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Legislative Assembly Question by Sri. K. Anandan Nambiar MLA – Hunger strike by Calicut students – Papers Recorded.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE.
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SHORT NOTICE STARRED.

SRI K. ANANDAN NAMBIAR, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

*Q. No. 181.

Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state:-

~~(a)~~ whether the Government are aware that the students in various institutions in Calicut are going on Hunger Strike against detention?

~~and~~

~~(b) if so, what action the Government propose to take to remove the discontent among the Students?~~

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE
Ft. St. George ~~Chepauk~~, dated the 21-1-1948

QUESTION No. 181 for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly ~~to be held on the~~ ~~19~~.

Two copies of this question are forwarded to the E. and P. H. Department.

The question has been admitted.

2. Mr. K. Anandan Nambiar, M.L.A. who has given notice of the above question requests that the period of notice prescribed for answering it may be waived. ~~A copy of his letter, dated the~~ ~~together with~~ A copy of the question proposed to be asked is annexed.

3. The Hon. the Minister for Education is requested to state whether he will consent to the waiver of notice asked for, and if so, when he will answer the question.

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To

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The Hon. the Minister for Education.

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Short Notice ~~xxAx~~ starred L.A.question No.181 regarding students' strike in Calicut.

From the Secretariat of the Madras Legislature, u.o. No.~~E~~. 438/48-1 M.L.dated 21.1.48 and C.445/48 M.L. dated 22-1-48.

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A copy of the minutes of H.M.(Edn.), on the subject may be communicated to the Secty Madras Legislature.

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From the D.P.I. R.C.No.3152-E/47 dated 6-1-1948.

Memo.No.527683/48-2 Edn., dated 23/1/48

The ~~The~~ D.P.I.
D.M, Malabar, is requested to furnish ~~very~~ very urgently a full detailed report on the students' strike in Calicut.

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To

The D.P.I.
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Students' strike in Calicut.

C.No.5276/48. ~~[illegible]~~ O.M.No. 5276-G3/48-2 Edn.,dated 3/2/48

The attention of the D.P.I / D.M.Malabar, is invited to Govt.Memo.No.5276-G3/48-2 Edn., dated 23-1-1948 on the subject cited above and he is requested to furnish very urgently the report called for therein.

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To
The D.P.I.
The D.M., Malabar,
Calicut.

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Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 7-2-1948

From
SRI D.S.REDDI, M.A.(Oxon),
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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

Sir,

Sub: Students' Strike in Calicut - Report submitted.

Ref: Govt. Memo.No.5276-G.3/48-2 Edn dated 23-1-1948 and 3-2-1948

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the letter ROC.No.608-B/47 dated 5-2-1948 from the Dt.Edl.Officer, North Malabar which gives a full detailed report on the students' strike in Calicut.

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their promptness, efficiency and tact and acknowledge that but for timely Police help anything might have happened. The storm thus passed away without bursting. However, from hence, due to lack of public sympathy and support for the cause and inability on the part of the agitators to create scenes in the face of timely Police help to the school authorities, the rank of agitators began to dwindle and the agitation dribbled out.

On 20-1-1948 evening some of the students who took part in the agitation came to me for the first time, (being so directed from the Huzur) and expressed themselves as desirous of ending the present episode if possible. I felt there was a chance of doing so gracefully for all concerned, at least for the time being. I, therefore, contacted the authorities of the three institutions and discussed the matter with them. The students had expressed regret at their conduct in December and before a month had passed they forgot all about it and started agitation afresh. This naturally could not confirm the Principals' faith in the bonafides of the students; all the same the Heads of institutions, in their generosity, were prepared to make another gesture and insisted only on the students going to them individually and expressing regret. I communicated this fact to the students whom I had asked to meet me after the discussion with the Principals and they seemed to be satisfied.

On 23-1-1948, accordingly, those students who approached the Principals were taken back after a sort of friendly admonition but my surprise could be imagined when the same evening thePrincipal of the Christian College sent me the following note:-

> "Dear Mr.Krishna Menon,
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> Nos.1 and 2 in the list were allowed to sit in the class at 10-30 this morning. One gave only a verbal undertaking. I didn't insist on a written one. The other gave me a written undertaking expressing regret for having violated the undertaking which he had given on December 15, 1947. He was allowed to attend the class; at 1-30 he was seen distributing leaflets issued by the Communists calling upon all students to join the "samaram".
>
> Yours sincerely,
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> Sd. J.F.Thaddaeus,
> Principal".

It was obvious that if the students behaved in this fashion, no well-meant intercession on the part of any one could serve any purpose; indeed such intercession would only tend to aggravate temper all round. I was not surprised that my intercession did not carry much weight at a time when the students could assemble themselves together and pass a resolution requesting for the transfer of the Collector of the District because he, instead of falling in with their wishes, advised them moderation and common sense.

However, though a few of them continued to hold out for a few days more, in the end, all have come back and have been readmitted to their respective classes. With the permission of the Collector, the police cases also have been withdrawn and for the moment the episode would appear to have ended.

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3. In this connection, I may be also allowed to quote the following observations from my earlier report:-

(a) that these strikes are being engineered by a few disgruntled students, determined to seek publicity and excitement by all means even at the cost of their studies which have been always generally poor in standard;

(b) that these strikes are, therefore, not now the expression of any general grievance, so much so that I am prepared to assert even "detention" is not a general grievance;

(c) that the heads of institutions could still restore discipline if they could be given a free hand to deal with the situation and that students as a class are still not past redemption;

(d) that it is outside groups, interested in grinding their own axes that complicate the situation and of these groups, so far as this District of North Malabar is concerned, it is the Communist group which with its general indifference to standards of decency coupled with a concentration of aim that stands out as the most dangerous influence; and

(e) that in view of these complications the time is come for a general and expert enquiry into the matter of strikes and indiscipline, atleast so far as this District is concerned, and suitable measures devised before indiscipline becomes a settled habit difficult to eradicate.

Talking of Communist influence, I should also emphasise that the Communist party in North Malabar has organised itself very powerfully and one of their aims is to gain control somehow or other of the machinery of education. They have successfully infiltrated into the Elementary School Teachers' Associations and Unions and indeed one of the influential office bearers openly and proudly acknowledged himself to be a Communist and he is a teacher who had been convicted of offences such as defalcation and whose suspended certificate was ordered to be restored. The Communists are steadily extending their influence among the Elementary School teachers and they are also, as a deliberate part of their policy, seeking to entrench themselves among the students as well. I learn reliably--though I am not able to subtantiate it suitably as in a court of law--that some of the students in the Colleges and High Schools are even the "paid agents" of the Communist party in that they are frequently paid some "pocket money" to encourage Communist propaganda and excite trouble among students. The main aim of the Communists in these contacts for the present is not so much to control the policy of education as to get occasions for excitement and agitation against the Government and a youthfully susceptible student population lends itself as a ready instrument to their hand.

District Educational Officer,
North Malabar.

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Malabar Dt.Magte's office,
Calicut, 6th February 1948.

From
N.S.Arunachalam Esq.,O.B.E.,I.C.S.,
Dt.Magistrate of Malabar, Calicut.

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

Sir,

STRIKES- Students' Strike at Calicut - Detailed report- Govt.memo No.5276 G.3/48.2 Edn.dated 3.2.48.

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The report called for from the Stry.Sub Magistrate,Calicut, has not been received. An urgent reminder has been issued to him. My report will be submitted before 10.2.48.

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for Dt.Magistrate.

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Malabar Dt.Magte's office,
Calicut, 7th Feb.1948.

From
N.S.Arunachalam Esq.,O.B.E.,I.C.S.,
Dt.Magistrate of Malabar,Calicut.

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

Sir,

strikes -Students' strike - Calicut -report submitted -
Govt.memo No.5276 G.3/48 2 ddn. dated 23rd January 1948.

The students in this district are exposed to the activities of the political parties especially the communists. They had spread general dissatisfaction among the students in the matter of

(1) enhancement of school and college fees (2) the practice of detaining students from appearing for the Public and University examinations and (3) the continuance of the present system of education alleged to have been established by a foreign Government and out of tune with present ideals . For the attainment of their objects in these matters an All Malabar Students Demonstration was ~~organised~~ arranged and the students of the Malabar Christian College,Zamorin's College and Ganapat High school at Calicut staged a token strike on 18th Novr.1947. Some demonstrations picketing etc. took place at the gates of these institutions, but there was no untoward incident and there were also no arrests or prosecutions. Though the school and College authorities decided to punish the strikers the dispute was settled amicably at my intervention after a period of about one month on condition that (1) the strikers be taken back (2) that the proposed disciplinary measures be withdrawn and (3) and that in view of the interruption in studies caused by the strike, the question of detention from appearing for Public and University examinations be considered with leniency and sympathy. Accordingly the strike was called off on 14.12.47,conditions 1 and 2 were satisfied by the school authorities and the students were re-admitted in the institutions. Matters went on smoothly afterwards.

