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group of harelung students attempt
life speaker american college within
college compound yesterday whole
student body striking hooliganism & vandalism
& rampant no security provided by
authorities immediate intervention of university
needed = american college students madina

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COLLEGES - American College, Madura - Students - Strike etc.

O.M. 7406 8/8/48 - Edn., dated 7/4/48

C.No. /48. The attention of the D.P.I. is invited to the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) dated 6-2-48 on the subject (copy sent to him direct) and he is requested to make enquiries and ~~report~~ submit his report immediately.

To The D.P.I.

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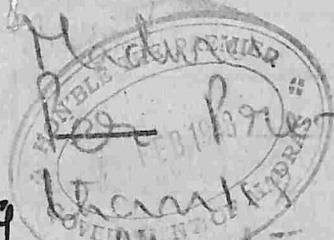


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Collector for prompt intervention
Principal Student delegate
Conferred compromise arrived
assurance given enquiry of
particular lecturer accordingly
Strike called off still students
don't feel case will be dropped
on on due authorities order
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lecturer and accused given
leave and he now out-manned
= late intervention govt university
needed at time (50)
limit be fixed otherwise situation
will get worsened Charge sheet
on lecturer follows.

American College
Students' motion

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To

Educational Minister Madras

Principal himself declared conspiracy yet Principal intriguing Nullify case because accused lecturer his favourite part of plan to sabotage students activities Principal threatens student

N.B:—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from the text.

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Principal himself declared conspiracy
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part of plan to sabotage students
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against Principal direct immediate
intervention of University Government

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Letters sent to parents asking
that their sons be immediately
withdrawn from current education
against principal's direct immediate
intervention of university government

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necessary if justice to be done
American College student Madras =

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From

The Students
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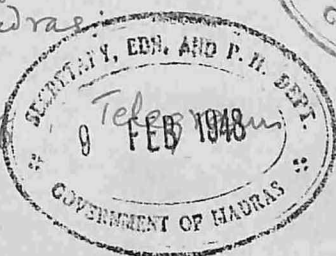
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Madura
7th Feb '48

To

The Minister for Education
Govt. of Madras

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Re



dated 5th & 6th Feb

Respected Sir,

We beg to remind you of the
recent disturbance that occurred in our
college owing to the assault on Mr. Chinnaiah
Speaker of the college union.

enclosed herewith copy of charge sheet as
sent

PP 17-19 info Yours most obedtly
(Sd) Representative

(True Copy)

From

The Students of American College,
MADURA.

Respected Sir,

We, the students of American College demand the immediate dismissal of Mr. Chinna Thevar, Economics Lecturer, American College, Madura on the following grounds:-

1. His conduct and behaviour has been very haughty arbitrary and insulting to the students both men and women throughout. Even before coming to the American College, We understand from "DERAN" a Tamil weekly that he had misbehaved in the ~~Vikk~~ Tinnevely Hindu College. Instances are such as on the sports fields on the Inter-Colligate Tournament on the 17th and 18th January '48, during the course of Mock-Parliament of the Gokhale Society, using very contemptuous and insulting language on several occasions to the students etc.

2. His favouritism:- He has been showing a great deal of favouritism to few students on whom he has been specially interested and ~~a~~ discriminating against many others. He used to give special privileges and liberties to his favourites and we have every reason to believe that he has victimised some others during the examinations of selection and half-yearly.

3. Mr. Chinna Thevar had full knowledge of and directly instigated the serious assault on Mr. Chinniah speaker of the College Union, by Mr. Chellappa, a IV Class student. This is evident from the following facts

(a) Mr. Chinniah and Mr. Chinna Thevar were not in good terms and this has been admitted by Mr. Thevar himself,

(b) On the other hand Mr. Thevar and Chellappa the Principal assailant were on very intimate terms and in fact, the assailant Mr. Chellappa used to be given all kinds of liberties as is clear from the facts ~~that~~ that no objection used to be raised by Mr. Thevar when Mr. Chellappa who belongs to the IV class used to come to the III Class and makes mischief sitting behind the lady students.

