnarao.

Friday last witnessed more violent scenes. Even members of the staff were molested. Physical violence was used on a large scale. Students who wished to enter were forcibly held back. Parties of strikers entered the College compound with impunity and openly manhandled the peaceful students. The members of the staff who witnessed numerous instances of such violence had to stand helpless, fearing personal outrage on themselves. On bold detachment of strikers entered the compound and actually stoned some students attending the classes in the High School. One of these fellows was actually caught red-handed and identified as a second year student of the College with dubious record. My car was held up through, the strikers staged on accident to one of themselves, threw stones at me and my car and one of the strikers, an outsider flung the filthiest abuse to me. I had asked for the aid of the police even on the 17th instant anticipating trouble and again after the lurid incidents of the afternoon sent an S.O.S. to the Deputy Superintendent of Police. But I only pleaded to deaf ears. The Deputy Magistrate and the Deputy Superintendent of Police come in leisurely at 4 P.M. as on the previous occasion and only comforted us saying that the trouble would not last more than an hour as the College was to close at 5 P.M.

The Strikers and their allies are intoxicated with consciousness of their success. They have been openly going about in the streets proclaiming they would use more and more violence. The whole trouble is due to about 50 gangsters who have come from outside determined to bring the institution's work to a standstill. It is impossible for any institution to function in such tense atmosphere. The question is whether the College and High School have to be run at the sweet will of the recalcitrant students and their heroic supporters from outside or whether the authorities of the institution and the peaceful students who are at least 75% of the number on the rolls should have the freedom to work as usual free of such illegal interference and obstruction as are being increasingly manifest.

It is rumoured that the strike is to be continued tomorrow also. Working the College under these conditions will only affect the morals of the students more and more adversely. Perhaps the best thing to do under the circumstances, if Police aid is not forthcoming to end this disorder, is to keep the institution closed indefinitely awaiting better times.

I request you as the responsible head of the District to give your earnest and immediate attention to the consideration of the situation.

I enclose copies of the letters addressed to the Police on the 17th and 18th instants.

Sd/- K.Sivaramakrishnarao,
PRINCIPAL.

(True copy.)

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The Hindu College,
Masulipatam,
18- 10- 1946

URGENT

From
Sri K.Sivaramakrishna Rao M.A.L.T.
Principal, The Hindu College, Masulipatam

To
The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Kistna, Masulipatam.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter to the District Superintendent of Police dated 17-10-1946 requesting that the gates of the College might be kept clear of Strikers in any contingency that might arise, I now bring to your notice that all the gates of the College are obstructed by living masses of men, students and non-students who have spread themselves across the gate at a breadth of about 10 feet making it impossible for students to come in or go out. It was with some difficulty that members of the Staff have found their way into the College. Bands of men are moving even within the compound removing by force students who have found their way in. If you consider it is your duty to remove this obstruction and prevent this molestation for Heaven's sake do render the necessary help. Otherwise say clearly it is not your duty. The situation cannot be trifled with for a moment. Order and discipline which are indispensable in any educational institution will be impossible if things are permitted to continue like this.

(Sd) K.Sivaramakrishna Rao
Principal

/True copy/

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Copy of the Express telegram dated 18-10-1946 sent to
His Excellency the Governor of Madras,
The Hon'ble Chief Minister,
The Hon'ble Education Minister,
The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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" Strikes conducted by student organisations on all pretexts have become common stop all order and discipline has disappeared stop Colleges and schools are reduced to playthings in the hands of studen and exstudent agitators carrying Congress flags who openly proclaim they fear nothing Congress Government being in power stop Strike in progress here stop Gates obstructed by living masses of men stop Violence used towards peaceful students with impunity stop Police aid not forthcoming notwithstanding requisition stop Will Government take strong action or leave educational institutions to tender mercie of student agitators "

PRINCIPAL THE HINDU COLLEGE.

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/True copy/

Copy of the telegram dated 18-10-46

The Hindu College,
Masulipatam,
D/ 17th October 1946

Notice - a warning.

It is understood that attempts are being made to draw the students into a Strike and demonstration against detentions on Friday the 18th instant.

Let it be clearly understood that if a student is detained it is because his progress is found very unsatisfactory. Students who are regular and diligent in their studies have no need to be afraid of any detention. It is only the rotters who are very irregular in their attendance and pay no attention to their studies that are in incessant dread of detention.

Every student who absents himself tomorrow will be liable to a fine of Rs.2/- for such absence. No leave applications and no excuses will be accepted. It is the duty of every student to refuse to be drawn into the Strike, courageously fight against it, if any moral or physical force is used against him and to be present in the College for his work, as usual.