2. The selection for the S.S.L.C. and Intermediate examinations was held in the 1st week of January 1948 and several students failed in the selection examination. But in view of these undertaking at the time of calling off the strike the school authorities took a lenient view and detained only 54 studnets in all these 3 institutions together i.e. only a small per centage of the total numer who really deserved detention was actually detained.The students were however under a wrong notion that none would be detained and so the detention of 54 students was resented to by them. As a result they decided to strike from 9.1.48. At 2 p.m. on 9.1.48 one student ~~they decided to strike from~~ in each of the above 3 institutions went on hunger strike in the premises of the institutions.The matter was reported to the Police who arrested these students, On 10.1.48 one student observed hunger strike in the Malabar Christian College another inthe Ganapt High school premises and a third at the gate of the residence of the Principal of the Zamorin's College. On 11.1.48 similar strike took place in the two colleges but not inthe Ganapat High School. On 12.1.48 also similar strike was staged in the Christian College and Ganpath High school premises. Demonstrations were also staged at the gate of the Principal of the Zamorin's College by 3 students on 12.1.48 by 2 students on13.1.48 and by 2 students on 14.1.48. There was hunger strike by one student on each of the dats 15.1.48,16.1.48 and 17.1.48 at the Zamorin's College premises. 19.1.48 was declared as a day of general strike and 7 students held demonstrations at the Christian College premises. All the students who observed hunger strike and made demonstrations as detailed above were arrested by the Police and altogether 28 students were charge-sheeted before the Stry.Sub Magistrate,Calicut some for an offence under section 447 I.P.C. some for an offence under sec. 283 I.P.C. and others for offences under sec.143 and 341 I.P.C. All the arrested students except a few were released on bail on condi-

conition that they would not go to the premises of the institutions and create trouble. A few students were not prepared to give such an undertaking and they had therefore to be kept inremand for two or three days. Afterwards these students also were released on their giving the required undertaking. Out of the 28 students on strike 8 were at the residence of the Principal of the Zamorin's College and the rest at the premises of the institutions. There was no strike at the residences of the Principal of the Christian College and the Headmaster of the Ganapat High school but only at the residence of the Principal of the Zamorin's College, obviously for the reason that the Principal of the Zamorin's College was the President of the Association of heads of Aided institutions at Calicut. The students demanded that the detention should be cancelled and that all the students should be sent up for examination; but the school authorities refused to do so as it was also not in their power to send up persons after the prescribed date. However the strike was called off on 19.1.48.

3. There are on the whole 17 cases with 28 accused pending before the Stry. Sub Magistrate, Calicut in connection with the strike. Some students are involved in two or three cases and the total number of students actually under trial is 22. The cases came up for hearing on 27.1.48 and 28.1.48 when all the accused tendered apology to the Court. The cases stand adjourned to 13.2.48 for consideration. The apology of one of the students involved in criminal prosecution, and the apology of another student who has not been prosecuted, were not to the satisfaction of the school authorities and they have not been re-admitted in the institutions. All the others have rejoined and regular work in the institutions is being carried on normally.

M. S. Panicker 7.2.48
for Dt. Magistrate.

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Short notice-Starred.

Sri K.Anandan Nambiar, M.L.A.

Education and Public Health Deptt.

Q.No.181.

	Draft answer.
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Sri.V.K.Krishna Menon,M.A.,
Dist.Educational Officer,
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To
Mr Hon. Sri T.S.Avanashalingam
Chettiar,
Ministar for Education,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Camp No.1/47 dated 9-12-'47.

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Sir,

Your note with the enclosures (students' petitions) reached me in camp here on Friday evening. As I was in the middle of an inspection, I could not do anything on Saturday. On Sunday I returned to Head quarters and immediately contacted the College authorities. I am glad to inform you that they have agreed to respect your wishes and take back the expelled students. I wired about this yesterday. I am enclosing a copy of the formal communication sent to me and it will be noticed from it that the Principals have yielded with sufficent grace.

In the matter of the scholarships, the final authority is vested in our department and I havn't so far passed any orders of cancellation. I have reffered the matter to my Director, requesting for information as to whether participation in or organistation of strikes of this ~~kin~~ nature can be construed as constituting "misconduct" under the rules justifying the cancellation of scholarships and concessions. I have also my doubt as to whether it is just to inflict this punishment inasmuch as non-scholarship holders will get scotfree, which means an artificial discrimation between student and student. However, I shall respect your wishes for leniency when the question is finally taken up. I ownly hope everything will hereafter be all right.

I must however in ~~deep~~ duty point out that the Heads of the Calicut institutions, though they have yielded with all appearance of good grace, are a trifle bitter over the present atmosphere (1) that students are generally seem to be un-appreciative of all leniency ~~to~~ (2) that strikes etc. are getting to be ~~organi~~ based on artificial grievances and (3) that these demonstrations are more ~~on~~ more tending to be rowdy and personally abusive in character. It is also felt that certain political organisations are deliberately exploiting the students and their organisations. Having communicated as much I don't want to add any comments of my own ~~but~~ lest I should as a subordinate officer be considered ~~gulty~~ guilty of impertinence to the head of the government.

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

Dist.Educational Officer,
North Malabar.

Calicut,
8th Dec.'47.

Dear Mr. Krishna Menon,

I am sending herewith a copy of the resolution passed at our meeting last evening. It was 7.30 P.M. when we dispersed and therefore I could not communicate with you last night. You will see that we have accepted your suggestion regarding the students sent out. I have postponed our examination to the 11th to give the boys time to rejoin. I hope the matter will end here.

Thanking you very much & with kind regard

Yours sincierly,

True copy

(Dr. K. S. Krishna Iyer)
Principal

Ref: 7/47-48. D/7-12-1947.

Resolution of the Association of Heads of Colleges and High Schools, Calicut Town, passed at its meeting held on December 7, 1947.

1. All penalties other than expulsion shall continue as ordered and duly notified, subject to Government sanction where necessary.

2. In the case of expelled pupils, however, the question of immediate and favourable reconsideration having arisen owing to representations from various quarters for clemency towards the delinquents, the Headmasters and Principals of Schools and Colleges respectively agree to limit rustication of these pupils to the period already undergone, and to readmit such expelled pupils as express regret and tender written apologies supported by undertakings from their accredited guardians for good conduct and orderly behaviour in future.

Secretary.

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to the Dostroct Educational Officer, North Malabar.

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indiscipline. If they continue to be indisciplined, it will be for the schools and the authorities in the schools and colleges concerned to take ~~whatever~~ more stringent disciplinary action they think fit.

Asst. Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Dept. 1? DEC 1947

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Yours sincerely,

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To
Sri V.K.Krishna Menon,M.A.,
District Educational Officer,
N.Malabar, Calicut.

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Dear Sir, I hope you [illegible] receipt of my letter of yesterday re. the Calicut Student Strike. Yesterday's post has however brought me the following letter from the Zamorin's College Principal:

"Though I put up a notice on Saturday night that students who were sent out would be re-admitted on their expressing regret & giving an undertaking for good behaviour in future not one student came back the whole of yesterday though most of them are here. The talk is that they are holding out for more favourable terms. Therefore it is too early to say that things have returned to normal. To give the boys time to return I postponed the examinations to the 11th. Study leave is granted for these three days. I cannot say now what developments will take place next. No one has returned in the other institutions also."

I don't know what the better terms are that the students seek. In their petitions to you they stated definitely that these were acceptable enough terms. And I know they have not been offered as anything more than a face-saving device on the part of the heads of the institutions concerned. The Principals were willing to overlook all the ugly incidents of personal abuse & insult that happened at the time of the strike & I don't see how in fairness we can ask them to climb further down. The road is being kept open for the boys to re-enter and if they just want the impasse can only continue in spite of the best efforts of those who have their interests genuinely at heart. Colleges are under the University & the Principals having a certain freedom of action it is not desirable to drive them to a corner either. I hope you will not misunderstand it if in the circumstances I may not succeed in carrying out your benevolent instructions as fully as they should be.

Yours sincerely
V. K. Krishnan

To
The Hon'ble Sri T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiar B.A., B.L.
Minister of Education to the Govt.
of Madras.

Please see the communications on pp. 1-20. Further report in the matter may be awaited.

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Please see the telegram on p. 23 ante, and the minutes of [illegible] HM (Agriculture) thereon at p. 23 ante. HM (Edn) has perused the telegram – vide stamp on p. 23 ante. May be added to the file.

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C.No.98277/47. Extract of the resolutions passed by the K.P.C.C., Chalapuram, S.Malabar, ~~Rafx~~ at its meeting held on 6-12-1947:--

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(4) The committee has followed with great anxiety the students strike of November 18th and the subsequent event. The Committee is in complete accord with the statements issued by the President. While characterising the strike of the students as wrong, the committee does not hesitate to say that the victimisation of students by the school authorities went to the extreme. Before matters become more complicated, the committee requests the school authorities to adopt a more conciliatory attitude and also requests the Govt. to intervene in settling the matters.

Please see the resolutions above. This Deptt. is concerned

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concerned with only resolution (4) above. An extract of the resolution may be taken and added to the main file relating to the Kerala Students Strike.

The case may be sent to Revenue, Food and Firka Devt. u.o. for necessary action with reference to resolutions (1) to (3) overleaf.

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To

The Secretary to Government,
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Enclosures:

R.C. No. 3152E/47 dated 6th January 1948.

Sir,

SUBJECT: SCHOOLS - STUDENTS' STRIKES.

PP30-31 infra.

I have the honour to submit ~~herewith~~ for favour of orders a copy of letter R.O.C.No.608B/47 dated 13.12.47 received from the District Educational Officer, North Malabar.

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From The District Educational Officer,
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To
The Director of Public Instruction,
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R.O.C. No.608-B/47 dated 13th December 1947.

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Sir,

SUB: STUDENTS' STRIKES - NORTH MALABAR DISTRICT.