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(c) A few days before the assault took place Mr. Chinniah was standing near the College main gate when Mr. Thevar with the Chellappa Veeranan, Ibrahim and others came that way and two of the group viz. Veeranan and Chellappa who took part latter on the assault on Wednesday night, threatend to beat Mr. Chinniah for alleged misbehaviour to Mr. Thevar and though Mr. Thevar was present he did not dissuade his friends from threatening Mr. Chinniah.

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(c) Sometime before the actual assault took place at about 11-30 P.M. in the College premises Mr. Thevar was seen taking coffee with Mr. Chellappa, Ibrahim etc. and one consolidated bill of Rs. 3-9-0 was paid for Mr. Thevar and others including the assailants. Though the assailants went in advance for the assault while Mr. Thevar remained in the hotel, just after the assault he and Mr. Ibrahim passed by Mr. Chinniah, while the group of outsiders who came to the rescue, laughing and without caring to offer any help.

We strongly protest against the action and behaviour of Mr. Chinniah Thevar and request the Principal and the authorities to take immediate action to dispense with the services of Mr. Thevar.

We beg to remain,
Respected Sir,

Your most obedient student's representatives
of American College, Madura.

Madura,

6-2-1948.

(sd) Representatives.

Copy to:- The Principal
Secretary, Senatus,
Chairman, Governing Council.
District Collector, Madura.
Minister for Education.
Vice Chancellor, Madras University.
Secretary, Faculty.

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Please see re letter opp. 15 and its
enclosure opp. 17-19 and. As they are
unsigned, no action is called for
them. May be added to file (H. Edw.)
has seen them.

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Education Department	Received	Registered
From (Name) Sri.P.N.Chamu Nair, B.A., L.T.,	To	
Designation Divisional Inspector of schools,	The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,	
Station Madura Division, MADURA.	MADRAS.	

Enclosures: No. dated 16th February, 1948.

Sir,

Sub:--Behaviour of students of the American College, Madura.

Ref:--D.O.No.523 E.4/48 dated 11th February, 1948.

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...:-:...

I have the honour to report that Sri.M.K.Chinniah, IV year
student and Speaker of the College Union, complained to the Principal
of the College on 5.2.48 that he was assaulted on the night of the 4th
February at about 11-30 P.M. by another IV-year student, Chellappa--
a copy of his complaint is enclosed (B). The College Union Cabinet
passed a resolution protesting against the attack on the Speaker of
the College Union. The following is the resolution:-

"This meeting of the American College Union Cabinet
Registers its strong protest against the dastardly
attack on the Speaker of the College Union alleged
to have been committed by some of the students of
the College and some interested persons. The Cabinet
requests the Disciplinary Committee and the Principal
of the College to make an impartial enquiry and take
severe action. It need not be stressed that such
unbecoming and criminal activities should be curbed
out-right with a stern hand."

As a consequence of the attack on the Speaker, the IV-class
students abstained from attending the class in the forenoon of the
5th February, 1948; in the afternoon session, the students of all
the classes struck work.

It is understood that the students tried to meet the Collector
in the evening of the 5th February, but he could not meet them on that
day; the Collector asked them to meet him on the 6th - (I was camping
at Palamcottah in connexion with the inspection of the Offices of the
District Educational Officers). On the 6th, the Collector met a
few representatives of students and also the Principal. However,

129 wfm The Principal of the College has sent a report to the University--
a copy of the same is enclosed.

The Standing Committee again met on 14.2.48 and came to the decision that the punishment already awarded is adequate.

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sent direct
by H.M. (Coul)

Room No.16,
'B' Hostel,
American College,
MADURA.

5th Feb.48.

To

The Principal,
American College,
M A D U R A.

Dear Sir,

I wish to bring to your notice the following facts and I request you to take immediate steps to enquire into my case.

(a) I went to the Rathamani Bhawan at about 11.15 P.M. yesterday night to have coffee and there found Mr.Chinna Thevar, Mr.Mohamed Ibrahim, Mr.Chellappa and another person whom I did not recognise already occupying a table.

(b) After I went in Mr.Chellappa left the place and he returned accompanied by Mr.Veeranan and another student whom I could not recognise.

(c) I finished taking coffee by about 11.30 and was going alone to my room.

(d) At the College entrance Mr.Kamalesan and Mr.Gurumanickam were seated. I bade them good night and entered the College compound.

