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P. W. 1.

*Henry Jennings, Inspector, Calcutta Police, on solemn affirmation.*

I am in the Calcutta Police for 18 years. I was given the warrants Exhibit P 3 and P 4 for execution by arrest and search of Goshawmi. I had two witnesses with me to the search their names are on the search list Baldeo Singh and Jagmanden. The place searched was 1/1 Radhenath Mullick's Lane, Calcutta. I and the witnesses were searched before we went in to the house. The accused was not there when we were searched. It was 20th March. I arrested him in the morning and carried out the search after the arrest. He was present during the search. A search list was prepared. I identify the list P 5. This is a list of articles found on his person. It bears my signature and that of the other witnesses. It shows correctly the things found on him.

Search list P 6 was also prepared by me. It is signed by me, there are 7 pages and I have signed each page. The other witnesses signed the pages too. It is a correct list of articles found in the search.

Document (typed two pages) Exhibit P 7 is item No. 3 in the 1st list (Exhibit P, 5) It is initialled by me and by the witnesses. The book 'Leninism' was No. 2 on the second search list. It is P. 8. The following articles were also found:—

2nd list:	
Item 3, Pamphlet (Young Comradés League)	Ex. P 9
5, Photo	P 10
7 (4) Bengali printed document	P 11
7 (5) English printed document	
7 (6) English leaflet	P 13
7 (8) Certificate	P 14
7 (14) Rules (M. S. S.) (8 pages)	P 15
7 (16) Account Book	P 16

All these bear my signature or initials and those of the search witnesses.

x x — none.

Sd/-R. Milner White

18-7-29

Sd/-H. Jennings

18-7-29.

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## P. W. 2.

*Buldeo Singh, Son of Ahebcaran Singh, Kshuttai, 35 Shop-keeper, Ghualpur, Partabgarh, on path.*

I have been in Ccutta for 10-12 years. I live in Kapalitola Lane. I went to search the house of a man-points out Goswami-with Inspector Jennings. It was 20th March, early in the morning. He was arrested and his house was searched. Documents were recovered. He was sitting naked on a charpai, whence documents were recovered.

There is no signatute of mine on P 5. My signatures are on P. 6, each page.

The list was prepared on the spot.

My signatures are on P. 7, P. 8, P. 9, P. 10, P. 11, P. 12, P. 13, P. 14, P. 15, P. 16.

These things were found there, and I signed them then and there.

Prosecution wished to point out alleged signature on P. 5 and ask witness to say if it was his. On objection by the defence, the court asked:—

Look again at this paper (P. 5): is your signature on it ?

Answare. Yes-I now see it-it was run over by another signature, so that it is not clear.

x x None.

Sd/-R. Milner White,

18-7-29

## P. W. 3.

*Mr. R. L. Mehta, Sub-Inspector Sect, C, Calcutta, S/a.*

I am a Sub-inspector. I have been in the police for about 11 years. I recently arrested Kishori Lal Ghosh. This is the warrant-P. 17. I see him in court. I arrested him on 20th March. I searched his house too-P. 18 is the search warrant, and is endorsed by me. I had two search witnesses, Abrendra Nath Bhattacharjye and Raghendra nath Mitra, The accused Ghosh searched our persons before we entered the house. A search list was prepared it is Exhibit 19: it is signed on each of the 5 pages by me, and by the witnesses in my presence. On the left hand side of each page is the signature of the accused. It is a correct list of documents and articles found.

I got the witnesses to sign all the documents subsequently: this was done on more days than one. On the 20th we put all the papers into 4 boxes, which were sealed with Ghosh's seal: the seal was given back to him after sealing, and he appointed Mr. Mirinal Kantta Bhowse to represent him where the boxes were opened. This gentleman refused to come, so the boxes could not be opened till the 25th. On that day I got the search witnesses and Mr. A.C.Sen, who had there been appointed by Ghosh as his representative. So on 25th in presence of the search witnesses and Mr. Sen one box was opened. The seal was intact and was shown to the witnesses and to Mr. Sen: the other boxes were opened on 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and April 1st. The documents could not be signed on the 20th as there were too many of them, and the search witnesses could not stay longer.

A subsequent search list was also prepared it contains 6 pages, and is P. 20. I have signed on each page, and so have the witnesses and Mr. A. C. Sen.

The following items produced were on the list:—

Ref. to P. 20

Item No. 1	Manifesto	P. 21
A. 5	Imperialism	P. 22
A. 17	Manifesto ( 1927 )	P. 23
A. 25	Draft of letter to Mr. Joshi	P. 24
A. 32	Postcard	P. 25

Ref. to P. 19

I. J.	Minute Book	P. 26
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- I. P. Contains a large U. O. of letters: each paper was signed and the letter produced was one. P. 27
- I. T. is another file: each letter was signed. One of the letter is: P. 28  
 Another is P. 29  
 Another is P. 30  
 ( Copy of the letter from Ghosh to Henry Pollitt ).
2. 1. Two copies of "Masses of India ". P. 31 & P. 32
2. 1. Vanguard P. 33
2. 2. Envelope containing typed list of office bearers of Bengal Jute Working Association. P. 34 & P. 34 E
2. 3. Three typewritten sheets Bengal Trades Union Association proceedings. P. 35
2. 4. File, containing letters, among which was a typed letter ( 3 sheets ). P. 36
2. 6. File containing papers, among which was printed manifesto of Feb, 1928. P. 37  
 Letter Spratt to Ghosh, dated 15th March 1927. P. 38
- Also visiting card both contained in file, which is 2. 6. P. 39
2. 7. File containing letters: including one ( 2 typed pages )-call for constituent Assembly. P. 40
- 2, 20 Pocket Diary for 1928 P. 41
2. 21. ....1927 P. 42
2. 22. ....1929 P. 43

All these things were signed by the searched witnesses and Mr. Sen in my presence.

Sd/-R. Milner White,

18-7-29

Sd/-R. L. Mehta

18-7-29

R. L. Mehta, Continued :

The following further items were found :

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|------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 2. 26      | Diary for 1928<br>( containing certain statements )  | P. 44                         |
| 2. 27      | Diary of 1929  | P. 45                         |
| 2. 29      | Diary of 1927  | P. 46                         |
|            | The visiting card K. N. Sehgal, pinned to the inside cover, was there.   |                               |
| 2. 30      | Diary for 1926   | P. 47                         |
| 2. 32      | Labour International Handbook<br>( ad. by Palme Dutt )   | P. 48                         |
| 3. 1       | Bound volume--"Langal" and a slip of paper pinned to the front, containing two addresses.  | P. 49                         |
| 3. 2. A2   | Letter signed by D. Campbell, with six newspaper on things.  | P. 50                         |
| 3. 2. A. 4 | Bundle containing documents, including reports of Executive Committee workers and Peasant's Union--"Imprecor Masses of India", etc. etc., resolutions--"Sunday worker", index for index for "Imprecor" July-December 1922--"Imprecor", for several dates in August 1922 and April 1923--"Labour months" Aug. 1927 Vanguard for 1st Sept--1922 and 1st June 1922--"Russia under Soviet rule" resolutions of Bengal Peasants and workers Party, in Bengali--rules and regulations of Peasants and workers Party (in Bengali) Report of Executive Committee of workers and Peasants Party 1927-28 ( in Bengali ), | P. 51-68                      |
| 3. 2. A5   | Letter (in envelope) in German   | P. 69 & 69 E                  |
| 3. 2. A5   | Three letters in envelopes   |                               |
|            | 1. Signed by Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghosh   | P. 70 & 70 E                  |
|            | 2. Signed by Spratt, to Kishori  | P. 71 & 71 E                  |
|            | 3. (a) From Agnes Smedley in Berlin<br>(1) In Bengali, signed by Sumendranath Tagore   | P. 72 & 72 E (1)<br>P. 72 (2) |

3. 2. A5 Four letters in envelopes :—
- (1) From Muzaffar Ahmad to Gosh
  - (2) From Spratt to Ghosh P. 74 & 74 E
  - (3) From Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghosh and a draft reply apparently in Ghosh's writing P. 75 & 75 E
  - (4) Letter in Bengali From Sumendra Nath Tagore to Ghosh P. 76 & 76 E
3. 2. A6 Envelope containing letter from D. Campbell P. 77 & 77 E
3. 2. A. 6. Typed document—signed by Spratt—“Open” letter to “Dear comrade”, report of Sub Committee for Labour consitution for India, and draft reports of the Sub-Committee on the Nehru report. P. 78
3. 2. A. 6. Three carbon copies—begining a letter to Tagore but apparently continues to Agnes Smedley on 2nd page. P. 79
3. 2. A. 7. Papers:—
- (1) Telegram from Hnkolina Berlin to Johnston (league against imperia lism) Coupon, Calcutta. P. 80
  - (2) Draft “apparently” in writing of Kishori Lal Ghosh, but signed by Johnston. P. 81
  - (3) In Bengali, signed by “Muzaffar Ahmad” Bundle of letters, including P. 82
    - (1) letter signed by Radha Raman with ‘P. Spratt’ on back. P. 83
    - (2) Letter about Mr. Johnston from Mr. P. C. Bose to Kishori Babu P. 84 & 84 E
  - Manifesto of Communist Party of India-Gauhate 1926. P. 85
  - Draft of letter to Dange believed to be in writing of Ghosh. P. 86
4. 11. Copy of Leninism by Stalin. P. 87
4. 12. Copy of “Russias” Path to Communism” by Zinorieff. P. 88



4. 14. " Ten days that shook the World " by  
John Reid P. 89
4. 18. " Revolutionary movement in the  
colonies" in book form and in envelope P. 90 & 90'E
4. 19. Lenin as a Marxist by Bukarin. P. 91

All these books and documents were recovered at the search. I have seen them all and satisfied myself that they were all initialled by myself, the search witnesses and Mr. Sen.

(Note. The descriptions of the documents are as given in some cases by the Prosecution Counsel: the witness expressed no opinion as to the hand writing on other controversial points).

x x None.

Sd/-R. Milner White,

19-7-29

Sd/-R. L. Mehta

19-7-29

## P. W. 4.

*Jogendranath Mitra, Son of Tribunath Chandra Mitra Kayasth,  
50, 1/4 Kantapukar Lane Calcutta, on oath.*

I know Sub-inspector Mehta of the Calcutta Police. I went with him to conduct the search of Kishori Babu's house, on morning of 20th March 1929. After the search Kishore Lal Ghosh was arrested. The search was conducted in my presence. Before the search he searched me and the other witnesses—nothing was found on us. Things were found in the search. A list was prepared. The list produced (P. 19) is that which was prepared. I signed on each page: it was prepared on the spot. The things were put in four boxes, and I put my signature on all of them. The boxes were sealed; Kishori Babu produced his brother in law's seal, the seal was then made over to Kishori Lal in my presence.

The boxes were opened again on 25th March. I was present. The seal was intact. The contents of the boxes were examined by myself Mr. Mittar and Bhattacharjyee, and in presence of Aureny Chandra Sen. Each document was signed by us.

The search continued on March 25-29 and April 1st.

After this another supplementary list was prepared, and I signed it: it was P. 20. Each page bears my signature.

The following exhibits among others were recovered: they bear my signature:—

P. 21 to P. 91 inclusive are shown to him and verified.

All these things I have just seen were recovered from the house.  
XX—None,

Sd/- R. Milner White,  
19-7-29

Sd/- Jogindra Nath Mittra.  
19-7-29

#### NOTE.

The defence council have called my attention to a note in the Hindustan Time about a document produced yesterday, and have gone into the question of admissibility.

At the present moment, it must be emphasised all that has been proved is the fact that certain documents or articles were found on the accused, or one of them, or during a search of certain premises. The question as to whether the contents of such documents are admissible in evidence has not been dealt with, and it is open to council to attack the admissibility of any exhibit, or class of exhibits, before they are used by the prosecution. Probably the most convenient time will be when the exhibits have all been produced: But I do not tie myself on them to this or any other particular time: it depends on convenience. Meanwhile they go in subject to challenge by defence if there is no further argument, it will be taken that all objection is waived. As regards publication in the papers, I agree that it is undesirable the papers should make their own comment on the importance, or other characteristic, of the documents produced. I think that they might be allowed to indicate generally the nature of such documents as are produced and any thing tendered in evidence is of course public property. I consider that the ends of justice will be served by allowing them to indicate nature of a document, without comment: and if they are in any doubt as to the proper course to pursue in any particular case, I hope they will refer the question to me.

Sd. R. Milner White  
19/7/29.

P. W. 5. —  $\frac{\text{No. 10}}{6.3.30}$  *Session*

*Mr. Robindra Chand De,*

*Sub-Inspector, Shamkuherta,*

*Calcutta on S/a*

I have been in the police service for 15 or 16 years. I arrested a man called Radha Raman Mitra on 29th March. This is the warrant—P. 92. It bears my signature. I point out R. R. Mitra in the dock. I arrested him at 27, Mahendra Nath Ghosh Lane, Calcutta. I searched the house also. I had two search witnesses with me—Jagendra Nath Bose, and Surendranath Sen. Witnesses on behalf of the accused were allowed to search our persons. There were two other people in the house. One a nephew of accused whose name I forget, and one Banke Chandre. I produce the search warrant, which I endorsed—it is P. 93—I searched the premises in the presence of R. R. Mitra and the other witnesses. I made a search list, which was prepared on the spot. I signed the list on each page, and the witnesses did too. It is a correct list of what was found. It is P. 94: it was also signed by R. R. Mitra accused in my presence.

In the original list items 4 and 5 consisted of a number of papers which I did not list in detail: so I sealed them in presence of the witnesses. The seal was produced by Radha Raman: after sealing I returned the seal. On the following day I got a letter of authority from the accused, which I produce—P. 95—to open these packets in presence of Bankin Chandra. I then opened the packets and prepared a detailed list of items 4 and 5. This list was signed by me, and the search witnesses and Bankin Chandra. This was on the 21st March. The list is P. 96. On both dates all the papers were signed by me and the search witnesses.

The following were recovered among others:—

Item No. (of first list-P. 94)	Exhibit No.	Description (by court)
1	P. 97	Leninism by Stalin
<i>Thorman</i> 4 ( of P. 96 )	<del>P. 98-99-100-</del> 101-102-	5 telegraph receipts
8 ( of P. 96 )	<del>P. 103, 104-</del>	{ 2 letters, addressed to Radha Raman and signed by P. Spratt. Two receipts from Workers, and Peasants' Party.
9	P. 105	

10	P. 106, & 106.E	{ Letter addressed to R. R. Miter by Chartered Bank.
14	P. 107	Bengali notice of meetings.
16	P. 108	Bengali notice of meetings.
15	P. 109	Draft telegrams to Ankolina Berlin.
23	✓ P. 110	Bengali paper "lal Pultan".
28	P. 111	Trade Union Movement.
29	✓ P. 112	Some aspects of Indian socialism.
38	✓ P. 113	Letter to Radha Raman signed by P. Spratt.
37	P. 114	Printed letter signed by Dharni Goshwami.
40	P. 115	{ Draft telegrams addressed to Saklatwala and Tagore and signed by Spratt and Radha Raman.
42	P. 116	Letter addressed to Radha Raman by Ghose.
48	✓ P. 117 & 118, ✓	Packet of letters, from which 2 papers are exhibited, 17 and 33, and (17) a letter from Kishori Lal Ghosh to R. R. Mitra and (33) notes in diary form.
50	P. 119	Note book of accounts.
<i>Item 5 of P. 94</i>		
No. 5	✓ P. 120	Notes on activities regarding strikes.
<i>Item 6 of P. 94</i>		
	P. 121	Note book.
10	P. 122	Printed notice signed by D. K. Goshwami.

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P. 123

Mind and face of  
Bolshevism.

All these papers were found in the search and were signed by  
me and by the witnesses.

x x None

Sd/- R. Milner White,

20/7/29

Sd/- Robindra Chandra De S. I.

20/7/29

P. W. 6.

Died. Exam. brought  
recor

Jogendra nath Bhose, Son of Behary Lal Bose, Babu, Kaysth,  
67, on S/a.

(Evidence in Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitra).

I remember the search on 20th March and arrest. I was present there-so was the sub-inspector (identifies previous witness). There was none else, there was another search witness. Before we entered the house we were searched by Radha Raman (identifies him). A search list was prepared after the searches were made. I signed it: it is Exhibit P. 94. It was prepared in my presence. It is a correct list. One list was prepared on the 1st day of some of the articles and a list of the other articles was prepared next day at the thana. The papers which were not listed the first day were sealed by Radha Raman's seal. I do not know what happened to the seal. Radha Raman produced the seal.

The seal was broken in our presence at the thana. It was intact, when the seal was broken, I was there and another witness and Bankin Babu one of Radha Raman's friends, were present. After the seal was broken the papers were signed by us, and we signed the detailed search list, and then I went away. I signed this list (P. 96) on the second day.

All the other persons present signed in my presence.

The following Exhibits were signed by me:--

P. 97 to 115

Exhibit P. 116 does not bear my signature, but on its envelope P. 116 E is my signature.

P. 117 and 118 were signed by me.

I cannot find my signature on P. 119.

My signature is on P. 120...123.

Those I have signed were found in the search, but I cannot remember anything about P. 119, whether it was found there or not.

× × None.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

20-7-29.

Read out and explained to the witness in Bengali and English, and admitted to be correct.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

20/7/29.

Sd/- Jogendranath Bose.

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## P. W. 7.

*Syed Badiuz Zaman, S. I. Police, Tqbalpur, Calcutta, O. O.*

I know Aftab Ali— he live at 7, Iqbalpur Lane, Calcutta. I searched his house on early morning of March 20. The warrant under which I acted is P. 124—it is endorsed by me.

Aftab Ali was present. I searched it in presence of U. S. M. Mohammad, Islay. Ali Hussain and Hafiz Abdul Jabbar. I prepared a search list on the spot.—it is P. 125 (9 sheets)

I signed each page, and so did my witnesses.

Aftab Ali also signed each page.

I took signatures of witnesses on documents recovered, and signed them myself.

The following papers among others were recovered :—

Item.	Exhibit	Description (by court)
14 (3)	P. 126	Letter by P. C. Joshi.
14 (6)	P. 127	Bengali letter said to be in writing of Muzaffar Ahmad.
14 (7)	P. 128	Telegram from Muzaffar Ahmad
14 (27)	P. 129	Letter signed by Mirajkar
14 (62)	P. 130	Postcard alleged to be in handwriting of Kishorilal Ghosh.
23 (7)	P. 131	Letter from P. C. Joshi.
23 (8)	P. 132	Letter from P. C. Joshi.

Each of these bears my signature and was recovered during the search from the possession of Aftab Ali.

\* \* None

Sd/- R. Milner White,

20-7-29.

Sd/- Syed Badiuz Zhama,

20-7-29.

**P.W. 8.**

*Kwaja Shah Mohd. Ishaq S/O Dr. Saadat Husain, Sheikh,*

*46, Allahabad at present of*

*6, Iqbalpur Rd., Kadderpore, O. O.*

I know the S. I. Badiruzzaman.

On 20th, March, about 4 a. m., I went with him to search the house of Aftabuddin or Aftab Ali - he is known by both names. He was present. A list of the property found was made. The list produced -Ex. P. 125—is the one—it bears my signature on all pages.

I have seen Exhibits. P. 126. - 132.

They bear my signature, and were recovered in the search.

× × None.

Sd: R. Milner-white

20-7-29.

× × By K. N. Sehgal

I have not been arrested for cocaine. This is the first time I have gone with the police to search.

Sd: R. Milner-White.

20-7-29.

Mr. Chagla objects that the prosecution, in producing these two witnesses to the search of Aftab Ali's house, are not producing "the best evidence," which he says would be that of Aftab Ali himself. The objection is noted.

Sd: R. Milner-White.

20-7-29.

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P. W. 9. —  $\frac{P.W. 11.}{6.3.30}$

*Mr. S. N. Chatterjee, Sub-Inspector, Police Calcutta. O. O.*

I have been 13 years in police service. I searched the house of Kali Kumar Sen at 97, Cornwallis St. Calcutta on 20th March. The office of Bengal Jute Workers Assoc. is situated there. The search warrant bears my endorsement—it is Ext. P. 133.

Two search witnesses were with me—

Manohar Lal Murli and Satish Chandra Mittra. Kali Kumar Sen searched our persons before the search. I made a list of articles seized in the search. I identify the list—it bears my signature, and that of the witnesses. It was prepared in two parts. Part I and Part II and here: and in addition I took a detailed list of the things shown in both parts. The list is correct. It was signed by us. It is Ext. P. 134. I gave a copy to Kali Kumar Sen.

The following books and documents were found:—

	No. on list.	No. of Exhibit	Description (by court).
Part I.	1. (6)	.. P. 135. ...	'Call to action'



	1. (7)	...	P. 136.	...	Political Resolution!
	1. (8)	...	P. 137.	...	Trade Union Movement.
	1. (9)	...	P. 138.	...	Workers & Peasants Party Principles and Methods.
	1. (10)	...	P. 139.	...	Report of Ex: Com- mittee of W. & P. Party of Bengal.
	3. (1)	..	P. 140.	..	Address register.
<i>Cancelled</i>	4. (3)	...	<del>P. 141.</del>	...	Typed copy of Bulletin.
<i>Cancelled</i>	4. (5)	...	P. 142.	...	Delegate's ticket of 1st W. & P. Party Conference.
<i>Cancelled</i>	4. (16)	..	<del>P. 143.</del>	...	Type copy of rules and Reg. of All India Socialist Youth League.
<i>Cancelled</i>	4. (28)	...	<del>P. 144.</del>	...	Letter signed Muzaf- far Ahmad addressed to General Committee. Bengal Jute Workers Association.
Part II.	3. (1)	...	P. 145.	..	20 typed pages- "Resolution" con- cerning formation of Youth League—a thesis.
	3. (14)	...	P. 146.	...	List of addresses of certain persons.
	3. (10)	...	P. 147.	..	Names of Provincial organisers of A. I. Socialist Youth League.

All these papers were found on the spot and were signed by me and the witnesses.

x x—None.

(Sd). S. N. Chatterji.

22-7-29.

Sd. R. Milner-White.

22-7-29.

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## P. W. 10.

*Manohar Lal Mullik S/O Gopal Mal Mullik,  
2, Sham Square East, Calcutta, O. O.*

(Evidence given in Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitter).

I was present on 20th March at 97, Cornwallis St. during the Search. The office of the Bengal Jute Workers' Association is situated there. During the search the sub-inspector, Jemadars, and other search witnesses were present. I call the police Jemadars. The persons who were in the house searched us and the sub-inspector, and satisfied themselves that there was nothing objectionable on us. I was present through out the search.

We signed all the papers seized and after the search they were tied up and sealed.

A detailed list was made in our presence, and we signed it. I identify the search list—P. 143. I have signed it on every page.

The following papers were produced during the search: (identifies P. 135—147).

Each of these Exhibits bears my signature and was found at the search.

x x—None.

Sd. R. Milner-White.

22-7-29.

(Sd). Manohar Lal Mullik.

22-7-29.

## P. W. 11.

S. N. De, Inspector of Police, Calcutta.

I searched the house of Monindra Sinha at 96, Paharpur Road on 20th. March.

I acted under a search warrant which I endorsed—it is P.—148.

I had two search witnesses—Manimohan Chandra and Profulla Kumar Bhattacharji, Monindra Sinha himself searched me and the witnesses. I prepared a list of articles seized. I signed it on all pages, and so did the witnesses; and Monindra Sinha also signed it. It is a correct list of articles. We also signed every document etc., found there. The search list is Ext. P. 149.

The following documents were found among others:—

No.	Ex. No.	Description.
5	P. 150	Poster.
9	P. 151	Draft of letter, apparently written by Spratt
21	P. 152, 153, 144, 155.	4 cheque books on T. Cooks & Sons—Nos. G. 789576 to 600 (used). F. 134829-40 (used) 4.520701—50 partially used) and 4.524501 —50 (partially used)

All these documents were found there and were signed by me and the witnesses.

x x—None.

Sd. R. Milner-White.

22-7-29.

(Sd). S. N. De

22-7-29.

## P. W. 12.

*Monimohan Chandra, S/O Gopai Chand Chandra,*

*72/5, Garden Reach Road,*

*Calcutta, O. O.*

(Evidence in Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitter.)

On 20th. March I was present at the search of Monindra Sinha. There was another witness there, and the Inspector and some constables. Both sides searched each other. During the search I was present, and so was Monindra Sinha.

A search list was prepared of the articles found, and I signed it at the house. I signed every page it is Ex. 149.

All the papers signed by the others were also signed by me; I can't remember all that signed, I signed on the papers which were recovered from the possession of Monindra Sinha.

I have examined Ex. 150-155. They are all signed by me, and were seized during the search.

x x—None.

(Sd) MANIMOHAN CHANDRA

Sd: R. MILNER-WHITE.

22/7/29.

## P. W. 13.

*Kazi Alfozuddin, Sub. Inspector,*

*Sec. 4, Calcutta, O. O.*

I am a S. I. in Calcutta Police. I searched the Popular Printing Press Calcutta on the morning of 20th March. The warrant under which I acted is Ex. P.156; it bears my endorsement. I reached the place at 5 a. m. The owner was not there, but the darwan was present. The darwan's name was taken on the search but I do not remember what it was. I searched the house in the presence of Nand Lal Shah and Buddhin Lal Mistri. The darwan was also present at the search. I prepared a list of the things recovered: it is Ex. P. 157. It bears my signature and the signature of the witnesses. The search witnesses searched my person,

and I also searched them: we had nothing. On entering the house the darwan searched my person as well as the witnesses' persons.

I and the witnesses and the darwan signed each paper recovered.

The following were among the papers found:—

List	Exhibit	Description
1	P. 158	Three copies of Young Comrade's League. Statement of programme and policy.
2	P. 159	Proof sheet of pamphlet P. 158.
3	P. 160	Typed copy of P. 158.
4	P. 161	W. & P. Party. Principles, etc.
5	P. 162	Resolutions etc. of 1st W.&P. Party Conference.
6	P. 163	Proof sheets of P. 161.
8	P. 164	Draft resolutions of Indian Youth Congress, 1928.

All these bear my signature and were recovered from that place.

I know S. I. Satendra Nath Mukerji, officer in charge, sec.4. I have worked under him for the last year. He has gone to England- he sailed from Madras on 23rd June. He has gone on 8 months leave.

I can identify his signature. I recognise his signature on the list shown me (Search list of Bengal Trade Union Federation.)

The list is in the working of S. N. Mukerji. This is P. 165.

I also identify his endorsement on the search warrant P. 166.  
x x —None.

(Sd) KAZI ALFOZUDDIN

22/7/29

Sd: R. MILNER-WHITE.

22/7/29.

P. W. 14.

*Nand Lal Shah, s/o Rama Kishen Shah, Kayasth,*

*52, Shopkeeper, etc.*

*Calcutta, O. O.*

I know the S. I. Qazi Alfazuddin. I went with him to search the No. 2 Hari Ghose Lane, a printing press "Popular". There was another there: there was also the darwan, whose name I don't know. The S. I. and we searched one another—nothing was found. When the darwan opened the door, he searched us again, and nothing was found.

A list was made of what was found: I recognise my signature on it P. 157.

The darwan signed it. His signature appears to be "Ram-Misri" it is illegible in the middle. Looking at P. 158 the name is clearly written as Ram Pargat Misra.

Ex. 158—164 bear my signature and were found during the search.

x x None.

(Sd) R. MILNER-WHITE

22/7/29.

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P. W. 15

*Rajendra Lal Rai, s/o Charni Chandra, Kayasth  
Calcutta, O.O.*

( Bengali evidence, translated by Mr. Mitter ).

I am in service. I was present at the search on 20th March on 34, Bow Bazar, St., Calcutta. There was an Inspector of Police with me and he pushed the door. The Inspector we know as Saten Babu. When we went there we found the door locked from outside. There upon he broke padlock. We entered the room, and the Inspector collected all the papers and got us to sign. Besides the Inspector there were 3 or 4 constables and no other outsiders. A search list was prepared of the papers found there. I did not sign the list which was prepared but I signed the papers which were taken away.

I signed the paper - P. 165 (Search list). This is my signature. I don't remember signing any other paper like this. I got no copy of it. I signed it on 20th March - the entry of date is in my own writing. This was signed at 34, Bow Bazar St.

The following papers among others were found, and bear my signature.

P. 167  
Rajendra Lal Ray

Letter from Harry Pollit to Secy  
Bengal T.U. Federation.

P. 168

Rajendra Lal Ray

Letter signed by W. Paul  
(Ed. of Sunday Worker) to  
Secy, A.I. Pres Employers

x x None

Conference.

(Sd) Rajendra Lal Rai (Sd) R. Milner-White

22-7-29.

## P. W. 16.

*A.W. Robertson, Sup. of Police, Meerut on S/a.*

I am S. P. of Meerut. I executed a search warrant on 20th March against Dharamvir Singh. I endorsed it. It is Ex. P. 169. I identify my signature. I searched the 'Taga Boarding House' or rather a quarter in it. My information was that these quarters were occupied, by Ch. Dharamvir Singh when in Meerut.

I went to the 'Taga Boarding House' with 2 search witnesses and two subordinates. I was informed that the key of the quarter was with Ch. Dharamvir Singh, who was then at Lucknow. Mr. Krishna Chandra kindly consented to act as his representative, and conducted a thorough search of me and my companions. As the door was locked I forced the lock. I made a list of the papers seized. The list is Ex. P. 170; it was signed by me on both pages, it was also signed by the witnesses. It is correct. I found the following books etc among others:-

Item No.	Ex. No.
1	P. 171 Call to Action

Both these articles were found in the search and were initialed by me and the witnesses.

x x Reserved

(Sd) A. W. Robertson.

