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G.O. NO. 246. Edu.

Dated 4.2.48

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Govt. Press - Half holiday on 2.2.48 - due to transport dislocation and arrangements for urgent work - proposal - approved.

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At about 9-15 this morning the S.G.P. rang me up and said that a large crowd of workmen from outside had gathered round the press and was intimidating the workers of the press with a view to deterring them from going on with their work in the office. He said that a Sub-Inspector of Police with a small police party was already there but that he was not sure of being able to deal with the crowd outside. The S.G.P. asked me whether the office should be closed. I said that the question of closing the press should not be considered until the possiblity of dealing with the crowd outside with a bigger police force was exhausted, and I asked him to get into touch with the Commissioner of Police for that purpose. As I was not quite sure that he had been able to get through the message through the Commissioner, I rang up the Commissioner about half and hour latter and found that in fact no message from the press had reached him. I informed the Commissioner briefly of the position as it had been reported to me and he said he would attend to the matter. At about 10-30, the S.G.P. rang me up and said that a Deputy Commissioner of Police with a party had arrived and had dispersed the crowd but that the workmen in the press still refused to work, and he asked me whether in the circumstances the press should be closed. He also told me that in any case as the workmen had not been able to bring their food with them owing to dislocation of transport in the morning they would have to be given the afternoon off (as had been done on similar occasions previously). I pointed out to him that this latter was a different matter. ~~It~~ it would have to be done in due course later in the day if necessary; but that the refusal of the press employees to work in the meanwhile would clearly be tantamount to a strike, in the absence of general instructions from the Government decreeing a hartal or a closure of office for today, and that particularly after the crowd which was intimidating the workers had been dispersed they had no excuse to abstain from work. I told him therefore that the workmen should be

clearly warned that disciplinary action was likely to be taken if they keep away from work and that if they still persist in their refusal to work he might close down the office and send a report in due course on the question of disciplinary action also.

H.M.(Edn). may see for information.

Hy. (Edn.) 2/2/48

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT. 2 FEB 1948 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Rcd at 4.45 p.m.

At 12-20 the S.G.P. rang me and said that the workers in the press had done their work in the morning but that at 12-30 he would have to close the press for the reason mentioned already in the previous note viz., that owing to dislocation in transport the workmen could not get their food to the press, but, for carrying on urgent work, he will have to retain about 60 men paying them their tiffin charges. This was what was done on similar occasions previously, and so I said the S.G.P. might proceed to arrange accordingly. Formal orders of approval may be issued after Finance also have seen. H.M. may see in continuation of the previous note.

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A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Fin. U.O. for acceptance.

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Fin (CSR)

The note of the Secretary, EdPH and orders in circulation above and the draft order below may be perused and the case returned to EdPH.

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From
A. Lepper Esq.,
Superintendent, Government Press,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Dept.,
Fort St. George.

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No. 66/Mis. Dated: 2nd February 1948.

Sir,

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I have the honour to report that when I arrived at Mint Buildings at about 9.45 this morning there was a crowd of several hundred hooligans causing a disturbance at the Press entrance and some of the workers were being prevented from coming in to the Press. The nervous elements were all gathered in the compound demanding a closure of the Press while others were working; however when the Assistant Commissioner of Police arrived and dispersed the mob they eventually worked.

2. At 12.30 it was discovered that no meal carriers had turned up and there was much agitation. I have therefore closed the Press at 12.30 and retained 70 men for urgent work.

3. I request Government therefore to ratify my action and to grant a half holiday today (2nd February 1948) to the Government Press and sanction an expenditure of eight annas each for meals for the men doing urgent work.

Superintendent.

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Govt. Press - Half holiday on 2.2.48 due to transport dislocation and arrangements for urgent work - proposal - approved.

Order. Ms. No. 246 Edn. P. 4-2-48

The Govt approve the proposal of the S. G. P to grant a half-holiday to the employees of the Press on 2.2.48 and to ~~retain~~ ~~Seventy~~ men for urgent work and pay them annas eight each towards their ~~tiffin~~ breakfast charges on that day.

owing to dislocation in transport on that day

To. The S. G. P
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From
A. Lepper Esq.,
Superintendent,
Government Press, Madras.

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

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No.S.B.C., dated 4th March 1948.

Sir,

Sub: Government Press - Half Holiday on 2-2-1948 due to transport dislocation.

Ref: G.O.No.Ms.246 Edn., dated 4th February 1948.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
1 MAR 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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I have the honour to state that the Press was closed on the afternoon of 2nd February 1948 owing to dislocation in transport on that day and the Second Shift workers of the Lino and Mono Department could not attend office at 2 p.m. on that day though no fault of their own.

I therefore request that Government may be pleased to declare a full holiday on 2-2-1948 for the second shift workers of the Lino and Mono Department.

Superintendent.

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To the S. G. P. 39.3.48

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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Govt. Press - Holiday on 2.2.48 due to dislocation of transport - Repn. from the S. G. No. S. B.C. dated 4.3.48.

Memo. 17225 F1/48.2 Edn. Dt 24/8/48

In partial modification of the orders in G.O. 246 Edn. dated 4.2.48, the Govt. approve the proposal of the S.G.P. to declare a full holiday on 2.2.48 for the Second shift workers of the Linos & Mono department of the Govt. press.

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Note Finance may see Mo.

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Fin. (E.S.R)

The draft memo may be perused and the case returned to E.P.H.

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Speaker