(e) Having gone about five yards, I noticed Mr.Chellappa and the other person whom I could not recognise following me.

(f) When I had come about twenty yards from the gate into the College Compound Mr.Chellappa over took me and assaulted me saying "என்ன சூட்டன் என்னை இங்கே போகிறது" (What are you doing here?)

(g) Before I could defend myself the other person joined him and I was violently beaten.

(h) I fell on the ground and I found about four persons assaulting me.

(i) I shouted for help and a group of outsiders who were on the road came to the scene. The four took to their heels.

(j) Just a few minutes after this, Mr.Chinna Thevar and Mr.Mohamed Ibrahim passed by heartily laughing at the scene.

The student body feels that these facts should be presented to you immediately and since a lecturer is also strongly suspected to be one of the party an impartial hearing should be heard.

Thanking you,

Yours obediently,

Sd. M.K.Chinnaiah,
929.

(True Copy)

February 13, 1948.

From

Sri.A.Ranjitham, M.A., L.T.,
Principal, The American College,
MADURA.

To

The Registrar,
University of Madras,
Chepauk,
M A D R A S.

Sir,

Sub:--Students strike on Feb.5th and 6th forenoon.

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On the morning of Thursday Feb.5th a complaint was given to me by a student named M.K.Chinniah of Class.IV that he was assaulted by another student named D.Chellappa of Class.IV and a few others whom he could not identify at about 11.30 P.M. the previous night. Students of class.IV struck saying that they would not attend the class until the matter was enquired. In the afternoon most of the other students also kept away from the classes. The complaint was enquired by a committee of four responsible Senior members of the Staff. They held that Chellappa was guilty and suspended him for two weeks and fined Rs.5/-. As soon as the decision was known, about a hundred students protested before the college office that the punishment was not adequate. Later in the evening they marched in a procession to the Collector's Bungalow. The Collector asked them to come the next morning. But they did not go. At 10 A.M. on Friday the 6th Feb., they organised a strike. They behaved in an insulting manner towards other students who were going to the classes including women students and women lecturers. At about 10.30 A.M. on the 6th the Collector sent word asking me to go to him bringing with me others. I and a few members of the staff and the leading strikers went to the Collector at 10.45 A.M. The Collector heard the case, and expressed his opinion that the punishment was quite adequate, and even warning would have been sufficient. Thereupon the students agreed to call off the strike, and regular classes went on in the afternoon of Friday 6th Feb.

On Monday 9th Feb. I received a petition signed by six students containing allegations against a lecturer. Two names in the petition were found scored. I called for an enquiry on Wednesday 11th Feb. at 4.30 P.M. Two signatories withdrew. Four were enquired into, and their statements were recorded. Meanwhile, I asked the lecturer concerned to be on leave.

From information gathered so far, I understand that the strike was mainly organised by unselected students, and by certain of the staff and students who are suspected to be members of the R.S.S., because the lecturer concerned spoke strongly against R.S.S. at the memorial meeting held in honour of Mahatma Gandhi on Monday Feb.2nd. I am making further enquiry about the organisers of the strike, and propose to take such action as may be necessary.

Sd.A.Ranjitham,
PRINCIPAL.

Feb.13, 1948.

(True Copy)

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Lr. Ref. No. 9406 83/48 2 Edn., dated 19/4/68

To

The Registrar, University of Madras; Madras. (with encl -
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21-27c.f).

Sir,

Sub:- COLLEGES - American College, Madura - students -
Strike etc.

I am to enclose a copy of a report from the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura, ^{relating} with regard to the assault of a student in the American College, Madura. It is understood that there was a similar assault in the College hostel last year. I am to state that the Govt. ^{presume that the University} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{is taking necessary action to check such occurrences. It is anxious that such incidents will have a very deleterious effect on the life of the students and that the discipline, which is by far the most important training that any college can give to its students - more important than}

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Colleges -2-

The Govt. has

I am therefore

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action in the matter. and if so, to request you to report to Govt. as early as possible

the action taken thereon. by the Govt. in the matter.

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COLLEGES + American College, Madura - Students - strike etc.