Ref: 1. My letter Rc.No.608-B/47 dated 30-11-1947. - Not received,
2. My letter Rc.No.608-B/47, dated 9-12-1947. - do -

In continuation of my letters referred to above, I have the honour to state that the students who were punished with expulsion in connection with the November strikes directly petitioned the Hon'ble the Minister for Education for his intercession praying that they should be taken back and that they were prepared to apologize and undertake to behave better in future. The Heads of the Calicut institutions, apprised of this change in the students' attitude which seemed to suggest a genuine repentance, readily agreed to take them back on those conditions and notices were put up to that effect. But strangely enough after the notices were put up, the students did not respond to the gesture as readily as was expected. Only three or four students have cared to re-enter; the others are having back though the road is still kept open. I understand from the Principal of the Zamorin's College that their present grievance is that they are not allowed to apologize collectively and they further insist that they should not be 'detained' in respect of the forthcoming University Examinations. The students are in fact seeking to multiply grievances afresh, whenever the outstanding ones are settled to their satisfaction. It is surprising that students should try to make out a grievance on the score of individual apology and with their best efforts, it does not sound as anything more than trivial. As for 'detention', the Principal has told them that they are free to remit their examination fees if they were so minded but he cannot bind himself in advance that their progress certificates will be automatically signed at the proper time without reference to their actual attainments The Principal has affirmed that he cannot himself act or get his assistants to act in a manner that would suggest they had no conscience or standard in these things, and I don't see how any one could take exception to this attempt on the part of the staff to cling to some semblance of honesty, but the students, deliberately or otherwise, close their eyes to the principle of fundamental honesty involved and demand a promise in advance. They see, in the attitude of the staff, only an x expression of sinister hostility against students and are holding out for assurances in advance, assurances which no self-respecting Principal could be persuaded to agree to offer.

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2 The fact is that the history of these students' strikes, whatever their origins in the earlier instances, shows that they have attained a stage where they are no longer the expression of specific and genuine grievances and an attempt to remedy them. Strikes are now getting organised for all kinds of grievances, real or unreal, great or trivial; and the indulgence and consideration shown in these cases has served only to engender and develop, so to say, an appetite for 'strikes'. The fact that students have been allowed to organize themselves formally has given them an idea of the strength that organizations can give and with a consciousness of strength they have been developing a relish for its exercise and an affective show of power, and the unablanced attitude which at their age they would naturally reveal in these respects is being exploited by other interested groups from behind. Strikes have thus passed beyond the stage when they could be considered as a question of occasion thoughtlessness and indiscipline or the expression of a serious grievance. The steady growth of strikes, the readiness to resort to 'strikes', the arguments advanced in their justification, the reluctance to call them off even if after concessions have been obtained in full, the ~~XXXXXXX~~ factitious manufacture of further grievances, and the absence of a sense of proportion in respect of them, the inability to see the other point of view - all these signs of indiscipline have to be viewed against the back ground of a steadily growing all-round deterioration in studies and standards of attainments.

3 It is sometimes though t that the latter is the result of the former, but I am getting more and more convinced that the two, though interconnected basically, are not causally related. Both appear to be the symptoms of a fundamental and deepseated disease and the real causes of the present all-round deterioration have to be looked for deeper and identified before proper remedies can be applied. The students are getting increasingly 'sensitized' towards all forms of normal restraint and steady effort, intellectual or moral, their judgment is getting warped, and the strikes appear only to be the hectic activity of fever-stricken xx patients. The emotional waste involved and the habit of emotional extravagance

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extravagance engendered at this formative stage of their career is fraught with the gravest danger to themselves and to society. Just as not everybody is fortunate enough to be born a millionaire who could reconcile extravagance and poverty with ease, so also not everybody is gifted with an emotional endowment which can stand these violent strains without injury. Indeed, money could be lost and won, but emotional endowment is not so recouped. Restraint and discipline in the ~~xx~~ earlier days of childhood and youth is indeed the only known means of conserving and strengthening that endowment intact, and the students and those who encourage them in these unhealthy excitements are only helping them to throw the baby away with the water.

4 The excitement in the student world is necessarily having its reactions on the world of teachers as well and I have no hesitation in saying that there too there are unmistakeable signs of deterioration. The elder set of teachers find themselves rudely jerked out of their cherished conceptions, and they feel disheartened at the hostility of spirit evinced by the students who take it for granted that teachers, because they happen to be in some position of authority', are necessarily inimical to the interests of the pupils. These teachers are seized with a sense of helplessness and have begun to lose all interest in their work and are content to drift. The younger set of teachers, nearer to the students in age and many of them with recollections of having participated in similar things themselves, are inclinded to feel sympathetic and almost share in the students' excitement, with the result there is a cleavage in the attitude of the staff which only tends to aggravate the situation. The parents, again, with many of whom I have discussed the situation, find themselves helpless like the ass in the fables placed between two bundles of hay. Their natural affection for their children makes it difficult for them to support strong action by the Heads of institutions and their common sense tells them that children are only injuring themselves by these habitual excitements.

5 In short, I am convinced that the situation in respect of the school world comprising students, teachers and all others who are interested in Education has attained a proportion and complexity that it is no longer safe to ignore the matter, or leave it to the discretion of individual authorities, headmasters or educational officers. A general comprehensive and thorough enquiry by a competent committee of discerning and wise persons is called for and suitable measures have to be taken in accordance with the results of that investigation and the suggestions made by the Committee. It is neither too early nor too late now to set on foot such an enquiry and in making this suggestion, I respectfully wish it to be understood that I am neither trying to be alarmistic nor seeking to escape my own personal responsibilities. I am willing and ready to carry out all the specific instructions so far issued to the best of my ability but I should be failing in my duty, as a responsible officer, if I did not call attention to a situation whose tragic seriousness has impressed itself on me in the course of my ordinary work.

Sd/-xxxxxxxxxxx
DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER,
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Sub: Students' strike - Recrudescence.

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Trouble has broken out afresh in the two local colleges and the Ganapat High school over the question of detention. When students were taken back last month they were promised some consideration in the matter and the figures of detention given below would show that the promise was kept and Government instructions on the subject observed:-

Name of institution.	High school section. Strength.	No. detailed.	College Section. No.detained.
1.Zamorin's College, Calicut	210	13	11
2. M.C. College, Calicut	140	7	9
3. Ganapat High school, Calicut	175	15	..

But students claim that they were promised "no detention". This is an exaggeration. I was present at the meeting of the heads of the institutions at the request of the Collector and it was the Collector who drafted the "formula" for compromise wherein only "leniency" was assured. The students now detained get below 20% and their numbers are few. It cannot be said that the selection on either ground has been too strict and it is significant to note that though there has been detention in the other institutions of the locality as well, the grievance is confined to the students of the three institutions alone, viz., Zamorin's College, Christian College and the Ganapat High school. These would excite themselves over this and have started a "hunger-strike" as they call it. In small batches of one and two, they sit before the class or in front of the residences of the Principals and Headmaster and declare they are on "hunger strike". The police are being called in to remove them and in the evening (to avoid too much of demonstration) the Police arrive and remove the "strikers" for detention in the lock up. Some of the parents have thought fit to interfere and have succeeded in weaning their children away from the strike. These three days on account of the Pongal holidays there has been a lull, but the students have sent out appeals to their "friends" and "comrades" in Palghat, and Tellicherry for help with other volunteers. A general strike is being contemplated, I understand, and it is also felt that there is a certain lack of enthusiasm among the students who have been allowed to sit for the examination. If interested parties like the Communists would only leave the matter to be settled between the Principals and the students, the strike should fizzle out in a short time, but such absence of interference is too much to expect. So anything might happen and it is too early now to say anything more definitely. I shall send my formal report after things define themselves either way. Meanwhile I thought I should keep you and the Director informed of the situation.

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Copy of D.O. letter dated 18th January 1948 from Sri V.K. Krishna Menon, D.E.O., North Malabar to Rao Bahadur V.R. Ranganathan Dy. Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sub: Students' strike - (Calicut).

Since writing to you last about the strike, the situation has not shown any sign of improvement. It is, in fact, tending to deteriorate steadily. The method continues to be the same: a student squats before the class declaring he is on hunger-strike, the police are informed, the Police come and remove the striker in their van to the accompaniment of some shouting by the crowd that gathers around. For the day, nothing more happens, and the next day the same thing is repeated. I am afraid, however, that things are not going to stop at that level. The Communists are organizing steadily as usual, and it is rumoured that a general strike of labourers in sympathy is contemplated. But for this Communist interest in the matter nothing much need have been feared; because of it one can't say what all things will happen. The Collector asked the college authorities if they could not promise to send up the students after another examination in February or so but it was pointed out to him that the date of remittance of the University and SSLC examination fees is past and nothing can be done this year unless the University and the Government relax their rule about the date. The students also are aware of this difficulty. In the face of this particular difficulty, one can't see how exactly a "compromise" is to be achieved. The Principals and headmasters are complaining that the Department is not extending to them any support though I fail to see what kind of support I can give them unless I am advised as to it by the Director. As it is, I am watching the course of events, seeking information in any way that I can get and I shall post you with whatever I can gather. I have not visited the institutions or tried to contact the students concerned, as to the students the very appearance of "authority" is like a red rag infuriating them into further rowdysm. I am enclosing a copy of the report (marked unofficial and confidential to be used only as such) sent to me by the Zamorin's College headmaster, for your information and the Director's. It gives a plain and unvarnished account of the facts so far.