(Sd) R. Milner-White

Supdt of Police

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Meerut

## P. W. 17.

*F. F. Macleod, Dep. Supt. of Police, Meerut; O.O.*

I have been 23 years in service. I searched the residence of Ram Saran at Meerut on 20th March. I identify the search warrant, & my signature on it - P. 173. I had two search witnesses and a C.I.D. Inspector and some constables. The search witnesses were Rafiuddin and another whose name I don't remember.

Ram Saran came and searched us outside before we entered. I prepared a list of articles found there. I identify the list Ex 174 - it was made out in my writing on the spot and was signed by me and the witnesses. It is a correct list.

The following documents were found among others:

Item No.	Exhibit No.	Description (by court)
4	P. 175	Resolutions proposed at Meerut Conference.
17	P. 176	Report of the Meerut Conference.

These documents were recovered from that house and were signed by me and the witnesses.

(Sd) F. F. Macleod

(Sd) R. Milner-White.

Dy: S. P.

23-7-29

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## P. W. 18.

S. N. Roy, Sub-Inspector, Calcutta, O. O.

I have been 20 years in the Police. I searched the Saraswati Press at Rama Datt Mazumdar St. on March 20. Before the search both I and the two search witnesses were searched by representatives of the Press. First the Press Accountant was present; and then the Manager. All these were present during the search.

I identify the search warrant - P. 177 which I endorsed.

I prepared a list of papers found. I identify the search list - Ex. P. 178. It was signed by me and the search witnesses and the manager of the Press, who was given a copy. The Manager of the Press is Mahendra Nath Dutt. I signed all the papers on the spot, except a bundle of printed papers which at the request of the manager, were put in an envelope and sealed with his seal and with mine. On the 27th I called him to the thana, and he came and satisfied himself that the seals were intact, he opened the parcel and we signed all the papers in it. The search witnesses were present and signed these papers; and a supplementary list was prepared, and signed by the witnesses and the manager. It is the list - Ex. P. 179.

The witnesses were Yusuf and Jagan Chandra Bhattacharji.

Both these are correct lists of documents found during the search. All the documents seized were signed by the search witnesses.

The following documents were found (among others)

Item	Exhibits	Description (by court)
(of P. 178)		
2	P. 180	Bill register of Press : including 11 entries
		337 Kishori Lal Ghosh
		2207) Muzaffar Ahmad
		2229) Muzaffar Ahmad
		2252) Muzaffar Ahmad
		2285) Muzaffar Ahmad
		2208) Sec. Young Comrades League.
		2231) Sec. W.&P. Party, Bengal
		2284)

2286)

2357)

2365)

5 P. 181 Order book of Press

These two books were found there and were signed by me and the witnesses and the manager of the Press.

x x reserved.

(Sd) S. N. Roy,

(Sd) R. Milner-White

S.I.F.

23-7-29.

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## P. W. 19.

*Gayan Chandra Bhattacharji, 105, Amherst St. Calcutta. O. O.*

(Evidence in Bengali translated by Mr. Mitter)

I was present during the search of the Saraswati Press on 20th March. There was another witness. There were police officers as well. Before we entered the Press we were searched by the manager. A search list was prepared. I signed it, and so did the other witness and the manager. I signed also the things found there.

My signature is on the search list - Ex P. 178.

These were some small papers which were put in a small bundle and sealed by the police and manager. After 7 days the seals were broken in the thana and we all signed the papers. A search list was made out. Both seals were in tact. I identify the 2nd list - Ex P. 179; the books Ex. P. 180 and 181 bear my signature and were found on the spot; I was present when the seals were broken.

x x Reserved.

(Sd) Gayan Chandra

(Sd) R. Milner-White

Bhattacharjee

23-7-29

P. W. 20

*Rafiq Ahmad, D.S.P. Meerut, O.O.*

I searched the offices of the Workers and Peasants Party at Meerut on 20th March.

It is on Eastern Road.

I identify the search warrant—P. 182. I have signed it.

I had two S.I.s and two search witnesses. The place was locked from outside. I couldn't find any one who had the key, so I broke open the lock, and entered the room. When I conducted the search of the room, the witnesses were present. I made a list of everything found. The two witnesses were Jawahir Lal and Hafiz-Hafizuddin.

The list I prepared is the one produced—Ex. P. 183. I and the witnesses signed it. We also signed all the papers found. The list is correct.

The following papers etc., were among those found:—

Item No.	Ex.	Description (by court),
9	P. 184	... Copy of Bir Hindu
17	P. 185	... Copy of Amrita Bazar Patrika (15 Nov. 1927)
26	P. 186	... 26 sheets purporting to be resolutions passed at the Meerut Conference
35	P. 187	... M.S.S. addressed to Bir-Hindu
42	P. 188	... M. S. S. about the Mazdur Kisan Sang, signed by Secy Gauri Shankar.
43	P. 189	... 36 Leaves, but only first leaf is exhibited.
53	P. 890	.. Three copies of Call to Action
55	P. 191	.. Bundle of admission forms of Workers and Peasants Party Bengal
90	P. 192	... Sign Board hung up on wall, outside.

All these things were found there and were signed by me and the witnesses.

x x Reserved.

(Sd.) R. Milner-White

(Sd.) R. Ahmad

23-7-29.

Dy. S. Police

Meerut 23-7-29.

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## P. W. 21

*Hafiz Hafizuddin, Sheikh, shop keeper, Meerut, O.O.*

I keep a shop in Sader Bazar. I went with D. S. P. Rafiq Ahmad on March 20 to search Gauri Shankar Sahib's office—the Mazdur Kisan Sabha. The office was locked from outside. The Pujari said that Gauri Shankar had the key, so the lock was broken. A list was made of the articles and I signed it so did Jawahir Lal. We signed on each page. It is P. 183. The D.S.P. and S.I. and I and Jawahir Lal went inside. I signed all the papers produced in the search.

All the papers shown to me (Ex. P. 184-191) were signed by me on all pages.

The sign Board, Ex. P. 192 was over the small door. All these things were found in the search.

x x Reserved

(Sd.) R. Milner-White

23-7-29.

## P. W. 22

*Mohammad Ibrahim S/o Kwaja Nurmal Mohammad Sheikh,  
Contractor, Lal Kurti Bazar, Meerut O. O.*

I am a contractor. On 20th March I went to the Taga Boarding House with the Superintendent of Police to search Ch. Dhramvir Singh's room. He was not there, and the room was locked from outside. The boys and servants there said the key was with the Chandhri Sahib at Lucknow. So the lock was broken. I and L. Narain Das and Mr. Robertson and S.I. Jagat Prasad went inside. We were searched by the Boarding House people. One or two people of the Boarding House accompanied us. We found some papers and letters, and a list was made out. I signed the list. It is P-170 on the first page I initialled and on the second I signed. The Boarding House person also signed it and a copy of the list was given to him. All the documents recovered were initialled by me. Exhibit P. 171 and 172 were initialled by me: they were found there.

x x reserved.

Sd/ R Milner White,

23-7-29.

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## P. W. 23

*Mr. Rafiuddin, s/o Sh. Najamuddin, Meerut, O.O.*

I went with Mr. Macleod to search Ram Saran's house on March 20th. Ram Saran came outside when called and he searched me and the other witnesses: there was another witness, Kalyan Singh.

Then we went inside and searched the place. The police took possession of papers and photos etc. A search list was prepared and I signed it. It was P. 174: it was prepared and signed on the spot. We also signed all the papers found. Exhibit No. P. 175 and 176 were found there and bear my signature.

Ram Saran also signed P. 174.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

23-7-29

## P. W. 24

*Ch. Randhir Singh, Jat, Meerut, O.O.*

I went to Gauri Shanker's house in March to search it. Ch. Badan Singh, A.S.P. conducted the search. L. Atma Ram was another search witness. We got there at 5 A.M. Gauri Shankar was present. He was called and came outside. He was shown the warrant, and then he searched us. He was present all the time the search continued. A list was made of every thing taken in possession of the police. I signed the list, and so did the witness and Gauri Shankar. I identify the list P.193 - it bears my signature and that of the other witnesses etc. The following papers were found:-

Item	Exhibit	Description (by court)
3	P. 194	Postcard in Hindi
4	P. 195	Postcard, probably from P.C. Joshi to Gauri Shankar.
9,10	P. 196	Two copies of manifesto of Workers and Peasants Party.
13	P. 197	Hindi letter from P.C. Joshi to Gauri Shankar.
16	P. 198	Presidential address of Kedar Nath Sahgal.
23	P. 199	Forty copies of enrolment forms of W. & P. Party of Bengal.
26	P. 200	Hindi letter from Gauri Shankar to Dharamvir Singh
40	P. 201	Seven sheets of resolutions passed at Mazdur Kisan Conference at Nauchandi, with notes by Shaukat Usmani.
43, 44, } 45 }	P. 202	Three copies of Karantte Kari of 28 Jan. 1929.
49	P. 203	Unused receipt Book for subscription to Ist. All India Workers and Peasants Conference; some signed by Muzaffar Ahmad.
50	P. 204	Receipt book of Workers and Peasants Party Meerut, signed in places by Gauri Shankar as Secretary.

52	P. 205	Rules and regulations of Nau Jawan Sabha Punjab in Urdu.
53	P. 206	'Russian Revolution' (in Urdu).
54, 55	P. 207	Two copies of Kirti (in Urdu) Amritsar.
56	P. 208	80 copies of printed resolutions:
57	P. 209	Hindi letter from P. C. Joshi to Gauri Shankar.
58	P. 210	...ditto...dated 15th December 1928.
59	P. 211	Letter from Muzaffar Ahmad to Gauri Shankar.
61	P. 212	...ditto, about 5th anniversary of death of Lenin.
62	P. 213	...ditto, about enlistments of members.
63	P. 214	Seven copies of "Call to action."

\* All these papers were found on the spot, and bear my signature.

The police arrested Gauri Shankar and took him away.

\* \* reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

23-7-29

P. W. 25.

S. K. Roy, Sub-inspector, Police Calcutta O. O.

I am at Amherst Street police station. I searched 71/1 Mirzapur street-Sri Gaurenga Press-on March 20th morning.

I acted under the authority of the search warrant—Exhibit P. 215; it bears my endorsement. There were two search witnesses with me—Syed Masud Ali and Udai Chandre Bhattacharji.

The Press was working at the time all the staff was there except the manager, who came afterwards. We allowed ourselves to be searched by the Press staff.

I prepared a list of the articles, and signed it so did the witnesses. It was made in the Press on March 20th. It is Exhibit P. 216. It is correctly made out. I signed all the documents etc. found and so did the search witnesses.

The following books etc. were among those found:—

Item.	Exhibit.	Description (by court)
20.	P. 217.	Two copies of Call to Action.
29	P. 218	Report of Executive Committee of Workers and Peasants Party for 1927—28.
30.	P. 219	Workers and Peasants Party Bengal Annual Conference, 1928.
31.	P. 220.	Manifesto of Workers and Peasants Party Madras.
37.	P. 221	Four duplicate bill books. 5401—5800.

( These items—P. 221 are not signed by the witness—at least, none is seen at present. Counsel objects that they are not admissible or properly proved. Admitted subject to objection to be decided later).

All these documents were found in the Press; and all, except P. 221, were signed by me and the witnesses.

x x reserved.

Sd. E. MILNER WHITE,

23-7-29.

Sd. S. K. ROY,

( Written in full )

23-7-29



P. W. 26.

Udae Chandra Bhatlerji,

S/o. Satish Chande Bhatlerji,

Silk Merchant Calcutta

O. O.

(Evidence in Bengali, translated by Mr. Miller).

I was present at the search of the Sri Gauraga Press on 20th March it is 77/1 Mirazpur street, Calcutta. There was a police officer and another search witness at the time; the Press was working.

We were all searched before we entered the Press.

All the papers seized were signed by us.

A search list was prepared and we signed it. (identifies his signature on first three sheets).

(Shown Exhibit P. 217.) My signature is on two of the papers, but not on every page. My signature is on P. 218 and 219 and 220. My signature is on P. 3 of the search list, and on the same page is item 37 (Exhibit P. 221). I see it. Because the books are entered in the search list, they must have been recovered. But they don't bear my signature and I cannot remember definitely.

The list was prepared in my presence.

x x reserved.

Sd R. MILNER WHITE,

23-7-29.

Sd, U. C. BHATTACHARJI.

#### O R D E R

On 23rd July I rejected an application made on behalf of Jhabwala accused, purporting to be made under Section 443, Criminal Procedure Code. The question arises whether a stay of proceedings is necessary under Section 443 (3). This sub-section is mandatory.

In my order of 23rd July I indicated that though on the merits of the case I would have decided against the applicant, yet the application was actually rejected because Chapter XXXIII does not apply to the present case. If Chapter XXXIII does not apply, obviously Section 443 (3), a part of that chapter also does not apply.

Indeed my contention that Chapter XXXIII does not apply is strengthened by the existence of Section 433 (3). The provision for a stay of proceedings, salutary and necessary in the case of summons cases and warrant cases which would not necessarily be committed, becomes not only pointless, but actually detrimental to the interests of the accused, in a case which is triable exclusively by the court of Session. Any advantage to be gained from the application of Chapter XXXIII arises in the Sessions Court: there is no object in stopping proceedings in the preliminary inquiry.

Moreover the appellant now states that he does not intend to prosecute his appeal. Though he is not bound by this statement and can change his mind any time before the Judge actually passes order yet it is contrary to common sense that an adjournment, which benefits nobody, and injures the accused, should be forced on the parties when there is at the moment no prospect of the appeal being prosecuted. The counsel for appellant himself asks that the proceedings should continue in this court.

Both for this reason therefore, and more especially in view of my finding that chapter XXXIII does not apply to the present case, I hold that a stay of proceedings is unnecessary and is not enjoined by law in this case. I direct that proceedings should continue until stayed by the order of a competent court.

Sd. R. Milner White,

25-7-29.

Seen

Sd. Noshirvan H. Jhabvala

## P. W. 27.

*Nripindra Nath Mitra, Inspector Police, Dacca, O. O.*

I was entrusted with four search warrants for 20th March 1929. They are the warrants produced P. 222, 223, 224, 225. I executed all the warrants and endorsed them.

On the authority of the warrants I searched 61, Navabpur Road, All the four

offices are  
in the same  
house.

} Workers and Peasants Party Dacca, Dhakes-  
hwari Cotton Mills Workers Union,

Dacca Scavengers Union, Bengal Textile workers  
Union, Dhamgarh Branch, Dacca.

I took with me police officer and three search witnesses:—  
Prefulla Kumar Mitra.

B. Nilmadadhaj Chakravarti

B. Jagabandhan Basak

The house was locked from outside. I got a key smith and  
he opened the lock with one of his keys.

The search witnesses searched our persons.

I prepared a search list. Both I and the witnesses signed  
them. The list contains the articles found in all four offices which  
are located in two rooms on the first floor. The list is a correct  
one - it is P. 226. It was prepared on 20th March in the room.

The notice Exhibit P. 227 - was found hanging on the east  
wall of the east room.

It is item No. 11. The same No. includes other posters—

Item	Exhibit	Description
	P. 228	" Land for peasants etc "
	P. 229	( in Bengali )
12	P. 230	M. S. S. letter on back of printed appeal for Spratt's defence.
16	P. 231	Printed pamphlet workers and peasants party of Bengal-Annual conference 1928.
17	P. 232	249 copies of weekly " Ganavani ".
20	P. 233	Three printed pamphlets " some aspects of Indian Socialism "
21	P. 234	" Political resolutions " one in English and two in Bengali.
22	P. 235	Three copies of Thesis on Trade Union move- ment.
23	P. 236	Call to Action.

24	P. 237	Two copies of printed Presidential address delivered by S.S. Josh Calcutta, Dec. 21, 1928.
28	P. 238	Five copies of " Ganavani of 18th Oct. 1928, 27th Sept 4th Oct., 13th Oct., 21st June-1928 in Bengali.
30	P. 239	Sign Boards Bengal workers & peasants party with hammer and sickle.
29	P. 240	Sign Board of Dekeswani Cotton Mills Union.
32	P. 241	14 copies of printed handbills (Bengali) announcing meeting, under name of Gopal Chandra Basik.

All these things were found at 61 Nawabpur Road, and they were all signed by me and by the search witnesses.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner white,

25/7/29

Supplementary.

I sent for the owner of the house, and satisfied myself that Gopal Chandra Basik was tenant (" had taken the house ").  
(Objected to by defence ).

Sd/- R. Milner White,

25/7/29

Sd/. Nripendran Mitra

25/7/29.

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P. W. 28

*P. S. fulla Kumar Mitra, Pleader, Dacca, O. O.*

I am a pleader at Dacca. I was a search witness on 20th March 1929, when 61, Nawabpur Road was searched. Others were

there too—the Inspector, two other officers and two constables, and Nibukumar Chakravarti, and perhaps another.

A search list was prepared at the place.

I signed it—it is P. 226.

I satisfied myself that all the articles entered in the list were found there.

I signed all the articles and papers found there.

All the articles shown me—P. 227 to 241 were signed by me and were found there.

When we got there the house was locked. The owner of the house was called, but he had no key with him. Then one of the police officers brought a key seller who brought a bunch of keys and opened the door. Before we entered the room we searched the police officers and satisfied ourselves that they had nothing on them.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R Milner White,

25/7/29.

Sd/- Profulla Kumar Mitter.

25/7/29.

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## P. W 29

*Inspector Suchand Kumar Brimhachari, Dacca, O.O.*

I searched the house of Brindraban Chandra Basak, situated at 223 Nawabpur Road, Dacca, on 20th March:—

This is the search warrant—P. 242. I endorsed it. The search warrant is against Gopal Basak. I did not find Gopal Basak there. I had search witnesses and police officers with me. The search witnesses were:— Joganath Sen Girish Chandra, Das, and Shars Dhar Dutt.

Gopal Basak's father, Bindraban Chandra Basak satisfied himself that we had nothing on us. Then we searched the premises. We asked the father which room was in exclusive possession of Gopal Basak, and he showed us a room.

I prepared a list. I identify the list-Exhibit P. 243, which bears my signature and those of witnesses on all 8 pages. It is a correct list.

THE FOLLOWING AMONG OTHERS WERE FOUND. <

10	P. 244	S. S. Josh's presidential address.
11	P. 245	Labour Monthly; Feb' 29.
12	P. 246	Communist Review, Jan. 1929.
13	P. 247	Illustrated history of Russian with cover Revolution.
15	P. 248	"Masses of India" for July 1927.
16	P. 249	Group Photo.
21	P. 250	M.S.S. (Bengali) essay on Social- ism and its gradual develop- ment. (33 pages)
20	P. 251	M. S. S. article on Lenin ( in Bengali ).
24 (6)	P. 252	Letter signed by Emile Burns ( Secretary Labour Research Department ).
25	P. 253	Pockets Diary of 1928.
34	P. 254	M. S. S. list of thesis and reso- lutions passed at Moscow. Com- munist International (6th World Congress ).
35	P. 255	M. S. S. List of organizations and addresses.
27	P. 256	M. S. S' accounts on back prin- ted advertisement of " Hell Found " by Dange.
38	P. 257	Ditto.
40	P. 258	Postcard of 30-6-28 to Gopal Basak signed by Abdul Qadar.
44	P. 259	Bundle of copies of Imfreco-18 copies ; Special number.
46	P. 260	Exercise book-apparently notes on chemistry.
47	P. 261	Exercise book-notes on use of guns, bombs etc in warfare.

48	P. 262	Flatfile containing minutes of Dakeswari Cotton Mills Union proceedings.
52	P. 263	Bundle of printed leaflets "Revolution and Independence".
53	P. 264	352 copies of "Two world currents-communism and Fascism".

All these articles were found there and I signed each of them. Gopal Basak's father was present all along during the search.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

25/7/29

Sd/- S. K. Brahmaclay

Dacca,

25/7/29

### P. W. 30.

*Girsh Chandra Das, pleader, Dacca, O. O.*

I am a pleader at Dacca. I was a search witness at the search of 223 Nawabpur Road, Dacca. There were two other search witnesses. Brindraban Chandra Basak was there when I got to the house. The police officer offered themselves for search, and Brindraban asked me to search them, and I did. We were shown his room upstairs.

A list was prepared of all the documents seized, and I signed it: I satisfied myself that all the items entered in it were actually found. The other witnesses also signed. The list is Exhibit P. 243. I have signed it on every page. It was prepared on the spot. I also signed the papers entered on the list. Exhibits P. 244 to P. 264 were among those found, and all bear my signature: they were found in that condition.

x x reserved.

Sd/-R, Milner White,

25/7/29

Sd/-Girsh Ch. Das.

# P. W. 31.

*B. Girja Parsanna Das Gupta,*

*S. I. Police, Kushtia,*

*Dist. Nuddea,*

*Bengal, Q. O.*

I searched the house of Hemanta Kumar Sircar on March 20, I acted under a warrant -P. 265, which I endorsed. H. K. Sircar was present, I had two search witnesses. Bholu Nath Mukerji and and Nihajuddin Dewan. H. K. Sircar searched, the search witnesses and me.

I prepared a search list. It is Exhibit P. 266. All the 6 pages were signed by me, and I got the signatures of witnesses. H. K. Sircar also signed it, and a copy was given to him.

The papers recovered were signed by me, and the witnesses. Among them were:—

Item	Exhibit	Description by Court.
46		Letter file containing 10 various letters, of which 8 are Exhibited:-
	P. 267.	Bengali letter of 1. 10. 21 from Muzaffar Ahmad.
	P. 268.	Bengali letter of 5-1-29 from M. Ahmad
	P. 269.	Ditto-of 20-11-29.
	P. 270.	Ditto-of 3-10-28.
	P. 271.	Ditto-of 5-10-28. (in 2 sheets)
	P. 272.	ditto-of 12-10-28.
	P. 273.	ditto-of 28-1-29.
	P. 274.	ditto-of 23-11-28.
66	P. 275.	Telegram from M. Ahmad of 22-2-29.

All these things were recovered from the place and bear my signature.

\* \* reserved.

(Sd) G. C. Gupta.

Sd. R. Milner White.

S.D./S 25. 7. 29.

..... 25. 7. 29.



P. W. 32.

*Bhola Nath Mukarji, brahman, Krishnagar,*

*Middled, O.O.*

I held excise licenses in Kushtia. I was a search witness to the search of Hemant Kumar Sircar on March 20th. The police conducted the search under Girja Persanna Das. H. K. Kumar was present at the house. A search list was prepared. I signed it; it is Exhibit P. 266. Every page was signed, I also signed all the papers recovered.

Exhibit P. 267-275 bear my signature they were all found during the search, in the house, and I signed them there.

x x reserved.

(Sd) R. Milner White,  
25.7.29.

x x Kader Nath Sehgal.

My license is of opium, ganja, and bang. I signed, my father didn't he wasn't there.

Sd. R. Milner White,  
25. 7.29.

Sd. B. N. Mukarji.

P. W. 33

*Mr. Abid Ali, S. I. Thana Jagat Dhal,*

*24, Parganas, O. O.*

I have been at Jagatdhal since last November. I was entrusted with the execution of 2 search warrants-Bengal paper mills workers union, and Jute workers association, both at Bhatpura. The warrants were executed by me on morning of 20th March. The offices are situated in one place-one house. They are Exhibit P. 276, 277, and are endorsed by me.

The room was looked up when I got there. I took 5 search witnesses with me Rajendra Nath Banerji Nanendra Nath Mukarji, Shorindra Mohan Dutt, Indra Narain Mukarji, and Bibuti Bhushan Ghosh.

Kali das Bhattacharji was not present. I tried to get him but I learned he was at Assam. He is the secretary of the two offices. I got the key from Inder Narain Mukharji, one of the search witnesses, I heard he got it from Gol Dhari Bhattacharji-with whom the key was said to be left.

We allowed ourselves and the witnesses to be searched by the persons there.

We took some papers etc. and prepared a search list it was prepared on the spot and was signed by me and my witnesses. It is correct. It is Exhibit 278.

We also signed the papers recovered, among which were:—

Item.	Exhibit.	Description by Court.
3		Bengal Jute Workers association file, of which 2 letters are Exhibited:—
	P. 279.	Letter from Muzaffar Ahmad to Kalidas Bhattacharji and Gopin Chakarvarti-of 3. 4. 28.
	P. 280.	Telegram of 13. 9. 28.

These two papers were not signed by me.

Item	Exhibit.	Description by Court.
5		File of 24 Perganas postmen, Sub-postmasters branch post- masters and lower grade staff district Union from which one letter is taken.
	P. 281.	Proceedings of meeting of 3rd March 1929.

This also was not signed by me.

8		File of Angus Engineering workers union of which one paper is taken.
	P. 282.	Printed notice addressed to Gopin Chandra Chakraverti of 8. 12. 1928.

Also not signed by me.

15.	P. 283.	Register and minute book of Bengal jute workers Associa- tion.
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33.

Bundle of papers, of which one  
paper is taken:

P. 284.

M.S.S. draft essay 'Idea of today'

All these things were recovered from that place. I signed the  
outside covers of files but not the papers inside--because there were  
lots of papers.

\* \* reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

Sd. Abid Ali,

25. 7. 29.

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S. D./S

Mr. Abid Ali (Cont)

\* \* by KASLE I collected the witnesses, from the village. They  
live 1/8- mile away, in the village.

I searched from 6. 30- 10- 0 a. m.

Some of the witnesses I got on the way, and some I  
called, the witness who has come today was found on the way, he  
is a worker in the mill- a clerk. The mill starts at 8- 30, and was  
going to his duties.

Sd. R. Milner White,

Sd. Mr. Abid Ali,

25. 7. 29.

25. 7. 29.

P. W. 34.

*Narendra Nath Mukarji,*

*S/o Jogendra Nath Mukarji, brahman,*

*Bhatpara, O.O.*

(in Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitter.)

I was present at the search of 20th, March of Paper Mill  
workers union and jute mill Association.

When I went to the door of the office I found the S.I. there (points to previous witness.) There were 3 witnesses including me.

When I got there the door was locked. It was opened with a key. Inder Narain Mukarji produced the key.

A search list was prepared of the documents found there. I signed the search list and so did the others. Before I signed it I satisfied myself that the entries tallied with the papers found. I signed both pages. I signed in English, as I know a little English. I verified the English entries with the papers found.

The following documents bear my signature P. 280.

P. 279 does not bear my signature.

The file in which P. 281 is signed by me on the cover but the actual paper P. 281 is not signed.

As regards the file of P. 282, I signed on the first page and the last page "1-14".

There are 14 pages in the file.

As regards P. 284, it is signed by another witness but not by me, but in my presence.

P. 283 bears my signature and was found there. All the papers shown which bear my signature and the signature of other witnesses were recovered from that house.

× × by Kasle. I was not brought from my house: I was found on the road.

Other × × reserved.

Sd/- Narandra Nath,  
Mukarji.

Sd/- R. Milner White,  
25-7-29.

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P. W. 35.

*Jagdish Shankar, Inspector Police, Jhansi O. O.*

I am Inspector at Jhansi. The warrant for the arrest of L. R. Kadm was given to me. I arrested him on 20th March. I endorsed it, it is Exhibit P 1985. I got there in the early morning-

it was in Jhansi city. His door was shut. I had him called, he came out, and I arrested him. After that I searched the house. I had two search witnesses—Dr. Prasad Dube and Ghulam Mohd. The accused's brother Shankar Lal was also there. I and the witnesses were first searched by L. R. Kadm and his brother. The search warrant was endorsed by me. It is P. 286.

I made out a search list. It is P. 287.

It is signed by me and the witnesses and Shankar Lal. L. R. Kadm was present during part of the search, and then he was taken away by the S. P., and the search was finished in presence of Shankar Lal. The list is a correct one and contains what was found, there. The papers etc. were signed by me and the witnesses. Among them were:—

Item.	Exhibit.	
1	P. 288.	Two booklets. Mehnat Peshawon Ko Sandash in Hindi.
6	P. 289.	Notices issued by L. R. Kadm- Reception Committee invitation 2 copies.
7	P. 290.	Modern India by R. Palme Datt
10	P. 291.	India and the next war by Agnes Smedley.
13	P. 292.	President address by Jhabwala at Budelkhand Workers and Peasants conference last Octo- ber (1928).

All these were found on the spot, and were signed by me and the witnesses. They were found in his office house.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

26-7-29.

## P. W. 36.

*Dr. Sarju Prasad Dubb, Jhansi. O.O.*

I know Lachman Rao Kadm (identifies him in court). I went to his house with the Inspector on 20th March. Ghulam Mohamed was another search witness. We got there between 5 and 6. He came out when called and was arrested. His house was searched. His brother and the women were there. We were searched before entry. A search list was made - it is P. 287 - it is correct and was signed by me. Every thing found was also signed by me.

Exhibit P. 288 - P. 292 were found there & were signed by me.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milne rWhite,

26.7.29.

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## P. W. 37.

*Mr. Abdul Hadi, S.I., Police, Allahabad, O.O.*

I am S.I. at Canning town police station.

I executed the warrant for the arrest of Puran Chandra Joshi on 20th March about 6 a. m. I signed the warrant, which is Exhibit P. 293. He was on the Verandah of Holland Hall. After arrest I searched his room. The search warrant, which I endorsed, is Exhibit P. 294. The search was made in his presence. Sant Bahsh Rai and Bishambar Nath were search witnesses. His room was only 3 places from the place where he was sitting. I had myself and the witnesses searched first. Nothing was found.