Memo.No. 940683/48-3 Edn., dated 19/4/48

The attention of the D.P.I. is invited to
Govt. memo.No.9406-G3/48-1 Edn., dated 7-2-1948 and he is
requested to send his reply as early as possible.

To
The D.P.I.

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11 FEB 1948

HONORABLE AVANASHILINGAM EDUCATION MINISTER
GEORGE, MADRAS

REFERENCE MADE BY PHONE TALK THIS MORNING ABOUT AMERICAN COLLEGE INCIDENT
STOP ON FOURTH NIGHT A HOSTEL STUDENT WAS ASSAULTED BY OTHER STUDENTS
INSIDE COLLEGE COMPOUND STOP NO INJURY STOP HE COMPLAINED TO PRINCIPAL
STOP COLLEGE COMMITTEE MADE ENQUIRY AND SUSPENDED OFFENDING STUDENT TWO
WEEKS AND FINED RUPEES FIVE STOP STUDENTS STRUCK WORK YESTERDAY CONTENDING
PUNISHMENT INADEQUATE AND ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN ALSO AGAINST A MEMBER OF
COLLEGE STAFF SAID TO HAVE INSTIGATED ASSAULT STOP STRIKE CONTINUED THIS
FORENOON STOP AFTER TELEPHONE TALK WITH HONORABLE MINISTER I TALKED OVER
MATTER WITH PRINCIPAL AND STUDENTS STOP PRINCIPAL AGREED TO ENQUIRE INTO
ANY FURTHER COMPLAINTS STOP CLASSES RESUMED FROM 2 PM

= MADURA COLLECTOR =

(Sd) K.Rama Varma Raja
6-2-48
Collector, Madura

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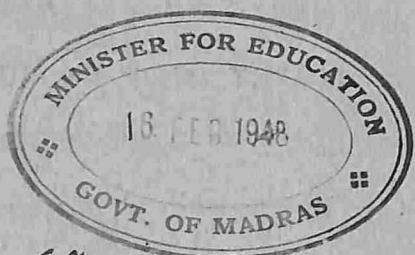
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Madura Collector's Office, Madura.
Dated the 6th February, 1948



Post copy in confirmation submitted to the Honorable
Minister for Education, Fort St. George, Madras.

W. K. S.
Collector



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



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Education DEPARTMENT.

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From (Name) Sri D.S.Reddi, M.A., (Oxon).,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,
Post Box _____, (STATION) _____, Madras.
Telegraphic Address _____

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H. Department, Madras.

Rec. No. 528 M/48, dated 23-2-1948. 19

Sir,

ENCLOSURES _____

Sub: Colleges - American College, Madura -
Students - Strikes etc.

Ref: Govt. Memo No. 9406 G3/48-1 Edn., dated 7-2-48

SPARE COPIES _____

I enclose a copy of the report dated 16-2-48
received from the Divisional Inspector of Schools,
Madura, on the subject. The Divisional Inspector
has submitted a copy of the report direct to the
Hon'ble Minister for Education.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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copy of letter dated 16th February 1948 from the Divisional Inspector Schools, Madras to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

sub: Behaviour of students of the American College, Madras.
Ref: D.O.No.528 T4/48 dated 11th February 1948.

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I have the honour to report that Sri M.K.Chinniah, IV year student and Speaker of the College Union, complained to the Principal of the College on 5.2.48 that he was assaulted on the night of the 4th February, at about 11-30 P.M. by another IV year student, Chellappa - a copy of his complaint is enclosed (B). The College Union Cabinet passed a resolution protesting against the attack on the speaker of the College Union. The following is the resolution.-

"This meeting of the American College Union Cabinet registers its strong protest against the dastardly attack on the speaker of the College Union alleged to have been committed by some of the students of the College and some interested persons. The Cabinet requests the Disciplinary Committee and the Principal of the College to make an impartial enquiry and take severe action. It need not be stressed that such unbecoming and criminal activities should be curbed out-right with a stern hand."

As a consequence of the attack on the speaker, the IV Class students abstained from attending the class in the forenoon of the 5th February 1948; in the afternoon session, the students of all the classes struck work.