(Sd) K.Sivaramakrishna Rao

PRINCIPAL.

/True copy/

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The Hindu College,
Masulipatam,
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Urgent

From

Sri K. Sivaramakrishna Rao M.A.L.T.
Principal, The Hindu College, Masulipatam

To

The District Superintendent of Police,
Kistna, Masulipatam

Sir,

From exhortations made with the aid of magaphones the whole of last night, it is gathered that a Strike and Demonstration are being organised on behalf of the students by the Masulipatam Students' Federation tomorrow the 18th instant. Very probably the gates of the College will be infested as on 9th of August last and physical obstruction will be caused to students wishing to attend the College against the exhortations of the strikers. I request you to make bundobust arrangements at all the gates of the College, so that such of the students as wish to attend the classes may do so unmolested.

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

(Sd) K. Sivaramakrishna Rao
Principal

/True copy/

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The Hindu College,
Masulipatam, 9-8-1946

Urgent 26

To

The District Superintendent of Police,
Kistna.

Dear Sir,

There is a promiscuous body of men about fifty to sixty strong posted at the gates of the College who are forcibly preventing students from attending. While those that are so desirous can stay away from the College it is improper and illegal for these and others to use force and other means to cause obstruction to the students who wish to attend the College. The obstructors lie down across the gate on the road and in the College compound to cause prevention.

I request that immediate help be sent to clear the gates and to prevent obstruction that is being caused to study-minded students.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) K.Sivaramakrishna Rao

Principal

Copy to the Dt.Magistrate, Kistna.

/True Copy/

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Copy of the Telegram dated 6-- 8 -- 46.

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The Chief Minister,
Madras Government.

Efforts being made to organise students strike and demonstration on ninth instant stop If this is countenanced by Congress Government may declare it holiday like July fourth in another country stop Otherwise it is advisable to publish communique expressing Congress disapproval stop This will prevent spread of present strike fever and unnecessary disorder indiscipline.

Principal, Hindu College.

Not to be telegraphed.

Signature....................
Principal, Hindu College,
Masulipatam.

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(True copy)

Edn and P.H. Dept

Telephone Message by Post.

From

The Secy to Govt, Edn and P.H. Dept

To The D.P.I.

Madras Edl Rules – Disciplinary Regulations – Advisability of Students' being members of political or party organisations.

Ref letter from the D.P.I. Re No: 121 E/46 d/ 1.8.46.

Please say what exactly are the objects and aims of the three assons referred to in the letter cited above and whether the cases of indiscipline referred to in the l[illegible] comm[illegible]

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be dealt with under the existing disciplinary regulations in the M.E.R.

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re deposit
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Telegram dated 18-10-46 from the Principal, Hindu college, Masulipatam students demonstrations.

Encl:

A copy of the telegram cited is forwarded. He is requested to have necessary enquiries made and to submit a report to govt. at ~~an~~ early date

24/10/46

To
The D.P.I.
(with copy of telegram).

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

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Chief Minister Madras

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
21 OCT 1946
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STRIKES CONDUCTED BY STUDENT ORGANISATION ON ALL PRETEXTS HAVE BECOME COMMON STOP ALL ORDER AND DISCIPLINE HAS DISAPPEARED STOP COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS ARE REDUCTED TO PLAYINGS IN THE HANDS OF STUDENT AND EXSTUDENT AGITATORS CARRYING CONGRESS FLAGS WHO OPENLY PROCLAIM THEY FEAR NOTHING CONGRESS GOVERNMENT BEING IN POWER STOP STRIKE IN PROGRESS HERE STOP GATES OBSTRUCTED BY LIVING MASSES OF MEN STOP VIOLENCE USED TOWARDS PEACEFUL STUDENTS WITH IMPUNITY STOP POLICE AID NOT FORTHCOMING NOT WITHSTANDING REQUISITION STOP WILL GOVERNMENT TAKE STRONG ACTION OR LEAVEXXXX EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO TENDER MERCIES OF STUDENT AGITATORS.

----PRINCIPAL THE HINDU COLLEGE----

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Assistant Secretary to Govt.

To the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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(By order)

Assistant Secretary to Govt.

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To
the Director of Public Instruction,
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0 0 MASULIPATAM 21 64 The Educational Minister
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Education Department.

From

Dr. S.R.U.Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
24 OCT 1946
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Rc.9442 E4/46 dated 24-10-1946.