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Students' Strike.

The results of the Selection Examinations were announced on 5-1-1948, the day on which Schools and Colleges reopened after the Christmas Holidays.

The Heads all Institutions in Calicut were very sympathetic and lenient in the selection of Candidates to the University and S.S.L.C. Examinations. They were prompted to this course of action mainly by two considerations:-

1. The departmental instructions that not more than 10% of the actual number of students may be detained.
2. The students' strike staged in some institutions in Calicut on 18-11-1947 on the question of detentions and enhancement of school fees.

The detentions this year in the several Institutions in Calicut are as follows:--

The Zamorin's College:-	
Intermediate.........	11 out of 180
High School (VI Form)	13 out of 210
M.C.College, Calicut:-	
Intermediate.	9 out of 127
VI Form......	7 out of 140
Canapat High School VI Form.	14 out of 177
St.Joseph's High School.	6 out of 60
B.E.M.Girls High School.	5 out of 50

When the selection list was announced on 5-1-1948, no unrest was evident among the students in any Institution. On the other hand, a feeling of relief was seen in the students that only a few were detained.

As an aftermath of the students' strike on 18-11-1947 on the question of detention, a meeting was held in the presence of the Collector of Malabar, at which the Heads of Educational Institutions in Calicut, the Two D.E.Os, the Chairman of the Calicut Municipality and one Dr.K.B.Menon, a Socialist leader were present. An agreement was arrived at, according to which, ~~the Heads of Institutions in Calicut consented at, according to which~~, the Heads of Institutions in Calicut consented to take back the students under suspension if they gave an undertaking supported by the guardians not to take part in any such strikes in future. The Chairman of the Calicut Municipality undertook to get the signature of the those guardians who were not in Calicut within 2 days, himself signing for guardians meanwhile, so that no delay might be caused in readmitting the students. The suspended students were thus re-admitted but so far the chairman has not secured the undertaking from the guardians. He has, I am told, not even made a move in the matter of ~~guardians. He has, I am told, not even made a move in the matter of~~ contacting them. The Heads of Institutions gave an undertaking that (1) no student would be detained for the sole reason that he took part in the strike and (2) leniency would be shown in the matter of selection.

Pl. see p.13 ante

After the suspended students were readmitted came the selection Examination. In this Examination, it was seen that some students gave blank answer papers - some others wrote irrelevent matter in the answer books. It appears the students were made to understand by Dr. K.B.Menon and Mr. Kuttikrishnan Nair the chairman, that the Heads of Institutions had given them an undertaking that no student would be detained. These two wanted to take all the credit of having settled a dispute and to win over the boys to their camp. It was published in the local communist daily 'Desabhimani' that there should be no more detentions. So on 17-12-1947, the Principal of M.C.College, Calicut put up a notice on the College notice Board that no such undertaking had been given by the Heads of Institutions. This denial was also published in the Mathurbhumi by the Heads of Institutions.

On 8-1-1948, that is, 4 days after the publication of selection Examination results, the Chairman, (Mr. Kuttikrishna Menon) and one Kariyal Achuthan, another Socialist leader, met the Principal of the Zamorin's College and asked him if the detention was not a violation of the agreement arrived at, sometime back. The Principal once again pointed out the conditions of the agreement and referred them to the report in the Mathubhumi given by the association of Heads of Institutions and also to the letter written to Dr. K.B.Menon by the Collector on 18-12-1947,

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in which it was distinctly stated that the agreement was only to view the cases of the students leniently.

On 9-1-1948, at about 2 P.M. some students of the Zamorin's College approached the Principal with an ultimatum, that if the detained students were not sent up immediately, they would resort to a hunger strike. The Principal refused to comply with their request and the hunger strike began. Similar procedure was adopted by students in the M.C.College and Ganapat High School.

The Police were informed and these strikers were arrested at about 7 P.M. on that day.

The next day, a letter appeared in the Mathurbhumi from the Chairman, Calicut Municipality that the Heads of Institutions had broken their promises and that was way the students were on hunger strike. A rejoinder was published on 15-1-1948 by the Heads of Institutions pointing out once again the terms of the agreement. It may be pointed out here, that when a resolution was brought in the Municipal Council on the 14th or 15th to discus the problem of students' strike in Calicut, the Chairman ruled it out of order.

The 10th and 11th January were not working days, being Saturday and Sunday. Even on these days, there was the hunger strike, one student going on hunger strike in each Institution. They were also arrested. Batches of students and a good number of non-students were going about the street shouting slogans, and holding out all kinds of threats to the Heads of Institutions and to teachers as a whole- a regular campaign of intimidation. Since the atmosphere of unrest among the students was becoming very grave, the Heads of the three Institutions with a view to easing the tension resolved to close these Institutions for three days, 12th, 13th and 14th insts. (14th was a public holiday).

On the 14th instant it was given out in the Mathurbhumi that the strikers had resolved to focus their entire attention on the Zamorin's College alone. So up to this, hunger strike is only carried on in the Zamorin's College premises on working days and in front of the Principal's house on holidays.

On the 16th instant, as usual, one boy presented himself at 10 a.m. in the Zamorin's College and sat down in front of the Hall on hunger strike. He was removed by the Police at about 11 A.M. Immediately after his removal, a batch of students, about 12 in number, came to the College quadrangle with flags and demonstrations. They marched round the quadrangle shouting slogans like 'Inquilab Sindabad' "Fight till death" "Dismiss the Principal" etc. etc. But there was no response from any of the students whowere in the class room. Not one student came out of the class. This batch consisted of students from the Zamorin's College and Ganapat High School.

At about 3-30 P.M. on the same day (16th inst), a batch of 30 people entered the quadrangle with flags and demonstrations and shouting the usual slogans. These demonstrators walked round the quadrangle shouting and creating pandemonium for about 5 minutes and them left. I understand that this thing was done in the Malabar Christian College and in Ganapat High School. It is gratifying to note that the students inside the class room did not in any way evince any sympathy with these demonstrators. Some six of the demonstrators only were students of the local Institutions. The placards they carried proclaimed that they were from Kurumbranad, Payyanur and Tirur. But I am sure that a good number of them were men belonging to Calicut.

Today (17th instant) was a working day for the Zamorin's College There was one boy who offered hunger strike at 10 A.M., but he was removed by the Police at 11 A.M. This boy is a student of the Fourth Form of the Ganapat High School, Calicut.

Itis announced by the students in leaflets that on Monday the 19th instant they propose to stage a general strike in all the three Institutions in Calicut. Students from outside as well as nonstudents (and labourers) are likely to take part in this strike demonstrations.

At the St.Joseph's High School, where the largest percentage of students are detained, there is no attempt at strike or any sympathetic demonstration.

The attendance in all the classes in all these days was quite good. The majority of the students have no sympathy with this kind of strike. The whole thing is engineered by a handful of students assisted by outsiders (communists and socialists). In spite of malicious propaganda in the local 'Desabhimani', and in placards on the walls of the colleges and schools, the attendance in all the classes in the affected institutions, continues to be normal.

The immediate cause of the strike is said to be detention. So ~~one may~~ one may expect to see detained students going on hunger strike. But curiously, the students going on hunger-strike ~~or~~ are students who have been sent up and who remitted examination fees, students of the Junior Inter. classes and pupils of the IV and V forms. Evidently, they want to show that the present strike is only a preliminary affair and similar things will be done when the annual examinations and yearly promotions are announced.

The number of strikers arrested so far is 18. All these have been brought before the Magistrate and been released on bail, the case against them being posted for hearing for the 27th inst. Most of these students have been removed by their parents to their homes. It must be pointed out that the strikers are all students coming from outside Calicut, and who are living in hostels or in lodges.

Just before the student goes on hunger strike, his "friends" take him to the nearest tea shop and give him a good feed. Then only he presents himself for the "hunger strike". As soon as he is arrested he asks for tea or something else to eat. The news published in certain papers that the conditions of the strikers in Jail was serious, is absolutely false. There is no one in jail now, and none remained on hunger strike inside Jail.

(Sd.) P. Kunhiraman Nair,
Headmaster,
Zamorin's College High School,
Calicut.

17-1-1948.

P.S. The Collector, the other day, telephoned to Mr. Krishna Iyer and requested him to settle the whole question by offering to hold another examination and send up those who pass in it, or to send up all and with-hold certificates later of students whose progress is unsatisfactory. The association of the heads of institutions has sent him a reply that no purpose would be served by holding another examination, and even if we do ~~not~~ so and send up students or afterwards with-hold the progress certificates, there might be repercussions which would destroy the whole discipline and morale of the institutions.

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D.O.No.3152-E/47.

Office of the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras, 23-1-48.

Dear Sir,

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Sub: Students' Strike - Calicut.

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PP54-56 infra

Under instructions from the Director, I am submitting herewith a copy of letter Roc.No.608-B/47 dated 20-1-48 from the District Educational Officer, North Malabar.

Your attention is solicited in this connection to the Director's official letters Rc.No.3152E/47 dated 5-12-47 and 6-1-48.

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Yours sincerely,
[illegible]
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To

The Hon'ble Mr.T.S.Avinasilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Educaion, Fort St.George, Madras.

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Statement showing detentions this year in the several institutions in Calicut.