It is understood that the students tried to meet the Collector in the evening of the 5th February, but he could not meet them on that day; the Collector asked them to meet him on the 6th - (I was camping at Palamcottah in connexion with the inspection of the Offices of the District Educational Officers). On the 6th, the Collector met a few representatives of students and also the Principal. However, on the advice of the Collector the strike was called off and the classes began to function from the afternoon session of the 6th February. The District Collector has already sent a telegram to the Government.

The Principal of the College has sent a report to the University a copy of the same is enclosed.

There was some private misunderstanding between M.K.Chinniah, Speaker of the Union (a student coming from Jaffna), and Chellappa (Kallar) and it is also alleged that one of the Lecturers of the College - Sri Chinna Thevar (Marava), (Lecturer in Economics), instigated and encouraged Chellappa to assault M.K.Chinniah. In the complaint of M.K.Chinniah, it is mentioned that Sri Chinna Thevar (Lecturer) passed that way, a few minutes after the assault. Chinniah is one of the unselected pupils of the IV class and he was feeling that Sri Chinna Thevar, Lecturer in Economics, was responsible for his detention. He seems to have spoken something to irritate Sri Chinna Thevar (Lecturer); hence the story is that Sri Chinna Thevar and Chellappa (Student) joined together and assaulted Chinniah speaker. 14 students out of 110 have been detained in IV Class. Some-how, there is a feeling among the students that Sri Chinna Thevar (Lecturer) is partial to pupils of his own community and he is being supported by the Principal - this Lecturer being considered a favourite of the Principal.

The students of the College demanded drastic action to be taken against Chellappa, the student, who assaulted the speaker. The Standing Committee of the College consisting of the Principal, Vice-Principal and two others, considered the representation of the students and resolved to suspend Chellappa from the College and the Hostel for 2 weeks (from 6-2-48 to 20-2-48) and fine Rs.5/-. The students were not satisfied with his punishment and hence their demonstration. Later on, the Principal said that he would reconsider the matter and on the advice of the Collector, the strike was called off.

The Standing Committee again met on 14-2-48 and came to the decision that the punishment already awarded is adequate.

The students have sent a written representation to the Principal asking for the immediate dismissal of Sri Chinnna Thevar, Lecturer of the College, who is alleged to have instigated the assault. The reasons adduced by the students, for the dismissal of the Lecturer are the following.

- (a) the conduct and behaviour of the Lecturer - haughty and insulting to the students.
- (b) his antecedents not good - it is alleged that he was sent away from the M.D.T. Hindu College, Tinnevely, for mis-behaviour.
- (c) use of contemptuous and insulting language on several occasions,
- (d) favouritism - partial to some students, and
- (e) instigated Chellappa to assault Chinniah.

The Principal is enquiring into this matter and he has recorded some statements, but, the Lecturer, has gone on leave and the Principal considers that he may not return.

At present the atmosphere is smooth and the classes are regularly working.

I may state, in this connection, that there was a similar assault in the College last year at a meeting, but there was no strike. It was confined to a ~~small~~ section of pupils at a sectional meeting. Quarrels among the students are common in this College hostel. From February to November 1947, I was living in one of the Bungalows within the College and the hostel premises and in the nights I have often heard the students quarrelling, using bad-language. The general discipline has to improve very much. Though the students are not to leave the hostel after 9-30 P.M. it is a common thing to see them going after 9-30 P.M. they can easily jump over the railings, even if the gates are closed. The general discipline is not satisfactory. There are three Wardens in the Hostel but effective supervision specially in the nights, is essential.

Room No. 16,
'B' Hostel,
American College,
Madura, 5th Feb. 48.

To
The Principal,
American College, Madura.

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The student body feels that these facts should be presented to you immediately and since a lecturer is also strongly suspected to be one of the party an impartial hearing should be heard.

Thanking you.

Yours obediently,
Sd. M.K. Chinniah, 929.
(True Copy)

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE MADURA.
February 13, 1948.

From

Sri A. Ranjitham, M.A., L.T.,
Principal, The American College, Madura.

To

The Registrar, University of Madras,
Chennai, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Students Strike on Feb. 5th and 6th forenoon.