Sir,

STRIKE - Hindu College - Masulipatam.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the Telegram dated 18-10-1946 received by me from the Principal, Hindu College, Masulipatam for information of Government.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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- PRINCIPAL THE HINDU COLLEGE.-

(True Copy)

For Director of Public Instruction
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Hon'ble the education minister Govt of Madras Madras

Reference your message yesterday posting detailed report

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Ed PH (CS)

Please see the report from the Principal Andhra Xian college Guntur in regard to the closure of the college on p.l.-6 ante. May be circulated to HM (Edn) for perusal pending receipt of the DPI's report thereon.

Note
26/10/46

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HM (Edn)

29/10/46

I have since spoken to the Students & the principal & I have asked the Collr to open the College. ~~Hope~~ Let us hope there will no more the trouble

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The Hindu College,
MASULIPATAM.

4-11-1946

From
Sri K.Sivaramakrishna Rao, M.A.,L.T.,
Principal. The Hindu College, Masulipatam.

To
The Director of Public Instruction,
Old College, Nungambakam, Madras.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
NOV 1946
GOVT. OF MADRAS

Sir,

In continuation of my report dated 24-10-46 and of my personal talk on the subject with you after the Syndicate meeting on the 2nd instant, I have to report certain unpleasant occurrances that have taken place since.

In accordance with a resolution of the College Governing body and in response to urgent representations made by several students and their parents that the College should be reopened on Monday the 4th instant we tried to resume work this morning. To a meeting of the Managing Committee held yesterday I reported ~~that~~ what had happened at the Syndicate meeting on the 2nd instant. Although it was felt we might wait until definite instructions were issued to the District authorities in the matter of rendering necessary help in Strike emergencies, we thought that there can be no harm in trying to reopen the College this morning as had been previously resolved by the Management. Preparations had been afoot for the resumption of the Strike at the reopening of the College. Early this morning I received information that the Strikers and their allies were gathered in large numbers and as usual spread themselves at the gates causing obstruction molestation and violence to peaceful students attempting to attend the College. The Police were also on the scene having become informed about the reopening of the college and the Strikers activities. For about two hours or so the Police stood watching the situation - the College gates blocked by the Strikers, men lining the street for about a furlong on either side of the gates and all sorts of slogans including abuse raised by the Strikers. The efforts of the Police to render help to students that wished to enter the College did not much avail.

At about 10 A.M. there was an incident. A young student was trying to find his way into the College but found himself thwarted by the Strikers. The Head Constable on duty had to intervene. This led to stone throwing on a large scale which resulted in injuries to some members of the Police force. This was followed by a Lathi charge and subsequent arrest of about 50 strikers then blockading the gates and causing breach of peace. The situation becoming tense, the College and the High School had to be closed on the advice of the District Superintendent of Police and the District Educational officer who also happened to be present.

A huge procession followed which demonstrated in front of my house for a long time.

I firmly believe that the College and the High School have to be kept closed indefinitely unless the Government takes up a firm attitude and immediately orders that all necessary help be rendered to the educational authorities, and suitable action taken against the Strikers and their allies. Personal abuse, intimidation, open threats of violence against the Principal, the Headmaster and the members of Staff are freely resorted to by the Strikers who go about desparately preaching and spreading disaffection among the loyal section of the students.

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

Principal

Copy to the Hon'ble Educational Minister, Govt. of Madras.

Copy to the Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University, Waltair

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POST COPY OF TELEPHONIC MESSAGE DATED 19-11-46.

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From

The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

To

The Secretary to Government
Education & Public Health Department, Madras.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
22 NOV 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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"Ref: Your telephonic message by post dated 1-11-46 re: advisability of students being members of political or party organisations.

The Principal, Govt. College, Kumbakonam states that the Students' Congress aligns itself with the Indian National Congress, the Students Federation with the Communist organisation and the Black Shirts with the South Indian Dravidian Federation and Self-Respect Movement. According to the report each of these students' Associations swears by high-sounding and apparently innocent ideas that they parade, but, at bottom they seem to have an identical aim, namely to interfere with and disrupt discipline in educational institutions, to promote rebellion against constituted authority and to organise strikes if any things happens which they do not like. And in this Muslim students are one with them despite their allegiance to the Muslim League whose objective is at variance with that of one or the other of the other Associations.

21.11.46.

TRB. 20/11 for Director of Public Instruction.

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~~E & PH (G3)~~

~~The file on the subject has been sent to Public (d) Its return may be awaited.~~

27/11/46. 28.11.46

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The main file on the subject as to whether ~~the~~ students can be ~~members~~ of political or party organisations has been ~~submitted~~ sent in ~~separately for orders~~ to HM & HM circulation ~~[illegible]~~. ~~In view of the fact that the D.P.I.'s proposal to issue a circular to all heads of colleges and schools on the subject of maintaining discipline among students has been put up with a draft for approval, [illegible]~~ no separate action is called for on this. May be added to the main file.