I made a list of what was found in the search: it consists of 4 sheets written on 5 pages. Each page was signed by me and the witnesses, and we also signed the papers found. The list is P. 295.

Among the papers found were :-

1	P. 296	"India's problem and its Solution" by Manabendra Nath Roy.
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3	P. 297	"Political Letters by Manabendra Nath Roy (published by Vanguard, Zurich).
4	P. 298	Copy of "the worker" dated 22 Feb. 1929.
5	P. 299	Copy of "Sunday worker" dated 17 Feb. 1929.
6	P. 300	Copy of "workers life" dated 22 Feb. 1929.
7	P. 301	Copy of Kranthi Kari dated 11 March, 1929.
8	P. 302	Copy of "Piam Mazdur Edited by Shaikat Usmani dated 3 March 1929—4 copies.
9	P. 303	4 copies of "Piam Mazdur dated 10th March.
10	P. 304	Typed letter of 3 pages from Muzaffar Ahmad to P. C. Joshi Dated 9th March.
12	P. 305	Ten copies of S.S. Josh presidential address at A.I.W. and P. Party (English).
14	P. 306	37 copies of "Trade Union movement thesis.
15	P. 307	23 copies of "Political Resolution" in English.
16	P. 308	109 copies of "Political Resolution" in Urdu.
17	P. 309	49 copies of "W. & P. party principles and policy"
18	P. 310	Pad of correspondence forms of U.P. and Delhi W & P. Party, Allahabad - Pres. D. Biswa Nath Mukarji U. P. Ch. Dharam vir Singh Gen. Secretary P.C. Joshi. (Weekly organ Karanti Kari Hindi Jhansi).
Item No. 54 contains 9 blocks of similar pads.		
19	P. 311	Diary for 1923 (appear used for 1928-29)

20	P. 312 &	Hindi letter of 14th March 1929
	P. 312 E.	From Karanti Kari office to Joshi.
22	P. 313	5 typed copies of Bulletin of Allahabad Youth League dated 14th March.
24.	P. 314	Copy of the two Internationals, by R. Palme Dutta.
28-36	P. 315	Copies of Kranti Kari of different dates .... 10 copies.
37 } }	P. 316 & P. 316 E P. 317	Letter from Muzaffar Ahmad to Joshi, dated 6, November 1928. ditto - dated 29th Oct. 28 (in p. 316 E. with P. 316).
39	P. 318	M. S. S. Hindi, article on organisation of Peasants and Workers.
40	P. 319	Notes (by Joshi ?) in English on Trotsky's "Towards Socialism or Capitalism."
42	P. 320	Hindi M. S. S. - Article on condition of Workers and Peasants in Russia 8 pages.
43	P. 321	Letter from Bishnath Mukerji to Joshi-typed, dated 1st Nov. 1928.
44	P. 322	File of papers - 26 sheets-containing actual resolutions passed at Meerut W. & P. Conference, some printed, and some M. S.
46	P. 323	M. O. form, for Rs. 60/- to Kedar Nath Sehgal, Lahore. Regret I can't send more."
47	P. 324 & 324 E	Covers containing 27 posters in Urdu, Bengali, Hindi, about 5th anniversary of Lenin's death. (contents not signed).
49	P. 325	Nineteen forms of enrolment in Bengal W. & P. Party.
45	P. 326	Draft wire from Joshi to Sehgal.
51	P. 327	Chit in Joshi's writing,-note on League of Young Comrades of U. P.



52	P. 328	Letter in English by Kadam to Joshi dated Nov. 2, 1928.
53	P. 329	Hindi pamphlet, copy of Jhabwala's Jhansi address.
55	P. 330	Bundle of blank forms for enrolment in League of Young Comrades, U. P. & Delhi (Top copy signed).
56	P. 331	Bundle of blank forms (Hindi) for W. & P. Party, U. P. & Delhi (top copy signed.)
57 } 58 }	P. 232 P. 333	Packet of receipt books for (1) League of Young Comrades (Yellow of U. P. & Delhi - 17 copies. (2) Mazdur Kisan Sabha (red) U. P. & Delhi—20 copies. (one of each signed).
59	P. 334	File (Globe Rapid Binder) containing typed copies of:—
....	P. 334 (1)	(1) Thesis on Revolutionary Movement in Colonies and Semi-Colonies (Extracts relating to India) 10 pages.
....	P. 334 (2)	(2) Message from Ex. Com. of Com. International to A. I. Conference of Workers and Peasants Party - dated 2-12-28—10 pages.
....	P. 334 (3)	(3) Report on 1st A. I. W. & P. Conference ....11 pages.
66	P. 335	Weekly Bulletin of Allahabad Youth League, dated 7th March 1929- typed 2 pages. Attached are two leaflets issued by Bombay Youth League. (Boycott the Simon Commission).
67	P. 336	2 page typed document "Immediate Tasks of the Communists"—envelope addressed to Joshi.
70*	P. 337	Letter from Shaukat Usmani to Joshi, dated 21st Jan. 1929.

71	P. 338	List of books with memo. from a Bombay bookseller (Taraporewala & Sons).
76	P. 339	Telegram from Arjun Lal Seth to Press. Labourers and Farmers Conference, Meerut 2 pages.
79	P. 340	Telegram from K. N. Sehgal to P. C. Joshi, -27 Feb. 1929.
80	P. 341	Letter from Muzaffar Ahmad to Joshi- 27 Nov. 1928.
82	P. 342	List of books (3 sheets) in P. C. Joshi's writing.
83	P. 343 and P. 343 E	Letter from Muzaffar Ahmad to Joshi—14 Jan. 1929.
84	P. 344	Seven copies of Rules and Regulations of Kirti Kisan Party, Punjab issued by Sohan Singh Josh.
88	P. 345	Letter from C. P. Dutt to P. C. Joshi, of 29th Sept. 1928.
89	P. 346	M. S. article on Role of the Congress—8 sheets.
90	P. 347	Bill for printing charges of certain forms,
94	P. 348	36 printed resolutions of Meerut Conference in Hindi.
95	P. 349	Call to Action- 3 copies.

All these papers were found in the search and bear my signature and those of the witnesses. I recognise P. C. Joshi.

× × reserved.

Sd. B. Milner White

26-7-29.

## P. W. 38.

*Bishambar Nath, s/o Hanuman Pd. Seth Khatri,*

*7, South Road, Allahabad, O. O.*

I know P. C. Joshi—points him out. I went to the search of his house. Abdul Hadi S. I. conducted it. Joshi was asleep on the verandah, he was roused and the warrants shown, and we were searched and then the search began. There was another search witness who is nicknamed Gulal Rai. Two rooms were searched. A search list was made: I signed it: it is Ex. P. 295. All the papers found were entered. I and the other witness also signed the papers found. Joshi was present throughout.

The following papers shown to me were found on the spot and were signed by me:—

P. 296—P. 349—but P. 334 (3) does not bear my signature: from the search list this too was clearly recovered.

x x —reserved.

x x —by K. N. Sehgal. I have not been convicted for cheating.

Sd. R. Milner White.

26-7-29.

## P. W. 39.

*Ramesh Chandra Gopal, Inspector Police,*

*24 Parganas, O. O.*

On 20th March I searched the office of Bengal Jute Workers Association and Bengal Paper Mill, Workers Union, Hajinagar Branches, at Hajinagar. The search warrants were endorsed by me. They are P. 350 and 351. The two offices are in the same room. The room was locked. I heard that one Maledev Bhowe was in charge of the key so I sent for him and he opened it. I offered myself to be searched. Mahadev Babu said it was n't necessary, as he believed me; but I showed him my pockets. I had two search witnesses with me—Sumindranath Mozamdhari, medical practitioner, and Sotesh Chandra Goswami, postmaster. They were present in the room during the search. I prepared a search list I signed it, and so did the witnesses in my presence, in that very room. The search list is Exhibit P. 352.

Many papers found were:-

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|----|--------|--|
| 2  |        | File containing papers, among which were:-   |
|    | P. 353 | (1) Notice of E. E. C. Bengal Jute Workers Association signed by G. Chakarvarti.             |
|    | P. 354 | (2) Document dated 4th Nov. 1928 also signed by G. Chakravarti. Notice of agenda of C. E. C. |
| 11 | P. 355 | Hindi and Bengali notices issued by Bengal Workers and Peasants Conference.                  |

These were recovered from the office and bear my signature.

Mahadev Bhowse signed the search list, but not in my presence.

x x reserved.

Sd/- Ramshchundra Gupta

Sd/- R. Milnerwhite.

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P. W. 40

*Surendranath Mazumdar,*

*24 Parganas, O. O.*

(Evidence in Bengali, translated by Mr.

On 20th March I was present at the search. The Inspector who searched is the man in court (previous witness). There was another witness Maladev Babu and the postmaster of Hajinagar. The house was locked when I got there. The Inspector sent a constable to fetch Maladev Babu, and he came in a motor car. The police officers offered themselves for search. I objected to touching them, and they told me not to object, and I searched their pockets. Mahadev Babu took out a key and opened the room. We went in. A search list was prepared and I signed it. I signed all the papers were taken away; they were put on a table. Exhibit P. 352 is the search list; and among the papers found were P. 353-355 I signed them all.

I have not seen the papers: I have only signed them. I did not read them. The papers were found there. × × The police said there were too many for me to read.

Sd/- Surendranath Mazumdar

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P. W. 41.

*Sarat Chandra Ghosh, Inspector,*

*Barrackpur, B. O. O.*

I have been 25 years in service. I searched the office of Bengal Jute workers Association at Titaghar on 20th March. The search (warrant is Exhibit P. 356. I signed it.

The office is in the house of Nathipasi, in Bow Bazar, Titaghar, I had 3 search witnesses with me, as well as a S. I. Bidu Ghushan Mitre, and Ashutosh Chatterjee and Ram Boli were the search witnesses. We showed ourselves to Nathni pasi. I prepared a search list: I signed it and so did the witnesses. It is Exhibit P. 357. It is a correct list. I signed all the papers found, and so did the witnesses. Among them were :—

i P. 358 23 printed declaration forms of Bengal Jute Workers Association, signed by members (one being Sibnath Banerjee)

× × reserved

Sd/- R. Milner White, 26-7-29

Sd/- Sarat Chandra Ghosh, Inspector of Police.

P. W. 42.

*Biden Ghushan Mittre, Khulna and Tilagarh, O O*

(Evidence in Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitter)

I was present at the search on March 20th. Ram Bhole Pande and Aslatosh Chatterji and the Inspector were present. Before we began to search our persons were searched. The house owner satisfied himself that there was nothing on us. A search list was prepared and I signed it. I also signed the papers. I identify my signature on Exhibit 357 and 358.

The latter was found at that place..

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

26-7-29

## P. W. 43.

**Charu Chandra Sircar,**

I searched Bengal Textile Workers Union and Jute workers Association at 7, Garden Reach Road, on 20th March.

The search warrants were endorsed by me they are P. 359, 360, 361.

I had witnesses with me one was Nibaran Chandra Dalal, Mohan Lal De another, and another Purna Babu.

When we got there we found the room locked from the outside. We sent for one Manindra Sinha who is Secretary occupier of the house. He came and opened the door. We had ourselves searched by him, and then entered and searched the room in the presence of Manindra Singh.

We continued the search till 1 p. m., when Manindra Singh wanted to go and have his breakfast. Then the room was again locked by him and sealed by him and he took away the seal. About 2 hours later he returned, and after examining the seal and the lock, he opened the door again and we were re-searched, and then continued the search. We prepared a search list, it was prepared in my hand, and I signed all the pages and so did the witnesses. It was prepared on the spot, as the search went on. The list is a correct list of articles recovered. It is Ex. P-362. Both I and the witnesses signed all the papers.

A duplicate of the list was given to Manindra Sinha and he signed the search list.

Among things found were the following :-

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|----|--------|--|
| 19 | P. 363 | Receipt Book for 1st W. & P. Conference signed by D. K. Goswami (in rubber stamp). |
| 43 | P. 364 | Exercise book containing proceedings of Garden Reach Workers Union.                |
| 44 | P. 365 | Exercise book of Bengal Jute Workers Association.                                  |
| 49 | P. 366 | Leaflet in Bengali announcing celebration of Lenin Day.                            |
| 50 | P. 367 | Appeal to Sisters and Brothers issued by W. & P. Party of Bengal in Hindi.         |
| 54 | P. 368 | 18 copies of Ganayani.   |
| 55 | P. 369 | 2 copies of Ganayani of 9-8-28.  |

56	P. 370	8 copies of Ganavani of 14-6-28.
57	P. 371	3 copies of Ganavani of 12-7-28.
58	P. 372	"Call to Action" (advertisement)
74	P. 373	Note book of Manindra Singh containing accounts.
79	P. 374	12 admission cards to 1st. W. & P. Conference.
91	P. 375	5 printed posters in Urdu.

All these articles were found in the same room. All the three offices (the 3rd being Garden Reach Workers Union), were situated in the same room.

x x reserved.

Sd. Charu Chandra Sircar

1-8-29;

Sd. R. Milner White

1-8-29.

## P. W. 44.

*Nibaran Chandra Dalal*

*son of Mahindra Nath Dalal, O O*

( in Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitter ).

On 20th March I was present at the search of 7, Garden Reach Road. The Inspector was with me, and a darogha, some constables, and 2 other search witnesses. The Inspector is the man in court ( previous witness ). When we arrived there the doors were locked. We waited and about 11 Manindra Sinha Secretary brought the key opened the house. Before we entered Manindra Babu searched our persons. Then we entered. The search was not continuous as about 1 Manindra Babu was hungry so he went away and returned about 3, when he left he locked and sealed the room and took away the seal. On his return he examine the seal and then broke it and we entered again. All the persons mentioned



were present at the search. A search list was prepared, and I and all the witnesses signed it. I signed all the papers which were seized by the Police.

I identify my signature on each page of the search list, Ex. P. 362.

I satisfied myself that every article entered on the search list was really found.

The following articles bear my signature-P. 363-P. 375.

All these were recovered from the office and bear my signature.

\* \* reserved.

Sd. Nibarn Chandra Dalal.

Sd. R. Milner White

1. 8. 29.

## P. W. 45.

*Mohd Abdul Hakim, son of Elahi Buksh  
Sheikh, 29, Seaman, Kiddarpur O O*

I know a little English. I have read upto the 1st standard, I have been a seaman for 9 or 10 years. I have all along worked in the B. I. S. N. Co. I know S. S. Mercara. I was at Calcutta in November 1927. I Went on the Mercara to London that month. It reached by land in December. I know a man called Upadhaya. I meet him first in December in England at the R. A. Dock. He asked me to be a member of the Seaman's Union.

( Objected to by Counsel for defence as inadmissible.

Admitted subject to future objection

Sd. R. Milner White.

1-8-29.

I and some others joined the Union. I got a card of membership. This is the card-Ex. P. 376,

A month later I met him again at the Royal Albert Dock. That was in February. He asked me to go out for a walk with him. I went with him. I went to London city. He took me to a tea

shop a big hotel and he gave us tea paid for it. Then we walked about and returned to the ship.

The next again he came to the ship and met me there. I again went for a walk in Landon, and again had tea, and gave me two letters-closed letters. One was big and one was small. Both were addressed to Muzaffar Ahmad at 2/1 European Asylum Lane, Calcutta. He told me to give these letters personally to Muzaffar Ahmad. He told me to give the smaller letter first and then the bigger one.

Upudhyaya once took me to a big house called the Seaman's Union.

I can identify the letters if shown to me. I identify the packet shown to me as one of the letters-P. 377 E. It was closed when given to me. It contained about the same.

The smaller letter too I recognise-P. 378 E. This also was closed.

I did not see him again-my ship sailed on 11th or 12th February for Calcutta. She got there in March.

I put the letters in my writing pad. I did not give them to Muzaffar Ahmad as I forgot.

One month and 7 days I left again, this time on the Marga.

I remembered the letters again when I found them in my pad between Colombo and Aden, when I meant to write to my family. As I had forgotten to deliver the letters I put my own stamps on and posted them from Aden. The words "be delivered personally to" were crossed out by the passer. All of us give our letters to the Purser, whose duty it is to post them. The Passer asked if I was going to fly across to give it.

The writing on the back "From M. A. Hakim etc., enclosed in red ink on the back of the envelope ( Ex. 377 E (i) ) was written by me before I gave it to the purser.

I posted the big packet, but left the small one in my writing pad again.

I returned to Bombay on S.S. Niwara in September having in the meantime been on troop ships.

The day I landed I was searched by the Customs and Police Officers and they found the letter and took possession of it. It was still in the writing pad. At that time it was closed. I never opened it from the time I got it till the police took it from me. It was opened by the police and customs in my presence. I identify the letter found inside it—Ex. P. 378.

I made statement in the Dadar Court in respect of this, before a Magistrate.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

18-29.

## P. W. 46.

*Sardar Natha Singh Inspector Police, C.O.*

I arrested P. Spratt, Muzaffar Ahmad, Shamsul Huda and Ajudhia Prasad on 20th March. I identify all four in court. I acted under four warrants, which I signed. The accused also signed. They are Ex. P. 379-382. They signed them in my presence. I arrested them at 2/1, European Asylum Lane. The offices of Ganavani and Workers and Peasants Party of Bengal are in the same building. They are on the first floor of 2/1, European Asylum Lane. There are 3 rooms, and 2 verandhas (on N. & South).

The door of the Verandah was shut from the inside—I knocked at the door, and one Abdul Halim came and opened the door. A little later Abdul Qadar came out of the office room, which is at the Eastern extremity (here—after called Room No. 1.) there is a room in the middle, No. 2, and another on the West, No. 3).

Shamsul Huda came out of Room No. 2, and the other three out of Room No. 3.

As far as I remember there were 2 "bistas" spread on the floor of room No. 1, two in No. 2, and in room 3 there were two "bistas" and one camp cot.

I was also given seven search warrants. They are for:—

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|--------|---|
| P. 383 | Office of Workers and Peasants Party Calcutta 2/1 European Asylum Lane. |
| P. 384 | .... Ganavani.  |
| P. 385 | .... Residence of Muzaffar Ahmad  |
| P. 386 | .... „ Abdul Halim.   |
| P. 387 | .... „ Shamsul Huda   |

P. 388	....	„	Ajudhia Prasad
P. 389	....	„	P. Spratt.

The several warrants are P. 388-389. (in above order).

I arrived there about 4 A.M. I had two search witnesses with me, Shamsuddin and Habib-ur Rahman.

Muzaffar Ahmad and Abdul Halim searched me and the witnesses before the search started.

There were two other searching officers with me, S. I. Alauddin Ahmad and S.I. Upendra Nath Pal. The job was two heavy for and so I had to requisition their services. Alauddin came just after I got there, and Pal just before 6. We divided the work of searching among ourselves. I searched Room No. 1 (office room). Shamsuddin Ahmad and Habib-ur Rahman were my search witnesses for that room. Alauddin Ahmad also assisted me in conducting the search of this room. Room No. 2 was searched by Alauddin Ahmad, and Room No. 3 by Upendra Nath Pal.

I started searching Room No. 1 from about 5-20 a.m. From about 9-10-30 a.m. we stopped, and then went on from 10-30 a.m. 7 p. m.

The search of room No. 2 started about 9 a.m. and finished about 10-30. S.I. Alauddin searched it, and the witnesses Shamsuddin Ahmad (from room 1) and Goshto Behari Shah (from room 3) helped him.

Upindra Nath Pal was the searcher of room 3. he started about 6 a.m. and had two witnesses Goshto Behari Shah and Ganendra Bhusan Mukerji, they also stopped about 9 a.m., and restarted about 10-30 a.m. They finished about 7 p.m. perhaps 7-30 p.m.

I prepared a search list. I searched the person of Muzaffar Ahmad and prepared a personal search list.

The personal list is Ex. P. 390 and I signed it; so did the witnesses. Among the things found was:—

1	P. 391	....	Pencil written letter by Basak to M. Ahmad.
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In room No. 1, S.I. Alauddin helped me and we divided the work and prepared separate search lists: we had the same witnesses.

The list which I prepared is Ex. P. 392 I signed it and so did the witnesses.

Among the papers found were:—

16	P. 393	....	Receipt book of 1st A.I.W. and P. Party conference.
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- 137 P. 394 ..... Foreign list of addresses of Ganavani
- 148 P. 395 E ..... Registered cover addressed to  
P. 395 (1) Muzaffar Ahmad, containing two  
P. 395 (2) letter from Dange of 18-1-29 send-  
ing Rs. 500/-
- 150 P. 396 E ..... Telegram from Dange.  
& 396
- 149 P. 397 ..... Diary of 1928.
- 151 P. 398 ..... Bengali M.S.S. in M.A.'s writing  
apparently.
- 152 P. 399 ..... Ditto in Urdu.
- 154 P. 400 ..... Hindi leaflet issued by Bengal W.  
& P. Party "A request to workman  
male and female.
- 158 P. 401 ..... File containing issues of Spartt  
Jan. 27, Feb. 10 (2), 17 (2) March  
10, 1929.
- 160 P. 402 ..... Telegram (copy) addressed Agnes  
Swedley signed by Muz. Ahmad.
- 161 P. 403 ..... Letter dated Jan. 14, 1929 (office  
copy) about Lenin Day.
- 162 P. 404 ..... Letter signed by Gopal.  
& 404 E Basak to Muz. Ahmed dated 16-3-29
- 166 P. 405 ..... Five postal receipts for registered  
letters etc.
- 167 P. 406 ..... List of books.
- 172 P. 407 ..... Typed article on "May day".
- 183 P. 408 ..... Manifesto of Communist Party by  
Marx.
- 187 P. 409 ..... Printed report for 1927 on Commu-  
nist Party of India.
- 189 P. 410 ..... Printed paper containing list of  
addresses S. Tagore, M.N. Roy etc.
- 190 P. 411 ..... Copy of Farmers and Peasants  
International correspondent for June  
July 1927.

- 191 P. 412 .... Copy of 'Masses of India' (Paris) for July 1927.
- 192 P. 413 1,2,3 .... Three envelopes addressed to Editor Ganavani post marked Moscow.
- 193 P. 414 .... Telegram from Gauri Shankar to Muzaffar Ahmad.
- 194 P. 415 .... File (card board box shape), containing amongst others:—
- P. 415 (1) .... New bulletins from U.S.S.R. for 14 9-27, 15-9-27, 16-9-27, 22-9-27, 24-9-27, 29-9-27, and notice to Editors dated 16-9-27.
- P. 415 (2) .... Two envelopes addressed to Editor Ganavani; from Moscow.
- P. 415 (3) .... Draft of telegram to Agnes Smedley from Muz. Ahmad.
- P. 415 (4) .... Typed letter from Berlin signed by Agnes Smedley
- P. 415 (5) .... Post card addressed to Muz. Ahmad.
- P. 415 (6) .... Voucher (invoice) in respect of 2 kooks.  
from Communist Book Shop,  
with list of books attached on  
M. S. S.
- ✓ 415 (7) .... Bengali letter of 30. 8. from Sumendra Nath Tagore.
- 415 (8) .... Letter of 30. 5. 27 signed by Harry Pollitt.
- 415 (9) .... Circular to all party members issued by Ex. Committee, W. & P. Party, of August 1928.
- P. 415 (10) .... Three typed sheets of review on (Modern India) and Future of Indian Politics by Roy.
- P. 415 (11) .... Typed Report on China.
- P. 415 (12) .... Letter of 29. 5. 28. from Gopal Basak.
- P. 415 (13) .... Spratt on Bardoli.

P. 415 (14) Notes by Spratt as Trade Union Bill.  
 P. 415 (15) Article by Spratt on 'Lesson of E. I. R. strike in M.S.S.

All these letters- 415(1)-(15) were found in this box P. 415. All were signed by the witnesses and most of them by Muzaffar Ahmad also. I signed on the file cover.

195 P. 416 File containing "Correspondence Received (All papers signed by witnesses and Muzaffar Ahmad) including :-

P. 416 (1) Letter of 24.9.27. from secretary Peasants & Workers Party to Secy. Paper Mill Workers.

P. 416 (2) Letter of 6-10-27, to Chief Secretary, Government of Bengal.

P. 416 (3) Leaflet on Communism by Palme Dutt

P. 416 (4) Letter of 2.9.28, Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad.

P. 416 (5) Envelope containing cutting & 416(5) E. from Ghate to Ed. "Ganavani"

P. 416 (6) Copy of letter from Muzaffar Ahmad to Maxziase dated 25.10.28.

P. 416 (7) Draft constitution of Communist Party of India 1929, in 3 type written sheets, 5 copies.

(Concluded for day to be continued on 2-8-29).

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P. 416 (8) Receipt from Kishori Lal Ghose.

P. 416 (9) Letter from Berlin dated 5.12.28, & 416(9) E. from Berlin to Editor 'Ganavani.'

	P. 416 (10)	Letter from Bishwa Nath Mukerji to Muzaffar Ahmad dated 30-12-28.
	P. 416 (11)	Copy of Resolution dated 1-11-28, in Gopal Basak's writing.
	P. 416 (12)	Letter dated 29. 11. 28 from Sumendra Nath Tagore (Berlin)
	P. 416 (13)	Two leaflet about Lenin day.
	✓ P. 416 (14)	Agenda of Exec. Meeting, 26. 8. 28.
	P. 416 (15)	Notes in writing of Spratt about Public Safety Bill.
	P. 416 (16)	Letter from P. C. Joshi to Muzaffar Ahmad.
198	P. 417	Steel die, of flag with hammer and sickle.
200	P. 418	Sacco and Vanzetti.
209	P. 419 & P. 419 E	Letter dated 12-10-28. from S. S. Josh to Muzaffar Ahmad.
210	P. 420 420 E	Letter from Ghate to Muzaffer Ahmad-report on W. & P. party of Bombay.
211	P. 421 & 421 E	Letter dated 11. 11. 28. from Ghate to Muzaffer Ahmad.
216	P. 422 & 422 E	Letter dated 19. 9. 28 from Gopal Basak to Muz. Ahmad.

All these papers were initialled by Muzaffar Ahmad and signed by me and the search witnesses, in my presence.  
x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

2-8-29

Sd/- N. Singh,

Inspector,

Calcutta Police,

Dt. 2/8/29

Sardar Nathan Singh, O. O.

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The following paper was also found :—

202 P. 423

Letter of 8th March 1929 -  
resignation of certain persons  
from the workers and Peasants  
Party of India.

It was signed by me and the Search witnesses.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

2-8-29

Sd/- N. Singh,

Dt. 2/8/29.

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P. W. 47

*Mr. G. Sita Ram Kher,*

*Superintendent of Police,*

*Mainpuri O. O.*

I am Superintendent of Police, Mainpuri. Before that I was in the C. I. D. including March 1929.

The two search warrants of Kishen Gopal Sharama and Kerante Kari Office, Jhansi, were given to me. They are located in the same building—house, office, press. The warrants are those given to me—Exhibit P. 424 and 425.

I conducted the searches in morning of 20th March. I got there a little before dawn. Krishen Gopal Sharama was present. We surrounded the house, and asked Sharma to search us, and called two witnesses. I was searched, and a S. I., and the whole party by Krishen Gopal himself.

We took a lot of papers into our possession and prepared search list—it is the one shown me—Exhibit P. 426. I signed all these papers, and so did the witnesses and Krishen Gopal.

The papers recovered were signed by me and the witnesses. The witnesses were Muhamad Mumtaz Husain and Sett Babu Lal Vaish. Among them were :—

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|--------|--------|---|
| 4      | P. 427 | Draft article in Hindi written by P. C. Joshi.  |
| 32     | P. 428 | Bundle of posters.  |
| 33     | P. 429 | Two blank forms of enrolment for League of Young Comrades, U. P. and Delhi; and Workers & Peasants Party U. P. and Delhi. |
| 37     | P. 430 | S. S. Joshi's presidential address at 1st All India workers and Peasants Party Conference, Calcutta.                      |
| 43     | P. 431 | Complete set of Kranta Kari upto date 20th March.   |
| 48     | P. 432 | Letter from Muzaffar Ahmad to Lachami Narayan Jhansi, (typed).  |
| 67 (k) | P. 433 | Subscription Register of Kranti Kari.   |
| 68     | P. 434 | Postcard from Bishnath Mukerji to Kishan Lal Sharma—22-10-28.   |

All these things were recovered from that house, and were signed by me and the witnesses.

x x reserved,

Sd/- R. Milner White,

2-8-29.

x x by K. N. Sehgal.

I was sitting in the other room when the previous witness was giving evidence and could not hear.

Sd/- R. Milner white,

2-8-29.

Sd/- G. S. Ram Kher,

2-8-29.

## P. W. 48

*S. I. Alauddin Ahmad, S. I. Calcutta, O. Q.*

I have been in the police service, for 8 years. I was one of the searching officers of 2/1 European Assylum Lane on 20th March. I assisted Sardar Nathe Singh. There are 3 rooms there. The room in the extreme east (No. 1) is the office of 'Gañavani' and Workers and Peasants Party of Bengal. I helped Sardar Nathen Singh to conduct the search of room No. 1. He had phoned up to me to help him. I also searched the middle room (No. 2).

The search warrant of Shamshul Huda (No. 2) P. 387—is signed by me.

I was also given the search warrant of Abdul Halim—P. 386—it bears my report.

There were two witnesses. There were other witnesses for the other rooms and another officer.

The work in Room 1 was divided between me and Sardar Nathe Singh. I prepared a search list of room 1. I signed it, and so did the witnesses, in my presence. Muzaffar Ahmad also signed it in my presence. It is a correct list. It is Exhibit P. 435.