On the morning of Thursday Feb. 5th a complaint was given to me by a student named M.K. Chinniah of Class IV that he was assaulted by another student named D. Chellappa of Class IV and a few others whom he could not identify at about 11.30 P.M. the previous night. Students of class IV struck saying that they would not attend the class until the matter was enquired. In the afternoon most of the other students also kept away from the classes. The complaint was enquired by a Committee of four responsible Senior members of the staff. They held that Chellappa was guilty and suspended him for two weeks and fined Rs. 5/-. As soon as the decision was known about a hundred students protested before the college office that the punishment was not adequate. Later in the evening they marched in a procession to the Collector's Bungalow. The Collector asked them to come the next morning. But they did not go. At 10 A.M. on Friday the 6th Feb. they organised a strike. They behaved in an insulting manner towards other students who were going to the classes including women students and women lecturers. At about 10-30 A.M. on the 6th the Collector sent word asking me to go to him bringing with me others. I and a few members of the staff and the leading strikers went to the Collector at 10.45 A.M. The Collector heard the case, and expressed his opinion that the punishment was quite adequate, and even warning would have been sufficient. Thereupon the students agreed to call off the strike and regular classes went on in the afternoon of Friday 6th Feb.

On Monday 9th Feb. I received a petition signed by six students containing allegations against a lecturer. Two names in the petition were found scored. I called for an enquiry on Wednesday 11th Feb. at 4-30 P.M. Two Signatories withdrew. Four were enquired into, and their statements were recorded.

From information gathered so far, I understand that the strike was mainly organised by unselected students, and by certain of the staff and students who were suspected to be members of the R.S.S., because the lecturer concerned spoke strongly against R.S.S. at the memorial meeting held in honour of Mahatma Gandhi on Monday Feb. 2nd. I am making further enquiry about the organisers of the strike, and propose to take such action as may be necessary.

Sd. A. Ranjitham,
Principal.

(True Copies)

for Director of Public Instruction.

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 Ref ~~113~~ 41 E-114 (22)
 L. P. No 9406 23/68-4 Sendl- 21/3/68
 To ✓
 The Registrar, University of Madras, Madras.
 Sir,
 Sub:- Colleges - American College,
 Madras - Students strike etc
 Ref:- This office letter Ref No. 9406/23/68
 Sendl- 19/2/68
 I am to enquire when your
 reply in the matter may be
 forwarded.
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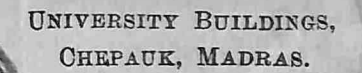


FROM

It is requested that all communications should be addressed to the Registrar, University of Madras, Triplicane P. O., Madras, and not to any person by name.

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

No. *Cc 1487*



7 - APR 1948

THE REGISTRAR,

University of Madras.

To

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

S i r,

Sub: American College, Madura, Students' Strike.

Ref: Your letter No. 9406G3/48-2 Edn. dated the
19th February 1948 - Also your reminder letter
No. 9406G3/48-4 Edn. dated the 21st March 1948.

I have the honour to inform you that the Principal, American College reported the matter to the University in February 1948. He further sent a final report in March 1948 stating that four students viz. G.M.T. Jeyasing, S. Ramachandran, S.V. Subbiah and K.N. Abuthahir were mainly responsible for organising the strike and that he proposed to issue the Transfer Certificates so that they might join any other College. The Syndicate at its meeting held on the 19th March 1948 considered the correspondence as also your letter under reference and resolved that the correspondence be recorded.

Your obedient servant,

R. R. L. Darmul.
Ag. REGISTRAR.

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Colleges - American College,
Madura - Students' - Strike.
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From the students of the American College,
Madura, dt- 5/2/48, 6.2.48, 7.2.48
From the Collr, Madura, dt- 6.2.48
" re D.I. 528 E 4/48 dt- 23.2.28-
" re Registrar, University of Madras.
c.R. 1487 dt- 7.4.48.

Order/MS 934 Quid-22.4.48.

Recorded.

APD
20-4-48
To the Collr. of Mysore.
DPI.
"Registrar, Madras
Univ.

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Secretary, E.& P.H.

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I have received the following wire:

" Education Minister - Instigated by one lecturer group of hireling students attempted life speaker American College within college compound yesternight whole student body striking hooliganism goondaism rampant no security provided by authorities immediate intervention of university needed - American College Students Madura 6-2-48"

The D.P.I. may be asked to make enquiries and report immediately.

