

From

J. R. Barrow, Esq., M. A., I. E. S.

Offg. Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Dated Calcutta, the 24th April 1930.

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4. The month of January brought the proclamation of " Independence Day" on the 26th. This passed off peacefully except that the Congress flag was hoisted in the Hostel. Under my instructions the Hostel Superintendent did not attempt to haul it down. My view was that it was out of the question for the Superintendent to enter into a physical struggle with a number of the boarders, and that the hoisting of the flag did not really do any harm, if indeed it may not be said to have acted as a convenient safety valve.

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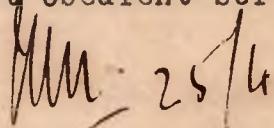
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Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Principal, Presidency College.

Confidential

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J. R. Barroos Esq. late

Principal

Presidency ~~of~~

The enclosed papers
were intercepted this
morning, and are
submitted for such
action as may be
deemed necessary.

Re: Cleo Clegg

H. C. Deane

Hare School

23/4/30

No. 28 (Con).

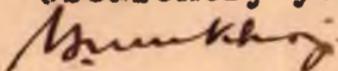
HINDU SCHOOL,

Calcutta, the 24th April, 1923.

Esteemed Sir,

I beg to send herewith the accompanying leaflets addressed to the students of class IX of this school. As I allow no letters addressed to the boys to reach their hands before I open and read them I opened the cover (submitted herewith) and found these highly inflammatory leaflets. The cover was received this morning at 8.40 A.M.

Obediently yours,



Head Master, Hindu School

J. R. Barrow, Esq., M.A., I.E.S.,

Principal, Presidency College.



To the
Students class X
Hindu School.
Calcutta.



THE INDIAN REPUBLICAN ARMY

TO THE STUDENTS AND YOUTHS OF CHITTAGONG.

Dear Brothers,

THE INDIAN REPUBLICAN ARMY has made an attempt to assert its rightful claim to liberate the country from the cruel yoke and oppression of the British people and their government and has kept up flying the ensign of FREE INDIA.

The British government, during the last 200 years of their tyrannical reign in India, have crushed with very cruel hands the Indians every time they have tried to achieve freedom and this time also they will not spare any energy to restore their illegal establishment for predatory exploitation.

So, brothers, rise up to the situation, try to feel the anguish of subjugation, see to the sad plight your country has been put to, do what the Youths and students of Germany, Russia and China are doing, kindle up the fire of wrath and retaliation in your hearts, ENROLL yourselves as soldiers under THE INDIAN REPUBLICAN ARMY and make an ardent attempt to save the MOTHERLAND from the abyss of misfortune and misery.

BY ORDER
PRESIDENT in Council
INDIAN REPUBLICAN ARMY, Chittagong Branch.

INDIAN REPUBLICAN ARMY

THE INDIAN REPUBLICAN ARMY, Chittagong branch, hereby solemnly declares its intention to stand today against the agelong repression by the British people and their government, which they have followed as a cruel policy to keep the three hundred millions of Indian people subjugated for unlimited time and to eradicate the slightest trace of nationalism and their national originality amongst them.

The right of ownership of India and the control of her destinies belongs to the people of India only and the long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished that right nor it ever CAN. THE INDIAN REPUBLICAN ARMY proclaims today its intention of asserting this right in arms in the face of the world and thus put into actual practice the idea of Indian Independence declared by the Indian National Congress; and hereby pledges the life of every one of its members to the cause of freedom to the welfare and exaltation of the MOTHER LAND amongst all other nations.

IT remembers today with sorrowful indignation the inhuman massacre of the Indian people perpetrated by the British Government on the Indian soil, the blowing up of her womanfolk in the mouth of the guns, the indiscriminate hangings and cold-blooded murders of her manhood, the crushing of her infants under the cruel British boot and the complete destruction of her trade and industries; and takes up the sacred vow of retaliating and avenging the blood of her late wronged children.

THE INDIAN REPUBLICAN ARMY, is entitled to and hereby claims the allegiance of every Indian people for the upkeep of the national cause and honour and also prays that no person who reveres this cause will dishonour it by callousness, cowardice and inhumanity. In this supreme hour the Chittagong people must, by their valour and patriotism and by the readiness of her children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove themselves worthy of the august destiny to which they are called.

BY ORDER
PRESIDENT in Council,
INDIAN REPUBLICAN ARMY, Chittagong Branch.

Confidential.

No. 11

Answered from the
Hindu School. Mr
9/6

From

The Head Master, Hindu School, Calcutta.

To

~~The~~

The Principal,

Presidency College, Calcutta.

Calcutta, the 9th April, 1930.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 879 (con) dated 4th instant, I have the honour to report that no unrest prevails among the boys of my school, and that the discipline of the school is ~~most~~ not affected in the least on that score.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Brahmakantha Mukherjee.

Head Master, Hindu School.

Confidential.

From

The Head Master,

Hare School, Calcutta.

To

J.R. Barrow Esq, I.M.S.

Principal, Presidency College.

Dated, Calcutta, the 11th April, 1930.

16/4/-

Sir,

With reference to your Confidential Memo No 880 dated the 14th April, 1930 forwarding copy of Director of Public Instruction, Bengal's Confidential Circular No 10 dated, 1st April, 1930 I have the honour to inform you that so far as this school is concerned no signs of unrest have been noticed upto this time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Recliffe

Head Master.

16/4/-

Confidential

From

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

To

All Inspectors of Schools X X X X X X

Principals of Government Art Colleges X X X X

Calcutta, the 1st April 1930.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward a copy of the Education Department letter No. 1259 Edn., dated 27th March 1930 and to request you to submit quarterly reports on the state of unrest in the Government educational institutions under your control as required by Government. The reports will be due in this office in the months of April, July, October and January.

2. The first report should, however, be submitted dealing with the period up to the close of the institutions before the ensuing summer vacation.

I have etc.

Sd. R. Wolfenden,

for D. P. I. Bengal.

To

J. R. Barrow, Esq., M. A.

No.

Confidential

The 4th April 1930.

Copy forwarded to the H. M. Hindu School no. 879 con.
H. M. Sans. School 980 con.
Imp. C. H. Hostel. 881 con.
with request to let him have any remarks they may wish to make before the Easter Holidays.

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Mr. 4/4
Offg. Principal, Presidency College.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

Education Department.

Education Branch.

No. 1259 Edn.

From

A. J. Dash, Esq., I. C. S.

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Calcutta, the 27th March 1930.

The Hon'ble Mr. K. Hazimuddin, C. I. S.

Minister in Charge.

Sir,

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I have etc.,

Sd. A. J. Dash,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Circular No.10.

Confidential.

From

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To

All Inspectors of Schools (including Inspector of European Schools, Bengal); Inspectresses of Schools; Principals of Government Arts Colleges; Principals, David Hare Training and Teachers' Training Colleges : Principals, Bengal Engineering College and Ahsanullah School of Engineering ; Principal, Government School of Art; Principal, Government Commercial Institute ; Principals, Calcutta and Chittagong Madrasahs ; Superintendent, Hooghly Madrasah ; and Superintendent, Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Alipore.

Copy to
Sir A. Barker
& to Superintendent of Schools,
with report to him

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R. Wolfenden.

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True copy.

ABC
11/4/30

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