6.12.46

ref 29/11/46.
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The case will have to be further examined in the light of this.
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E & PH (G3)

May lie over till the receipt of the main file from circulation ~~to~~ till 22.12.46 which is out

11.12.46

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11.12.46

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
R.C.No.4147 E4/46, dated 22-11-1946.

Ref: D.O.(Confidentail) dated 18-11-46 from the Principal,
Govt. Victoria College, Palghat.

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COPY - Submitted to Government in continuation of the post copy of my Telephonic message dated 19-11-46.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
27 NOV 1946
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT

~~24/11/46~~
for Director of Public Instruction.

TRB.25/11
To
The Secretary to Govt., Education & Public Health Department,
Madras.

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Copy of G.O.(Confidential) dated 18-11-1946 from the Principal,
Govt. Victoria College, Palghat.

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Dear Sir,

In continuation of my earlier confidential report about the atmosphere in this college, I am sorry I have to write again about the same thing.

A few weeks ago the Secretary of the College Union wrote to the Premier requesting him to address the students when he visisted Palghat. This was done without consulting me. However when the Premier accepted the request I made the necessar arrangements for a meeting and everything could have passed off smoothly but for a slight indiscretion on the part of the student President. In starting the Proceedings he began with "comrades". The Premier felt nettled and remarked" stop the rot" and he (the student President) was not allowed to continue. After that the Premier addressed the students for about 20 minutes and left the meeting. I cannot say that he left the meeting in resentment but it was obvious that he resented the communist mode of address which the student-President adopted. Nothing however was said to me on the subject and I believe--at least I hope so--he did not take the matter seriously.

A few days ago the Union Secretary hearing of the P.W.D. Minister's visisting Palghat wrote to him requesting him to address the students and the Minister agreed to do so in a communication to the Secretary which was received on Saturday the 16th with the meeting fixed for Sunday the 17th (yesterday) at 2.30 P. This again was done without consulting me, and we were merely confronted with the Minister's letter of acceptance on Saturday at 12-0 clock. However arrangements were made for this and everything was ready for the meeting. Meanwhile, a few students would seem to have approached the Minister and requested him not to come to the College as most of the students did not want this meeting to take place. The Minister fell in with their wishes and at about 2.30 P.M. informed the Secretary that in view of this representation the meeting was cancelled. The Secretary who informed us of a possible development like this some two to three hours earlier was IMMEDIATELY advised that he should explain matters to the Minister and inform him that the majority of the students of this College were in favour of this meeting a the Minister should not therefore very much mind the interested intrigues of a few. The Secretary was further told that decency required that he should not, having once invited the Minister, play into the hands of those who were opposed to the Minister's visist to the college as that is tantamount to insulting the Minister. But the Secretary seems to have faile to act according to the advice given and there was no meeting.

P.T.O.

On enquiry it is learnt that those who persuaded the Minister to cancel his visit to the College wanted to demonstrate in this fashion against the refusal of permission to hold the birthday celebrations of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru according to their wishes. I shall mention the circumstances briefly. Last Thursday at 12 noon a few of the office bearers of the Union came to me with a request that an "extraordinary meeting" of the Union should be held with the specific object of celebrating the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President of the Interim Govt. I pointed out to them that if this was allowed similar meetings in connection with the wishes of the various other political and communal groups would also have to be allowed and this would only lead to complications and bitterness among students. It was also pointed out that under the present Govt. Orders were not authorised to accord permission to hold meetings with political or communal significance. I however agreed to compromise by allowing them to hold an ordinary meeting at which a congratulatory resolution could be passed. The students who met me agreed and a notice was sent round. But later very few students turned up and no meeting was held. I now understand that many of them resented my attitude and are nursing a grievance. Politics has become rather bitterly communal and sectional or sectarian and this is reflected in the attitude of the students as well. In the past when the campaign was against the Government, denounced as foreign, there was some degree of unity in the students' attitude. But to-day that unity is lacking. There are divided into groups and in view of this fact I feel that my attitude or strict neutrality where there is the slightest flavour of communalised or sectional politics is not only correct under the present rules but also right and wise. Many students however feel that with a Congress Government in authority they are free to indulge in demonstrations in favour of Congress personalities and congress principles. I shall therefore thank you to give me some clear guidance as to policy. You will be meeting the Minister off and on and I would request you if necessary to get clear guidance from him. If something definite, is not decided on, the position would become awkward, to put it mildly, particularly when students are only seeking a pretext so to say to organise defiance of authority. A