I also searched Room II. One of the witnesses of Room 1 and one from Room III were the witnesses and Shamshuluddin Ahmad and Ghost Behari Shah. I prepared a search list in the room. I signed it, and so did the witnesses. It is a correct list of articles found there. It is Exhibit P. 436.

All the papers found were signed by witnesses. Most of them were signed by Muzaffar Ahmad and Abdul Halim.

Among the papers found in room 1 were:—

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|-------------------|--------|---|
| No. 1 (of P. 435) | P. 337 | 31 copies of posters in English.  |
| 2                 | P. 438 | 5 copies of posters in Urdu.  |
| 3                 | P. 439 | 10 copies of posters in Hindi.  |
| 20                | P. 440 | Bengali letter dated 13th July from Surendra Nath Tagore to Muzaffar Ahmad. |
| 33                | P. 441 | Typed manifesto of Workers and Peasants Party of India.                     |

45 (1)	P. 442	File of Newspaper cuttings about Russia.
45 (2)	P. 443	Ditto.
48	P. 444	Book containing cuttings about Russia.
47	P. 445	Two copies of "Masses of India".
51	P. 446	File containing letters including:—
	P. 446 (1)	Letters of 16-5-28 to D. K. Goshwami—three letters.
	P. 446 (2)	Typed notice announcing Bhatpara Conference.
51 (2)	P. 447	File containing letters—including.
	P. 447 (1)	Copy of letter of 16th July 1928, to Superintendent, Post Office, South Calcutta Division from Muzaffar Ahmad.
	P. 447 (2)	Copy of letter dated 20th Feb. 1928 (3 pages) to Director General of Posts and Telegraph.
	P. 447 (3)	Nine receipts for registered packets to Ghate, Tagor, Agnes, Smedley, Labour Monthly and Workers Welfare League etc.
	P. 447 (4)	Declaration of Muzaffar Ahmad for publishing 'Ganavani' (very much torn) and renewal—ditto—
	P. 447 (5)	Letter from Dombol written from Moscow—21st May 1926.
	P. 447 (6)	Letter of 2nd May 1926, from Moscow.
	P. 447 (7)	Copy of letter of 15th April 1926.
	P. 447 (8)	Copy of letter to Moscow dated 4th August 1926.
	P. 447 (9)	Letter (draft) of 4th August 1926 to Manager E. and Colonial Department Krisatem, Moscow.
	P. 447 (10)	Letter from Orloff.
	P. 447 (11)	Letter of 11th April 1926 from Lubani.

- P. 447 (12) Reply the above addressed to  
Manager East. and Colonial  
Department Krestenten.
- P. 447 (13) Typed addresses.
- 51 (3) P. 448 File containing letters:--including
- P. 448 (1) Letter dated 4th Aug. '28 asking  
for ABC of Communism.
- P. 448 (2) Letter dated 12-1-28 to Manager,  
Communist Bookshop, London.
- P. 448 (3) Letter dated 7-7-27.
- P. 448 (4) Letter dated 23-6-27 (to Com-  
munist Bookshop).
- P. 448 (5) Letter dated 23-6-27 to General  
Secretary National Minority Move-  
ment.
- P. 448 (6) Letter dated 23/6/27 addressed to  
Comrade Page Arnott.
- P. 448 (7) Letter dated 12/5/27 to General Secre-  
tary National Minority Movement.
- P. 448 (8) Letter of 14/4/27 from Harry Pollitt  
to S. Tagore.
- 65 P. 449 Letter from Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad  
dated 5th April 1928.
- 69 P. 450 Draft telegram to Tagore.
- 70 P. 451 Poster in Gurmukhi.
- 74 P. 452 Letter from P. C. Joshi.  
& P. 452 E. to Muzaffar Ahmad dated 26th Jan.  
1929.
- 78 P. 453 Letter, of 19/9/28 from Mrax Zeire to  
& P. 453 E. Muzaffar Ahmad (two sheets)
- 86 P. 454 "Real Situation in Russia" by Trotskey.
- 87 P. 455 'Capital' by Marx
- 89 P. 456 "Illustrated History of Russian Re-  
volution.
- 94 (a) P. 457 Photos of Spratt etc, with  
& (b)
- 458 "Group photo of Bengal

- 459 Communist", on back and
- 460 5 other photos of Punjab
- 461 communists, Bombay, U. P.
- 462 and two of Ryan.
- & P. 457 E

When I found these photos, the descriptions on the backs were already there.

- 92 P. 463 Receipts for registered letters to Agnes Smedley League against Imperialism M. N. Roy, Labour Research Department, London, Communist International, Moscow, etc., Nos. 409—427.
- 96 P. 464 Notice in Spratt; writing "To All Workers".
- 97 P. 465 Ten pages of typed report on Therin Conference.
- 98 P. 466 Red Banner—"Workers of the world Unite".

*Adjournment till tomorrow.*

(Sd) R. Milner White.

2/8/29.

(Sd) A. A. Ahmad.

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- 72 (1) P. 467 File containing letters, found in box of Muzaffar Ahmad:—1st All India Workers and Peasants Party Conference including:—
  - P. 467 (1) Notice of December 19, '28 issued by Association Secretary, Reception Committee.
  - P. 467 (2) Printed letter by D. Goswami dated 10/12/28.
  - P. 467 (3) ditto.
  - P. 467 (4) Typed list of Unions under Workers and Peasants Party of Bengal.
  - P. 467 (5) Draft resolution-protesting against war preparations.

- P. 467 (6) List of organisation, to whom invitation letters were issued on 10/8/28.
- P. 467 (7) Letter of 1-11-28. addressed to Nat. minority and other organisations.
- 2 (2) P. 468 File of Workers and Peasants Party:— including.
- P. 468 (1) Telegram from S.S. Josh to Ganavani.
- P. 468 (2) Letter from Ghate of 8th December, 1928 giving list of Bombay delegates
- P. 468 (3) Typed letter of 22nd Nov. 1928, from Rishwanath Mukerji.
- P. 468 (4) List of delegates from Youth League, dated 11/2/28.

All these things were recovered from room No. 1 and were signed by me and the witnesses; Muzaffar Ahmad signed many of them with the initials M. A.

In room No. 2, (all search list Exhibit P. 436) there were among others:—

- 4 P. 469 Letter of 23rd December 1928 from Gopal Basak to R. R. Mitra.
- 6 P. 470 Letter of 1/11/28 from Gopal Basak to D. K. Goswami.
- 11 P. 471 Letter dated 18th September 1928 from Gopal Basak to D.K. Goswami.

In room No. 1 search list P. 435 the following books etc. also were found:—

- 4 P. 513 16 copies of Ganavani.
- 5 P. 514 150 copies of Workers and Peasants Party, Bengal, constitution.
- 13 P. 515 Two copies of Political Resolution.
- 14 P. 516 Copy of Payam Muzdur
- 19 P. 517 Four copies of "Call to Action".
- 22 P. 518 Three copies of Sacco and Vanzette.
- 30 P. 519 250 copies of "Langal"
- 42 P. 521 "What the students of other countries have done what our students should do.

46 P. 522 There copies of 'New Masses'  
60 P. 523 "Call to Action".  
61 P. 524 'Political Resolutions' in Bengali.

All these were found in room No. 1

× × reserved.

Sd/-R Milner White,

3/8/29.

Sd/- A. A. Ahmad.

3/8/29.

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## P. W. 46 *CONTD.*

*Sardar Nathen Singh*

The following articles etc were also received.

Item No. of

P. 392

1	P. 506	"Lenin" by Marx
24	P. 507	Ghandi Lenin by Dange.
59	P. 408	3rd Annual Conference of National Minority Movement.
87	P. 509	Soviet constitution.
118	P. 510	Elementary course of Communist Party Training.
58	P. 511	Trade Unions in Soviet Russia.
201	P. 512	'Sunday Worker' for 27th Jan. 1929.

All these books were found in room No. 1 in 2/1 European  
Asylum Lane.

× × reserved

(Sd) R. MILNER WHITE

3/8/29.

(Sd) S. N. SINGH

3/8/29.



## P. W. 49

*S. I. Upendra Nath Pal, Calcutta, Police, O. O.*

I have been in the Police for 13 years. I searched the house 2/1 European Asylum Lane on March 20. I was sent for by Inspector Nathen Singh. I searched the western room (No. 3). I had two search witnesses-Ghosto Behar Shah and Ganendra Bhusan Makerji. Before the search we offered ourselves to be searched to Messrs. Spratt and Ajudhia Prasad, and they satisfied themselves.

The search warrants P. 388 and 389 were endorsed by me.

I begun the search about 6 A. M. At the end ,about 7 P.M. I had two other search witnesses\* I got them from Room No. 1. My first two witnesses got tired, so I brouht in the other two about 9 a.m. Ghosta Behari Shah went to witnesses the search in room 8.

I prepared a search list: I prepared two. I signed them, and so did the witnesses and Mr. Spratt signed the first list of Room 3 (P.473). I identify the search lists—P. 473 and 472. I identify Spratt's signature on P. 473.

P. 473 is a correct list of articles found. Most of the papers were signed by Mr. Spratt.

The following articles were found among others :—

5	P. 574 & P. 474 E.	Letter of 14th March 1929 from Ghate to Muzaffar Anmad.
8	P. 475.	Letter of 10th March 1929 from Gopal Basak to Muzaffar Ahmad
9	P. 476.	Photo of lady, with notes on the back.
11	P. 477.	Copy of " Kirti " for March 1929.
24	P. 478.	Letter dated 2-12-28 from E. C. C. I. to workers and Peasants Party—All India Conference.
31	P. 479. and—479 E	Letter dated 6-3-28 from Spratt to Muzaffar Ahmad.
36	P. 480 & P. 480 E.	Letter from Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad dated Feb. 14th, 1929 (half of it in. Shaukat Usmani writing).

38	P. 481.	Telegram from Majid to Muzaffar Ahmad.
45	P. 482.	Letter of 10th March 1928 from Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad.
62	P. 483.	"Instructions for members at Ondal, Rance gano and Asansol' in Spratt's writing.
73	P. 484.	Receipt given by Press ( Sri Gaurang Press ) to Muzaffar Ahmad.
76	P. 485 & P. 485 E.	Letter of 7th March 1929 S. S. Josh to Muzaffar Ahmad.
92	P. 486.	M.S.S. Questions and Answers.
99	P. 487.	Two telegrams, from Ghate to Ganavani, dated 2nd September 1928.
106	P. 488 & P. 488 E.	Letter of Aug. 1928 from Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad.
112	P. 489.	Letter of 5th Jan. 1929 from Shamsul Huda-two copies.
113	P. 490.	M. S. draft of letter dated 4th Jan. 1929 in Bradley's writing.
114	P. 491.	Two typed sheets of 1st Jan. 1929, proceedings of Transport Workers Unions.
121	P. 492.	Copy of 'Chitromya Jagat.
182	P. 493.	Thumb prints etc in formation of new union.
183	P. 494.	Bengali M. S.-notes for lecture or article.
193	P. 495	Seven urdu copies of constitution of Kirti kisan Party, Punjab.
195	P. 496	Report ( printed ) of 1927-28 of Workers and Peasants Party of Bengal
203	P. 497	Urdu posters.
206	P. 498	Bill No. G. P 56056 to Muzaffar Ahmad.

- 214 P. 499 Receipts, 5-6-28, from Thomas Cook to P. Spratt
- 215 P. 500 Bill to Muzaffar Ahmad of 6th June 1928
- 217 P. 501 Letter of 28th May 1928 from Spratt to Muzaffar Ahmad.
- 220 P. 502 Notice of 13th Dec. 1928 from Netherland Bank to Spratt.
- 223 P. 503 Receipt from Sri Gaurage Press.
- 224 P. 504 Cash memo, of publishing Co. Mohammadin
- 225 P. 505 Two receipted bills of Siraswate Press.
- 197 P. 525 File of correspondence etc-signed by witnesses and Spratt, including
- P. 525 (1) printed notice of Nat. Research and publicity institute,
- P. 525 (2) Map of Mt. Seaman's club, Hamburg
- P. 525 (3) M. S. S. in Spratt's writing-notes on Tramways Workers Union
- P. 525 (4) Demands formulated for Seaman's Union-in(Spratt's writing
- 198 P. 526 File of correspondence-including-
- P. 526 (1) Musical score of the International.
- P. 526 (2) Letter of 14th Jan. 1929 from Bradley to "P"
- P. 526 (3) Telegram from Desai-Spark, Bombay to Spratt
- P. 526 (4) Letter of 4th Feb. 1929 from Desai to Spratt
- P. 526 (5) Invitation to Spratt from Secretary, Punjab Nau Jawan Bharat Sabha.
- P. 526 (6) Letter from P. C. Joshi to Spratt.

- P. 526 ( 7 ) Letter of 28th Nov. 1928 from Kishori Lal to Spratt announcing Jonhston's arrival and stay with him
- P. 526 ( 8 ) Letter from Joshi.
- P. 526 ( 9 ) Letter 29th November 1928, from Kishori Lal to Spratt
- P. 526 ( 10 ) Note of 10th September 1928 from Bradley to Spratt
- P. 526 ( 11 ) Letter of 20th May 1928 to Editor of Forward.
- P. 526 ( 12 ) Letter dated 26th May 1928 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Spratt with printed notice.
- P. 526 ( 13 ) Letter from Kishori Lal to Spratt.
- P. 526 ( 14 ) Letter of 18th April 1928 from Gopal Basak to Spratt M. S.
- P. 526 ( 15 ) Letter of 18th April 1928 ( M. S.) from Kishori Lal to Spratt.
- P. 526 ( 16 ) Letter of 1st July 1928, from Spratt to Ginwala
- P. 526 ( 17 ) Letter of 29th April 1928 from Spratt to Editor, Chitromany Jagat.
- P. 526 ( 18 ) Letter of 8th July 1928 from Spratt to Editor, Chitromany Jagat
- P. 526 ( 19 ) Letter of 15th May 1928 from Gopal Basak to Spratt,
- P. 526 ( 20 ) Letter of 8th April 1928 from Kishori Lal to Spratt.
- P. 526 ( 21 ) Letter of 11th April 1928 from A. Banerjee to Spratt
- P. 526 ( 22 ) Letter of 26th July 1928 from Spratt to Manager, Sunday worker
- P. 526 ( 23 ) Letter dated 21st August 1928 from Gopal Basak to Spratt.
- P. 526 ( 24 ) Letter of 23rd July 1928 from M.A Majid to Spratt
- P. 526 ( 25 ) Typed article ' Russia and India '

- P. 526 (26) Letter of 9th Jan. 1928 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Spratt
- P. 526 (27) Typed notice 26th Jan. 1928 issued by Mirajkar to Spratt.
- P. 526 (28) Letter of 1st Feb. 1928 from M.A. Majid to Spratt
- P. 526 (29) Draft of letter from Spratt to C. P. Dutt.
- P. 526 (30) Letter of 21st Feb. 1928 from Mirajkar to Spratt
- P. 526 (31) Spratt on E. I. R. dispute (m.s.s)
- P. 526 (32) M. S. S. Spratt on Organisation and work of the Party.
- P. 526 (33) Spratt's notes of 5th July 1928 on General strike etc.
- P. 526 (34) Article on "Complete Independence" M. S. S. and typed copies.
- P. 526 (35) Spratt's notes for articles
- P. 526 (36) 'The Power of Labour' M.S. by Spratt.
- P. 526 (37) Slip-containing notes for resolutions.
- P. 526 (38) Letter of 11th Feb. 1928 from Spratt.
- P. 526 (39) Notes by Spratt, dated 6th September 1928.
- P. 526 (40) Draft article on Public Safety Bill.
- P. 526 (41) Spratt on 'Rule of Workers and Peasants Party'.
- P. 526 (42) Letter dated 3rd Jan. 1929 from C. P. Dutt to Spratt
- P. 526 (43) Typed letter dated June 14, 1928 from England.
- P. 526 (44) Letter of Jan. 11, 1929 unsigned with "please forward" on top.
- P. 526 (45) Letter of Nov. 30, 1927 from C. P. Dutt.

	P. 526 (46)	Letter of 9th March 1928 from Spratt to "Robin".
	P. 526 (47)	Letter dated 10th Feb 1928. from Majid
	P. 526 (48)	Notes by Spratt.
199	P. 527	Correspondence file. including
	P. 527 (1) & P. 527 (1) E	Letter of 14th March 1929 replying to C. P. Dutt's letter of 11th Jan. 1929.
	P. 527 (2)	Notes by Spratt on organization. Ryan's address on top.
	P. 527 (3)	Typed copy of 'Power of Labour' (See 526 (36).
	P. 527 (4)	Eleven typed pages 'Elementary course for workers'.
	P. 527 (5)	Elementary course on Communist Party Training (printed)
	P. 527 (6)	M.S.S. manifesto of Communist Party of India in Spratt's writing.
	P. 527 (7)	Notes by Spratt on "Communism: a guide for reading."
	P. 527 (8)	M.S.S. by Spratt: manifesto of Communist Party of India to all Workers.
	P. 527 (9)	M.S.S. by Spratt: Split, in Workers and Peasants' Party.

All these articles were found in the room (3) and were signed by me and the witnesses: and those signed 'P. Spratt and 'P. S.' were signed by Spratt in my presence.

The following were also entered in the same search list and were found there:—

29	P. 528	"Imperialism"
47	P. 529	Saccas and Vanzeth in Bengali.
55	P. 530	Copy of Workers life of 1st Feb, 1929
57	P. 531	Copy of Sunday Worker
64	P. 532	Five copies of Labour Monthly

69	P. 533	Copy of Sunday Worker
94	P. 534	Copy of Workers' life of 7th September 1928
95	P. 535	Copy of Sunday Worker
111	P. 536	'India and the Next War by Agnes Smedley
120	P. 537	Sixteen copies of Ganavani
132	P. 538	Manifesto of Communist Party
141	P. 539	'Gandhi Versus Lenin' by Dange.
148	P. 540	'Communism by Dutt.
184	P. 541	Eight copies of Sunday Worker
200	P. 542	Five copies of Spark Eleven copies
202	P. 543	of Bengali Sacco and Venzeth.
Sd/- U.N. Pal		Sd/- B. Milner White.
3-8-29		3-8-29

*To be continued on 6-8-29*

Continued:—O.O.

I prepared a separate search list for room (3)—it is Exhibit P. 472. It is signed by me and the witnesses. It is a correct list of articles.

Among them were:—

3 (c)	P. 544	File containing letters etc. including:—
	P. 544 (1)	Notes for observing hartal, in M. S. S.
	P. 544 (2)	Spratt's memorandum on Trades Disputes Bill 2nd September 1928 M. S. 6 sheets.
	P. 544 (3)	List of Unions in Bengal.
	P. 545	T. U. C. file.
	P. 545 (1)	Draft Letter, covering notes on 'Functions of Executive Committee' and 'Labour and Swaraj' Spratt's writing.
	P. 545 (2)	ditto typed

- P. 545 (3) ditto, with pencil notes on sides and also "Statement on Nehru Report",
- P. 545 (4) M.S.S. draft of forwarding letter to above in Spratt's writing.
- P. 545 (5) M. S. S. Draft of "Statement on Nehru Report" Spratt's
- P. 545 (6) Two printed leaflets - "Geneva Show" and A.I.T.U.C. & I.F.T.U.
- P. 545 (7) Printed circular of Bombay Workers and Peasants Party asking Trades Unions to affiliate to the R.I.L.U.
- P. 545 (8) Article on "Conspiracy of Imperialism in T. U. Congress"—by S. A. Dange.
- P. 545 (9) Two copies of printed pamphlet "What students of other countries have done etc".
- P. 545 (10) Two copies of printed pamphlet—"Manifesto to our country men".
- 6 (f) P. 546 File "Youth organization" including
- P. 546 (1) Call to Action.
- P. 546 (2) Leaflet "Revolution and Independence".
- P. 546 (3) Programme of Malda District Youth Convention.
- P. 546 (4) Typed notes on Youth Section with M.S. notes by Spratt.
- P. 546 (5) Printed pamphlet on "Young Comrades League.\*
- P. 546 (6) Form, and typed draft continuation of Young Comrades League.
- P. 546 (7) Slip in Spratt's writing urging all members of Young Comrades League to do propaganda in villages.
- P. 546 (8) Notes in Spratt's writing dated 1st September 1928 called 'Working Class Movement'.



- P. 546 (9) Letter of 18th June 1928 from L. C. Maloney to Spratt.
- P. 546 (10) Letter dated 2nd August 1928 written by Spratt to Maloney in reply to above.
- P. 546 (11) Printed manifesto of Workers and Peasants Party to Youth Congress, under printed signature of Thengdi.
- 7(g) P. 547 File "Railways Union" including:-
- P. 547 (1) Notes in Spratt's writing of 20th January 1928 about Union of all railway unions.
- P. 547 (2) Letter of 30th November 1928 from Joglekar to Spratt.
- P. 547 (3) Letter of 12th October 1928 from Joglekar to Spratt.
- 8 (h) P. 548 File - "Municipal, Seamen, Docks, etc.,
- P. 548 (1) Membership card of Bombay Dock Workers Union.
- P. 548 (2) Letter of 16th Feb. 1928 from Mirajkar to Spratt.
- P. 548 (3) and (4) Letters 6th January 1928 and 20th January 1928 from Jhabwala to Spratt.
- P. 548 (5) Notes on Scavenger's Union in Spratt's writing.
- P. 548 (6) Appeal to Bombay Municipal Workers Union to strike on 3rd February.
- P. 548 (7) 'Our Demands' by Municipal Scavengers Union.
- P. 548 (8) Letter of 31st January 1928 signed Goswami, to Muzaffar.
- P. 548 (9) Proceedings of Ishapur Ordnance Workers Union of April 1928.
- P. 548 (10) Four hand bills regarding public meeting of Dock-Workers to form Unions.
- 9 (i) P. 549 File : Workers and Peasants Party etc", including:-
- P. 549 (1) Two copies of printed appeal issued by Muzaffar Ahmad.

- P. 549 (2) Presidential address of S. S. Joshi at All India, Workers and Peasants Party Conference, in Gurmukhi.
- P. 549 (3) .... ditto .... in Urdu.
- P. 549 (4) Copies of "Political Resolutions" in Urdu.
- P. 549 (5) Three copies of "Call to Action" (two small, and one complete).
- P. 549 (6) "Succo and Venzeth-copies in Bengali and English.
- P. 549 (7) India and the Next War by Agnes Smedley.
- P. 549 (8) Two copies of Bengal Peasants and Workers Party Constitution—1927.
- P. 549 (9) Constitution of Bengal Workers and Peasants Party 1928.
- P. 549 (10) Rules and Regulations of Nau Jawan Bharat Sabha, Punjab in Urdu.
- P. 549 (11) Poster.
- P. 549 (12) Five hand bills.
- P. 549 (13) Printed constitution of Indian Swaraj Party.
- P. 549 (14) Typed copies of All India Trades Union Conference-resolutions.
- P. 549 (15) Typed copies of constitution of All India Workers and Peasants Party.
- P. 549 (16) Notes in Spratt's writing of Workers and Peasants Conference at Meerut.
- P. 549 (17) Invitation card - to Spratt to attend Lyallpur Conference.
- P. 549 (18) Two letters of 27th July 1928 from S. S. Joshi to Spratt and Bradley-invitations.
- P. 549 (19) Letter of 11th March 1929, from Gopal Chandra Basak to Spratt, complaining of the breach in the parts.
- P. 549 (20) Newspaper cuttings attached to letter of 25th August 1929, from Ghate.
- P. 549 (21) Letter (M. S. in pencil) from Basak--  
"Not only our party but also our group, etc....." 2 pages.

- P. 549 (22) Notes for manifesto of Workers and Peasants Party 3 pages.
- 11(k) P. 550 3 M. S. pages in Spratt's writing, with 3 printed pages "Indian National Congress" with notes.

All these documents shown to me as above were found by me in room 3, and were signed by witnesses in my presence and by me; and also by Spratt.

x x reserved.

Sd/- U. N. Paul

6/8/29.

## P. W. 50.

*Shamsh Uddin Ahmad, son of Jalaluddin Ahmad Sheikh, 26, Calcutta—O.O.*

I was a search witness on 20 March of 2/1 European Asylum Lane. Habibur Rahman, Mukerji and Ghosito Behari Shah, were other witnesses. I went with Inspector Natha Singh and a police party. I went in the main door, and up a stair to the verandah. There the inspector knocked and Abdul Halim came out, followed by Abdul Qadar. Abdul Halim shouted, 'Muzaffar, the police have come! Hearing this Spratt, Muzaffar Ahmad, Shamsul Huda and Ajudhia Pershad came out from their respective rooms—identifies them all. Muzaffar Ahmad searched me and Habibur Rahman before we entered—also the police officers. There are three rooms in the house, on the 1st floor I was a search witness in the E. room (No 1) I was there throughout the search, except between 9-30 and 10-30. At that time I was in the middle room: I was then searching that room and initialling the things found. Ghosito Behari Shah was the other witness in that room. I was also present at room No. 3 after 7 o'clock. Habibur Rahman was the other search witness of room No. 3 when I was there. By that time I had finished the search of rooms Nos. 1 and 2.

S. I. Pal was search officer in Room 3.

S. I. Ahmed.....Room 2.

Inspector Natha Singh.....Room 1.

In Room Nos. 2 and 3 there were beds. In Room No. 3 we found some papers in the steel boxes. The search of that room was 7-30 p.m.

I started the search in room 1 about 5 a.m. and went on till 9-30—10-30—during that time there was a cessation in room No. 1, and we began the search of No. 2. Then we went back to No. 1 and went on searching till 7. After 7 I went to room 3.

A search list was prepared on the spot. I signed it. I also signed the papers seized. Before I signed I satisfied myself that all the documents entered were found. I identify my signature on search lists P. 392 (Room 1), P. 390 (Muzaffar Ahmad's person), P. 435 (Room 1), P. 436 (room 2).

When the Box in room 3 was searched, a list was made; I signed it. It is Ex. P. 472.

I identify my signature on document. P: 391—395. I do not see my signature on P. 396, but the other witness signed.

P, 397—399 bear my signature.

P. 400 bearing the signature of other witness.

Exb. P. 401—414 bear my signature.

Exb. 415 does not bear my signature.

Exb. P. 416, 416 (2)—(16) bear my signature.

Exb. P. 416(1)—417 do not bear my signature.

Exb. 418—471 bear my signature.

(Excluding the Enclosure to P. 453, and 456 and 466.

About 466 (the banner), I saw it at a procession concerning the Simon Commission: I also saw it in the house searched.

Sd, Shamsuddin Ahmad.

Sd. R. Milner White

3.8.29.

Continued (O.O.)

I was present also at part of the search of room 3—a search list was prepared: it is P. 472; it bears my signature. The following papers were found there among others :—

544, 544(1)—(3) (bear Habibur Rahman's signature but not mine);

547, 547(1)—(3)  
548, 548(1)—(10)  
549, 549(1)—(22) } bear my signature.

550, 546, 546(1)-(11) } were signed by the other witness, Habibur-  
545(1)-(10) } Rahman, in my presence.

P. 506-512 } bear my signature.  
513-524 }

All the documents shown me were found in 2/1 European Asylum Lane in the different rooms.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

6.8.29.

Sd. Shamsuddin Ahmad.

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## P. W. 51.

*Ganendra Bhusan Mukherji, O.O.*

I am a Government servant in the Survey of India office. I was present during the search of 2/1 European Asylum Lane, Calcutta, on 20th March. I was a search witness in room 3 with Inspector Pal. Ghosto Behari Shah was another witness. A list was prepared: it is P. 473. It bears my signature, and I signed nearly all the papers found. I did not compare the search list.

The following bear my signature:—

P. 474-505, and P. 525-543, with the exception of P. 538, which bears the signature of another witness.

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Sd. R. Milner White

6.8.29.

Sd. Gyanendra Bhusan Mukherji

6.8.28.

## P. W. 52.

*Habibur Rahman, son of Abdul Majid, Calcutta O. O.  
(Evidence in Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitter);*

I was present at the search of 2/1 E. A. Lane on 20th March. I searched in rooms 1 and 3. I signed the search lists. I went to the third room at 7 p. m. I was present too when Muzaffar Ahmad was searched and signed the search list.

My signature is on search list—Ex. P. 390—and search list, P. 392, Ex. P. 435, and Ex. P. 472.

The following papers bear my signature. (I signed almost all the papers found there): I identify my signature on P. 393, and that of Shamsuddin Ahmad who was also a witness. My signature is also on:—

P. 393—P. 415 (15) including 413 (3) and 415 (2).

P. 416, and 416 (1) (2) do not bear my signature, but other papers in that file do.

416 (3)—423 }  
506—512. ) } bear my signature

Except 417 (seal).

P. 437—468 (4) }  
513—518 ) } bear my signature.

519 I remember.

520—524 bear my signature.

I remember 566 (banner),

P. 544, and 544 (1), (2), (3) }  
P: 544—550 ) } bear my signature

All these were found at 2/1 E. A. Lane, and I have signed them.

× × reserved.

Sd. Habibur Rahaman

6. 8. 29.

Sd. R. Milner White

6. 8. 29.

## P. W. 53.

*Yakub Ali Chaudri, S. I., Calcutta, O. O.*

I searched the office of Young Comrades League on March 20. It is 78/1 Harrison Road. I identify the search warrant, Ex. P. 551. The office is on the 2nd floor. It is in one room. The room was found padlocked. The padlock was broken. I had two search witnesses, Itajuddin Ahmad, and Chandi Charan De. The witnesses searched me before we went in, and I searched them. I prepared a search list, and I signed it, and the witnesses. It is Ex. P. 552.

