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Colleges - Speeches by politicians at College functions -
References to individuals or party politics - Papers recorded.

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Confidential and Urgent:

Secretary, E. & P.H.

Please see herewith a letter from Mr. T.K.Narayanan. He is a very respectable nice gentleman. I am surprised that the Principal should have invited somebody to import current, active, polemical politics into the College. The facts may be verified and the Principal may be asked to state why this was allowed. The name of the writer of this letter may be kept confidential.

H.M. Education.

A draft to the D.D. is sub.

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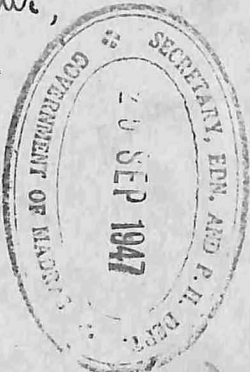
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A, B, C & D or

H: 7-8 of in the Principal's letter :- I
think the Principal's attitude is correct
it is in consonance with the principle of
Academic discussion in the University which is
generally accepted. I do not consider, therefore,
that action against him as proposed by the
D.P.G. or P.S. is necessary.

So long as the
Communist Party as such is not banned I
do not think action as at 'R' at p. 6 of
is advisable either; apart from its being
a breach of the traditions of academic freedom,
it would merely throw meretricious glamour
over these leaders & their doctrines.

WJ (w) H.A. (w)



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It is true we can't be putting undue restraint upon the
people to be invited to Colleges, but when politicians
belonging to particular parties come, they may be gently and
courteously told that party politics, or references to indi-
viduals, may not be relevant in discourses in Colleges. But that
also must be done gently and courteously. In the present
circumstances, I believe nothing more need be done.

TSA
24-9-47

It is presumed that in view of A above no
further action is necessary in this case. The papers may
be recorded. A draft order is subd.

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I am WJ.
The order
M. Wicks in the
as at 'B' to go on or not.

H.A. my kindly reply.

WJ
27/10/47

M. (w)

Instruction as at B may issue.



TSA
8.10-47

A draft, &c. is subd.

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TNS
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The papers may be recorded

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Recorded.

WJ
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Madras,

7th August 1947.

To

The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Fort St. George.

Dear sir,

Mohan Kumaramangalam came to Tellicherry in the first week of this month and the Principal, Government Brennan College invited him to give a speech to the students in the College. Mohan Kumaramangalam attacked the Congress Ministry, dragged the name of the Minister in charge of Education and Mr. N. M. R. Subbaraman unnecessarily and did Communist propaganda. I would like to consider this matter and take action against this Principal so that political propaganda is not repeated in this College Union again.

Yours faithfully,

J. K. Narayana
Pradeepam
Tellicherry

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The Hon'ble Minister for Education,

Fort St. George.

Dear Sir,

is not repeated in this College Union again.

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Confdl. Urgent.

Edn. and P.H. Dept. (A).

D.O. № 64767-A-1, dy-12.8.20

Dear Mr.Reddy,

It has been brought to the notice of the Govt. that when Mr. Mohan, Kumaramangalam visited Tellicherry recently, the Principal of the Govt. Brennen College invited him to deliver a speech to ^{the} College students ^{of the college} and that Mr. Mohan in his speech propagated communist ideals and attacked the Ministry in general, ^{making} ~~make him~~ unnecessary references to the Hon'ble Minister (Education) ~~and~~ and Mr. N.M.R. Subbaraman, M.L.A. I am to request you ^{to} ascertain confidentially the details of the matter and to call for, and forward to Govt. with your remarks, the explanation of the Principal ^{as} ~~xxx~~ to why he allowed a speech of the sort alleged to be made.

Yours sincerely,

Sri D.S.Reddi, M.A.
(Oxon.), M.B.E.

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D.O.

Director of Public Instruction,
Madras,
Camp: Waltair, 12th September 1947.