In this connection I would place before you another aspect of the matter of this kind of politically motivated indiscipline which I should consider as really serious in its consequences for the future. In the course of my enquiry about yesterday's incident I gathered that the group which persuaded the Minister against his coming belonged to the student's Congress of which Mr. R. Narayanan (of whom you know) is a leading figure. I gathered that the elections for the various unions and societies of this college were conducted on the "students' federation" tickets (i.e. communist) on one side and on the "students' congress" ticket on the other side and in regard to yesterday's episode I understand that one of them was responsible for all the trouble. The students admitted that they were under the guidance of one or other of these associations. This is an unfortunate position as I view it. If the various college societies formed as part of college activities are to be utilised in this manner by outside agencies for political and other purposes, from the educationist's point of view, I should consider that they are not to be encouraged. For me to scrap these well-meant extra mural activities on this score and on my own responsibility is to invite a hornet's nest around not only my own ears but all around. I shall be very grateful if you will give this aspect of the matter also serious thought and if necessary consult the Government and give us your subordinates clear guidance. I feel strongly that it is time some definite policy was decided on and the students told about this in unmistakable terms if we are to avoid trouble. I say this B.

I say this because if in this college where there has been very little touble of this kind for some years now, trouble should begin to rear its head it is an indication that we are most likely to be confronted with a very serious situation before long."

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for Director of Public Instruction.

SO
26/11/46

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Submitted for perusal.
(The previous report referred to has not been recd. in office)

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18-12-46

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D.P.I. might be asked to send his remarks on the points raised at A & B in p. 2 ante.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
0 - JAN 1947
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A draft D.O. is submitted.

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D.O. No. 72757 A/46-1 Edn d. 16-1-47

Confdl

Dear Dr. Savoor,

Sub Confdl Report re. Govt. Victoria College, Palghat.

I am to invite a reference to your letter no. 4147 E4/46 d 22-11-46 on the subject cited and to request you to offer your remarks on the points raised by the Principal, Govt. Victoria College, Palghat in the extracts of his report enclosed

Yrs sincerely,

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A & B on p 78 ante

To
The DPI by name
(with encl)

Copy of portions marked 'A' and 'B' on p2 CF

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CONFIDENTIAL.

D.O.No.4147 E-4/46.

Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 5th February 1947.

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6 - FEB 1947

My dear Subramanian,

SUB:-Confidential report regarding Govt.Victoria College, Palghat.

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p.79 ante

Please see your D.O.No.72757 A/46-1, Education, dated 16-1-1947.

'A' on p76 ante

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With reference to the first extract of the Principal's report enclosed to your D.O. I may state that in almost all institutions there are definitely three sectional organizations or political groups which are connected with the three political bodies - the Congress, the Communists and the Muslim League. The last mentioned group is at present not as well organised in educational institutions as the other two and the part it plays therefore varies with the number of Muslims in the College and the strength of the League in the locality. In addition, apparently, the Black Shirts form a fourth group in some of the Colleges in the South. I agree with the Principal that neurality is the correct ~~xxxxxnext~~ attitude to adopt even when demonstrations in favour of the Congress personalities are proposed to be held. This should, of course, exclude the Hon'ble Ministers as they form the Government.

'B' on p76 ante

As regards the second extract also, I agree with the Principal. If a lead is given by the Government to their own party men that they should keep educational institutions outside the scope of their activities, it would be easy for the Principals to enforce the same principle in regard to the other groups which, in most cases, are numerically not as strong. It would also be desirable if the Hon'ble Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries do not accept any invitations purporting to come from any College Society or group which do not come from the heads of educational institutions.

Yours sincerely,

S.R.K. Savoor.

M.V. Subramanian, Esq.,I.C.S.
Secy. to Government,
Edn.& Pub. Health Department,
Fort St.George.

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From

The ~~Asst.~~ Secy to Govt,
E & PH Dept, Madras.

To

The DPI.

Reminded on 1/3/47.

Ref:- Your D.O. dt- 1-2-47 re: discipline in colleges and schools

Please state whether the above D.O. was sent by you in response to the conversation you had with the HM (Edn) on—

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on 25/1/47; if not the number and date of this office communication with reference to which it was sent may please be quoted.

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Education & P.H. Department (G.3)
~~E.&.P.H.(G.3)~~

~~Post copy of~~ Telephone message
dated 11.3.47.

From
The ~~Superintendent~~, Asst. Secretary to Govt.
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

To
The ~~Superintendent~~,
~~Office of~~ the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Ref:- Post copy of telephone message dated 4-3-47
regarding discipline in schools and colleges.