Sumendra Krishna Mukarjee, who realises rent from the tenants, accompanied me throughout the search. He pointed out the room.

(Note—This P. 551 is a search warrant, without list attached Sd. R. Milner White)

Among the papers found were:—

1	P. 553	29 issues of Ganavani
2	P. 554	Bundle of admission forms to Young Comrades League.
3	P. 555	Bundle of pamphlets Young Comrades League Policy etc.
5	P. 556	Receipt book of Y.C. League-601-700
6	P. 557	Four writing pads of Y. C. League.
11	P. 558	Proceedings of Y.C.L.—in note book.
12	P. 559	Note Book containing budget and accounts of Y. C. L.
13	P. 560	Note book, containing names of members.
17	P. 561	Typed. copy of Y. C. L., statement of Programme and policy.
18	P. 562	Draft constituted, rules etc. of Y. C. L. signed by Goswami.
44	P. 563	File—Y.C. L., Executive Committee in 14 pages.
46	P. 564	“Study Circle Class”—file of 29 pages.
47	P. 565	“General Meetings” File.
48	P. 566	Notice of 16. 2. 29 for publication in ‘Forward’.

49	P. 567	File—members—containing filled up forms (35).
51	P. 568	File of 30 sheets.
53	P. 569	Annual report 1927 of Communist Party of India.
55	P. 570	S. S. Josh's speech.
59	P. 571	W. & P. Party-Principles and policy.
60	P. 572	Political resolution.
61	P. 573	ditto in Bengali.
62	P. 574	Call to Action.
65	P. 575	India and Next War.
68	P. 576	Bound Volume of 'Ganavani'.
69	P. 577	File containing 'Spark' and miscellaneous papers.
82	P. 578	Receipt book—601—9 (used)—of 1st. A. I. W. & P. Conference.
88	P. 579	Sign bound at main door of house.

All these articles were found there and were signed by me and the witnesses.

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Sd. R. Milner White

6. 8. 29.

Sd. Yakub Ali Chaudri.

6. 8. 29.

P. W. 54.

*Itajuddin Ahmad, Sheikh, Medical practitioner, Calcutta, O.O.*

I went with the S. I. Yakub Ali in march to search Young Comrades League office. There was another witness. There was a lock on the door. The lock was broken open and before we went in the Supt. of the house. Ganendra Nath Mukerji, searched us all,



nothing was found on us. A list was made of the property found. I signed it on each page. This is Ex. P. 552. We also signed all the papers. I identify my signature, on the papers shown....Ex. P. 553.... 579.

All bear my signature, including all the papers in P. 563, 564, 565, 567, 568, except two in 564 and one in 568.

Exhibit P. 579, sign bound, was at the entrance of the building: all the rest of the things were found in that room. It is a 3 storied house and each floor has several rooms. The office was on the 2nd floor.

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Sd. R. Milner White

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## P. W. 55.

*Shakur ul Husain, S. I. Bara Bazar, Calcutta, O.O.*

I was given two warrants to execute for Bara Bazar Branch, Young Comrades Union. I executed them on 20th March. The officers are at 89/8 Lower Chitpur Road Calcutta. The search warrants are Ex. P 580 and 581

The offices were in the same room. I prepared a continued list for the two of them.

The room was locked and none was present except Gora Singh, lessee of the house, who lives in another room of the same building. There were 2 padlocks; one yielded to a pull and the other was opened with the key produced by Gora Singh. These were two search witnesses besides Gora Singh,....Ram Kishore and Sujan Chand Oswali. We gave ourselves to Gora Singh to be searched before entering the house.

I prepared a search list on the spot and I and all the witnesses and Gora Singh signed it. The papers recovered were also signed by the witnesses and myself.

The search list is Ex P 582

I was not able to sign all the papers on the spot that day. The papers we could not sign that day were sealed in a gunny bag with the thana seal. The seal itself was handed over to Ram Kishore Bania, and the gunny bag was taken to the police station with the other, signed, things. Next day we met again at the thana. Ram Kishore brought the seal and the bag was opened in his presence: the

seal was correct. I made a mention of the gunny bag in the first search list.... P 582....as item 7/11/8

On the 21st I prepared....detailed search list of the articles in the gunny bag: it is Ex. P. 583. We signed all the papers.

Among the things found were:—

1.	P. 584	"Long live Soviet India." placed, on East wall of room.
2.	P. 585	Red Flag.
3. A.	P. 586	Sign bound of Transport Works Union.
3. B.	P587	Sign bound of Young Comrades League Bara Bazar Branch.
3. C.	P. 588	Sign bound of Bara Bazar Labour Union.
7/2	P. 589	Call to Action.
7/33	P. 590	Note book.
7/69	P. 591	Y. C. L. statement of Programme and Policy.
7/75	P. 592	India and Next War.
7/94	P. 593	Various Copies of Ganavani.
7/100	P. 594	Resolution and independence. 2 copies.
7/103	P. 595	13 copies of handbills in Bengali about 5th anniversary of Lenin's death
7/104	P. 596	S. S. Joshi's presidential address,
7/111	P. 597	Manifesto of W. and P. Party to Congress 1927.
7/112	P. 598	W. & Party Bengal, Annual Conference 1928.
7/115	P. 599.	4 copies of Kirti in Urdu.
8/2	P. 600 600 E	Letter in Bengali of 16. 2. 29 from N. N. Sen to Editor Basumati.
8/7,	P. 601, and 601 1.	Poem book, with small Chit attached with names.
8/10	P, 602	Message of A.I. Conference of W,& P. Party,

8/12	P, 603	Receipt books 3 of Young Comrades League,
8/16	P,604 604 E	Letter from Goswami to Chirangi Lal Shroff dated 4. 12. 28,
9/3	P, 605	Hindi leaflet....Appeal to Labourers and Peasants
9/12	P, 606	W, and P, Party principles and policy
10/6	P, 607	Bengali copy of W, and P, Party Report for 1927- 28.
12/1	P. 608	Minute book.
12/2	P. 609 & 609 E	Letter from Josh to Spratt of 21. 6. 28
12/4	P. 610	M. S. signed "Secretary" name obliterated on paper of Independent Labour Union
5/K	P. 611	Group photo, containing several accused including Jhabwala, Spratt, Bradley etc

All these things were recovered from the room and bear my signature

x x reserved-

Sd. R. Milner White

6. 8. 29.

Sd. Shakural Hasain

S. I. Police

Calcutta

6. 8. 29.

**P. W. 56**

*Ram Kishore, Bania, Baragaon, Benares*

*now of Bara Bazar Calcutta, Q.O.*

I have lived in Calcutta for 30 years. I deal in attar etc.

I know the S. I. (previous witness). I went to search. There was one witness with me, and one Gora Singh belonging to the house. The room was locked with two locks. There was room of the office there. Gora Singh was called and he opened one and the other opened by pulling.

We went inside and searched the place. A list was made out. It is the one produced, Ex. P. 582. Everything found was signed by me and the other witness and Gure Singh. What would not be done that date was sealed in a sack. I kept the seal. Next day it was opened at the thana. The seal was all right. We signed every thing in it. A list was made, it is Ex 583.

Among the papers etc. found were the Exhibits shown to me—Ex. P. 584—611. All were signed by me except the play, 585, and P. 608 (letter), though the envelope was signed by me P. 600E.

x x by Sahgal. I paid no income tax. I have been 8 days here.

I live near the thana, but have no relation with the police.

Sd. R. Milner White

6-8-29.

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P. W. 57.

*Bhaba Kali Banerji, S. I., Police, Bhudashwa Thana,  
Hoogly District O. O.*

On 20th March I searched the offices of the Angas Engineering Workers Union in Goalpara. The search warrant was endorsed by me—it is Ex. P. 612.

In the course of the search I got information by reason of which I went to the Postmaster of the Angas P. O. to seize some papers on the 22nd. The postmaster handed over two letters. I entered these two letters in a memorandum, which was signed by the witnesses and postmaster. This memorandum is Ex P. 613.

One of the letters is dated 5.6.29, addressed to Post master, Angas P. O.—signed by G. Chakravarti—Ex. P. 614.

The other letter is 3-9-28, addressed to F. M. Angus, and signed G. Chakravarti—Ex. P. 615.

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Sd. R. Milner White

Sd. Bhaba Kali Banerji

7-8-29.

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## P. W. 58

*Inspector Girja Kant Chakravarti, of Nuddia, O. O.*

I searched the premises of Jagoran Press on 20th March, and office of All Bengal Peasants' Association Kushtea. The warrants under which I acted are Ex. P. 616, 617 I endorsed them. The two offices are in the same building. I had Sohan Mahrani, Jotindranath Biswas and Subendra Nath Ghosh as my witnesses. Before entering the premises I got myself searched. The office was closed; we knocked at the door and Sotindra Nath Prawuni, an employee of the Press, opened. Hemanto Kumar Sircar is the Editor of Jagraon; Nishi Kante Ratio is the printer and publisher, and the premises were searched in his presence. He searched our persons first, before entering the room.

The search lasted up to 6-25 p.m. Nishi Kante Ratio was there all the time. I prepared a search list; I signed it, and so did all the witnesses I also signed all the papers seized and so did the witnesses.

The owner of the Press is the wife of Hemanto Kumar Sircar.

The search list is a correct list of all the articles found there. It is in Bengali. It is Ex. P. 618. I prepared translation in English; it is P. 618 T.

Among papers found were:—

6	P. 619	M. S. Bengali—All India Workers and Peasants Party Conference—2 pages in Muzaffar Ahmad's writing.
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- 11 P. 620 Bengali M. S, signed by Goswami but apparently in Muzaffar Ahmad's writing—giving demands, etc. objects of the Workers' and Peasants Party, dated 19-11-28.
- 12 P. 621 Ditto—printed copy with space left at least for photo.
- 16 P. 622 Notice in writing of Sumendra Nath Tagore—calling Executive committee.

All these things were found on the spot, the search lists were prepared on the spot on the 20th March.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

7-8-29

Sd. Girja Kanta Chakravarti

Offg. Insp. of Police

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7-8-29.

### P. W. 59.

*Sohan Mahrli, Bengal Christian, Khurtea, O.O.  
(in Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitter).*

I went with the Inspector at Jagoran Press on 20th March. Before we enter the room Nishi Kante Patro searched us.

Sulendra Bhoose and others were witnesses with me. It started about 8 and ended at 6 or 6.30 p. m, Nishi Kant Patio was present throughout the searched. A search list was prepared. I signed it. All the papers seized by the Inspector were signed by me. The search list is Ex. P. 618. I signed where over I was asked to sign: my signature is on Ex. P. 618.

The following papers bear my signature—Ex. P. 619—622. They were found there in the premises of the press.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

7-8-29.

Sd. Sohan Mahrli

( in Bengali ).

## P. W. 60.

*S. I. Said ul Huq, Basdail thana Mymansingh, O. O.*

I searched the house of Pir Mohammed on 20th March. This was at Haval Jani, on the district of Mymansingh. I had three search witnesses—M. Azahar-Uddin and Abdul Fazl Mjan and Abdul Bari were the witnesses. The search warrant is P. 623. Pir Mohomed searched us before we entered. I prepared a search list: I signed it and searched the witnesses. It was prepared the same day on the spot. The search is Ex. P. 624.

Among papers found were:—

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|-----|-------------------|--|
| 6   | P. 625 &<br>625 E | Bengali letter from Muzaffar Ahmad, dated 21-7-28, to Pir Mohamed.   |
| 9.  | P. 626            | Bengali letter of 11 Aghair 1335 written by Muzaffar Ahmad to Pir Mohd.  |
| 12. | P. 627            | Bengali letter of 1st May 1928 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Atul Chandra Gupta.  |
| 13. | P. 628            | Bengali letter in writing of Muzaffar Ahmad of 20-6-28, signed by Secretary Bengal W. & P. Party, Tangail and Atia Branch. |
| 17. | P. 629            | 52 notices of A. I. W. & P. Party—Reception Committee.   |
| 19. | P. 630            | Printed programme of Bengal Peasants and Workers Party—5 copies.   |

All these documents were found at Pir Mohammad's house and were signed by witnesses.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

Sd. Saidul Huq

7-8-29.

Basail P. 5

7-8-29.

## P. W. 61

*Azaharuddin Taluqdar. Kavalsani,*

*Hony. Magistrate, Mymensingh, O. O.*

*(Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitra)*

I was present at the house of Pir Mohammad with the Inspector (previous witness) on 20th March. Abul Fazl Mian was another witness. Pir Mohd. searched us before we entered the house. I was present throughout the search. A search list was prepared of the documents seized. I signed it, and also the papers recovered. The searched list is Ex. P. 624: it bears my signature.

Of the papers shown to me, (Ex. P. 625-630), all bear my signature except P. 629. My signature is on the envelope of P. 625 but not on the letter. I remember the letter. It was found there, inside the envelope.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

Sd. Azaher Uddin Taluqdar.

7-8-29.

## P. W. 62

*Purna Chandra Ghoshel, S. I. Police, Kotwali,*

*Mymensingh O. O.*

*(in Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitter.)*

I searched the house of Faizuddin Husain, on 20th March. The search warrant was endorsed by me: it is Ext. P-631. I had 3 search witnesses-Jogindra Chandra Nahar, Jubedari, and Har Kishen Das. The house is two miles from Mymensingh town. I got myself searched, and the witnesses, by Faizuddin before the search. All the papers seized were put into a bundle, and sealed with Faizuddin's gold ring. We took the bundle with us, and left the seal with Faizuddin. We took the bundle to the I. B. office. The packet was opened in the presence of two witnesses, and we made out a detailed list. I signed the list and so did the witnesses.

The original list made on the spot is P. 632. The detailed list, made the same day, is P. 633. It is a correct list of articles found.



Among them were:—

5 P. 634.

Bengali printed notice announcing meeting of 16-8-28, in which Muzaffar Ahmad, Spratt, Goswani etc were to take part.

× × —Reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER-WHITE,

7-8-29.

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## P W. 63

*Jogendra Chandra Nahar,*

*Mymensingh, O. O.*

I was present when Faizuddin Hussain's house was searched on 20th. March. Jubed Ali and Har Kishen Das were other witnesses. Before the search we were all searched by Faizuddin Husain, who also searched the police officers. The S. I. took the papers found and sealed them in my presence. It was sealed by Faizuddin's ring. The bundle was taken by the Inspector to the I. B. office. I don't remember who kept the ring. The seal was intact later, and was then broken in my presence.

All the papers were listed, and I signed the list, and all the papers found there. I identify my signature on search list, Ext. P. 633. It is also on Ext. P. 634.

× × Reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER-WHITE,

7-8-29.

Sd, JOGENDRA CHANDRA NAHAR,

7-8, 29.

## P. W. 64

*Inspector B. Derojinsky, S. B. Bombay Police O. O.*

I am in the Special Branch of the Bombay Police. I have been there for 6 years or more. I received a warrant for the arrest of Bradley. I executed it on March 24th, at Grant Road Ry: Station, Bombay. I got the warrant several days earlier, but I knew he was not in Bombay; but I received information that he was returning by that train, so I arrested him at the station. I searched him when I arrested him. There were two search witnesses present one was Haveliwala and Rahman Ibrahim was the other, I searched his person and also his baggage. I made two separate search lists of his person and of his baggage. I signed them.

The warrant of arrest is Ext. P. 635. The personal search list is P. 336 and the other baggage list P. 637.

Of the personal list, the following were found among other things :—

1	P. 638	Pocket book.
5	P. 639	Visiting cards - 4 of Bradley's 2 of Hutchinson's, & one with an address,
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14	.	.
15	.	.
16	P. 640	Postal receipt for £5.

I also searched the luggage of Bradley kept in office of Workers & Peasants Party. I did this on March 20th.

I had a search warrant, which I endorsed. It is Ext. P. 641. I had two witnesses, Chandramukhlal Bhagwan Das Shroff, and Narain Bikhora Dadakar. The baggage was pointed out to me as Bradleys' by Ghate, who was occupying the house.

I prepared a search list - I signed it and so did the Witnesses. It is Ext. P. 642.

3	P. 643	Copy of Pan Pacific Workers.
5	P. 644	Call to action.
11	P. 645	Pocket book.
15	P. 646	'India & Next War'
17	P. 647	Labour Monthly.
47	P. 648	Rules and Regulations of Bombay Port Trust Dock Staff Union with some notes in M. S. S.

48	P. 649	Constitution of Bombay Textile Labour Union.
78	P. 650	M. S. S. notes of Jharia session of A. I. T. U. Congress.
79	P. 651	Passport.
80	P. 652	M. S. in pencil - "Railwaymen & their demands."
81	P. 653	M. S. - "Worker leads deputation to Agent".
83	P. 654 & P. 654 E	Letter from L. C. Maloney to Bradley, of 18-6-28.
84	P. 655	Note book.
89	P. 656	Bill from Lawrie's Hotel Agra of 30-11-27.
87	P. 657	Money account in M. S.
95	P. 658	Card of Hutchinson's.
98	P. 659	M. S. (ink) "T. U. C. must call for action."
109	P. 660	Printer's proof of part of article, part seized by Bradley.
113	P. 661	Article typed - On A. I. Conference of 1928.
116	P. 662	Group photo.
117	P. 663	Group photo.
119	P. 664	Group photo.
120	P. 665	Group photo.
155	P. 666	Typed resolution for the T. U. Congress.
159 160 161	P. 667	Three copies of spark.
133	P. 668	Political Resolution.
164	P. 669	Typewritten report on 1st. A. I. W. & P. Party Conference.
165	P. 670	M. S. S. Notes.

All the above are signed by me and the witnesses.

I was in the Bombay Police in April 1926, but I was on leave.

I asked Mr. Kinnon MacKenzie to send me a list of passengers who disembarked from the Razmak on 30th. April 1926. They sent me a list. Among the passengers is D. Campbell. This is the same as Mr. Allison. I had something to do with him, as he was prosecuted for using a false passport as genuine, I saw him in the dock. I prepared the case together with the police prosecutor. The list is Ext. P. 671.

I produce another passenger list of the Rampura, arriving Bombay 23rd. Sept. 1927. No: 377 on the list is Bradley's name.

My staff go on board to check passports and are supplied with a passenger list; hence this list was in my office. It is Ext. P. 672.

I know the letter (typewritten) which is produced. It was sent to me by a Mr. Sandwell, landlord of the boarding house where Mr. Bradley used to live. The letter from Mr. Sandwell is attached. Mr. Sandwell's letter is Ext. P. 673, the envelope P. 673 E. and the enclosure Ext. P. 674. The letter (674) is addressed 'Dear Red' and signed by J.

(Objected to by Mr. Sinha. Objection over ruled).

The endorsement on Ext. P. 673 was made by me at the time  
x x by Mr. Sinha.

I am British. Formerly I was a Russian. I was naturalized in 1929, probably February.

I left Russia in 1920. I was in Russia during the Revolution. After the revolution broke out, there was continued disorder and I do not know which counter revolution is referred to by counsel, but I was in Russia all that time.

Q. Were you in the White guard.

A. If by White guard you mean among those who were dissatisfied with the Revolution, and whose friends and relatives had been murdered whole sale, I was. I have heard the expression "White Armies", the communist expression is White guard.

I have heard of Pitloro I was never an associate of his. I have heard of Baron Wrangal. I was not with him in 1920. I left Russia in the early days of 1920.

I would object to being called a member of the White Guard, because it not correspond to facts,

And it is a communist which I should not like to be applied to me.

x x *By Dange.*

I was strongly opposed to the revolution, I was a capitalist before, and I lived on my surplus during the 3 years. I do not think there was a British representative in Russia. I was in Petersburg and Moscow and thens of Russia. I was never in touch with any British officials in Moscow or Petersburg.

The Nep. was introduced after I had left Bolshevik territory. I understand that it was introduced several times and as soon as people got any capital under it, it was confiscated, I understand that Nep. gave certain rights to individuals to carry on trade which in the ordinary course are the monopoly of Government.

I was in Russia at the time of the Nep., so I cannot speak from personal knowledge.

I lived during the 3 years by selling property not openly of course, or it would have been taken away from me.

I did not meet any English living here at the time, nor had I any knowledge of any. I was not imprisoned in Russia. I have not seen the inside of a prison. I got no official pass-port to leave Russia; I showed a typewritten German document to the "Comrade" and he thought it was a pass-port.

I have never been in the British Secret service, I am a police man. I did not work in England in the police service. I got into touch with the police in India, as soon as I disembarked. A fortnight later I joined. I had not negotiated before arriving in India. I know nothing of the printing trade. I am not employed as a Russian specialist in the service. I can read and write Russian.

I never found any Indian letters in Russian.

I have taken no part in forging Russian letters to implicate Indian workers.

I have not seen "Anti Soviet Forgeries." I was never sent to China.

I usually do not wear uniform. The nature of my duties exempts me from it.

As far as I remember I landed on 20th March 1923. I had no pass-port. I had a certificate of indentity issued at Constantinople, I was then not a Russian subject nor had I naturalised as a Turk. I went to Turkey for personal reasons.

I came to see India. Before I got my appointment I went to Simla, Delhi, Jodhpur. I got an offer to stay with the police and took it.

*By K.N. Sehgal.* I know French and German.

Re. Exd.

When I spoke of 'the revolution', I should have said there were really two revolutions, in February, and in October. The later one is known as the Bolshevik revolution.

The White Armies, which the communists called the White Guards, were fighting the Red Armies. The Red Armies were the Bolshevik Armies. The relation between the Bolsheviks and Communist is that most of the former's leaders belonged to the Communist party of Russia.

Sd/ R. MILNER WHITE

7-8-29.

Sd/ Illegible

7-8-29.

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## P. W. 65.

*Narain Bihoba Dadakar, Pensioner, Reach Road, Bombay, O.O.*

I was a search witness on 20th March when Dwarkadas Mansion was searched. A search list was prepared, and I signed it. It is Exhibit P. 643. Ghate was there and an Inspector and police officers.

Mr. Ghate pointed out the property of Mr. Bradley Mr. Bradley was not there.

I signed all the papers seized by the police from that place. The articles produced—Exhibit P. 643 to P. 670—bear my signature, and were found at that place.

× × reserved.

Sd/ R. MILNER WHITE,

8-8-29.

## P. W. 66

*M. R. Haweliwala, S/o Rastomji Haweliwala,*

*druggist, Bombay, O. O.*

I was at my shop on the day Bradley was arrested; it is just opposite Grant Road station. The Railway police sergeant called me and said there was something interesting. I was shown the warrant by which Bradley was arrested. I recognise Bradley. He was searched in my presence. A list was prepared of the articles recovered from him. His trunk bedding, and person were searched. I signed the lists. I identify the two lists—Exhibit P. 636 & P. 637 they were prepared in the Police office.

I also signed the papers recovered from his person and luggage.

The articles - Exhibit P. 638-640 were recovered from his person and bear my signature.

× × reserved.

× × by Jhabwala.

I was not at the Tutorial High School at Bombay.

× × by Bradley.

I can say that all the articles shown me—Exhibit P. 638, 639, 640 came from his person and not from luggage.

Sd. M. R. HAWELIWALA, Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

8-8-29.

## P. W. 67

*Hatish Chandra Chakravarti, S. I. Police,*

*Madhopur, Mymensingh, O. O.*

*(Evidence in Bengali, translated by Mr. Meiter),*

I was present at the search of offices of Labourers and Cultivators Party, Scavengers Union, Mymensingh and the shop. I searched. My authority was three search warrants. I only put my report on one (P. 675) because all the three places are in the one place—the shop. The search warrants are P. 675, 676, and 677. I signed all

three. when I got there I found the doors locked. Faizuddin came and produced the key. We had search witnesses with us- Kali Kumar Das, Granth Kumar Shah and Mahbub Naliya.

The papers sized were put in a box, nailed and sealed, and taken to the I. B. Office. The seal was given to Kali Kumar Das. I prepared a search list. The box was shown to the search witnesses and Faizuddin, and showed the seal to be intact, and then the box was opened in their presence.

I then prepared a search list in presence of Faizuddin and the witnesses. We all signed it. It is Exhibit P. 678, 679, it was prepared on March 20. The record (679) is the detailed one.

The following were among the papers found:—

1 (a) (j)	P. 680.	3 copies of Ganavani 19th June and other copies.
3	P. 681.	11 printed Appeals in Bengali issued by president, Bengal W. & P. Party.
5	P. 682.	Printed hand bill in Bengali of 13-8-28.
8	P. 683.	Printed leaflet issued by D. K. Goswami.
11	P. 684.	Printed letter of 9-12-28 by D.K. Goswami.
23	P. 685.	W. & P. Party constitution for 1928.
25	P. 686.	Printed receipt book for W.&P. conference with stamped signature of D. K. Goswami.
32	P. 687.	Political resolution in Bengali.
36	P. 688.	Post card from M. Ahmad to Faizuddin.
40	P. 689.	Letter of 7-5-26 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Faizuddin (part torn off).

All these documents were found in Faizuddin's shop, and were signed by me and the witnesses.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

8-8-29.

Sd. Harish Chandra Chakarvati.



## P. W. 68

*Kali Kumar Das, S/o Ram Dayal Das, Mymensingh, O.O.*

(In Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitter).

I was a search witness on 20th March of the shop of Faizuddin. There were two other search witnesses. All the papers were placed in a box and taken to the police station. It was sealed, when I got to the police station the seal was intact. It was broken in my presence, and a search list prepared. I signed the search lists: they are Exhibit P.678, P.679. I also signed the articles found there. Among them were Exhibit P. 680—689.

I identify my signature on all they were all found there.

X.X. reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

8.8.29

Sd. Kali Kumar Das

## P. W. 69

*Ashutosh Mahapatra, S.I., Kalubhena, Hawrah, O.O.*

I got a warrant for the search of the Jute workers Union, Clangail. I endorsed it, it is Exhibit P. 690. I searched the place. I had two witnesses Idris Mohd. Kazi, and Sadan Chandra Bhor.

I identify the search list-P.691- it was signed by me and the witnesses.

Among papers found were :—

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| 1  | P. 692              | Copy of Ganayani.  |
| 2  | P. 693              | Printed Bengali hand bill, under signature of K. L. Ghosh. |
| 3  | P. 694              | Another Bengali announcement of meeting,                   |
| 5  | P. 695<br>P. 695 E. | Telegram from Spratt to Bankin<br>Mukerji.                 |
| 12 | P. 696              | Letter to Kishori from Spratt,                             |

I saw the strike at Chengail. The strike began on 23rd April 1928 there was a partial strike towards the beginning of March about the dismissal of some labourers. There were several meetings in connection with the strike in April. The first I remember was on 24th April. Radha Raman Mitra, vice president of Chengail Jute Workers Union, presided. After the strike of March there were several meetings and a union formed and office bearers elected; and among them R. R. Mitra was made vice president I was present at the meeting when he was elected. Of the accused present Kishori Lal Ghosh was elected legal adviser too. I made reports of meetings which I attended. I made them shortly after I attended the meeting. I have a report of the meeting on the 24th. Refreshing my memory from it, I say that R.R. Mitra was in the chair and 3000 workers attended. Kishori Lal Ghosh was there.

Mr. Spratt was also there-identifies him. Kishori Lal, Radha Raman and Spratt addressed the meeting.

Kishori Lal and Radha Raman asked the strikers to remain firm and make the strike a success: and Spratt told them to resort to quiet picketing, raise a Union army with badges on for purposes of picketing, and to form a strike committee with one representative of each department. The S.D.O. was present and on his suggestion Kishori Lal proposed that they should send a deputation with the S.D.O. to the manager. Radha Raman interfered and asked them not to send a deputation as the manager did not recognise the union at all.

On the 25th there was another meeting 1200 workers were present. Dharni Goswami and Spratt addressed the meeting the former was in the chair.

On the 26th there was another meeting. Spratt was in Chengail that day and was seen moving round about the coolie lines in the morning telling them to stay firm. The meeting was in the evening, and R.R. Mitra took the chair.

I was present also on the 28th when there was a meeting in the evening. Spratt was present he addressed the meeting.

I was at Chengail on the 29th but did not attend the meeting.

The strike finished on May 10th. After the meeting of the 29th some coolies were seen moving about with latties. Next morning (30th) several coolies were seen moving along the railway lines with latties.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

8.8.29.

Sd. Illegible  
6.8.29.

## P. W. 70

*Idris Mohd Qazi, S/o Najibulla Qazi, Sishberia, Th. Kulberia,*

*Haurah O.O.*

(Evidence in Bengali, translated by Mr. Miter)

I was present on 20th March at search of Jute workers Union. I signed the search list it is Exhibit P. 691. I also signed all the articles recovered. Among them were Exhibit P. 692—696. All were found there.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

8.8.29.

Sd. Idris Mohd.

(In Vernacular).

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## P. W. 71.

*Jawahir Lal, Inspector, Lahore, O.O.*

I am an Inspector of Police Lahore.

I was given a warrant for the arrest of M. A. Majid; I executed it on 20th March, morning. The warrant is Exhibit P: 697. I arrested him at his house, and I also searched his house, I had a search warrant which I endorsed—it is P. 698.

I made out a search list—P. 699. I signed it and the witnesses, on all 8 pages and the slip attached to the last page relating to item 82. I left one no 82 by mistake, and had to put it in this way.

I had Sh. Mohd. Hussain, Sh. Fatih Ali, and others were search witnesses. Majid was present too. All the papers found were signed by me and the witnesses.