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S.No.	Name of school.	Class or form.	No.detained.
1.	Zamorin's College.	Intermediate........	11 out of 180 ✓
		High School(VI form)	13 out of 210 ✓
2.	M.C.College, Calicut.	Intermediate........	9 out of 127. ✓
		High School(VI form)	7 out of 140. ✓
3.	Ganapat High School.	VI form..	14 out of 177 ✓
4.	St.Joseph's High School.	VI form.	6 out of 60 ✓
5.	B.E.M.Girls' High School.	VI form.	5 out of 50 ✓

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Copy of letter Roc.No.608-B/47 dated 20th January 1948 from the District Educational Officer, North Malabar to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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Sub: Students' Strike (Calicut)

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I have already in my D.Os dated 14-1-48 and 18-1-48 (to Sri V.R.Ranganathan, Deputy Director) intimated the fact that a sort of hunger strike, as it has been called, has been going on in the three local institutions, viz., the Zamorin's College, the Christian College, and the Ganapat High School. The ostensible reason assigned by the students was that the Heads of the institutions went back on their promise not to detain any student in connection with the S.S.L.C. and University Examinations. The students' contention was baseless as at the time of the earlier settlement on the question in December, as advised by the Collector -- the Collector himself drafted the compromise formula -- only leniency was promised and this promise has been fully kept in that only less than ten per cent were detained and these obtained less than 20 per cent marks in most subjects. The 'modus operandi' adopted by the students was for one or two to squat before the Principal's room, or their class, or before the Principal's residence and declare themselves to be on hunger strike, a few friends forming a group occasionally shouting slogans and abusive epithets directed personally against the Principal. This time, however, the Police were requested to remove the concerned students and a few arrests had to be made. This continued for more than a week but, as students as a whole did not seem to be interested very much in the present agitation, attendance was normal in all the institutions.

The lack of general interest seems to have caused some concern to the organizers of the strike and the 'Action Committee' (as it is called) went about seeking outside assistance. Appeals were sent to students elsewhere and though much was made of this, response does not appear to have been satisfactory. I understand that most of the political groups and organizations of the locality also did not care to approve of the new strike. And at this stage the Communist party, which has been from the first behind the demonstrations, decided to identify itself more completely with the Students' agitation and when they took the matter in hand openly with meetings, demonstrations, and articles in their press, the situation began to deteriorate. As is usual with communist agitation in these parts, the heads of institutions were named and freely criticized in a personal way at their evenings' meetings, ~~demonstrations~~ and ~~articles~~ students were encouraged to go on. General strikes were threatened and labourers were called out in large numbers and rumours of violence deliberately set afloat to create panic and disturbance.

As the situation grew more and more tense and a general strike accompanied by violence was threatened for Monday the 19th, the heads of the institutions came to me with the facts in

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THE MALABAR AND SOUTH KANARA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
S. KANARA

BALMATHA, MANGALORE
Date 22-1-'48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
27 JAN 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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From

Rev. K. R. Karunaker, B.A., B.D., B.L.
President, Board of Direction,
The Malabar & South Kanara Christian Education Society,
(in charge of the Malabar Christian College, Calicut and
the B.E.M. High Schools in Malabar & South Kanara)
Basel Mission, Balmatta,
Mangalore.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
28 JAN 1948

To

The Hon'ble the Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
27 JAN 1948
GOVT. OF MADRAS

Sir,

You are aware of the strike by students on November 18, 1947, reports of which, perhaps of a conflicting nature must have reached you. In view of the many unpleasent incidents which came in the wake of the strike, I am placing before you a detailed report of the strike situation as far as it affected the discipline in the Malabar Christian College, Calicut.

2. Notices regarding the strike appeared in some of the local papers and on November 15 the Principal of the College warned the students against taking part in the strike by putting up the following notice.-

> "I understand that there is going to be a strike by students tomorrow. Students are hereby warned that their absence from classes will be taken serious notice of and that steps will have to be taken to maintain discipline.
>
> Over and above the necessary disciplinary action against absentees all privileges such as fee-concessions, scholarships, condonations etc., will be affected by absence from classes.
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> Therefore students who abstain from attending classes do so at their risk.

3. On November 18, 1947, the strike-day, 36 out of 150 in class I and 35 out 128 in class II were absent. Work for the day went on normally.

4. On November 20, the following punishments were announced.

> "In pursuance of the Memo issued on the 17th inst., re- students' strike, the following punishments are notified:
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> 1. Students who absented themselves on the 18th inst., (either for the whole day or in the forenoon or afternoon) without valid reasons shall lose 5 days' attendance.
> 2. In addition to the above, such absentees shall forfeit all fee concessions granted by the Management.
>   In the case of Government scholarships and Military concessions held by the absentees steps are being taken to get them cancelled by the authorities concerned.

Date 22-1-1948

The next instalment of fees shall be paid in full by those affected by the withdrawal of concessions and scholarships.

3. The following students shall lose 10 days' attendance in addition to the punishment mentioned in para 2.

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4. The names of the following students are struck off the rolls. These students may take their transfer certificate from the office.

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5. A report was sent to the Registrar of the University and one to the District Educational Officer, North Malabar.

6. I may state here that the Principal acted in accordance with instructions issued by the University authorities and by the Education Department from time to ~~ti~~ time as to how to deal with strikes. He also acted in consultation with the Heads of the other educational institutions in Calicut.

7. At this stage Mr. Kelappan, the President of the K. P. C. C. met the Principal and the heads of the other institutions in Calicut and requested them to reconsider their decisions and cancel all the punishments, but they declined to do so

The Collector of Malabar called the Headmaster of the College High School, (who is the Secretary of the Association of Principals of Colleges and Headmasters of High Schools in Calicut Town) and advised him to cancel all the punishments provided that the delinquents tendered an apology and gave an undertaking with their guardians regarding their good behaviour in future.

The District Educational Officer, North Malabar, called the Heads of the Educational Institutions in Calicut and requested them to modify their decisions on the lines suggested by the Collector.

Dr. A. Chandu, M.L.A., saw the Principal and told him that he had been specia deputed by you to see him as well as the Heads of the other institutions and get them to modify their decisions on the lines suggested by the Collector.

8. On December 8, the Principal after having consulted the other members of Association put up the following notice:

> "The following students who were required to take their transfer certificates for active participation in the strike of 18th November, are hereby informed that in view of representations from various quarters for clemency, they will be re-admitted on
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> 1. Their expressing their regret in writing for their misbehavi and
> 2. their giving written undertaking supported by their guardians for good conduct and orderly behaviour in future."

9. The students concerned refused to give a statement according to the terms mentioned above; they were not prepared to admit that the strike was an act of indiscipline and they wanted an assurance from the Principal that in view of dislocation of their studies consequent on their expulsion and the general disturbed atmosphere among students, all students would be sent up for the Intermediate examination. The Principal refused to give such an assurance and on December 13, two students went on hunger-strike.

Date 22. 1. 48.

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10. There were similar strikes in the other institutions where similar disciplinary action had been taken. The Principal in consultation with the Heads of the other institutions accepted an expression of regret in the form given below:

> "I ....state that the strike of the 18th November, 1947 was never intended as an act of indiscipline and I am indeed sorry for what happened that day. I promise to abide by the disciplinary regulations of the institution.
>
> I fervently hope that you will be kind enough to cancel punishments like expulsion from hostels and discontinuance of scholarships etc., and create an atmosphere of goodwill in the institution.
>
> In view of the dislocation of studies caused by the disturbed atmosphere among students in general, I request that none be debarred from sitting for the ensuing Public Examination."

No assurance was, however, given that their requests will be accepted.

The hunger-strike was called off; the students were re-admitted on their expressing regret and on the assurance given by their guardians that they would see that their wards behaved in accordance with the discipline of the institution in future.

11. On the re-opening day after the Christmas vacation, the results of the selection examination were announced. Ten out of 127 students were detained.

12. On a careful perusal of the above report it will be clear to you that the Principal who acted in the best interest of the College and strictly in accordance with the orders of the Department was compelled to rescind his orders -- orders which were the outcome of careful consideration of the various questions arising out of the strike situation, through pressure brought to bear upon him by interested parties and also by the District Educational Officer and by Dr. A. Chandu, M.L.A., your Deputy.

The Head of an Educational Institution can never accept the propriety of students' organisations resorting to direct action against constituted authority and he cannot be compelled to take a lenient attitude with reference to those who flagrantly defy orders issued by him. His authority should be upheld as otherwi the discipline of the institution is bound to deteriorate and its tone and effici bound to suffer.

I have therefore been instructed by my Board to make the above representati to you since my Board is anxious to see that the interests of the educational institutions under its management are safeguarded and that they are allowed to continue undisturbed the good work they have done in the past.

Your most obedient servant.

Br. H (G3)

Please see pp 1-5 ante. The main file regarding the strike of the Calicut Students was circulated to HM (Edn) on 29/1/48. This may be added to that file on its return from circulation [HM. (Edn) has seen this vide ~~to~~ stamp on p. 1 ante]

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The points at 'A' will have to be examined & taken on.

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

Letter/Ref.No. 95964-93/67-2 Edn., dated 6/2/48

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Special

To day
6/2/48

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To
The President, Board of Direction,
The Malabar & South Kanara Christian Society,
(in charge of the Malabar Christian College, Calicut,
and the B.E.M. High Schools in Malabar & S. Kanara),
Basel Mission, Balmatta, Mangalore.

Sir,

Sub:- Students' strike - Calicut.