Please send an ~~urgent~~ immediate reply to the above telephone message, as it is required ~~in connection with the preparation of a cabinet note~~ for consideration at Cabinet meeting.

(By order) 11/3 Superintendent.
for ASG

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Issued @ 4-45 P.M.
11/3/47

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From The Secretary to Govt
E & P H Dept

To The D.P.I.
(with enclosure)

Received one sealed cover 24/5

Despatched 30/5/47.

Reference — Discipline — Advisability of students being members of political or party organisations — Your ~~Ests~~ ~~dated~~ letter R No 11332 E/46 dated 11-3-47

p 87 f

p 72 f

The talk you had with the Hon'ble Minister for Education on 25-~~4~~-47 related inter alia to the advisability of students being members of political or party organisations. At ~~this~~ interview H.M.(Edn) asked you to submit drafts of relating to this question for the consideration of Govt. Your d.o. dated 1.2.47 relates to discipline in colleges and schools generally and not to the specific question referred to above. Please therefore send up to Govt the drafts called for by H.M.(Edn) without delay.

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Extracts of H.M.'s minutes on the subject of 4.11.46 and 25.4.47 are enclosed for your information.

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D.O.No.11332-E/46.

Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,
Madras 6, Dated 4th June 1947.

My dear Subramanian,

Sub: Discipline - Advisability of students being members of political or party organizations.

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Please see your Telephone Message dated 29-3-47 regarding the advisability of students being members of political or party organizations. I am afraid there is some misunderstanding about the matter. I do not think that I agreed to send any drafts for the consideration of Government regarding the question of students joining political organizations. As a matter of fact, in my D.O.No.4147 E4/46 dated 5-2-47 I sought instructions from Government and I have made two concrete suggestions, viz.,

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(i) Attitude of neutrality when demonstration in favour of any political personality other than a Minister is to be held.

(ii) Invitations which have not come from heads of institutions should not be accepted by Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries. If the Congress Party, which is the largest political party, can give a lead it will make the task of the Principal easier.

Yours sincerely,

To
M.V.Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Dept.,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Edn and P. H Dept

C. No: 44434 B1. From the D.P.I. Re No: 121 B/46. Dt 1.8.46.

Madras Educational Rules - Disciplinary Regulations - Advisability of Students being members of political ~~and~~ party organisations.

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p 20 of the M.E.R. Rr 151.

Chapter VIII of the Madras Edl. Rules contains the disciplinary regulations for schools and colleges. Under rule 94 Students of schools and colleges should abstain from active participation in party or communal politics. Rules 95, 96 and 97 contain the procedure to be adopted in dealing with Students who contravene the provisions of rule 94.

The D.P.I reports that it has been brought to his notice by the heads of certain educational institutions that Students in their institutions are members of the groups viz the Students Congress, the Students Federation and the Black Shirts and they waste most of their time in quarrelling among themselves losing all sense of ~~lips~~ discipline and corporate life. He considers that from every point of view it is undesirable to allow Students to take an active part in party politics and wants to know the views of the Govt are in the matter.

As stated above ~~the rules already provide~~ it is already laid down that Students should abstain from active participation in party or communal politics. This rule came into force in 1938.

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when the Congress was last in office. Attention is in this connection invited to the minutes of the then Prime Minister (Sri C. Rajagopalachari) on pages 23 and 40 of G.O. No. 1076 Edn. d/ 11.5.1938. (a) The late Premier was definitely of the opinion that Students should not take part in politics. But before giving a reply to the D.P.I. it seems better to ascertain what exactly are the objects and aims of the Unions referred to by him and how the ~~[illegible]~~ existing disciplinary regulations in the M.E.R. are found wanting in dealing with the cases referred to by him. A draft t.m. is subd. Public may see.

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E&PH U.O. no. 6/0
44634-B1/46-1 Edn
16/10/46.

May be perused and returned to E&P.H dept. A telegram since received from the Principal Hindu College, Masulipatam, requesting govt. to take strong action against the ~~undesirable Student~~ strikes organised by students ~~[illegible]~~, has been added to cf – vide pp 3-9.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT.
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17 OCT 1946
CHIEF SECRETARIAT

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22/10/46

Public (S.C.)

M 22/10/46 Papers regarding the activities of the Indian Students' Congress in this Province are at flag (2)(x) – S.F. 132/44. Particular attention is invited to the reports on pp. 3-5, 11-12, 43-46, 51-80 cf. of (2)(x).

(Secret file no. 132/44)

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Please see the Public B1 deptt's note on the previous page. The papers put up by (2) that deptt show that there are different students organisations, National Students organisation, All India Students Congress, etc. It is not clear to which of these the Director is referring to. The draft T.M. may issue.