ISA
6.2.48

H.M.Education.

Copies to:-
The Director of Pub.Instruction, Madras.
The Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura.

P.T.O.

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

Please see the telegram on p.1 c.f. and the minutes of H.M. (Edn.) on p.1 ante. A draft memo. to the D.P.I. is submitted for approval.

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7.2.48 [Issued as memo No. 9406 83/48 + Edn P3cf
of 7-2-48]

Cnos. 9687 and 9626/48 } Telegrams from the students
of the American College,
Madras of 6-2-48 and 7/2/48. PPS-13cf

Please see the telegrams on pp 5-13cf.

The D.P.I.'s report called for in the memo on p.3cf may be awaited till 16/2/48.

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10/2/48
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Secretary, E.& P.H.

PP 21-27 cf

Please see herewith a report of the Divisional Inspector of School, Madura, with regard to the assault on a student in the American College. I understand that there was a similar assault in the College Hostel last year and that the discipline of the College must be improved. The University may be enquired into as to whether the University is taking any action in the matter. They may be informed that the Government is anxious that such incidents will have a very deleterious effect on the life of the students and that the discipline is by far the most important training that ^{any} college can give to ^{its} students - more important even than the academic knowledge which they may impart. The University may be requested to report to us the action taken by them in the matter.

ISA

18-2-48

H.M. Education.

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

Please see the minutes of H.M. (Edn.) above. A draft letter to the Registrar, Madras University, is subd. for approval.

The D.P.I. has not sent his reply to the Govt. memo. on p.3. c.f. A draft reminder to him is ^{also} subd. for approval.

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Cno. 13522/48

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[Issued as Lr. Ref No. 9406 83/48-2 Edn
of 19-2-48]

[Memo. 9406 83/48-32nd of 17/2/48]
From the D.P.I. Ref. No. 52854/48 of 23/2/48.

Please see the letter from the D.P.I. on p. 35 cf and its enclosures on pp 37-39 cf. The D.P.I. has forwarded

ordered a copy of the report subd
by the Dir. Inspector of Schools
Madras, ~~which was already~~

sent a copy of his report direct
to HH (Edn) and action has already
been taken thereon, with reference
to the minutes of HH (Edn) on p.3
ante. This may be circulated
to HH (Edn) with reference to his
minutes on p.1 ante.

The report from the University
may be available.
2.3.48
S. J. (Edn.)
1.3.48

The report from the University has
not yet been received. A draft reminder
is subd for approval.

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19/4/48
S. J.
20.3.48

(Issued as Letter No.9406-G3/48-4 Edn., dated 21.3.1948)
C.No.25746/48- From the Registrar, University of Madras, No.C.R.1487
dated 7.4.1948.

Please see the letter from the Registrar, Univer-
sity of Madras, on p.43 c.f. He states that that the Principal
of the American College reported the matter relating to the American College
students' strike to the University in Feb., 1948, that ^{the Principal} he also sent
a final report in March 1948 ^{to the effect} stating that four students, viz.
G.M.T. Jeyasing, S.Ramachandran, S.V.Subbiah and K.N.Abuthahir,
were mainly responsible for organising the strike and that he
proposed to issue the Transfer certificates so that they might
join any other college, ^{The Reg. adds that} and the Syndicate at its meeting held
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The D.P.J.
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Schools. 2.3.48
PP 24-27
vide letter to
S. J. (Edn.)
27.3.48

Doc. No. 53C.

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P41 cf
P43 cf

on 19-3-48 considered the Principal's reports and also the
letter from the Govt. at p.p.29-30 c.f. and resolved that
the correspondence be recorded. In the circumstances, no
further action seems called on ^{for in the matter.} this file. May be circula-
to H.M.(Edn.), with reference to his minutes
on p.3 ante.

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9/4/48
S. J.
11.4.48

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S. J. (Edn.)

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18.4.48



E. J. H. (613)

Please see the orders in circulation
above. The papers may be
recorded. A draft order is subd for
approval.

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21/4/48
S. J.
21.4.48

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[Issued as G.O. No. 954 Edn. - 22/4/48]



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