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MEMORANDUM

In the Court of R.L. Yorke Esqr., J.C.S., Additional Sessions Judge.

In the case of King-Emperor versus P. Spratt & others

Examination of S.A. Dange

accused under section 342 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, made before me R.L. Yorke Additional Sessions Judge at Meerut on the 26th day of October 1931.

Q. My name is Sripat Amrit Dange; my father's name is Amrit Faghunath Dange; I am by caste No caste; 31 years of age; by occupation journalist and labour organiser; my home is at Bombay; Police-station city of Bombay; District Bombay; I reside at Bombay.

Q. You heard your statement in the Lower Court P.2613 read out to you on 16.3.31. Is that statement correct?

A. Yes.

Q. The following documents which are in evidence against you may be described as Foreign Correspondence. P.1869C, 2328P2, 1968, 1009, 1606, 1607, 1640, 1655, 75, 1348 (34), 2408P, 1609 and 1 and 107(1), 1610, 2215, 1200(1), 2415, 2412P, 2409P, 2211, 2057, 2413P2, 807, 1205 and 1205. Have you anything to say about this evidence?

A. Remark on the charge, its true meaning. Failure of democracy etc etc.

Q. The following documents relate to your connection with the Communist Party of India:- 1287(11), 1140, 1141, 340, 1605, 1207(1) (=409), 939 Aranti of 4.6.27 and 18.6.27, 1634, 1285, 1237(2), (3), 20350, 1295, 1300, 1310, 1296, 1208(3); (4); and 1574. Have you anything to say about this evidence?

A. In answer to a question of the Magistrate I had said I was a Communist. I affirm that statement now. But I will explain what I understand by Communism and what my aims and objects are.

Historical Survey.

My aim is to replace world Capitalist economy by a

world system of Communism. Necessity for so doing.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

26.10.31.

Economic thesis.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

27.10.31.

Thesis continued: largely historical. French Revolution.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

28.10.31.

Further historical survey: (with incidental references upto the present date). The Great War, Disarmament etc. Capitalism's troubles.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

29.10.31.

Present Economic Lock. Lengthy discussion of all aspects.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

30.10.31.

More European history: illustrating growth of Labour movement. Chartist movement etc.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

31.10.31.

Historical survey continued upto 1870.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

2.11.31.

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The Dictatorship of the Proletariat: history of the idea. First realised in the Commune. End of 1st International. Foundation of 2nd International.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

3.11.31.

Further developments of 2nd International: the Great War and the changes in 2nd International. Brinthal, Zimmerwald. The Russian Revolution.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

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Ed. R.L.Yorke

5.11.31.

Historical development from 1905 continued.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

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History continued: the Revolution, the Provisional Government.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

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The Bolshevik Revolution. Its work in the countryside: among peasantry. Dangers it had to avoid. Difficulties about making peace with the Central Powers. Brest Litovsk 18.3.18. Progress in early years of the Soviet republics.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

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Mainly theoretical.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

13.11.31.

Progress of nationalisation etc in early Bolshevik years. Difficulties. War Communism. N.E.P. The 5 years plan.

Ed. R.L.Yorke

14.11.31.

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Ed. R.L.Yorke

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Ed. R.L.Yorke

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Sd. R.L.Yorke

21.11.31.

Historical continued. 1st Assembly. Analysis of constitutional progress etc.

Sd. R.L.Yorke

23.11.31.

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Sd. R.L.Yorke

26.11.31.

Crown Counsel urges that the whole statement, heading and body, is all irrelevant to the issues before the Court, Accused replies that he is referring to exhibits all the way along, that he is meeting statements made by the prosecutions and indeed the whole case of the prosecution. The court feels the greatest doubt as to the relevance and value of the whole of this lengthy statement but considers it desirable, in order to avoid all possibility of the accused not having had a full opportunity to make their defence case clear, to allow accused to proceed.

Sd. R.L.Yorke

27.11.31.

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Present day problems: impossibility of bourgeois development.
Class struggle unavoidable. The Communist Party programme
and its solutions versus those of other parties. Money
lending etc.

Sd/- .L.Yorke

27.11.31.