W/

Attention is invited to the telegram from the Principal of the Hindu College, Masulipatam, on pages 3-9 cf. A copy of it may be sent to the Director and he may be asked to have enquiries made and to send a report. A draft Endt is subd.

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As the Principal is complaining that police help is not forthcoming to stop the students' violence, the Public deptt may be requested to consider whether instructions may not be issued to the D.M., Kistna. The telegram with an extract of the note may be sent to Public.

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OSM
24/10/46 S

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The students of Masulipatam and Guntur came and met me. I told them that we will insist upon discipline at all costs. While we may be sympathetic to them, we cannot allow disorderliness and indiscipline. They have approached the parties & expressed regrets. I do not think in the present circumstances, it is necessary [to give] the Principal of the Hindu College, Masulipatam needs any Police help. Neither ~~do we think that we~~ should we make the situation worse by these methods. A little patience and a firm handling will be sufficient in the circumstances. After the talk with them, the students have been feeling that

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they have not been properly led. I think things will come round in a few days.

TSA
29.10.46.

28 OCT 1946

Please see the report of the Principal, Hindu College, Masulipatam on pp 13 - 27 CF. It has been ~~apparently~~ called for by the Dy. Director apparently at the instance of H.M. (Edn) - vide the endt of the Dy D.P.I. on p 11 CF. It may be subd to H.M. for perusal.

2. In the minute above, H.M. has noted only about the Masulipatam case. Obviously his intention is to consider the general question after the Director's reply to the draft T.M. is received. pp 53 - 54 CF The draft T.M. may be issued and the file circd to H.M. after issue w.r.t para 1 above.

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BOX 4
1/11/46

H.M. (Edn) — a.i.

I think it will not be with the trend of the times to ban students from membership of political organisations outside the ~~town~~ School. What we can ~~really~~ do is that these parties, communal or political should not be recognised within the school and they should not be allowed to act [illegible] as such within the class school. As far as I understand from the talk I had with the Director, he also agrees ~~with me~~ that that will serve the situation. He may be asked to formulate draft rules if necessary in consonance with ~~these~~ this policy.

TSA
4-11-46

6 - NOV 1946

A draft D.O. to the D.P.I. is subd. with refce: to H.M.'s minute on p 4 ante.

Please see the letter from the Principal, Hindu College, Masulipatam, since received. As H.M. has already seen it, it is perhaps not necessary to circulate the file to him. It is however for consideration whether H.P.M. and H.E. should see this file.

9/11/46 S

As far as schools are concerned this will mean a relaxation of the initial restrictions imposed by the [illegible] Rules, I think. Apart from that, it is a moot question whether, at least in respect of schools, such relaxation would be expedient. The whole question may, however, be examined after D.P.I.'s reply to the D.O. is received. H.P.M. & H.E. may also see the case. Pub may see before circulation.

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UNDER SECRETARY
NOV 1946
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

11.11.46

E & PH (B1)
U.O.No. 44434 - B1/46 - 1 Edn
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Pub (G.A.) Dept

May be perused and the file returned to E & P.H. dept.

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Linked with C. No 9091 Pub (G.A.) + circulated - Returned from O.C. on 13.11.46
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Pub G.A.
U.O. 9236/46
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E & P.H.

This was linked to the Public Deptt's file and circulated to H M (Edn) & H P M. As there is no indication in this file of their having ~~seen~~ this case, it is for consideration whether this may now be circulated to them & to H.E.

USR
19-11-46

Though this file was linked and circulated with a public Dept file, the issue in the latter file was different and this file was not marked for circulation at that stage. The case may now be circulated to H.M.(Edn) H.P.M and H.E. ~~with reference to~~ for orders – reference X on p 5 ante.

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File linked – Dealt with (…)

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GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT 6 JAN 1947

H.M. (Edn)

H.P.M.

H.E.

The relevant existing rule may be put up.

TSA
3-12-46

4/1/47

Returned for action on the minute of H.M.(Educn.)

J.B. Brunk
8/1/47 G.S.

EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 6 JAN 1947 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Ed&PH(G3)

Submitted that the relevant existing rules on the subject are ~~contained in~~ Rules 94-97 of the Madras Educational Rules – please see para 1 on page 1 ante ~~May be circulated to H.M.(Edn)~~. A typed copy of these rules is submitted at (P) for easy reference. ~~[illegible]~~ The case may be recirculated to H.M.(Edn), H.P.M. and H.E. for orders.

BS
11-1-47

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pp. 29-30 of B.K. no. 15.