The address where he was arrested was the same as that entered in the search warrant, Exhibit. P. 698.

AMONG THE PAPERS FOUND WERE:—

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| 6.  | P. 700.                                  | Article in Urdu headed "Dushman Hind".   |
| 7.  | P. 701.                                  | Printed appeals in Urdu signed by Sohan Singh and Bhagat Singh.  |
| 10. | P. 702.                                  | Moharram Manifesto of W. & P. Party, Bombay signed by S. S. Mirajkar (typed).  |
| 11. | P. 703                                   | Cutting from English newspaper containing article India and Britain' By Saklatwala.  |
| 12. | P. 704.                                  | Manifesto of W. and P. Party to National Congress in 6. pages, with M. S. on back by Muzaffar Ahmad,                                     |
| 17. | P. 705.                                  | Typed document, of 7 sheets sent "with the compliments of Saklatwala.  |
| 18. | P. 706.                                  | "International Congress of friends of Soviet Union" typed, 4 Sheets.   |
| 19. | P. 707.                                  | 'Disarmament proposals of Soviet Govt. Geneva 4 sheets typed.  |
| 20. | P. 708.                                  | "Workers guards at a wonderful meeting" 3 Sheets typed,  |
| 21. | P. 709.                                  | Mr. Ferner. Brockway and United front" typed.  |
| 22. | P. 710.<br>and<br>P. 710 E.              | Urdu article headed "Rus ke hukumat Masjudah" with envelope addressed to "Mr. Dervashi or Abdul Majid."                                  |
| 26. | P. 711. E.<br>P. 711. (1)<br>P. 711. (2) | Cover addressed to Editor "Mehehat kash" containing letter of 24/8/27 and pamphlet-9th Annual report of workers welfare league of India. |
| 32. | P. 712.                                  | 12 printed copies of presidential speed ( urdu ) of S. S. Josh at 2nd Punjab Naujawan Conference, Feb 1929.                              |
| 33. | P. 713.                                  | 'Kird' Urdu, Jan. 1929.  |

84.	P. 714.	" " Feb. 1929.
35.	P. 715.	" " July 1928.
36.	P. 716.	" " June 1928.
37.	P. 717.	4 copies of English "programme and policy" 4 of 'Trade Union policy' and 2 of 'Political Resolution'.
38.	P. 718.	5 English copies of S. S. Josh presidential speech at 1 "A. I. W. and P. Party Conference.
40.	P. 719.	Communism by R. Palme Dutt.
45.	P. 720.	Resolution of need for W. & P. Party typed.
48.	P. 721.	30 printed copies advertising 'call to action'
49.	P. 722.	Copy of Call to Action.
50.	P. 723.	5 copies of enrolment form of Bengal W. and P. Party.
51.	P. 724.	4 copies of Paigam Mazdur (ad. by Shaikat Usmani)
52.	P. 725.	Printed handbill (urdu) advertising 'Kirti'.
53.	P. 726.	Urdu Kirti, Oct. 1928.
54.	P. 727.	Typed article (16 pages) 'A page from the Russian Revolution'.
55.	P. 728.	Two copies of Bengal W. & P. Party constitution for 1926.
56.	P. 729.	1 copy of ditto, 1928.
57.	P. 730.	Urdu Kirti for May 1928.
58.	P. 731.	ditto for Sept. 1928.
64.	P. 732.	Bill of Mercantile Press Lahore.
65.	P. 733.	Receipt of 6/1/27 from India Printing work Lahore.
66.	P. 734.	Receipt from Telegraph Department.
67.	P. 735.	2 Telegraph receipts of 12/11/26 and 11/1/27.

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| 68. | P. 736.           | Rules of Punjab Kirti Kisan Party (Urdu).  |
| 70. | P. 737, P. 737(1) | Account book with slip attached (witness cannot say wheather the slip was found or not). |
| 71. | P. 738.           | Pocket book.   |
| 74. | P. 739.           | Document two typed pages 'proceeding of annual meeting of Punjab Press workers union.'   |
| 75. | P. 740.           | Register containing proceedings of Press Association, Lahore.                            |
| 77. | P. 741.           | ditto.   |
| 79. | P. 742.           | Urdu article headed Sado and Vanzetti (4 Sheets).  |
| 88. | P. 743            | Group photo of some of accused.  |

All these things were found in his house: he was present all through, and signed the search list-P. 699.

× × reserved.

R. Milner White.

12/8/29.

## P. W. 72.

*Sh. Mohd. Hussain, s/o Sh. Nuruddin,*

*Government Press, Lahore, O.O.*

I was present when Mr. A. Majid's house was searched, when Inspector Jawahir Lal searched. Majid was present. A list was made of the papers found, and I also signed all the papers. My signature is on all pages of P. 699. I identify my signature on the papers- P. 700—P. 743 (excepting P. 737(1)).

These were all found there in the presence of Majid. × × |  
× × by *Sah<sub>2</sub>al*. I am a shia. I know Fatch Mohd. I took no money

for the help I gave. I was not on good terms with Klalifa Sifa-juddin but after words we were reconciled. At the first election I supported Fateh Mohd. at the 2nd one I opposed him.

I read none of the papers found. I know nothing of the contents. I only signed what was found. I had not got my spectacles then. I cannot read any thing much with out speotacles. I can read my signature.

Sd. R. Milner White,

19. 8. 29.

### P. W. 73.

*Sardar Mewa Singh: Inspector Police Amritsar O. O.*

I searched the house of Balwant Singh on 20th March 1929- "Durbar & Co." The search warrant was signed by me it is Exhibit P. 744.

I had 3 or 4 witnesses—Ch. Gurdal Singh and Nand Lal and others. I made a list which was signed by all on each of the 5 sheets. Balwant Singh also was present. The search list is Exhibit P. 745. Balwant Singh is manager of Durbar & Co. and of "Kirti" paper.

Among the papers were :—

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|-----|---------|--|
| 3   | P. 746. | 3 Vol. of Kirti in Gurmukhi from Feb. 1926- March 1929. and 3 separate issues of 'Kirti' Jan, Feb. March 1929. |
| 4   | P. 747. | 'Kirti' (Urdu) from April 1928- and March 1929.  |
| 13. | P. 748. | Cash book of 'KIRTI' news paper office.  |
| 14. | P. 749. | do.  |
| 16. | P. 750. | do.  |
| 61. | P. 751. | Picture representing cover of Kirti in Gurmukhi  |

All bear my signature receipt no P. 751 and all (including P. 751) were found there. Balwant Singh also signed all the papers.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

12. 8. 29.

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## P. W. 74.

*Sardar Gurdal Singh, S/o Bhai Gopal Singh Sikh,*

*Amritsar O. O.*

I went to the search of the house of Balwant Singh: it was 20th March. The police took possession of some papers. They made a list and I signed it. It is Exhibit P. 745.

Hari Singh and Balwant Singh were present during the search.

I signed also the things found: I signed Exhibit P. 746-750, P. 751 was also found there though it does not bear my signature I remember it. Balwant Singh also signed all these things.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

12. 8. 29.

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## P. W. 75.

*Mohd. Sadiq, Inspector Police Lahore, O. O.*

I know Kedar Nath Sahgal. I recognise him, I arrested him on 20th March. The warrant is Exhibit P. 752.

I arrested him at his house at Lahore. I also searched his house under a warrant-Exhibit P. 753.



Mohd. Anwar and Faiz Mohd Hakim were witnesses. Sahgal was there all along. I made a search list; it was signed by me and the witnesses it is Exhibit P. 754.

A copy was given to Sahgal and his signature is on the search list.

Among the things found were:—

11. P. 755. A. B. C. of Communism
12. P. 756. Photo of Shoket Usmani with  
& P. 756 E envelope.
14. P. 757. 'Towards Socialism or capitalism'  
by Trotsky
18. P. 758. The young Liberation for Nov.  
1928.
19. P. 759. India in Transition by M. M. Roy.
20. P. 760. 'Russian Revolution, in Urdu.
22. P. 761. 2 copies of "Soviet Russia for  
July and Aug. 1921.
24. p. 762. Swaraj Jamhur in Urdu (Swaraj  
republic).
26. P. 763. Communist Paigam in Urdu.
27. P. 764. Typed article—"Young men, the  
guide and the glory of the Punjab",  
27 pages.
29. P. 765. Telegraph receipt with draft on  
back (asking Joshi to send Rs 200)
43. P. 766. Cover containing invitation card  
& P. 766 E. to W. & P. conference signed by  
Sohan Singh and Bhag Singh.

I did not sign any of the papers but the search witnesses signed all. All the items are as shown in my search list. x x by Sahgal. I had searched the house before. On that occasion I did not take these things away, as there was no need. On the former occasion I searched in connection with the Saunders murder and so these things were not needed. I had no order then to search for such things. I could not have taken them without a warrant. I was not looking for such literature then, so never noticed it. I was looking for blood stained clothes etc not books. I searched very thoroughly

the first time for what was relevant to my orders and the object of my search. x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

12-8-29.

## P. W. 76

*Faiz Mohammed, son of Khan Mohammed, Moghal, Lahore, O. O.*

I was present on the 20th March at Kedarnath Sahgal's search. He was present. The police took some papers into their possession. They made a list which I signed. It is Ex. P. 754, I also signed the things found. My signature is on Ex. p. 755, 756 E ( but not 756 ), 757, 762, 764, 766, E ( excluding 766 ).

All that I signed was recovered from there. Every thing that was on the list was found there: some things might have escaped signing. x x *by Sahgal.*

The heading was read out as it was entered in the list, and so I can say with confidence that the things entered there were actually found there. x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

12. 8. 1929.

## P. W. 77.

*Amar Nath, Inspector Police, Lahore, O. O.*

I searched the Universal Advertising Agency, Lahore, on 20th March. The warrant was Ex. P. 767. This agency is connected with L. Kedar Nath. I made a list of things found. It was signed by me and the witness. It is Ex. P. 768. I gave a copy of the list to Kadar Nath and took his signature on the list.

Among others there was:—

- 1 P. 769 Manifesto of Communist Party of India, by Bagel Nath and Muzaffar Ahmad. Printed.

I did not sign it but both Witnesses.....Prem Singh and Abdullah Khan signed it. I gave a description of it in my search list.

x x reserved.

(Sd.) R. MILNER WHITE

12/8/29.

## P. W. 78

*Prem Singh, son of Wazir Singh, Sikh Lahore, O. O.*

I went to search the Universal Advertising Agency: the Thanadar, L. Amar Nath, conducted the search. Some papers were taken. I signed them all, and the list. The list is Ex. P. 768. Among the papers found was P. 769. It bears my signature. Kedar Nath Shegal was present.

x x by Sehgal.

The police did not coach me before the evidence. Not at all.

x x reserved.

(Sd.) R. MILNER WHITE.

12/8/29.

## P. W. 79.

*Syed Ahmad, Inspector Police Ajmere, O. O.*

I got a warrant for the arrest of R. S. Nimkar. I arrested him on 20th March. Sardar Bahadur Kishen Singh Deputy Superintendent was with me. The warrant is Ex. P. 770. I identify him.

He was arrested at Ajmere Lal Sethi's house. I searched his property afterwards. I made out a list. Chand Mal was one of the witnesses, Sheoharan the other. The search list is Ex. P. 771.

Among the things found were:—

- |    |        |                               |
|----|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1  | P. 772 | Diary with pencil.            |
| 10 | P. 773 | A Berlin address. (Max Zeise) |

These were found there, and bear my signature P. 772, P. 773 bears Nimbkar's signature.

× × reserved

(Sd.) R. MILNER WHITE

12/8/29.

× × by Shaukat Usmani. A C. I. D. man informed me of his presence there. It was not Baggarhata who informed me.

(Sd.) R. MILNER WHITE

12/8/29.

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## P. W. 80

*Chand Mal Mahajan, Ajmere, O. O.*

R. S. Nimkar was arrested in my presence, in a house in the city, in March. He was searched. He had some papers in his pocket and his bista. The darogha made a note, and took my signature. It is P. 771. He did not ask me to sign the papers. I don't remember if he asked Nimkar to sign.

× × reserved.

R. MILNER WHITE

12/8/29.

## P. W. 81

*Prebaha Rama Raja Deputy Inspector Police, Bombay.*

I searched the office of Girni Kamgar Union, centre Naga Sevaji's Bodes Devi Road, Bombay. I had a search warrant, which I returned after execution. It is Ex. P. 774. I had two search witnesses with me, Atma Ram Lachman and another whose name I don't remember. The office was locked, I called Mr. Alve, who was a President of the Union, and with his consent the lock was broken open. I entered the room and searched the room in the presence of the witnesses and Alve. I prepared a search list. I signed it and so did the witnesses. Seeing the list, I see the name of the other witness is Hardeoji Harchand. It is Ex. P. 775. It is a correct list. I had the papers found there signed by the witnesses and myself.

Among the papers found were:—

- 6. P. 776 Group photo—much damaged.
- 52. P. 777 42 copies of Kranti.

These things were found in that office.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White.

12-8-29.

× × by Joglekar.

I have been in the police of Bombay for 9 years. I have heard of activities of the Girni Kamgar Union. I had nothing to do with taking notes about the activities. I was in Buiwara section 3 years ago. The Head Office of the Union was at Buiwara. I think I read the papers some times. I have not read the news about the Girni Kamgar activity. I have nothing of the constitution of any public institution. I can't say how many presidents the Union has. Alve told me he was president; I have no personal knowledge otherwise.

× × by Kasle.

I was at Buiwara Station for 3 years. I used to pass the Head Office; I know more else connected with the Union.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

12-8-29.

Sd. P. V. Raja

Deputy Inspector

12-8-29.

## P. W. 82.

*Atma Ram, son of Lachman, bania, O. O.*

*( in Marathi, translated by Mr Ezekiel, O. O )*

I was called at 7 a. m. to help in the search of the Girni Kamgar Union. There was another Bania with me. The police officer ( points to last witness ) conducted the search. A search list was prepared. I signed it. I identify my signature on P. 775.

I signed the articles seized by the police. I identify my signature on P. 776, 777.

These things were found there.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

Sd. Atma Ram

12-8-29.

( in vernacular ).

### ORDER.

The Prosecution have asked that the names of those accused should be noted who are wearing a certain badge—a red circular badge bearing the emblem of the sickle and hammer and the slogan "Workers of the World Unite." The application has been resisted by the defence counsel.

A large number of rulings has been cited by parties, none of which is really on all fours with the present situation. Mr. Sinha mentioned from memory a case in which the notice by the court of the wearing of a Gandhi cap was condemned. This ruling might have been relevant if it could be traced though even there the Gandhi cap was notoriously worn by many who did not follow his doctrines, because of its cheapness: so that any deduction from its use would be dangerous. But in any case that ruling is not traceable, and none of the other rulings quoted is strictly relevant: all I can do is to apply the general principles which seem to be laid down.

It is stated by the prosecution that this badge is the emblem of the Communist International, and that as the accused are being charged with following the path of the Communist International the fact that they wear the badge is relevant conduct in the sense of 38, Indian Evidence Act. Now provided that they prove that the badge has the meaning they assign to it, they are undoubtedly entitled to prove that the accused wore the badge before arrest; this would certainly be relevant conduct. I cannot follow the defence counsel in their argument that the wearing of the badge is not 'conduct'.

But there are two difficulties now. The first is that the badge was put on after arrest, and not before—i. e. when the accused were actually under trial. Can this be taken as subsequent conduct within the meaning of 38, Evidence Act? I doubt it. At the most it seems to me that it is a sort of statement by the accused. Statements by the accused are regulated by section 342, C. P. C., and I think it is fairer to them to confine the recording of statements strictly within that section. In other words I do not think that the case can be covered by section 18, Evidence Act.

I also agree with the defence counsel that the wearing of the badge, if it be supposed to constitute 'demeanour' cannot be recorded as regards an accused.

The other point is that it has not been proved (1) that the badge is the badge of the 3rd International and (2) still less, that it is exclusively the badge of that organisation. It may be argued that the Communist International is only one of many bodies which adopts this badge, and hence it cannot be said definitely that it proclaims the adherence of the accused to that body. Until I am entirely satisfied of the relevance of the alleged conduct to the matter in issue, I cannot take notice of it, and in the present case I have no evidence before me by which I can so satisfy myself.

For these reasons therefore I disallow the application.

Sd. R. Milner White

12-3-29.

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P. W. 83.

*Khan Bahadur Ikramul Haq, D. S. P. Punjab, O. O.*

On 20th March I searched the house of J. P. Bagarhotta in Rewari, in Gurgaon. The search warrant is Ex. P. 778. I signed it. I had 2 or 3 search witnesses—Mohammed Khan, another Mahomedan and a Hindu Zaildar. Bagarhotta was present. I prepared a search list. I signed it too; so did the witnesses. The search list is Ex. P. 779. I and the witnesses also signed the papers found: among them were:—

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P. 780

Letter of 4. 8. 26 from Nimbkar.

289	781	Letter of 15. 3. 27, on "Communist Party of India" paper, signed by R. S. Nimbkar.
336	P. 782	File of correspondence including:— Notes dated 16. 1. 26, on the proceedings of a meeting.
	P. 783	Letter dated 2. 9. 26, said to be from Mr. N. Roy.

All these documents were found at the spot and Bhagirhotta was present and signed the search list, and papers.

X X by Usmani. I do not know Bhagirhotta. I have not heard any thing about him. He was not known to me at all before the search. I got no information about him. I am not posted at Rewari. I came from Lahore. I don't know why I was deputed. I satisfied myself that he was the only J. P. Bhagirhotta in Rewari and there was no one else of the same name. I satisfied myself through the local police. I never had tea with him at Lahore.

I know of Mr. Petric. I don't know whether he is supposed to be a pet of Mr. Petric. I don't know that Bhagirhotta was getting regular pay from Special Branch. I don't know that he was responsible for Ashfaq Ullah's arrest in the Kakori case.

X X by Gauri Shankar. I don't know of who is who in political activities.

X X by Sahgal. I only know of those things with which I deal. I do not deal with political activities: that is not my branch.

I have been in the police for 29 or 30 years. I got my title for my crime work, I suppose. I enlisted as a head constable.

I have never worked in the political branch of the C. I. D.

It took me five days to search Bhagirhotta's house—each day from morning to late in the evening. There are 355 items in the search list. Each night every thing was sealed up and placed in charge of the guard. The witnesses and Bhagirhotta remained at the place throughout the search.

There were no restrictions on Bhagirhotta's movements—only the box was sealed. The pitcher etc. were not locked, there was no kitchen.

I had a S. I. with me, and constables etc.

I saw myself at the beginning of each day's search that the seals were intact.

I was always searched by Bhagirhotta and so were the witnesses.



I brought every document I found in the house.

It took a long time to collect and classify them as they were in great disorder.

I don't remember the name of any proscribed book, nor is it my duty: I can consult lists and documents. I have often the names of proscribed books—perhaps I might remember some.

Some of the things I found are probably objectionable.

Government could give me political work to do by Nimbkar.

I have nothing to do with the City Police of Lahore.

There are occasions when the local police search and occasions when people are sent from head quarters.

I know no details of other searches in this particular case.

I know of searches which have taken longer than 5 days.

The seal was with me, and the search witnesses did not sign on the boxes.

x x . reserved.

Sd. Ikramul Haq

Sd. R. Milner White

13. 8. 29,

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## P. W 84.

*N.K. Deshpande S. I., Police Bombay, O. O.*

On 20th March I search the office of Sewri New Road Girni Kamgar Union opposite Swam Mill. I had a search warrant. I endorsed it. It is Ex. P. 784. I had two search witnesses with me—Tubaram Sitaram Puttani and Babu Atma Ram Korgourkar. The office was locked. I opened it with a duplicate key—I had a bunch of keys, out of which one fitted. I prepared a search list: I and the witnesses signed it, on each page. It is Ex. P. 785. It is a correct list of articles found.

Among the things found were:-

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P. 786

Two printed leaflets printed under signatures of Alve and Dange, in Marathi.

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P. 787

M.S. circular by Dange of 15.12.28  
in Marathi.

These two documents were found by me at the place and  
were signed by me and the witnesses.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

13.8.29.

Sd. N.K. Deshpande

S. I.

13.8.29.

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## P. W. 85.

*Babu Atma Ram, son of Atma Ram, Sewri New Road Bombay O.O.*

(in Mahratti, translated by Mr. Ezekiel, O.O.)

I was present at the search of the office of Girni Kamgar  
Union. Tukaram was also present there. A search list was  
prepared. I signed it. It is Ex. P. 785.

The papers P. 786 and 787 bear my signature and were  
found there.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

13.8.29.

Sd. Babu Atma Ram

(in vernacular).

## P. W. 86.

*Sub Inspector A.B. Behari, Bombay, O.O.*

I searched the Vincent Road office of Girni Kamgar Union on 20th March. I had a search warrant. I endorsed it. It is Ex. P. 788. I had two search witnesses, Attoli and Trilwan Gobind. The office was locked. I broke open the lock in presence of the witnesses. I prepared a search list, which I signed, and so did the search witnesses. It is Ex. P. 789.

Among the papers found were:-

42	P. 790	Handbills in Marathi of 8.3.29, signed by Alve and Dange.
91	P. 791	Exercise book containing proceedings of Girni Kamgar Union —written in Marathi.
103	P 792(1) P. 792	Printed notice, of 26.1.29 in Marathi, contained in file.

All these papers were found at the office of Union.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

13.8.29.

Sd. A.B. Vrihari.

S. I.

13.8.29.

## P. W. 87.

*M.M Atholi, son of Maheshar, Kesar Bagh Building, Bombay.*

I was a search witness at the search of Girni Kamgar Union. There was another witness. I was present all through. A search list was prepared: I signed it. It is Ex. P. 789.

Ex. P. 790-792 bear my signature and were found there. My signature is not on P. 792 (1) but the whole file was found there.

x x reserved.

Sd. M.M. Atholi

Sd. R. Milner White

13- 8- 29.

## P. W. 88.

*C. W. Condon, Deputy Superintendent. Police, Poona, O. O.*

On 20th March I arrested D.R. Thengdi in Poona City. The warrant of arrest is P. 793. I also searched his house. Myself, two S. I's, two Sergeants, three search witnesses and two other policemen were present. This is the search warrant—P. 794. Mr. Naidu, Mr. Patbhak, and a Brahman gentleman were the witnesses. Mr. Thendi was present when I searched his house. I prepared a search list, and signed it, the two witnesses also signed it. The search list is Ex. P. 795. It bears my signature and the witnesses signed in my presence. They also initialed in my presence all the papers found. The list is a correct list of articles found.

Among the articles found were:—

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|----------|--------|---|
| 5.       | P. 796 | Lecture notes.  |
| 6.       | P. 797 | Address book.   |
| 8.       | P. 798 | Lecture notes.  |
| 10.      | P. 799 | List of books published by "International Publishers".  |
| 11.      | P. 800 | Notice from P. O. Jheria, of 13. 11. 28, saying that certain books sent by post from Berlin had been impounded. |
| 12.      | P. 801 | Typed "Lessons: Trade Union Work,"  |
| 15.      | P. 802 | Marathi leaflet of 8-1-27 giving account of meeting of workmen of Kirkee Arsenal.                               |
| 17. (59) | P. 803 | Typed letter signed by Thengdi addressed to Jhabwala.   |
| 17. (81) | P. 804 | Typed document of 11-6-28 about "yesterday's Meeting,"  |
| 25.      | P. 805 | Two copies of draft constitution of Bombay Press? Youth League.   |
| 30.      | P. 806 | Duplicate note book, with various writing.  |
| 35.      | P. 807 | Six copies (typed) of 5 pages each, of "Resolution need for Workers and Peasants' Party.                        |

- 36. P. 808 Typed letter of 13-6-28 from J. S. Garden to Thengdi, on Pan Pacific Workers paper.
- 39. P. 809 Letter from Passport Officer, Bombay, to Ghate dated 9-4-27
- 49. P. 810 Note book containing various names and addresses.
- 50. P. 811 Passport application from filed in by Thengdi.
- 51. P. 812 Letter of 12-5-27 from D.M. of Poona to Thengdi, saying that his application for pass port had been rejected.
- 52. P. 813 Note book containing office copies of letters in English and Marathi.
- 56. (1) P. 814 (1) Letter dated 19-4-27 Supt. Jail to Thengdi.
- (2) P. 814 (2) Letter of 18-4-27 from Thengdi to Supt. Jail.
- (3) P. 814 (3) Letter of 3-4-27 from D. Campbell to Thengdi.
- (4) P. 814 E Envelope.
- 59. P. 815 Statement restrike dated 19-10-28, typed, under Thengdi's name.
- 67 (34) P. 816 Letter of 17-10-27 from Thengdi to "Sircar".
- 68. P. 817. Typed letter from Spratt of 6-12-28, circulating notes on "Functions of Executive Committee," Labour and Swaraj; etc.
- 70 (1) P. 818 Typed letter of 18-2-28 from Thengdi to Mirajkar.
- 70 (2) P. 819 Letter of 27-4-28 from Thengdi to Dange.
- 70 (3) P. 820 Letter of 25-4-28 from Thengdi to Joglekar.
- 70 (4) P. 821 Letter of 4-4-28 from Ghate to Thengdi.

70 (5)	P. 822	Letter of 4-4-28 from Thengdi to Ghate.
70 (7)	P. 823	Letter of 1. 4. 28 from Ghate to Thengdi.
70 (8)	P. 824	Letter of 28. 3. 28 from Thengdi to Ghate.
70 (9)	P. 825	Letter of 26. 3. 28 from Ghate to Thengdi.
70 (22)-(27)	P. 826	Secretary's report, Workers and Peasants' Party (typed).
70 (29)-(33)	P. 827	Letter of 11. 2. 28 from Mirajkar to Thengdi,
	P. 827 (1)	enclosing typed document dated 11. 2. 28
70 (34)	P. 828	Printed copy of above typed document: with pencil writing on back.
70 (35)	P. 829	Printed leaflet in Marathi issued by Lalji Pindso.
70 (36) (41)	P. 830	Typed copies of Spratt's note on 'Function etc., with some additions in pencil.
70 (42)-(45)	P. 831	Resolutions of the T. U. 'Movement' typed.
70 (46)-(48)	P. 832	Resolutions on organisation typed'
70 (49),(50) (and one page not numbered)	P. 833	'Youth'...typed.
70 (59),(61)	P. 834	"Resolution on organization"... typed.
70 (74) (75)	P. 835	Letter of 29. 1. 28 from Mirajkar to Thengdi.
70 (76)	P. 836	Notice from Mirajkar about a meeting at which the resolutions above were discussed.
70 (79),(80)	P. 837	Proceedings of General Meeting of Executive Committee of W. and P. Party signed by Thengdi Mirajkar, Ghate, Nimbkar etc

- 70 (81) P. 838 Printed manifesto (to) Youth  
Conference.
- 70 (88) P. 839 Letter from Mirajkar to Thengdi  
"replied on 12. 6. 27".
- 70 (92) P. 840 Telegram received from Juglekar  
about (reception to Dange) on his  
release from Jail.
- 70 (93) P. 841 Picture.
- 70 (94) P. 842 Typed article 'May day'
- 70 (96) P. 843 Printed programme, proposed  
by Juglekar and Nimbkar, for  
changes in the Congress policy.
- 70 (98) P. 844 Received telegrams from Mirja-  
kar to Thengdi.
- 70 (99) P. 845 Letter of 23. 2. 27 from Bishop  
to "Sak".
- 70 (100) P. 846 Letter of 14. 2. 27, from W.  
Rust to Suklatwala, on paper of  
"Young Communist League of  
Great Britain."
- 70 (101)(103) P. 847 Typed constitution of W. and P.  
Party, Bombay.
- 70 (104) P. 848 Letter of Feb. 16, from Mirajkar  
to Thengdi.
- 70 (105) P. 849 Resolution to be moved at A. I.  
(two pages) T. U. Congress, with letter to  
Mirajkar at end.
- 70 (106) P. 850 Letter from Mirajkar to Thengdi  
of 23-2-27 with copy of reply of  
27-2-27 on back.
- 70 (107) P. 851 Cutting from Bombay Chronicle  
about formation of W. and P.  
Party.
- 70 (108) P. 852 Telegram from Mirajkar to Then-  
gdi, dated 19. 2. 27
- 70 (109) P. 853 Letter of 17. 2. 27, from Thengdi  
to Mirajkar
- 70 (110) P. 854 Letter of 15. 2. 27 apparently from  
Mirajkar to Thengdi.

- 70 (111) P. 855 Letter of 26.1.27 from Mirajkar to Thengdi.
- 70 (112) (117) P. 856 Resolution on need for Workers and Peasants Party.
- 70 (118) - (122) P. 857 Typed copy of Resolution.
- 75 P. 858 Copy of "Communist International" for 30th March 1927.
- 77 83-95 P. 859 Typed Resolution for A. I. T. U. Congress, 2nd session,
- 77 (96), (97) P. (860) Letter from Conton to Central Labour Board, Bombay,
- 90 P. 861 Manifesto to A, I, National Congress,
- 119 P, 862 India and Next War,
- 120 P, 863 Copy of Chitramaya Jagat Special.. June 1928,
- 121 P, 864 Historical Materialism by Buhliam;
- 126 P. 865 'Will the Bolsheviks maintain power ...by Lenin.
- 129 P, 866 Note book, containing names and notes,

All these documents etc, were found in Mr. Thengdi's house and were signed by the search witnesses,

x x reserved;

Sd. C. W. Condon

D. S. P. Poona

13, 8, 29.

Sd. R. Milner White

13. 8. 29.