Class struggle of peasants in Punjab. Indebtedness. Lyallpur Colony. Effect of money economy.

Sd. R.L.Yorke

28.11.31.

Zamindari and Ryotwari systems: of ten synonyms. Features of their economy. Slavery conditions. Better than those of tenancy. Peasants in feudal Oudh.

Sd. R.L.Yorke

30.11.31.

The peasant or rather feudal problem continued. Odds heavily against peasant in the exchange market, or capitalist market. Results. He loses whether prices are rising or falling.

Sd. R.L.Yorke

1.12.31.

Discussion of the position of the petty bourgeoisie. Not a real class. The charkha.

Sd. R.L.Yorke

2.12.31.

Callacies of charkha. Position of the working class. Existence of material grievances. Government as bad as any other employer. Class struggle a genuine fact, and only means of progress.

Sd. R.L.Yorke

3.12.31.

Accused after some discussion of the charge asks for the remaining items of documentary evidence to be put to him.

Q. The following is (E. & O.) the rest of the evidence against you grouped under its main heads:-

I. W.P.P. of Bombay. P.1373(6), 2137P.230, 101, ¹³⁶²2311, 1685, 1375 Kranti of 3.9.27; 835, 1348(41), 993, 1353, 1343, 1348⁽¹⁵⁾(16) (18) (19) (24) (14) (7), 1373(11) ~~121~~, 1348(2), 1624, 1373(13), 984, 981, 1492, 930 Kranti of 30.6.28, 986 Kranti of ~~12.7.26~~ 5.7.28, 23.8.28 and 30.8.28, 930 Kranti of 12.7.26 and 2.8.28, 1602, 1344, 1365, P.W's 244 and 245, P. 2242, P. 1690, 1261, 1207(4), (3), 1170 and 431 Krantikari

of 28.1.28, 1211, 10029, 1207(5); Kranti 9.8.28, 23.8.28, 20.8.28, 2.9.28, 20.9.28, 27.9.28, 5.10.28, 13.1.29, 3.3.29, and 17.3.29. (to be found in different Kranti exhibits numbers.) P. 987, 988, 1205, 990, 983.

II. T.P.P of Bengal etc:- Bengal: P. 52, 526(41), 161 and 1855.

U.P: P. 1619F, 1621P, 311 & 433, 526(6).

Punjab: P. 526(24), 1408, (1409, 1393, 1608, 205, 162, 1641 & P. 175

III. A.I.T.P.F: P. 1373(2), 1613, 2024C, 1348(2E), 1373, 1323, 1617, 1373(5), 1654P, 1641, 1797F, 1348(35), 468(2), 978, 977 & 669.

IV. A.I.T.U.C: P. 119, P. 10, 1965, 1966, 1967, 2138F, 2141C, 1878B, 1863P, 545(1), 1614, 1848, 479, 526(34), 545(3), 545(8); 99, 1206(1), and F. 123.

V. T.U's & Strikes: P. 819, 1525, P. 273, 276, 278, 245, P. 958, 94, 966, 967, 929, 980, 950, 949, 787, 786, 790, 792, 954, 1628F, 311(2), (1), 396, 951(1), 964, & 986 Kranti of 12.8.28.

VI. Connections & Miscellaneous: P. 244 & 218, P. 1972, 1973, 1966, 2067(1)P, 1637, 995, 996, 1639, 2022, 957, 145, 525(1), 645, 980, 991, 997, 1000, 1220, 1003, 129, 1819, 1822, 1885, 2213, 1207(2)(6), 1208(2), 1796(e), 2512, and 975 and 1175.

Have you anything to say in explanation of this evidence.

A. The Bombay General Textile Strike. Result of circumstances.

Sd. R.L.Yorke

4.12.31.

Indian working class movement in last 15 years, especially Bombay: terrible conditions of life. Realisation of international interdependence. Strikes in 1924 & 1925. & afterwards. Their causes. Sd. R.L.Yorke 5/123

The opening phases of 1928 strike. Numerous facts ultimately demonstrating absurdity of proposition that accused were responsible for starting and maintaining the general textile strike.