Ref:- Your letter dated 22-1-1948.

I am directed to state that the Govt. are ~~in~~ generally in accord with the sentiments expressed ~~by you~~ in the penultimate ~~last~~ paragraph of your letter cited above, ~~viz. that the head of an Educational institution can never accept the propriety of students' organisations resorting to direct action/~~ against ~~constituted authority and that he cannot be compelled to take a lenient attitude with reference to those who flagrantly defy orders issued by him and that his authority should be upheld as~~ otherwise

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~~otherwise the discipline of the institution is bound to deteriorate and its tone and efficiency bound to suffer,~~ but that what had been done in the present case - viz. the suggestion to the heads of institutions that a certain element ~~amount~~ of clemency might be advisable - need not be construed as either inconsistent with that general stand, or indicative of any intention of deviating from ~~the above position.~~ that stand.

Y.O.S.,

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Copy to the D.P.I,
(with copy of
pp. 58-62 c.7)

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To H.M.
Education
This was presented
to the Premier at
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
27 JAN 1948
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
OF MADRAS

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
26 JAN
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From
Students' Congress
and
Students' Federation
Palghat.

To
The Hon'ble Premier and the Minister for Jail administration and Agriculture.

Sirs,

We, the students of Palghat, beg to bring before you the following facts for your immediate and favourable consideration.

As a result of the struggle launched by the students of Calicut against the system of detention, Messers Dr K.B. Menon, Kutty Krishnan Nair, Municipal Chairman, Calicut and others intervened resulting in an agreement in the matter. The institutional authorities concerned gave word that there would be no detention this year.

But ~~as~~ with the reopening of the colleges and High Schools, it was found that 54 students were detained from the three institutions.

So the students were forced to resort to a hunger strike from Jan 9th. The behaviour of the police and the authorities is highly provocative. Many are arrested and ma are being made every

Is this the
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the students are arrested and kept under custody for no fault of theirs? Is it justifiable that charges have been framed against the arrested students

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Please see the unsigned petition of the Students of Palghat ~~[illegible]~~ and the minutes of H M (Agri) thereon on p1 ante. [The main file on the subject has been submitted separately). This may be ~~lodged~~ lodged. ~~Or added to that file~~. [H H (Edn) has seen this] – vide stamp on p1 ante.

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SECRETARIAT PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 27 JAN 1948

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 23 JAN

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION 6 1948

The Convener,
Students Action Committee, Calicut.

The President, College and School Authorities Association,
Calicut.

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We beg to inform you that in continuation of our present strike we will be forced to call for another fresh struggle as the following grievances are not yet redressed. We fervently hope that you will sympathetically consider the matter and settle the affair avoiding further conflict.

(1) The 54 students detained from all the three institutions of Calicut may be xxx allowed to appear for the public examination.

(2) All the victimisations taken against the students by the College and School authorities as a result of the strike of the 18th November and the strikes that followed may be withdrawn.

(3) The Court cases pending against the students in connection with the stike may be recommended to be withdrawn.

We further wish to make its clear that we are always for an honourable, peaceful and immediate settlement of the affairs.

Calicut, 23-1-48.

We beg to remain, Sir,
Yours obediently,

M.K. Madhavan Madhavan
Convener.

Copies to:
1. Dt. Educational Officer,
Malabar, Calicut.
2. D.P.I. Madras.
3. The Educational Minister, Madras.
4. Vice Chancellor of Madras University.
5. Collector of Malabar, Calicut.
6. President, K.P.C.C. Calicut.

✓ Sent separately

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Submitted for perusal.
May be added to the main file.
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THE SOCIALIST PARTY

(BADAGARA TOWN COMMITTEE)

Badagara, (N. Malabar.)

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HON'BLE THE PREMIER

14th ~~January~~ 1948.

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Hon'ble the Prime Minister,
Government of Madras, Madras.

HOME DEPARTMENT

Sir,

A Some of the students of the Malabar Christian College, Zamorin's College, and Ganpat High School, Calicut, have been arrested by the Government in connection with their hunger-strike which commenced on 10th January 1948. The strike was indented to find a remedy for their grievances and was conducted very peacefully. We strongly protest against the policy of the Government as this is quite against the preliminary B. rules of democracy itself and also we request the Government and the Managements of the respective institutions to consent to the students' demands which is very reasonable x and legitimate.

Secretary.

Copy to the:--

1 Minister for Education,
2 Principal, Zamorin's College, Calicut
3 Principal, Christian College, Calicut &
4 Headmaster, Ganpat High School, Calicut

UNDER SECRETARY
22 JAN 1948
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

C. S. (Tappal)

Home U.O

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Pub (Elec) U.O. 667/48-1
23/1/48

North Malabar — Badagara - Arrest of certain students of Christian college, Zamorin's college etc - Request to consent to the demands of the students

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T/2 Cno 7194
Home (G) Dept.

Public G.C. dept / through E & P.H. dept.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

E & P.H. (G3)

May be perused and passed on to Public (GR). [The ~~file~~ main file on the subject has been sent separately. Reports from the DH, Calicut & the DPI have been called for and their receipt is awaited.]

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
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Please see the letter on p. 1 ante and the notes of the Home and E & P.H. depts. on p. 2 ante. There is no information in this dept. about the arrests mentioned at A on p. 1 ante. The request at B on p. 1 ante is one for consideration in the E & P.H. ~~dept who have seen it. No action in this dept. Lodged.~~

13-2-48.

May be returned to E & P.H. for disposal along with their main file.

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E & P.H. (G3)

Please see Public (GR) note above. The papers may be added to the main

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main file relating to the students' strike in Calicut

~~Ref~~
~~2C~~ file

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Linked with another file sent for [illegible]

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VERY URGENT.

Madras Legis. I-4—304—12-9-47.

SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE
Fort St. George ~~Chepauk~~, dated the 21-1- 1948.

QUESTION No. 181 51. for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly ~~to be held on the~~ ~~19~~ .

ASST. SECRETARY
21 JAN 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Two copies of this question are forwarded to the E. and P.H. Department.

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The question has been admitted.

2. Mr. K. Anandan Nambiar, M.L.A. who has given notice of the above question requests that the period of notice prescribed for answering it may be waived. ~~A copy of his letter, dated the together with a~~ two copies of the question proposed to be asked ~~is~~ are annexed.

3. The Hon. the Minister for Education is requested to state whether he will consent to the waiver of notice asked for, and if so, when he will answer the question.

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To

The E. and P.H. Department.
~~The Hon. the Minister for~~

No. 438/48-IML
21.1.48.

E.& P.H.(G3).

Please see the short notice L.A. question on p.1 c.f. The question is starred.

The latest reports on the students' strike in Calicut received from the D.E.O., North Malabar are on pp.40 and 42 c.f. of linked file. The immediate cause of the strike is said to be detention of students in the selection examinations. The results of the selection examinations for the S.S.L.C. and University Examns. were announced on 5-1-48, when the schools and colleges in Calicut reopened after the Christmas holidays. A few students were detained in these -examinations-

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examinations. The number of students detained and the total strength of the class in the several institutions in Calicut are as follows:--

p.44 g c.f.

NAME OF INSTITUTION.	EXAMINATION.	TOTAL STRENGTH OF CLASS.	NO. OF STUDENTS DETAINED.
1.The Zamorin's College.	Intermediate.	180 ✓	11
	S.S.L.C,	210 ✓	13
2.M.C. College, Calicut.	Intermediate.	127 ✓	9 ✓
	S.S.L.C.	140 ✓	7 ✓
3.Ganapat High School.	S.S.L.C.	177 ✓	14 ✓
4.St. Joseph's High School.	"	60	6 ✓
5.B.E.M. Girls High School.	"	50 ✓	5 ✓

Malabar christian

The students claim that the above detentions are in violation of the undertaking alleged to have been given by the Heads of Institutions in December 1947 to the effect that no student will be detained in the selection examinations. It is stated on the part of Heads of Institutions that no such undertaking was given and that the agreement was only to the effect that ~~1 and 2 on p.44 c.f.~~ (1) no student would be detained for the sole reason that he took part in the strike and (2) leniency would be shown in the matter of selection. Please see in this connection the resolution at p.13 c.f. in the linked file passed by the Assn. of Heads of Colleges and High Schools in Calicut Town.

p.44 g c.f.

2. On 9-1-48, that is five days after the announcements of the selection examn. results, some students of the Zamorin's College, Calicut, delivered an ultimatum to the Principal that if all the detained students were not sent up immediately they would resort to a hunger strike. The Principal refused to comply with their request and the hunger strike began. Similar procedure was, it is reported, adopted by the students in the M.C. College and Ganapat High School. It is reported that though there has been detentions in the other institutions also, there has been no strikes or demonstrations in those institutions. The D.E.O. states that In the 3 institutions referred to above, students in small batches of 1 and 2 sit before the class or in front of the residences of the Principals and Headmasters and declare that they are on strike. The police are called in by the authorities of the institutions and the students are removed by the police and detained in the lock up. It is stated that the number of strikers arrested up to 17-1-48 ~~is~~ was on 18-1-48 18. The D.E.O. has reported that there is no sign of improvement in the strike situation and that on the other hand it is tending to deteriorate

p.46 g c.f.

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steadily.

The [illegible] do not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] either with the action taken by the [illegible] of the [illegible] or with the action taken by the Police against the strikers.