## P. W. 89.

*R. K. Hampton, Sergeant, Bombay Police Bombay O. O.*

I am sergeant, Bombay City police, I searched 5, Nafier Road, Bombay, the house of Mr, Nambiar, The search warrant is Ex, 867, I signed it. I had two search witnesses... Mr, Shroff, and Mr, Almada, Miss Chattopadya, Principal of the school, was present, I prepared a search list, I signed it, and so did the witnesses, in my presence, on the same day, The search list is Ex, P. 868, It is a correct list of articles found, Both witnesses and I signed the articles found there.

Among them were:—

1. P. 869 Pass port of Mr. Nambiar No 2436
2. P. 870 Letter in pencil of 22nd Nov. from Nambiar to his wife—inside the envelope addressed to Miss. Chattopadhaya.

These articles were found there.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White.

13. 8. 29.

Sd. R. K. Hampton.

## P. W. 90.

*E. Boyes Ahmeida.*

*S/o Alea, Ahmeida, Bombay O. O.*

I was a search witness when Mr. Nimbear's house at 5, Napier Road, was searched. A search list was prepared. I signed the search list. It is Exhibit P. 868.

Exhibit P. 869, 870 bear my signature. Exhibit 870 E does not bear my signature.

All these documents were found at the place.

x x Reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

13-8-29

Sd/- E Boys Ahmeida,

13-8-29

x x by Desai.

I was Assistant Sub-Editor of Indian National Herald. I served there first for 3 months, and then rejoined them. I do not remember the date, about 2 years back. I worked on the first occasion about 6 months. I rejoined 2 years later, and worked till 3rd April this year. I do not remember when it was started. Many people 20 or 40 were working as Assistant Sub-Editors when I worked there. I was transferred down to the Press as Senior Proof Examiner, Mr. Nimes, Mr. Eyenhil, and others worked there. I do not remember Mr. Desai working there.

Sd/- R, Milner White,

23-8-29

Sd/- E. Boyes Ahmedi.

Note. Mr. Sinha for accused objects formally to the admissibility of P. 869. Arguments reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

13-8-29

## P. W. 91.

*B. P. Naidar, S/o Parasram, Poona. O. O.*

*(Translated by Mr. Ezekiel, O. O.)*

It was present when Mr. Thengdi's house was searched on March 20th.

A search list was prepared. I signed the search list. I identify P. 795. I signed all the papers found there.

I have seen Exhibit P. 796 to 866. With the exception of Exhibit P. 836, 838, 841, 843, 851, all bear my signature, and were recovered from there. Mr. Thengdi was present all the time.

x x by

I stay in Rasta Pett. Mr. Thengdi lives in Sadasho Pett. I was going to the market to get some vegetables, and met a lorry full of police, including Mr. Condon, and they accosted me and took me in the lorry to the place of the search. I knew the name of accused, but I did not know him except that he is an engineer. I went about 6.30 or 7. The inspector showed me a warrant. The accused lived on 2nd floor. There were 15 or 16 police two sergeants, Mr. Condon and myself went upstairs Mr. Mane was standing at the door of the front he did not come up at all. None else was there when the warrant was there. Then two men were called as panch and came up. They were called by the accused. The door was closed it was opened by a lady of the house. The accused was there, and was shown the warrant. He was putting on a white shirt. I was told to search him nothing was found, and then he was told that his house was to be searched and he agreed; then the panch were called, and the search began. Nothing else happened. The search lasted till 3-30. He was not arrested then; he was arrested after we had signed all the documents at 7 O'clock. People visited the place in the interval but I do not know who. I do not think any was a Government official I do not know all the Government officers in Poona. Nothing happened except this. Another person known as Gauli was present when I searched Thengdi's person. None but Thengdi was searched. I was not searched I was searched by the police before entering.

x x by Kasle.

I searched the police too. The only policeman I knew was Mr. Mane. After the search I heard the names of other police officers. I had heard Thengdi's name but did not know his appearance etc I had not met him.

Re-Ex. The accused (Thengdi) is the man whose house was searched. I did not know him by appearance before the search.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

14-8-29

Sd/- B. P. Naidoo

## P W. 92

*Dinshaw Edmljee Kambhatta, S.I. Police, Manmad, OO.*

I searched the house of D. Y. Kulkarni, Sub-Assistant Station Master, Manmad, on 20th March. The search warrant was P. 871. The house was locked. Kulkarna was on leave. I got the lock broken in presence of witnesses. I had 4 witnesses—Mr. Gotting, Mr. Ward, Mr. Narhar, and Mr. Dalwi, I was searched before entering the room—nothing was found on me. I satisfied myself that the witnesses had nothing on them.

I prepared a search list which was signed by me and the witnesses on the spot. The search list is Exhibit P. 872.

The witnesses and I also signed the papers. Among them was:—

E 7	P. 873	.... Paper in Bradley's writing bearing
		3 addresses.

This paper was found in Kulkarani's room.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. MILNER WHITE,

14-8-29.

Sd/- D. E. KAMBATTA,

14-8-29.

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## P. W. 93

*Mr. H. W. Gotting, Chief Inspector of Crews, G.I.P. O.O.*

I was present when D.P. Kulkarani's house was searched on 20th March. There were 3 other witnesses. I was the station master at Manmad.

The house was locked when we got there: we got a man to break open the lock. I was not searched, nor were the police before entering. I had no objectionable papers on my person. I signed the search list—it is Exhibit P. 872. I satisfied myself that the entries were correct. I signed the papers found too. The paper produced Exhibit P. 873 was found there. The police said 'You see

we have nothing on us. We did not make a detailed search, but we satisfied ourselves that they had no papers on them.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. MILNER WHITE,

14-8-29.

Sd/- H.W. GOTTING.

## P. W. 94.

J. C. Airanjo, S. P. Bhandra, O.O.

I arrested S.S. Jhabwala on the 20th March—identified him.

The warrant of arrest is P. 874. I searched his house on the same day. His house is at Khar, Bhandura P.S. I had two search witnesses Hasainbai Fazlbboy and Lalji Chaprasee were the search witnesses. The search warrant is P. 875. Jhabwala was present through out. I prepared a search list. I and the witnesses signed it. I identify the search list P. 876 and 876 T. The original list is in Marathi and I prepared an English translation of it, which is a correct translation.

Among papers found were:—

- 1 P. 877 ... Masses of India July 1927.
- 6 P. 878 ... Presidential speech of Jhabwala at Jhansi Conference in Hindi.
- 8 P. 879 ... Visiting card of H. Lester Hutchinson, journalist.

All these papers were found in Jhabwala's house. Between 15th October 1928 and 8th May 1929. Hutchinson lived at Khar in Mrs. Nambicar's house. She also was living there. Shown passport Exhibit P 869—this is the person with whom he was living. I submitted a report to the District Superintendent of Police, Bhandura about his residence. My report is Exhibit P. 880. I submitted it in the course of official business. x x  
x x for Jhabwala.

I have been in the Bhandura police station for about 15 months from today. The search lasted from 3-4 hours. We called his house Jhabwala Cottage. I did not see the name of the Hermitage on it. I do not remember seeing such a board. I searched every room and corner of the house, and saw all the picture. I do not remember seeing a portrait of the King there. I do not know which is the "special Prayer Room". I saw a big photo of Zoroaster. Mr. Jhabwala has a big family 5 or 6 children: it is quite a settled home. I was watching the movements of Mr. Jhabwala. I did not find any thing against him at Khar. Exhibit 877 bears my signature. There is also another mark on it. I can find no other mark or signature.

I don't remember seeing a picture of Count Leo Tolstoi, with his signature below. Nor a picture of Gandhi: there were so many pictures. There were a number of books. I was satisfied that all the books which I have not taken were innocent. There many have been about 400 books there.

I remember that there was some address—framed—on the walls.

x x by Gauri Shankar

I do not remember seeing a picture of Lenin.

x x Dange.

He used to leave his house early in the morning, about 7. He would return about 8 or 9 p.m. I can't say whether he returned in the meantime as there was no regular guard kept on him.

I seized 22 items. There were orders to seize certain kinds of books according to a list attached to the search warrant.

I do not know any paper called the Kranti. I saw no issues of it in the house.

I seized a book called "India and China".

I do not know whether Spratt wrote it or not.

I know nothing of a case about it in the Bombay High Court, against Spratt.

I seized a book called 'one year of non-co-operation'. I am not aware that it was written by M. N. Roy.

I saw no books by Lenin in the Library.

x x reserved.

Re- Ex. I was satisfied that children were Jhabwala's. I used to see them.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

14-8-29.

Sd. J. C. ARANJO,

S. I. Baundra.

## P. W. 95

*Husain Ali Fazilbhay, Khoja, Danda, District Bandra, O. O.*

I went to search Jhabwala's house, with S. I. Aranjio, on 20th March. Jhabwala was present. A list search list, was prepared in my presence, and read out in my presence; it is a correct and detailed list. I signed it. It is P. 876. I know Marathi in which it is written.

Seeing Exhibit 877 (item No. 1) 878 (No. 6) 879 (No. 8). I can say that they were found and are accordingly to the list. I know a little English, I read to 5th Standard.

× × for Jhabwala.

I was born at Banda. I have been there for 29 years. Khar is a very recent development, formerly it was a desert. I know Jhabwala very well. When I entered the cottage, I saw the board 'The Hermitage' there.

The search lasted from 6-10 in the morning. Every nook and corner of the bungalow was searched, There were lots of books in the library.

I have never passed the bungalow.

Jhabwala was there. When we entered the children were sleeping. They woke up about 8 o'clock. It was my impression that they were Jhabwala's children. I did not hear any of them call him 'Papa'. Mr. Jhabwala was there.

We were not so particular about pictures on the wall. I did not see a picture of Count Leo Tolitoi. We went in all the rooms. I do'nt remember a picture of Zaroaster. I do'nt think I pointed out any thing to Mr. Aranjio. I signed the search list only.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

14-8-29.

## P. W. 96

*S. I. Rahmatulla, S. I. Civil Lines, Amritsar, O. O.*

I know Sohan Singh Josh. I arrested him on 20th March 1929, at Islamabad of Amritsar. The warrant is Exhibit P. 881 I endorsed it.

He is connected with Chetanpur village also which is 12 miles from Islamabad. I also got a search warrant for his house. It is Exhibit P. 882. It bears my report. I first searched his Islamabad house. Then I went to Chetanpur, having already deputed the local S. I. Ch. Jamaluddin, to what the house.

I made out a search list for Islamabad. My witnesses were Ch. Habibullah, Ch. Mahummud Mukhtar Thekardar, and others. Sohan Singh Josh was present through out. I signed the search list, and so did the witnesses. We also signed the papers found.

The search list is Exhibit P. 883.

Among the papers found were:—

1	P. 884	'Modren India by R. Palme Dutt.
5	P. 885	'Resolution on Peasants' (4 typed sheets.)
6	P. 886	21 typed sheets of 'Demands of workers and Peasants' Party.
12	P. 887	'List of materials for the Exhibition' 1 typed sheet.
13	P. 888	Notes on various subjects (6 sheets M. S.)
14	P. 889	Note book.
17	P. 890 (1) P. 890 (2)	Scribbling block, with slip attached.
19	P. 891	'Principles and policy (English)
21	P. 892	Political Resolution (English)
22	P. 893	Call to Action.
24	P. 894	Political Resolution (Urdu)
29	P. 895	Two copies of 'Masses of India' for Feb. and April 1928.
30	P. 896	Cuttings from papers
32	P. 897	'India and Next War'.



33	P. 898	'Proletarian Revolution by Lenin.
36	P. 899	'Wage labour and Capital' by Carl Marx.
37	P. 900	'State and Revolution by Lenin'.
38	P. 901	'Meaning of the General Strike' by R. Palme Dutt.
46	P. 902	Typed copy of Presidential speech of Josh at the Calcutta Conference-27 Sheets.
47	P. 903	'Resolution on organisation (4 sheets).
48	P. 904	(Workers and Peasants Party of Bengal 'Statement on Nehru Report'.
50	P. 905	All India Trades Union Conference resolutions (2 typed sheets).
62	P. 906	Hindi book 'mere Ross Jatra' with picture of Shaikat Usmani.
65	P. 907	"100% Indian"
66	P. 908	Future of Indian Politics by M. N. Roy.
67	P. 909	Not Book for 1929,
68	P. 910	Diary for 1928.
69	P. 911	Various copies of Urdu and Gurmukhi Kirti.
83	P. 912	Bundle of portions of Newspapers Farmers and Peasant Inter, correspondent, masses of India, Sunday Worker.
100	P. 913	Cover of Registered letter to Editor, Kirti.
107	P. 914	Manifesto to Indian National Congress.
108	P. 915	Josh's Presidential address printed.
120	P. 916	'Trade Union Movement' (in English)

On all these papers is my signature, and they were all found at Islamabad.

I finished the search by 10 A. M. Mohammad Mukhtar and Habibullah and others I took on with me then to Chetanpur, which I searched after midday. I found S. I. Jamaluddin at the

door with other respectable persons. Josh's mother and relations were also there. I took Josh with me to Chetanpure too: and this search too was conducted in his presence. I made out another search list: it is Exhibit P. 917 I and the witnesses signed it: it is correct. We signed all the papers found. Among them were:—

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|---|--------|--|
| 1 | P. 918 | 6 copies of Gurmukhi Kirti.                  |
| 2 | P. 919 | 3 copies of Urdu Kirti.                      |
| 5 | P. 920 | Marx, Lenin, and the Science of Revolution'. |

All these were signed by me and were found at Chetanpur.

Both lists were signed by S. S. Josh. x x by S. S. Josh.

It was 6 A. M. when I went to arrest him. When I got there, S. S. Josh was just returning. I had just arrived when he arrived too. I just saw in the steer in front of the deori. I did not go myself to look for him. Others had gone to look for him, but I do not know where they went. when I saw him, I arrested him; whether he had come to surrender himself or not, did not arise. I do not remember whether I said to him "I thought the bird had flown, but here you have come yourself".

I do not know whether he had another man with him or not. I told every one who was there to stay there. I do not remember allowing any one to go to college.

I put the handcuffs on in the house. I never went to the well.

x x by Sahgal.

When I got to the house, I began to keep it surrendered. One room had a chair on it. It took 5 or 10 minutes to make the arrangements: his wife and mother were there.

x x reserved.

(Sd.) R. MILNER WHITE,

14/8/29.

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P. W. 97.

*Habibulla, S/o Nizamuddin, Kamboh, Sripara, O. O.*

I know Sohan Singh. I went to join the search of his house.

It was about 4 A. M. on the 20th March that I was called at 6 A. M. The search took place in his presence. The police took some papers, which they entered on a list. I signed the list—it is Exhibit P-883. I also signed the papers found. I have been shown Exhibit P. 884-916—My signature is on all—on P. 889 on 1st page only, and not on 890 ( 1 ). All these were found at the place.

After that I was taken to Chetanpur. There he searched the house there; Sohan Singh was also there.

A list of the things found there was also made it is Exhibit P. 917. I signed it. My signature is also on Exhibit P. 918-920.

These things were recovered at that search.

x x. by Sehgal.

I do not know when the Thanadar asked to show him the house, or whether he asked any one. We went inside as per door, and saw his mother etc. and they said he had gone to the latrine. There were men and women there, and they told us that he just gone out. Then he asked which room he lived in, and he put a lock on that room. Then the Sardar came back with some constables and others, with a vessel in his hand. It was 10-15 minutes before he came from the time when the S. I. put on the lock. The people were in the courtyard; there was no one in the locked room.

x x. reserved.

Sd/-R. Milner White,

14-8-29.

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P. W. 98

S. I. P, P, Kothawala, Bambay, O. O.

I arrested A. A. Alve on 20th March 1929. The warrant of arrest is Ex. P 921. I also searched his house; he has two rooms, one on Nagar Sayrajji Wadi and one on Elphinstone. The Elphinstone room is situated in Sheoram Chand. I searched both rooms. I had two search witnesses. I offered myself for search, but the accused Alve did not want to do it. The search warrant is Ex. P 922. I prepared a search list: I signed it and so did the witnesses. It is Ex. P. 923. This is for Elphinstone.

There are two more search lists, which I identify—one of his person P. 924—and one of Nagar Sayaji Wadi P. 925.

At the Elphinstone room, the following were recovered among others.

- |               |        |   |
|---------------|--------|---|
| 1 ( page 12 ) | P. 926 | Marathi letter of 12-1-28. addressed to Nimbkar.  |
| 2.            | P. 927 | Typed notice signed by Nimbkar, dated 17-5-28. in connection with strike.                       |
| 9.            | P. 928 | Printed handbill of Workers and Peasants Party in Bombay to strikers.                           |
| 16.           | P. 929 | Handbill of 12-12-28. issued by Girmi Kamgar Union, under Dange's signature.                    |
| 20.           | P. 930 | Bundle of 10 issues of Kranti.  |
| 22.           | P. 931 | Hanbill of 26-1-29, in connection with Municipal election.                                      |
| 54.           | P. 932 | Group containing Bradley Nimbkar, Kasle, Joglekar, Alwe, Mirajkar, Ghate and Dange, and others. |

All these articles were found in Mr. Alwe's room at Elphinstone.

x x. reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

15-8-29.

Sd. P. P. Kothavala

S. I.

15-8-29.

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P. W. 99

*Mahadeo Narain, son of Narain, Bombay, O. O.*

*(Marathi translated by Mr. Ezekiel, O. O.)*

I was a search witness of Mr. Alve's house on March 20th,

I identify Mr. Alwe. A search list was prepared. I signed it. My signature is on P. 923. It is not on P. 924 & 925.

I signed the papers which were taken by the police. My signature is on Exhibits P. 926—932; they were all found there in Alwe's house.

× × by Kastle. I was employed in Simplex Mill before being employed in the Shapoorjee Mill.

I was doing the work of "Katluka" This was in the Simplex Mill; I was fitter in weaving department.

I was staying in the Cement Cawl before going to the Elphinstone. I left it about 1½—2 years. Kastle has been to my place some time back, but I don't remember how long ago. I don't remember if Bal Krishan accompanied him or not. It was at the time of the big strike. This was a year ago. (Asked how to reconcile this statement with that Marked X Alwe, states) I cannot remember the exact number of months.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

15. 8. 29.

× × by Alwe,

I came to the room after the police had arrived. A kumhar's boy came with me and also signed the search list. I don't know his name. He was a Hindu. I am now working in the Industrial Mill. I was out of employ for two years. I am not a member of the Union.

× × by Kastle again,

I used to go to the Union office but not as a member. Other members of my family belong to it.

Sd. R. Milner White

Sd. Mahadeo Narain,

15. 8. 29.

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P. W. 100

A. M. Gardiner, Deputy Inspector Police, Bombay O O.

I arrested G. R. Kastle on 20th March. The warrant of

arrest is Ex. P. 933. I also searched his person and his room. The search warrant is P. 934—it is for Bombay Development Co. Chawl No. 24, delisle Road.

I had two search witnesses with me. Charles Christopher and Joseph D' Silva I prepared a punchnama (search list) for the things found on his person and another for his room. The search list for his person is Ex. P. 935, and that of his room, Ex. P. 936. I signed the lists, and so did the witnesses: they are correct.

The following among others were found on his person:—

- |     |        |   |
|-----|--------|---|
| 7.  | P. 937 | Diary containing a visiting card of Kasle's, Vice President Girmi Kamgar. |
| 11. | P. 938 | Handbill, convening a meeting of 16.3.29                                  |
| 13. | P. 939 | Pamphlet in Marathi called Girmi Kamgar Union.                            |

These things were found on his person.

Among things found in his room (search list P. 936) were:—

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|-----|-------------------|---|
| 6.  | P. 940            | Booklet of songs of Girmi Kamgar Union.   |
| 7.  | P. 941            | Handbill of Girmi Kamgar Union dated 9.3.29.  |
| 18. | P. 942            | Presidential speech of S. S. Josh at Calcutta.  |
| 26. | P. 943            | 'Principles and Policy' etc.  |
| 32. | P. 944<br>P. 944E | Typed leaves containing names of managing committee of Girmi Kamgar Union (two leaves). |
| 25. | P. 945            | Political resolution.   |

All these articles were found in his room. He was present throughout the search.

× × by Kasle. I did not know that Kasle did not know English; I don't remember that he told me so. He asked me where he was to be taken, after the search. I said to the police station. He asked me why: I showed him the warrant. He said he had children at home and they would be anxious if not told where I was been taken to. I told him I couldn't tell him to which police

station he would be taken from the delisle Road Police Station.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

15. 8. 29.

Sd A M. Gardiner

*Dy. Insptr.*

15. 8. 29.

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## P. W. 101

*Charles William Christopher, Late Ch. Engineer, Grante Mill,  
Bombay, O.O.*

I was present when Kastle was arrested ( identifies him ). I was also present when his premises were searched. There were other witnesses too. I signed the search list which was prepared. I identify my signature on P. 935 and 936. I signed all the papers found. I identify my signature on Ex. P. 937— P. 945: all were found in his room and on his person.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

15-8-29.

Sd. Charles William Christopher.

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## P. W. 102.

*Mahadeo Babaji Sait, Dep. Inspector of Police Bombay O. O.*

I searched the office of Girmi Kamgar Union, Head office, Poibavadi Parel. The search warrant is Ex. P. 946. I have 3 search witnesses-Jamshed Ardesar was one of them. The room was locked. I broke open the lock. There was no one on behalf

of the Union. I prepared two search lists. That of the Head office is Ex. P. 947; that of the other room is Ex.P. 948. The witnesses also signed the lists. They are correct lists. They also initialled all the papers taken. Among them were:—

Item No.

7	P 949	Statement of accounts etc. in a file No 5, 54 pages.
9	P 950	Two groups of Union volunteers-Mirajkar in the centre.
12 (a)	P 951 & 951 E	Number of handbills joined together 21.
13	P 952	Bundle of piam Mazdur.
17	P 953	M.S. article in Marathi "published in Kranti 19-1-29" on Capitalism
18	P 954	Diary in M.S.S. containing account of work done by members of the Union.
20	P 955	Letter of 1-3-29, from Muzaffar Ahmad to Dange.
22	P 956	Acknowledgment of receipt of registered packet containing Rs 500/-
23	P 957	Post card of 8-1-29 from Shaukat Usmani to Dange.
28	P 958	Proceedings Book of Union.
34	P 959	Cash Book of Union.
41/32	P. 960	Minute book of Managing Committee of the Union.
64	P 961	Register of volunteers of the Union
69	P 962	84 volunteers belts of red cloth some inscribed. " Joint Strike Committe "
78/1	P 963	Group of Union volunteers ( same as P 950 ).
78/3	P 964	Group ( same as P 932* ).
81	P 965	Call to Action.
117/1	P 966	Marathi handbill.



Y 17/2 P 967 ditto.

All these articles were found in the office of the Girni Kamgar Union.

x x reserved.

Sd R Milner White

15-8-29

Sd Mahadeo Babaji Sait.

Dy: Inspector of police

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## P. W. 103

*Jamshed Adresar, Parsee, Parel, Bombay, O. O.*

I went with Inspector Sait to the search of the Girni Kamgar Union office. The office was shut, with a padlock. The lock was broken. The search was of one room. There was a partition in it. A search list was made. I signed it: it is Ex. P 947. I signed the papers found there. I identify my signature on Ex P 949 to 961. The belts ( Ex P 962 ) were found there: but they do not bear my signature. Every thing I have been shown was found there.

x x reserved.

Sd R Milner White

15-8-29

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## P. W. 104

*Rao Sahib Patwardan, Inspector police, Bombay, O. O.*

I arrested S A. Dange on 20th March in Bombay. I identify him. The warrant. is Exhibit P. 968. I also searched Dange's

house at Moolji Hari Das Chawal, Naga Sayaji's wadi 3rd floor. The search warrant is Exhibit P. 969. I had two search witnesses Narsingh Kishna and Ram Lal, as entered in the search list. Dange was present during the search, and Mr. W. H. Joshi was also present on his behalf. I prepared a search list. I signed it, and so did the witnesses in my presence. The search list is Exhibit P. 970 it is a correct list. The witnesses initialled the papers. I believe I initialled them too.

Among the papers found were:—

23	P 971	Rough note book in English
40	P 972	Letter of 26. 1. 29. from Alve to Dange in Marathi.
44	P 973	Letter from Alve to Dange About <u>Municipal</u> election.
70	P 974	Copies of Payam Muzdur.
94	P 975	"Left wing Communism" by Lenin.
104	P 976	8 issues of Labour monthly.
106	P 977	"Trade Union movement".
107	P 978	'Principles and Policy'
122	P 979	'On the Road to insurrection by Lenin.
127, 128	P 980	Communist International with portraits of Communists.
133	P 981	Printed programme by Nimbkar and Jogmlekar for Congress Committee.
140	P 982	Memorandum of some account.
147	P 983	Letter from Kishori Lal Ghosh to Bradley with printed appeals from K. L. Ghosh.
149	P 984	Three typed papers containing resolution to A. I. T. U. congress.
155	P 985	Papers bearing specimen signatures of Dange, Ghate, Alve, and Nimbkar.
161	P 986	File of "Krantī".
172	P 987	Two copies of spark 27. 1. 29.
173	P 988	Three copies of spark for 27. 1. 29. (2) and 17. 2. 29.
174	P 989	Spare copies of Kranti.

175	P 990	Two copies of Pagam Mazdur.
176	P 991	Photograph of Lenin.
177	P 992	Photo of Mirajkar, Usmani Ghosh, M. A. Majid, Dr. Mukarji, Banerjee, Ghate, M. Ahmad, Dange and Gopin Chkarverti.
178	P 993	Printed circular of W. & P. party of Bombay to all T. U. & S. etc.
180	P 994	Two booklists of books recommended for study of Communism.
189	P 995.	Typed letter of 22.4.28 from Shaukat Usmani to Dange, giving a sketch of his life.
192	P 996	Note from Shukat Usmani.
193	P 997	Postal receipts for registered articles, among others to C. P. Dutt, Basak, Muzaffar Ahmad and Joglakar with M. S. note on the Dutt receipt.
195	P 998	Telegram receipt of 13. 2. 1928, with Usmani start immediately fare on arrival Dange on back.
196	P 999	Open letter to India Trade Unionists by Saklatwala (typed).
199	P 1000	Printed advertisement of 'Peshawar to Moscow.
200	P 1001	Accounts paid to typist for typing extracts from books.
204	P 1002	M. S. of article in Kranti 'Communist worker'.
207	P 1003	Leaflet "Organization of the International".
217	P 1004	Two copies of 'New Masses', of Sept. 27 and March 27.

All these things were found in Dange's house.

I know Philip Spratt. I identify him. I searched his premises on 6th September 1927. I prepared a search list. It was signed by me and the search witnesses. The search list is Exhibit P. 1005 I recognise the following items:—

6	P 1006	Rough note book.
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- 7 (1) P 1007 Letter of 9. 6. 27 signed S— with addition in invisible ink.
- (2) P 1008 Letter of 9. 8. 27, signed as above.
- (3) P 1009 Letter dated 4.9. 27 (draft) with code.
- (4) P 1010 Letter dated 21. 8. 27 from Mirajkar to Spratt.
- (5) P 1011 Letter dated 22. 8. 27 from Ghate to Spratt.
- (6) P 1012 Letter dated 25/7 from J. to "Dear Des".

The letter P. 1007 was in the same condition as it now is, with discoloured ink.

All these seven Exhibits bear the signatures of each witnesses.

- 8 1013 File. This also bears the signatures of witnesses.

this file, and all those papers Exhibited ( P. 1006—P. 1012 ), were made over by me to Mr. Jacob, Deputy Commissioner of police, Special Branch Bombay.

I also carried out a search of Mirajkar's premises in July 1927. A search list was prepared and was signed by me and the witnesses. The exact date 28. 7. 27. The list is Exhibit P. 1014.

The documents in the search list were found in his house.

I have seen the document produced. I got it in the Indian National Congress Pandal, Madras, in 1927. It was being distributed. It is Exhibit P. 1015 (printed copy of resolutions).

I recognise the two leaflets (Marathi) produced. They were being distributed in the streets of Bombay by Joglakar and Spratt in Jan. 1928. It was in connection with a general strike of mill hands. At that time there was a strike in the group of Sassoon Mills, and the mill hands were asked in the leaflets to come out on general strike. The leaflets are Exhibit P. 1016.

On 1st May 1927, May day was celebrated. On the day before the leaders went round the streets asking the mill hands to join. I made a report shortly after. Refreshing my memory from the report, Spratt Thengdi, Mirajkar, Jhabwala, Nimbkar and Ghate went on foot from Chinchpopli to Poibawdi and distributed handbills along Parel road, asking the workers to join the May day celebration. They were carrying red flags, and also a placard bearing the inscription, 'Workers of the world, Unite. Workers and peasant's Party, May day celebration'.

Mirajkar was beating a Thali. Next day a procession was formed. At the end of the day there was a mass meeting under Mr. Thengdi, M. N. Joshi, S. S. Jhabwala, P. Spratt, S. S. Mirajkar, K. N. Joglekar, S. V. Ghate, and Bakhale were also present. Speeches were made by Thengdi, Spratt, Jhabwala Mirajkar, Joglekar, Nimbkar. I see all these persons here, in the dock. (concluded for the day.)

Sd. R. Milner White

15-8-29

*Continued O. O.*

(Note. It is stated that this witness made no statement in writing to the investigating officer, and has not brought any document with him for production in the case Sd. R. Milner White 16-8-29).

The mass meeting was held at De Lisle Road.