Sd. W.L.Yorke

7.12.31.

Relations of G.K.M to the strike. Affairs in the G.K.M. Part taken by W.P.P. Early stages of the strike.

Sd. W.L.Yorke

8.12.31.

Further progress of strike. Question of Registration and Joint Strike Committee. Analysis of the different stages. The cotton shipments.

Sd. R.L.Yorke

9.12.31.

G.K.U registered. Malaviya. Arrests of self and Nimbkar. Negotiations in July. Distribution of relief.

Sd. R.L.Yorke

11.12.31.

The Hidayatullah Conference. Its failure. Who were responsible for prolongation of the strike? Obviously the millowners, who agreed in October to what they refused in August. Their standardisation scheme a canceled wagecut: this was our view and was finally admitted correct. The Assembly letter and Public Safety Bill. No effect on ~~it~~. The Mayor's Relief Fund.

Sd. R.L.Yorke

12.12.31.

The Mayor's conference. Shaukat Ali. Our new proposals, alternatives. Discussions in September with millowners. *Sh. Mangal Das etc.* Necessity of settlement from our point of view. *Il faut reculer pour mieux sauter!*

Sd. R.L.Yorke

14.12.31.

Conference on October 4, 1928 and strike called off *on 6th. Responsibility for prolongation of strike.*
~~on 5th. Responsibility for prolongation of strike.~~

Not ours. (Other charges of prosecution: use of strikes for educational purposes: rehearsal theory absurd. Speeches: the small percentage in evidence gives a wrong idea of the general intention of them. No incitement to violence. In fact crime fell off in the mill area during strike.

Ed. R.L. Yorke

15.12.31.

No incitement to violence in the speeches and no violence due to speeches or to the strike or such. Ideological aspect. Critical attack on the evidence of prosecution proving 3 speeches P.1701M3, P.2242 and P.224b. of responsibility for these speeches as they appear in evidence.

Ed. R.L. Yorke

16.12.31.

Foreign help for strike. True view about it. Help given inside India. After strike difficulties and tasks.

Ed. R.L. Yorke

17.12.31.

G.K.U.'s work after strike ended. Red Army: foolish idea of prosecution about this. A corps of volunteers not very different from those of Congress etc in appearance, but an underlying radical difference.

Difficulties with millowners: owing to breaches of the settlement. Subsequent strikes not due to us.

Ed. R.L. Yorke

18.12.31.

Game continued. Results of these subsequent strikes. Mill Committees. Trickery of mill managements.

Ed. R.L. Yorke

19.12.31.

More about Mill Committees: why and wherefore. Training of workers in union work. Fawcett Committee. 1929 strike whether planned in 1928. Difficulties with G.K.U.,

B.I.L.U etc. Firing of 12th December. Organisation of and finances of G.K.U.

Ed. R.L. Yorke 21.12.31

More difficulties in the mills. The part Pearl Mill Murder and trial of Papa Mian etc.

The February Riots of 1929, Pathan Scare etc. The report of the Committee and its obvious mistakes or mis-statements. Correct version of causes of riots. Attacks on G.K.U. Headquarters. Chaukat Ali and Mohd Ali and part.

Sd. H.L.Yorke

22.12.31.

Replies to attacks made by Alwe and Hasle accused and also by K.L.Chosh accused. Particular reference to Gauris money and outsiders in the unions.

Sd. H.L.Yorke

23.12.31.

My work in the Bombay Tramwaymen's Union. Work in the A.I.T.U.C. History of A.I.T.U.C. Interest taken in it by National Congress. Hypocritical Evidence about connection with A.I.T.U.C.

Exhibits and connection with W.P.P and C.P.I. Treatment of my applications in regard to boy interview etc. Remarks on individual exhibits e.g. Gandhi vs Lenin, P.2311, P.2512.

Delays in this case are due to the Prosecution and the Court and not to the accused. Length of statements: really not their length but slow reporting is to blame!

Sd. H.L.Yorke

4.1.32.

General explanation of the intention of the above statement as a whole. A defence of right of every Indian to hold Communist principles and belong to a Communist Party.

Sd. H.L.Yorke

5.1.31.