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3. With reference to para.3 on p.1 ante, it is submitted that under Rule 30 of the Rules for the Madras Legislative Assembly, questions which have not been disallowed by the Speaker, will be entered in the list of questions for a day, not earlier than seven clear days from the date on which notice thereof was received by the Secretary. The Speaker may however, with the consent of the Member of the Govt. concerned, order a question to be entered in the list of questions ~~that~~ with shorter notice than seven days. As the ~~necessary~~ necessary information required for answering the question in this case is available, ~~it is for consideration whether~~ the notice of seven days may be waived and intimation sent to the Assembly Office. ~~The case may be circulated to H.M.(Edn.) for orders.~~ The draft answer to the Question may be 'Yes'. The draft below is for approval.

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Pl. see H.M.'s orders on p.3 [illegible] from the Assembly [illegible]

4/ As regards detention in Schools, the Govt. in G.O. No. 1939, Edn., dated 13-12-46 approved the general instructions to all Heads of Educational Institutions to the effect that detention in selections for the S.S.L.C. Examn. where they were found necessary should not ordinarily exceed 15 per cent. Subsequently in October 1947, the Govt. reviewed the whole position and stated that the limit of detentions referred to in the G.O. mentioned above be reduced to 10 per cent. The Director was requested to issue a circular accordingly. The Director has issued the circular. Para 2 of the circular runs as follows:--

> "The detention in selection for the S.S.L.C. Examination where they were found necessary should not exceed 10 per cent. To this Headmasters of Schools may be strict in promoting pupils in the lower forms."

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The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] colleges also

G.O. No. 2213 Edn. 15-10-47 W/5-6 g

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These [illegible] do not apply to colleges.

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5/ The question whether selection Examn. in the S.S.L.C. should be abolished altogether is under separate consideration. The D.P.I. has been consulted in the matter and his remarks are awaited.

May be circulated to H.M. Edn., with reference to T above.

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A/ We need not accept to answer this short notice question. The question may be treated in the ordinary way.
B/ Fuller information may be called for and the answer put up.

TSA
23-1-48

JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
23 JAN 1943
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) above. The Secretary of the Madras Legislature may be informed of 'A' above. A draft u.o. note is submitted for approval. With reference to 'B' above,a ~~xxx~~ draft memo. to the D.P.I. and the D.M.,Malabar, is submitted for approval.

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[~~Issued as~~ u.o. note No. 52763/48-1 Edn dated 23-1-48 and Memo No. 52763/48-2 Edn dt- 23/1/48] p.5 cf P7 cf

C No. 9685/48 - From the D.P.I. Rc No. 3152 E/47 d/- 7/2/48 E PP 11-18 C

Please see the letter from the D.P.I on p. 11 cf and the copy of report from the D.E.O, N. Malabar, on pp. 13-18 cf. ~~This~~ may await the receipt of the report called for from the D.M, Calicut, ~~till~~ may be awaited till 15/2/48.

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C.No.9889/48 - From the District Magistrate,Calicut,Ref.D.1.715/M/48 dated 7.2.1948. PP 21-22 cf

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Please see the letter from the District Magistrate,Calicut, And the D.E.O's Report on pages 13-18 c.f. on pages 21-22 c.f. It will be seen therefrom that the students in the district were exposed to the activities of

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the communists.The general cause of dissatisfaction among students was in the matter of

(1) enhancement of school and college fees
(2) the practice of detention of students in the selection examinations
and(3) the perpetuation of the present system of education alleged to have established by a ~~xxxx~~ foreign Govt.

As a protest against these, the All Malabar Students Demonstration was organised and the students in the Malabar Christian College, Zamorin's College and Ganapat High School,Calicut, staged a token strike on 18-11-1947. But nothing untoward happened and after about a month, at the intervention of the Collector of Malabar the dispute was settled, on the following conditions:--

(1) That the strikers should be taken back.
(2) That the proposed disciplinary action against the students should be withdrawn and
(3) That in view of the ~~xxxx~~ interruption of studies of the students owing to strike, the question of detention of students appearing for the Public and University Examinations should be considered with leniency and sympathy.

The strike was accordingly called off on 14-12-1947, the first two ~~above~~ conditions referred to above, being satisfied by the ~~xxxxxx~~ authorities.

The selection examinations for the S.S.L.C. and Intermediate Examinations came off in the first week of January 1948 and several students failed in the examination. Owing to their promise at the time of calling ~~xxxx~~ off of the strike, the school authorities detained only ~~54~~ 55 students in all the 3 ~~xxxxxxxx~~ institutions i.e. only a small percentage of students was detained. The students were under a wrong impression that there would be no detentions at all and they again decided to strike from 9.1.48. The particulars of students who went on hunger strike are given below:--

On 9.1.48 one student in each of the above 3 institutions went on hunger strike. The police arrested these students.

On 10-1-48 one student observed hunger strike in the Malabar Christian College, another in the Ganapat High School premises and a third at the gate of the residence of the Principal, Zamorin's College,Calicut.

On 11-1-48 similar strike ~~xxxxxxxx~~ took place in the two colleges, but not in the Ganapat High School.

On 12-1-48 a similar strike was staged in the Christian College and the Ganapat High School premises.

Demonstrations were also staged at the xxxxx gate of the Principal of the Zamorin's College by 3 students on 12-1-48, by 2 students on 13.1.48 and 2 on 14.1.48. On 15-1-48, 16-1-48 and 17.1.48 there was hunger strike by one student xxxxxx at the gate of the Zamorin's College. 19-1-48 was declared as a day of general strike and 7 students held demonstrations at the Christian College premises. All the students were arrested and altogether 28 students were charge-sheeted before the Sty.Sub Magistrate,Calicut for some offence or other. All the arrested students except a few were released on bail on condition that they would not go to the premises of the institutions and create trouble. A few students who did not agree to give such an undertaking were kept in remand for 2 or 3 days and then they were released on their giving the required undertaking. Out of the above 28 students who were arrested, 8 were xxxxxxxx at the xxxxxxxxxx residence of the Principal of the Zamorin's college and the rest at the premises of the institutions. There was no hunger strike at the premises of the Principal,Christian College, or headmaster, Ganapat High School, but only at the residence of the Principal,Zamorin's College, obviously on the account of the fact that the Principal,Zamorin's College was the President of the Association of the heads of aided institutions at Calicut. The students demanded that no student should be detained in the selection examinations, but the authorities said it was not in their power to send up persons after the prescribed date. The strike was however called off on 19.1.48.

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Altogether there were 17 cases with 28 accused before S.S.M.,Calicut. Some students were involved in two or three offences; the total number of students on trial is 22. The cases came on for hearing on 27 and 28-1-1948 and all the accused tendered apology to the court. The cases xxxxxxxx were adjourned to 13-2-1948 . Except two students whose apologies were

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were not satisfactory, all the other students have rejoined the institutions and regular work in the institutions is being carried on normally.

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In the circumstances, the ~~xxxxx~~ answer to the question may be "Yes, some of the students in the Malabar Christian College, Zamorin's College, and the Ganapat High School,Calicut, went on hunger strike as a protest against the detention of students appearing for the Selection exams for S.S.L.C ~~Public~~ and University Examinations. The strike was however called off on 19-1-48. ~~and xxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~all the students~~ except two/ whose apologies were not satisfactory ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ have been ~~readmitted into the respective institutions on their tendering apology~~". Subject to orders, a draft answer is submitted for approval. ~~Home and~~ Public (Gl) may see before circulation to H.M.(Edn.).

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Please see the Public (Gl) note above. ~~That department agreed~~. The file may now be circulated to H.M.(Edn) for approval of the draft answer below

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Under Secretary H.M.(Edn)

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Schools in Calicut - Students - Strike -

C.No.95964/47.

~~From~~ Telegrams from Mr.D.L.O.Hameed and others dated 28-11-1947,5-12-1947 and 8-12-1947. — pp1,3,5 & 9 cf
From the D.E.O.,N.Malabar, No.1/47 dated 9-12-1947. — p11 cf
Telegram from the Action Committee,Calicut, dated 15.12.1947. — p17 cf
From the D.E.O.,North Malabar, dated 10.12.1947. — pp19.20 cf
From the Action Committee, telegram dated 13-12-1947. — p23 cf
From the D.P.I.,R.c.No.3152-E/47 dated 6-1-1948. — pp29-31 cf
Telegram from the Action Committee, dated 9-1-1948. — p32 cf
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[The papers at pages p.28 c.f. may be perused]

Please see the letter from the D.P.I. on p.29,~~and~~ the copy of letter from the D.E.O.,North Malabar, on p.p.30-31 and the telegrams on p.p.33-34 c.f. It is stated in the telegrams on ~~p.p.33 and~~ p.p.32 and 34 c.f. that the Principal broke his promise,~~and~~ that the students resorted to fast, that the arrested students fasted for the 6th day/and that they are on collapse and that the Govt. should intervene. ~~Further the~~ The D.E.O.,North Malabar, in his letter on p.p.33-34 reports that the students who were punished with expulsion in connection with the strikes in November,1947, petitioned to H.M.(Edn.) for his intercession praying that they should be taken back and that they were prepared to apologise and undertake to behave better in future. Accordingly, it is reported that the heads of institutions in Calicut, readily agreed to take back the students on those conditions and notices were put up to that effect. ~~Strangely, enough, it is reported that,~~ But in spite of the notices being put up, the students did not respond as readily as was expected; ~~that~~ only three or four students cared to re-enter the school. The present grievances of the students ~~is~~ are stated to be that (1) they are not allowed to apologise collectively and ~~that~~ (2)they should not be 'detained' for the forthcoming University examinations. As for detentions, the Principal, Zamorin's College is stated to have told them that they are free to remit the examination fees if they so chose, but that he could not bind himself in advance that their progress certificates ~~will~~ would be automatically signed, without reference

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to their actual attainments. The D.E.O. North Malabar ~~has reported~~ states that the ~~xxxxxxx~~ situation in respect of the school world comprising students, teachers and others interested in education has attained a proportion and complexity that it is no longer safe to ignore the matter, or leave it to the discretion of headmasters or educational authorities. He states that a general comprehensive and thorough enquiry by a competent committee ~~is~~ may be called for and that suitable measures will have to be taken in accordance with the results of that investigation. The D.P.I. requests orders on the suggestion made by the D.E.O. Orders have already been issued by Govt as to the way in which strikes and demonstrations by students in colleges and schools are to be dealt with by the magistracy and the police. If any ~~It is for orders whether a committee of enquiry as suggested by the D.E.O. should be set up.~~

~~May be circulated to H.M.(Edn.) and H.M.(Agr.)~~.

para 5, p.31 c.f.