My dear Subramanian,



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REF:- D.O.No.64767 A-1, Edn., dated 12-8-1947 to
Mr. D.S. Reddi, re: the objectionable speech
delivered by Mr. Mohan Kumaramangalam to the
students of the Govt. Brennen College,
Tellicherry - Explanation of the Principal.
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147-8-147 I am enclosing herewith a copy of the explanation
of the Principal of the College dated 15-8-1947. In this
connection I wish to state that the position of the
Principals of Government Colleges becomes delicate in
matters of this kind. If the Principal were to refuse
permission to allow some leaders addressing the students
then there would be lot of commotion among the student
population and even though some persons agree to be res-
trained in their speech, they very often exceed the
limit and then the action of the Principal in having
given his consent becomes questionable and the Principal
is placed in a very awkward position. I shall ask the
Principal of the Tellicherry College (Mr.P.R. Krishnaswami)
to be more careful in future and if Government so desire

I shall

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R I shall issue instructions, confidentially, to all the Principals of Government Colleges that, as a rule, leaders of the communist party should not be allowed to address the students.

Yours sincerely,

S. V. S. S. S.

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

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COPY of letter dated 15-8-1947 from Sri P.R. Krishnaswami,
Principal & Lecturer in English, Government Brennen College.
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Your letter re: Mr. Mohan Kumaramangalam.

A few students, including the Secretary of the College Union, came to me through the Vice-President to request my permission to invite Mr. Kumaramangalam. I knew nothing of him and I made enquiries. I was told he was a communist leader. I thought he would assume great importance in the eye of the students if I refused permission. So I suggested his speaking on the Marshal plan to turn him away from Indian politics. When he arrived he said he had already spoken at Palghat on the Mount-batten award and he would do the same here. I agreed on his assuring me he would not speak ill of the Congress ministry. When I introduced him to the students I said the college allowed different kinds of people to speak so that students may gather information without allowing themselves to be guided by them.

Mr. Kumaramangalam attacked British imperialism suggesting that they were now setting one part of India against another. He said the British capitalists were also busy, and Doak of Madura was associating Indians with himself in concerns so as to secure Government support. For this he mentioned Mr. Subbaraman (or his brother) as Director of a mill.

It is false to say that there was an attack on the ministry. He never mentioned the Education Minister. He said he wished the Government would treat the rich blackmarketeers as severely as they did the communists.

The college lecture was a purely domestic function and I was confident of giving the right guidance to the students. It is not wise to shut out any one because of his political colour. We talk out things in the college. This was Lord Pentland's view and the late Statham's view.

I do not know which ill-educated and self-seeking individual did the eaves-dropping and gave you the mischievous report.

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I have known students for 33 years and know when to give the long rope and when to tighten up. yielding to their wishes is only to get the better control over them. This morning the flag-hoisting went off solemnly, every boy and girl, Hindu and Muslim, behaving perfectly. I told them of the achievement of the Congress and the meaning of the independence.

I shall certainly prevent undesirables coming to the college but my discretion will have to be relied on. This place is full of communistic feeling and in the college we want to handle the students delicately, to cure them without appearing hostile.

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True Copy

SRK Savor
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Carroll

Ampt. 8-47
The Govt. agree that
this matter need not
be pursued
further.

To D.P.I. by name.

(80) E.P.H. Deptt.

D.O. 64767 A/47-2 dated 9.10.47

Dear Dr. Savor,

Sub: Govt. Bremen College, Tellicherry -Objectionable
Speech by Mr. Mohan Kumaramangalam.

Ref:- Your Do. dated 12.9.47.

But I am desired to say that when politicians belonging to particular parties are invited to deliver speeches at College functions, They must be ~~delivered~~ told gently and courteously that party politics or references to individuals may not be relevant in ~~their~~ discourses in Colleges. I am to ask you to instruct Principals of Colleges accordingly.

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8/10/47

Yours sincerely,
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8/10/47