Please let [illegible] [illegible] before H.M. [illegible] answered

Answered reference in a Routine [illegible]

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My point was that, with reference to Rule 94, membership of a political or communal or [illegible] organisation, even outside the school or college, could be held to constitute active participation in party or communal politics.

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H.M. (Edn)

H.P.M.

H.E.

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The D.P.I. was telling me only to-day that this matter must be thoroughly examined and we must issue definite instructions. I have asked him to submit drafts which may be considered and ~~pass~~ orders passed. This file may be sent to me along with the drafts that he may submit.

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25-1-47

File may be re-submitted after the draft required by H.M (Edn) from D.P.I.

[illegible] for H.M.
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24 FEB 1947

H.E.

Need not go to H.E. at this stage.

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E&PH(G3)

~~A draft D.O. to the D.P.I. requesting him to send his proposals is subd. for approval.~~

Please see the minutes above and the papers in the linked file. The D.P.I. has ~~written~~ sent the D.O. in the linked file apparently with reference to the orders of H.M.(Edn) at 'A' above. It has since been ordered in that case that a note for the Cabinet on the subject may be prepared and put up. This case may first be recirculated to H.P.M. through H.M.(Edn) with reference to their minutes at 'X' above.

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pp. 1-3 of L.F.2

p. 5 N.F. of L.F.2

BS
25-2-47.

A note for the Cabinet is Subd. for approval of [illegible] orders as to Circulation. Chief Secy. may see before Circln.

[illegible] 10.3.47

Where are the drafts for the D.P.I. referred to at A on p 7 ante

10.3.47

Subd. that the D.P.I. [illegible] be found at

pp 1-3 c.f.
11.3.47

In the do referred to, ~~there~~ is no reference to the subject matter in this file. The points referred to therein relate to general desciplin ~~of~~ students in Colleges and schools, which is separately under consideration. In this file, the question is about the advisability of the students being members of Party and Political organisations outside the ~~Colleges~~ educational institutions - with reference to the minute of H.M (Edn) on p 7 ante, the D.P.I has not subd. the drafts on the above question. He may be asked to do so now. The draft T.M below is for appl

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E.& P.H.(G.3)

(Issued as T.M. dated 29—5—1947)
C.No.46980/47 - Fro m the D.P.I., D.O.No.11332-E/46 dated 4.6.47

P 89 cf
P. 91 cf

Please see the D.O. from the D.P.I. on p.91 c.f. With reference to the inutes of H.M.(Edn.) on p.7 ante, the Director says that he did not agree to send any rafts for the consideration of Govt. regarding the question of students ining political organisations. // As no progress has been made in this file nce January 1947, it seems desirable that H.M.(Edn) discusses the matter e again with the D.P.I. or definite instructions will have to be now issued

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The draft placed below may now issue. to him to send necessary draft amen[illegible] on the lines indicated. [illegible] orders.
(Minutes at p: 4 ante; my note at p: 5 ante; minutes at p: 6 ante; my note at 'M' at p: 6 ante).

6.6.47

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7.6.47

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MADRAS GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
1402 C.
9 JUL 1947

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Nothing seems to be necessary to be done for the present.

ISA
4.7.47

O.P.R.
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11 JUL 1947

Ans. 11 Jul 47

E&PH (G3)

Please see the orders in circulation above. The papers may now be Recorded.

Order/MS. No 1526 Edn dt 14.7.47

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Abstract

Schools and Colleges - Discipline - ~~Advisa~~ ~~bility~~ Students being members of political or party organisations - Advisability. Papers Recorded.

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12.7.47

E & P. H. Dept

~~G~~ O No. Edn d.

Dear ~~Sri~~ Savoor,

Students and political or party organisations.

Your letter No. 121 E/46 d. 1-8-46.

With refer. to the conversation you had with the ~~Hon'ble~~ Minister for Education, I am desired to say that the Govt. consider that it will not be in consonance with the trend of the times to ban students from membership of ~~party~~ communal or political organisations outside college or school. But membership of such organisations should not

P ICF

Nr issued

recognised within the educational institutions nor should ~~the~~ students be allowed ~~to act~~ ~~[illegible]~~ conduct themselves within the institutions according to their party affiliations. I am to ask you to suggest draft amendments to the Madras Edl. Rules, if necessary, to give effect to this policy.

Yours sincerely

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9/11/46

To
Rao Bahadur
Dr. S. R. U.
Savoor, MA,
DSc. I.E.S.
D.P.I.

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Education & P.H.(G3) Department.

NOTE FOR THE CABINET.

Sub: DISCIPLINE in Colleges and Schools.

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Discussed

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situation:-"

The question of permitting or banning students from being members of political organizations is one for decision by the Cabinet.

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