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Serious developments take place and the students in North Malabar indulge in lawless activities, necessary action will be taken by the Magistracy and the ~~Police~~ Police in accordance with the above orders.

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It does not ~~seem necessary~~ appear that Govt should now interfere in the ~~matter~~ present strike especially in view of the circumstances stated by the D.E.O. in para 1 of his letter at page 30 c.f.

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Orders are also solicited on the suggestion made by the D.E.O., namely, that a Committee may be set up to enquire into the question of strikes by students and suggest suitable measures.

para 5, p.31 c.f.

Orders of H.M.(Edn) may be obtained on this point.
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The latest position as might have been received from the D.P.I. may be put up. One of the friends from Malabar said that he is putting a short notice question. That information may be necessary for me to decide the answer for that question.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
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Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) above. No further report regarding the strike situation in Calicut has been received from the D.P.I. Attention is however invited to the telegrams at pages 36 and 38 c.f. since received from the Convener, Students ~~Committee~~ Action Committee, Calicut, and the Secretary, The Socialist Party, Kerala, Calicut. A report may be called for from the D.P.I. and the D.M. Subject to orders a draft memo. is submitted for approval.

I phoned to the Dy. D.P.I. at 5 P.M. for further reports if any received in the Director's office. He sent at 6.30 P.M. the copies of the letters received from the D.E.O. Malabar dated 14.1.48 and 18.1.48. They contain the upto date information. No further report need be called for.
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(1) Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) on p.4 n.f. of L.F.(top file) and the draft memo. put up in that case calling for a full report from the ~~Exp~~ D.P.I. and the D.M., Malabar. The reports from the D.P.I. and the Collector may be awaited.

(2) It is not clear whether H.M.(Edn.) has approved the suggestion

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at 'A' on p.2 ante. It is for orders whether the proposal to set up a committee to enquire into the question of strikes made by the D.E.O., Malabar, may be taken up separately even now, or whether the receipt of the reports referred to in para (1) on p.3 ante may be awaited.

May be taken up separately pp.5 [illegible] even now.

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Secretary, E.& P.H.

I think we have issued orders over this matter. If there is anything further to be done, the file may be put up.

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Please see the D.O. from the Dy.D.P.I. and its enclosures at pp.50-56 c.f. and H.M.(Edn.)'s. minutes above. In connection with the short notice L.A. question in the linked file, H.M.(Edn.) minuted that fuller information regarding the students' strike in Calicut may be called for and the answer put up. The D.P.I. and the D.M., Malabar, have accordingly been asked to furnish a full detailed report about the strike situation. Their reports may be awaited till 1-2-1948.

Separate action is taken on A on p2 ante
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C.No. 6342/48.
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From the President, Board of Direction, The Malabar & South Kanara Christian Education Society, Basel Mission, Balmatta, Mangalore, dated 22-1-1948.

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Please see the letter on pp.58-62 c.f. and the remarks of the Secretary thereon at p.63 c.f. The President of the Bd. of Direction, Malabar and South Kanara Christian Education Society states that the Principal of the Malabar Christian College, Calicut, was compelled to rescind his orders awarding punishments to students who went on strike through pressure brought to bear upon him by interested parties and also by the D.E.O., Malabar and Dr. A. Chandu, M.L.A. He states that the authority of the head of an institution should be upheld as otherwise the discipline of the institution is bound to

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deteriorate and its tone and efficiency bound to suffer. He therefore requests that the interests of the educational institutions should be safeguarded and that the heads of institutions should be allowed to continue their work undisturbed. It may be stated at the outset that no undue pressure was brought to bear upon the Principal of the Malabar Christian College, Calicut, or the heads of the other educational institutions in Calicut in the matter of revising the orders of punishment passed by them on the students who went on strike during November, 1947. The College authorities agreed by themselves to respect the wishes of H.M.(Edn.) and take back the expelled students - vide the report of the D.E.O., Malabar and its enclosure on pp.11 & 13 c.f. and also the copy of H.M.(Edn.)'s. D.O. to the D.E.O. at pp.15-16 c.f. The Principal of the Malabar Christian College or any other educational institution in Calicut has not so far complained of any interference by Govt. in their administration. It does not therefore seem that any notice need be taken by Govt. about the allegation made at 'A' on p.62 c.f. As regards the safeguarding of the interests of the educational institutions referred to at 'B' on p.62 c.f., it is submd. that the question of setting up a Committee to enquire into the general question of strikes by students and suggest suitable measures is separately under consideration.

B' of p.62

This itself is complained of as undue interference.
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The Govt. [illegible] has now complained of in management of the Malabar Christian College.
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This is not quite relevant here.
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'B' above:- Perhaps a reply may be sent saying that Govt. are generally in accord with the sentiments expressed at 'C' on p.62 c.f. but that what has been done in this case - viz the suggestion to the heads of institutions that a certain element of clemency might be advisable - need not be construed as either inconsistent with that general stand, or indicative of any intention of deviating from that stand.

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A reply on the lines suggested by the Secretary above may be sent.

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Please see the orders in circulation on 6 above. The draft letter below is for approval.

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[Issued as Dr. Regns. 95964-G3/47-2 Edn., dt. 6/2/48]

Please see the notes on p.4 n.f. of L.F. This may be kept till the report from the DM, N-Malabar, called for in that case, is received (See 15/2/48)

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Please see the report from the D.M.,Calicut, on p.p. 21-22 c.f. of L.F. and the notes on p.p. 4-7 n.f. of L.F. No further action is called for on this file. The papers may be added to those in the L.F. (The ~~question whether the~~ suggestion of the D.E.O.,Malabar, to set up a committee to enquire into the question of strikes by students and to suggest suitable measures therefor is taken up separately and action is being taken thereon.).

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Hunger strike by students of Calicut.

* 114 Q.—Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU (on behalf of Sri K. Anandan Nambiyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that the students in various institutions in Calicut going on hunger strike against detention?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"Yes; some of the students in the Malabar Christian College, Zamorin's College and the Ganapat High School, Calicut, went on hunger strike as a protest against the detention of students appearing for the selection examination for the S.S.L.C. Public and University Examinations. The strike was however called off on 19th January 1948."

Mr. SPEAKER:—"I wish to know from the hon. Member whether Mr. Anandan Nambiyar has given a general permission to put questions or he has given special permission for this question."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"It is a general permission, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER:—"General permission will not be allowed hereafter. For every question, he must give the hon. Member special permission."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"Because I did not know this rule, Sir, which has been enunciated . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER:—"The rule is not applied to you now. That is what I said."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"What action Sir, have the Government taken to see that there are no detentions?"

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"The Government most strongly advised the students against this strike. They discourage strikes being resorted to for educational reform."

8th March 1948]

K. M. SEETHI SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I ask, Sir, whether the Government are aware that there is a political party behind these students, and they instigate these students to resort to strike?"

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"It is for other political parties there, Sir, to counteract them instead of keeping quiet and putting questions here." (Laughter.)

K. M. SEETHI SAHIB Bahadur:—"My question has not been answered, Sir. There is a political party instigating the students to strike. The answer of the Hon. Minister is not an answer to my question?"

(Sri Pillalamarri Venkateswarlu was standing in his place.)

Mr. SPEAKER:—"Order, order."

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"I did not hear the question, Sir, properly."

K. M. SEETHI SAHIB Bahadur:—"Sir, I was asking whether the Government are aware that there is a political party instigating these students to resort to strike?"

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"I understand, Sir, that the political party to which the two hon. Members in this House belong, are behind this strike. I would say, as I said before, that is for other political parties to counteract them in those very places."

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB Bahadur:—"On a point of information, Sir. Time and again you have been telling us that we have got a weapon and that we can use that weapon. Does not the Hon. Minister know the value of the secret weapon we possess that by raising a question in this House we can help to preserve the pease of the Province?"

(No answer.)

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"Are the Government aware that this particular hunger strike was advised by members of the political party to which the Cabinet belong?"

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"My hon. Friend from Malabar says very emphatically 'not at all', Sir."

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Please see the Assembly Proceedings on p17 ante. The papers may now be recorded.

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L.A. Qn - by Sri K. Anandan Nambiar M.L.A. - Hunger strike by Calicut students - Papers Recorded.

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