I remember the 3rd February 1928. A workers' procession was formed by the leaders such as (refreshing his memory from his report) K, N, Joglekar, Nimbkar, Mirajkar, Ghate, Jhabwala, Spratt, Alve, Dange. These were with the procession. As they went along, some of the processionists were carrying black flags, inscribed with mottoes "Workers of the World Unite," "Down with Capitalism and Imperialism", "B, B, C, I, Ry, Workers Union," "Workers and Peasants' Party."

They went by Parel Road, Arthur Road, Lamington Road, and Forad Road. It went to Forad Road. Then a meeting was formed, They made speeches. Those who made speeches were S. H. Jhabwala, who said that Govt. was responsible for all this trouble. The present Govt. was of the capitalists, and the Workers wanted to break it. They wanted such Swaraj as would give the workers bread and clothing,—also Spratt who said the importance of this day was very great. It was the first political strike—hoped it was not the last. These things would only lead them to Swaraj. This was in connexion with the arrival of the Simon Commission. This took place in front of Municipal Workmen's Union office in Paras Road.

Shortly after this I made a report to the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

I remember the document produced. It was given to me by Mirajkar himself—I recognise him in the dock. It is signed by Mirajkar. He signed it in my presence and gave it to me. The document is Exhibit P. 1017 and Exhibit P. 1017 S (signature). This appeared first in the papers then I went to him, and he gave me a copy. This was in February 1927.

x x by Jhabwala.

I was never a commissioner of police. I carried on the work of the Deputy Commissioner of Police for a few days while he was on casual leave.

I have been more than 20 years in the police. I came in to contact with Jhabwala in my official capacity-perhaps for 10 years, more or less. It was not part of my duty to watch his movements. I do not know if he has been appointed president of the Forward congress committee. I am not connected with the Bodh society in any way. I have heard that the prophet Bodh is the emblem of nonviolence. I don't know that Jhabwala was the fonder of the society. I know he was the founder of the unemployment bureau, Bombay. I don't remember that he was the founder of the poor fund. He founded the purity League. I have never gone to the Parsee Central Association. I know nothing about it. I know the Bombay Humanitarian League. I do not know if Jhabwala is the Secretary. It is just possible that he agitated against.

I have been to the rooms of the Bombay Presidency Association, I donot know who founded it. Jhabwala was Secretary of it for some years.

I have heard of the paper "New Reformer". I see from it that its motto is, "There is no religion higher than truth." (Mr. Jhabwala puts in a bound file of "New Reformer" showing the motto-Ex. D. 1. Jhabwala.)

I do not know if the New Reformer was recommended by D. P. I. for use in schools.

I am not a Theosophist, I do not indulge in any branch of Indian philosophy.

Q. Do you know if Jhabwala is the father of about fifty unions ?

A. I do not know.

I do not know if he has started several unions with a purely humanitarian object.

I visited Jhabwala in some of his Unions or associations.

I can not say whether Jhabwala was carrying a red flag on 30th April, 1927. I can't remember.

Mr. Jhabwala was standing in the car which contained also Thengdi, M.N. Joshi. Joshi is an M. L. A. I did not consult Joshi. I would ask Jhabwala for information on occasions when he was concerned. I consulted him because I thought he could give me the information. I do not remember who proposed Thengdi to the chair.

I have never been a police reporter.

I heard Mr. Jhabwala's speeches on other occasions at Workers' meetings. I do not remember whether he wanted the poor to have greater rights in the country. It is not a fact that the main theme of his speeches was bread and clothing for the poor. I was not at Sewri when Parasram Sado was shot by the police.

Mr. Jhabwala's policy was not non-violent throughout. I remember his using the expression in his speeches "Unions are your temples".

× × by Dange. I get Rs. 400. I came only to give evidence. I was not accompanied by any other police officer. I did not tell any one in Meerut that I was coming. I had a relation whom I learnt of after my arrival. I am staying with him in the College Hostel. I do not mix with the students. Some came in to see my relation.

(Note. Prosecution undertakes not to call any college students to prove the Meerut Conspiracy and Dange therefore ceases his cross examination).

× × by Sehgal. I started as a sub inspector on Rs. 50/- I got a title from Govt. I am of the Hindu religion, and a Brahman. I recognise untouchables. Khan Bahadur Tasudduk Hasan has not invited me to dinner. None of my sons has been to England.

I am not follower of Mahatma Gandhi. •

If there is a Hindu Musalman riot I arrest both sides. I pay no attention to religion on such occasion. I did not follow Mr. Tilak in his opposition to the bureaucracy.

I do not know L. Lajpat Rai's remarks at Lahore.

It is my work to report about the activities of the Labour parties-strikes etc.

I have given evidence in 2 or 4 political cases.

× × by Bishwanath Mukerjee. I do not know Gandhi's doctrines.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White.

16/8/29.

Sd. R. S. Pathwardhan.

16/8/29.

## P. W. 105.

*Nar Singh Bandarkar, son of Krishan, Brahman, Parel, O.O.*

*(In Marathi interpreted by Kedar Gupta O. O.)*

I was a search witness when Dange's house was searched. A search list was prepared. I signed it. I signed the papers too. I recognise Mr. Dange. I identify the search list-Exh. P. 970.

My signature also is on the papers etc. shown to me Ex. P. 971-1004 and all were found with Dange.

XX by Alwe— The papers were found in Dange's house, not else where.

XX reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

16/8/29.

Sd. Nar Singh Bandarkar

(in Vernacular).

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I am a tea shop-keeper. I learnt Marathi in Bombay.

Sd. R. Milner White

16/8/29.

Sd. Nar Singh Bandarkar

(in Vernacular).

## P. W. 106.

*James Scott, Circle Inspector Police Bombay, O. O.*

On 21th March I searched the room of Leslie Hutchinson at Bandra—identifies the accused in court. The House is in Ist Khar Road, Lachmi Nagar. The accused was there, and Mr Nambiar. I had witnesses with me, Mr, Sawan and Mr. Khudadad Iraai. (Identifies the photo of Mr. Nambiar in Ex. P. 869).

The search warrant is Ex. P. 1018.



I prepared a search list: I signed it and so did the witnesses.  
The list is Ex. P. 1019, with an English translation P. 1019 T.

I signed the papers found in the place. The witnesses did not.

Among the things found were:—

2	P. 1020	Two copies of Labour monthly for October and December 1928.
4	P. 1021	'Leninism' by Stalin.
5	P. 1022	Presidential speech of S. S. Josh
6	P. 1023	Three copies of Teacher's International for May and October 1928.
7	P. 1024	Two copies of rules of Teachers International.
8	P. 1025	Copies of Yqung Liberator (12)
10	P. 1026	"Trade Union Movement" with additions in Bradley's writing.
11	P. 1027	'Political Resolution'
12	P. 1028	"Principles and Policy.
14	P. 1029	Exercise book, containing minutes of Study Circle.
15	P. 1030	ditto.
16	P. 1031	Golden Treasury.
18	P. 1032	Typed article by Hutchenson "British Foreign Policy since the War."
20	P. 1033	Typed extracts preferring to India from Russia—Revolutionary Movement in Colonies and Semi-colonies.
21	P. 1034	'International appellation of Labour Movement — typed Article.
22	P. 1035	Article by Bradley (typed) on Bombay Mill strike.

23	P. 1036	Typed article on 'On the road to Insurrection', signed by Hutchinson.
27	P. 1037	Five leaves containing notes for book?) on the Russian Revolution.
28	P. 1038	Two leaves of notes on 'Youth and Politics' and Religion.
29	P. 1039	"Bombay Mill Strike'-M.S. in Bradley's writing. (see Ex. P. 1035).
36	P. 1040	Letter of 10/10/28, on League Imperialism paper.
37	P. 1041	Letter of 15/10/27, for Workers Paul (Sunday Worker).
40	P. 1042	Ten copies of Spark.
43	P. 1043	Passport No. L. 074908 of Hutchinson.

All these things were found in the house where Hutchinson was staying and were signed by me.

I satisfied myself that the property recovered belonged to Hutchinson and as a matter of fact he admitted it then.

x x . reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

16/8/29.

Sd. James Scott.

## P. W. 107

*Khudadad Rustom, son of Rustom, Bondra, Hill Road, Bombay, O.O.*

I went to search Hutchinson's house on March 20. The Inspector picked me up. Hutchinson was present. There was one lady there. A search list was prepared of the things found. I signed the search list—identified signature on Ex P. 1019. I don't know the Marathi writing, nor English. The list was read

over to me before I signed it. Every thing which was taken away by the police was correctly recorded in this.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

16-8-28.

## P. W. 108.

*Harry Hurst, Inspector Police, Bombay, O.O.*

I was entrusted with the execution search warrants for Dr. U.B. Narain Rao. There were two—one for his dispensary and one for his house. I executed both—They are Ex. P 1044 and 1045. I searched the house first. He was present. I prepared a search list of things recovered in the house. It is Ex, P 1046. It bears my signature and that of the witnesses.

From there we went on to the Ryan Pharmacy, under the control of Dr. Narain Rao. We searched the dispensary. Dr. Rao was not present at first: his servant was, and later he himself came. The search list prepared for the dispensary is Ex. P 1047. It bears my signature and that of witnesses—Babu Ram Parshotam Biranhar and Sridhar Gobind Moye.

The papers recovered were signed by me.

Among them were :-

3	P 1048	Counterfoil cheque book
4	P 1049	ditto.

These things were found at the dispensary.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White.

Sd. Harry Hurst.

16-8-29.

## P. W. 109

*Babu Ram Parshotam Dewankar,*

*son of Parshotam, Girgaun, Bombay, O.O.*

I know Inspector Hurst. I witnessed a search of a house by him on 20th March. Dr. U. B. Narain Rao's house and the Rayan Pharmacy were searched. I was at both places.

The search list of dispensary (P 1047) bears my signature.

The two Ex. P 1048 and 1049 were recovered from the dispensary and bear my initials.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

16-8-29.

Sd. Babu Ram Parshotam.

## P. W. 110.

*John Simmons, Offg, Superintendent of Police, Bombay, O.O.*

On 20th March I searched the offices of the Youth League, Bombay. There are two offices—one at Hughes Road Bombay, at Madan House (1st floor) and one at Lahamsee Naku Hall Matunga, Post 19. The first one is situated in flat occupied by K.F. Nariman. I took two search witnesses with me, Jai Singh Ladha and Shantiram Lachuman for Highes Road.

The warrant under which I acted is Ex. P 1050.

The secretary of the Youth Leauge, Mohammed Ali and Mr. Kopekar were present on behalf of the Leauge. I am not certain of Kopekar's exact name. I prepared search lists. Every thing taken was initialled by me and the witnesses.

I identify the search list of Madan House :—

Ex. P 1051—and of Lahanse Naku Hall (room)—

Ex. P 1052. They are correct lists.

Among articles seized from Madan House (P. 1051) was :-

2 P. 1053 Resolution passed at Bombay Youth Conference, 1928. (Five copies).

And at Matunga (Ex. P 1052) were :-

6 P. 1054 "Distinguished Visitors book of Youth League.

17(3) P. 1055 Notice dated 20-2-29 announcing lecture on Youth and Politics by Hutchinson-M.S.S. and typed.

All these documents were found in the Youth League Offices.

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Sd. R. Milner White

21-8-29.

Sd. John Simmon

Superintendent of Police

C.I.D.

Bombay.

21-8-29.

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P. W. 111.

*Shantiram Lachman Malhure, son of Lachmana.*

*Kayasth, Gondevi, Bombay O. O.*

I was present when the office of the Youth League was searched on 20th March. A search list was prepared. I signed it. The search list is Ex P. 1051. I signed the articles found there. I identify my signature on Ex. P. 1053. This was found at the Hughes Road office.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

21-8-29.

Sd. Shantiram Lachman Malhure,

## P. W. 112.

*Mohan Lal, Bombay O. O.*

I was present at the search of the Matunga office on 20th March. A search list was prepared. I signed it. It is Ex. P. 1052 I signed all the papers found there.

I identify my signature on P. 1054 and 1055. Both these were recovered from the Youth League.

x x. reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

21-8-29.

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## P. W. 113.

*S. N. Savant, Sub Inspector Police, Bombay, O. O.*

I searched the house of Amir Haidar on 20th March. It is Ghelabhai Street, Madanpurwa, at Rama Seth's Chawl,

The search warrant under which I acted is P. 1056.

I had search witnesses with me—two, Husain Ali Moolji Khoja and Peter Simon Saldhana.

Amir Haidar was there in the house—he was sleeping.

I prepared a search list, and I and the witnesses signed it. It is Ex. P. 1057. It was prepared in the house.

Among papers found were.—

1	P 1051	Communism by R. Palme Dutt.
2,3	P 1059	Manifesto of Communist Party (two copies).
12-22	P 1060	Copies of Political Resolutions' (11 copies).
23-30	P 1061	Presidential speech of S. S. Josh (8 copies.)
35-42	P 1062	"Trade Union Movement" (8 copies)

43-45	P 1063	Principles and Police (3 copies).
58-59	P 1064	Extracts relating to India from thesis of communist International of Colonies and Semi-colonies (two copies).
60	P 1065	Torn letter (typed) of 18-11-28 from Hamburg-two sheets, now pasted together.
69-77	P 1066	Writing pad, notes by Amir Akmad on 'Civil war in Bombay'.
79-83	P 1067 P 1067 E	Envelope containing 4 photos of Amir Haidar one of them certified on back: envelope addressed to Ali Mardan.
86	P. 1068	Paper dated 26-2-25 certificate issued by National Beronantic Association to Amir Haidar.
87	P 1069	Letter from Nat. Aeron Association of New York.
88	P 1070	Envelope from above.
91	P 1071	Letter of 1-1-26 from above to Amir Haidar.
92	P 1072	Letter of 24-12-25 from above to Amir Khan.
93	P 1073	Copy of Payam Mazdur.
95	P 1074 & 1074 E.	Envelope with letter of 12-2-28 from San Fransico by Air Mail to Amir Haidar Khan, signed "B".
96	P 1075	Visiting card of Hutchinson, with an address on back.
97	P 1076	Paper with printed heading of "Kranti official organ of workers and Peasant's Party of Bombay".
99	P 1077	Note book-last pagerased plan.
100	P 1078	Paper containing addresses.
102	P 1079	Certificate issued to Amir Haidar Khan by Aeronautical Association.
50	P 1080	British Imperialiam in South Africa.

63,64 P 1081 Copies of prospectus of Bombay  
Flying Club.  
67 P 1082 Blank form of workers and Peasants  
Party, Bombay.

All these documents were found in Amir Haidar's room and  
were signed by me and the witnesses.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

Sd. S. N. Savant.

21-8-29

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## P. W. 114

*Peter Simon Soldlana, son of Diego Soldlana Bombay O. Q.*

I was present at the search of Amir Haidar's house. A search  
list was prepared; I signed it. I also signed the papers found there.

Ex. P. 1057 is the search list. I identify my signature on it,  
and also on Ex. P. 1058—P. 1082

I remember the torn letter Ex. P. 1065. He was trying to  
destroy it.

All these documents were found in Amir Haidar's house.

x x reserved.

Sd. MILNER WHITE,

21-8-29.

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## P. W. 115.

*P. R. Dashpande, Sub Inspector Police Bombay.*

On 20th March I searched the office of Payam Mazdur at  
Astor Bulding, 1st floor, Poibadi, Parel. I had a search witness.



The search warrant is Ex. P. 1083.

The office was closed from inside. I tapped and Mr. Adikari opened the door. I recognise him. I searched the house in presence of two search witnesses. I prepared a search list. I signed it and so did my witnesses. The list is Ex. P. 1084.

Among the papers founds:

4 P 1085 Two files containing letters including a letter of 7-3-29 from Sohan Singh to Shaukat Usmani.  
P 1086 Also series of typed addresses.

These papers were found in the Payam Mazdur Office.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

Sd. P. R. DESHPANDE,

21-8-29.

S. I.

Bombay City,

21-8-29.

## P. W. 116.

*M. A. Saygaon, Son of A. Saygaon, Jew, Bombay O. O.*

I was present when the office of the Payam Mazdur was searched. I signed the search list and the papers recovered.

The search list is Ex. P. 1084. My signature is also on P. 1085 and 1086. They were found at that office.

I was also present when the office of Girmi Kangar Union was searched. The search list is Ex. P. 948—I signed it and all the other papers recovered. Ex. P. 965 bears my signature. The photos 963, 964, I recognise—I took them myself Ex. 966, 967, were part of the file produced.

All these were found at the spot.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

21-8-29.

Sd. M. A. SAYGAON,

21-8-29.

## P. W. 117.

*Mangal Singh Tiwari, P. S. I, Muzaffarnagar, O.O.*

I have been in the police for over 14 years. I was in the C.I.D. in 1927 and 1929. I was at Meerut in October 1928—on 13th, 14th, 15th October 1928. I came here to attend the two meetings, the Political Conference and the Peasants and Workers Conference. Some call the latter the Mazdur and Kisan Sabha and others the Kisan and Mazdur sabha. This went on for 3 days, 13 14, and 15; but I attended, only 13th and 15th. The Political conference went on the same 3 days. L. Kedarnath Sahgal, P. C. Joshi, Ch. Dharam Vir Singh, Gauri Shankar Mazdur, and A Majid were present on the 13th.

I reported some speeches at this conference. I took shorthand notes, and afterwards I transcribed them.

I attended the Political conference on the 14th. On the 15th I saw Sohan Singh Josh, comrade Spratt, and Muzaffar Ahmad in addition to those mentioned before.

L. Kedarnath Sahgal presided, and made a presidential speech. I have seen the printed speech—Ex. P. 172—it is substantially the same as the address which he read out.

The paper shown to me is in my writing. It is a transcription of the shorthand notes which I made at the Peasants and Workers Conference on the 13th October. Giving a resolution seconded by M. A. Majid I transcribed it correctly from my notes, and my notes were also correctly taken down—"This conference, expresses its heart felt sympathy with political prisoners, and condemns the improper behaviour of Government towards them, etc." This is Ex. P. 1687, which includes both a resolution as above, and the speech accompanying it. Both are correctly taken down.

On the 15th there was a resolution by Mr. Majid. He moved it in a short speech. Ch. Dharamvir Singh seconded it. The paper I have here is a correct transcription of my shorthand notes, giving both the speech and the resolution. It is Ex. P. 1088,

Sardar Sohan Singh Josh also moved a resolution that day. I have here a transcript of his speech with which he moved the printed resolution. The printed resolutions were distributed to some persons, and I was one of them. My transcript is P. 1090, and the printed resolutions are P. 1089. There is a difference between my transcript of the resolutions and the printed copies, as some things were left out because they were not moved.

Muzaffar Ahmad also moved a resolution and made a speech that day (15th). I have my transcript here—it is correct. The transcript is Ex. P. 1091.

On the 13th about 700 persons present and about the same on the 15th.

Gauri Shankar Mazdur was one of the organisers of this conference—I recognise him in the dock.

I was at the Political Conference on the 14th. Kedarnath Sahgal, and Ch. Dharmvir Singh were there. Dharamvir Singh moved a resolution and Kedarnath Sahgal seconded it. I have a correct transcript of the speech of Ch. Dharamvir Singh and his resolution. It is Ex. P. 1092.

The same October I attended a meeting of the Conference of the Peasants and Workers Conference of Buddelkhand—on the 28th and 29th October. Jhabwala presided and made presidential speech. He spoke in Hindi. I transcribed his speech from my notes; it is correct. The transcription is P. 1093. L. R. Kadam and P. C. Joshi were also present, I see them here among the prisoners. Joshi did nothing, but Kadam seconded a resolution. The resolution was. This Conference congratulates the Bombay Mill Workers, Tata Iron Workers, and Railway men; it congratulates them on the firmness shown in their strikes.

There several mottoes hung up in the Pandal—I copied them. My copy of them is Ex. P. 1094.

When I was in the C. I. D. I intercepted some letters. I used to get letters personally from the Post Office. I used to take copies of the letters in my confidential diary and if necessary got them photographed in my own presence.

I intercepted some letter to P. C. Joshi in Allahabad.

Here is a paper which is a copy of a letter written to P. C. Joshi by Dr. Bishwnath Mukherjee. It is my diary and contains the copy of the letter. I correctly copied the letter which came out of the envelope. I then put the letter back in the envelope and returned it to the P. O. This was my usual procedure. The copy is Ex. P. 1095.

I have here too my diary of 4th March 1929. I intercepted a letter from Muzaffar Ahmad to Joshi. I carried the same procedure as before. The letter was dated 2-3-29. I got the letter photographed. It is a correct photographic representation of the letter and the envelope, and was made in my presence. The photos are Ex. P. 1096.P—

My diary of 14th March 1929 shows that I intercepted a letter of 9-3-29 from Muzaffar Ahmad to P. C. Joshi. I got the letter photographed. I dealt with the letter as usual. It is a correct photo. It is P. 1097 P.

I have a copy of a letter from R. S. Nimbkar to Joshi dated 15-3-29. I got it as I have described before. It was intercepted on the 17th. The copy is Ex. P. 1098.

I also intercepted a letter from Ghate to P. C. Joshi on 17th March. This is dated 15-3-29. I dealt with it in the same way. It is Ex. P. 1099.

I also intercepted a letter from Muzaffar Ahmad to P. C. Joshi, dated 17th March, 1929. I intercepted it on 18th March 1928. It was photographed. The photo produced was made in my presence. It is correct. It is Ex. P. 1100 P. I dealt with the letter in the same way as usual.

I took a verbatim report of Sahgal's speech, with a few exclusions, which are marked with dots. It is what he actually read. My transcript is Ex. P. 1101.

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Sd. R. Milner White

21-8-29

Sd. M. Sing Tiwari

P. S. I,

21-8-29

#### ORDER.

The prosecution Counsel has given notice that P. C. Joshi should produce certain letters addressed to him, in order to validate (that the event of failure to produce the originals) the submission of secondary evidence. It is agreed that the position should be argued in general terms, so that the order may cover all similar attempts to produce secondary evidence in this case.

The defence counsel contend that the notice should be fuller, i.e. should contain copies of the letters in question and that they should be given more time. In the prosecution it is argued that no notice at all is necessary, but if it is given general notice in the circumstances of the case sufficient.

The question is of course governed by sec. 65, 66 Indian Evidence Act. The letters in question were, according to the prosecution (which will have to prove it), intercepted in the first and after being copied were reported. I am of opinion that on these facts, which must at present be assumed, the originals must be presumed to be either in the possession of the accused or lost. If they are lost no notice at all is required.

Assuming however that they came into the possession of the accused, I am of opinion that notice is required unless the court sees fit to dispense with it, I do not consider that Sec. 66, proviso

(2) applies in this case the accused would have no reason to suppose that all their correspondence, or any particular letters, would be called for.

But in the circumstances the notice need only be a formal one, if it is given at all. A good case could be made out for omitting the notice, the houses have been searched and all their files and property if the letters have not been found, it must be because they were not in the possession of the accused. But to make the position above the prosecution has given formal notice to all the accused to produce all correspondence with any of the conspirators. It is a very wide notice, and it may be difficult to comply with practically indeed it is impossible to comply with it, because the accused are not in a position to produce any documents. But it is not illegal and as there is very good reason to suppose in the special circumstances of the case that these letters are not now traceable nor in the possession of the accused, I consider the general notice sufficient compliance with the law. I see no reason to give time to enable search documents to be made elsewhere. Nor it is necessary to produce copies to file with the notice. The notice is in the circumstances purely a formality as small as possible. I permit the production of secondary evidence of the documents referred to, subject of course in all cases to their relevancy and to proof of their admissibility at or about the time of such secondary evidence being tendered.

Sd. R. Milner White,

28. 8. 29.

P. W. 118

*N.K. Wagly, Inspector Police, Bombay, O. O.*

I arrested K.N. Joglekar on 20th March 1929. I identify him. I arrested him at Jaffar Hall, Girgaram Bombay. He was not found at his house on the 25th. The warrant is Exhibit P. 1102. I searched his house at Panas wadi, Bombay: this was on 20th March. The number was given on the warrant, and also there was a sign board, K. N. Joglekar B. A., so I knew the house.

The room was locked. I broke the lock in presence of the Panch (search witnesses). I had two search witnesses Nirvriti Nath Hari Bhivandkar and Debi Singh Arjun Singh.

The search warrant is Exhibit P 1103.

I search the premises in presence of the search witnesses: I prepared a search list and signed it, and so did the witnesses. It was prepared the same day-March 20. The search list is Exhibit P 1104. It is a correct list of articles found in his house.

On the day of arrest I also searched his person: I prepared a search list: it is Exhibit P 1105. It is correct.

I initialled all the papers recovered, and so did the witnesses.

Among those found in the house were:—

11	P 1106	Piece of paper bearing a Moscow address "Lux Hotel."
19	P 1107	Issues of Kranti of 23-2-29, 3-3-29, and 9-3-29.
21	P 1108	Programme of Trade Union work" typed.
24	P 1109	Letter of 11-2-28 from Mirajkar to Joglekar.
25	P 1110 & 1110 E	Letter of 16-2-28 from L.R. Kadm to Joglekar (M.S.).
26	P 1111	4 sheets of papers in Spratt's writing probably resolutions for youth congress.
28	P 1112	2 copies of 'Spark' for 10-2-29, and 17-2-29.
29	P 1113	For Eastern monthly and No. 19, for September 1928.
31	P 1114	Piece of papers in Bradley's writing memorandum.
35	P 1115	Typed copies of thesis on 'Rev.' movement in colonies and semi-colonies with corrections.
36	P 1116 and 1116 E	Letter of 20-10-28 from Spratt to Org. Secy. G I. P. Ry. Union.  (Joglekar)

38	P 1117	Copy of masses of India for June 1928.
39	P 1118	Letter from Spratt to Joglekar (M.S.).
40	P 1119	W.&P. Party Bengal, constitution for 1928.
41	P 1120	'Labour monthly for May 1928.
43	P 1121	'Trade Union Movement'.
44	P 1122	Political resolution.
45	P 1123	Presidential address of S.S. Josh (Calcutta).
46	P 1124	Draft resolutions in Joglekar's writing on Indian National Congress papers *5 pages.
48	P 1125	.... Copy of Kirti for Dec. 28' (Urdu Edition)
49	P 1126	.... Open letters from Saklatwala to A.I.T.U. congress etc.
50	P 1127 & P 1127 E	.... Two letters from Saklatwala June 14, 1928 enclosing P 1126: and an article by him "A reply to Joshi".
51	P 1128 and 1128 E	.... Letter of 21-12-27 from Thengdi to Joglekar.
60	P 1129 and 1129 E	.... Letter of 1-2-27 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Joglekar.
61	P 1130 and 1130 E	.... Letter of 2-2-27 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Jolekar.
64	P 1131	Printed addresses.
66	P 1132	.... Copies of "International press Cross" of 7-11-22, 12-1-25., 30-3-25, 9-4-25, (29 and 30), 10-4-25, 7-6-28, and No. 62 (front page missing).
67	P 1133	.... Masses of India 3 copies for March, April, Nov. 1927.
72, 73	P 1134	.... 5 copies of worker's weekly of 25-7-24, 1-8-24, 20-8-26, 19-9-24, 3-10-24.

77	P 1135	.... "Communist International" pamphlet issued in London.
78	P 1136	.... "Reds in the Congress" by Murphy.
82	P 1137	.... Letter of 9 (or 19)-6-27 from Spratt to Joglekar.
83	P 1138	.... Letter of Nov. 6 addressed to Bhag- ribhatta by M.N. Roy with endorse "Should the Communist Party be a secret society?" (Eaten by white ants).
85	P 1139	.... Letter of 5-2-26 from Ghate to V.H. Joshi, Headed 'Communist Party of India.'
86	P 1140 and 1140 E	.... Letter of 19-1-28 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Joglekar.
88	P 1141 and 1141	.... Letter of 2-4-26 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Joglekar.
90	P 1142	.... Typed declaration form to be signed by members of the Communist Party of India, (2 typed pages.)
91	P 1143	.... Received telegram from Saklatwala to Joglekar of 25-2-27.
93	P 1144	.... Letter signed by 'D' (Donald Camp- bell) to 'J' Joglekar) containing draft resolutions etc., dated 26-11-26.
95	P 1145	.... Typed (5 Pages) constitution of communist Party of India' with M. S. corrections.
96	P 1146	.... Printed manifesto of Communist Party of India (1926).
100	P 1147	.... "Trade Union Information" of 16-6-28 and 4-10-27.
111	P 1148	... Copy of "Communist International" (with page headings cut off found in that condition).
113	P 1149	... Laid Revolution in Russia (speech by Lenin).
116	P 1150	.... Bolshevism-The dreams and the facts by Edmanal Candler



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| 118 | P 1151 | ... Report of Ex. Com. Com. Inter<br>national for 1920-21                                     |
| 120 | P 1152 | ... India in transition by M.N. Roy   |
| 121 | P 1153 | ... India's problem and its solution by<br>M.N. Roy.  |
| 125 | P 1154 | ... Theory and Practice of Leninism.  |
| 107 | P 1155 | ... 6 copies of Communist International<br>Nos. 10, 11, 17, 20, and 7 (2 copies)<br>(1924-26) |
| 108 | P 1156 | ... 14 copies of 'labour monthly' (as<br>in search list)                                      |
| 109 | P 1157 | ... Communist Review for 1923 (as in<br>search list).   |
| 105 | P 1158 | ... 4 copies of 'Plebs'.  |

All these books, letters, documents etc., were found in Joglekar's house and were initialled by me and the panch witnesses.

x x reserved.

Sd/ R. Milner White,

23-8-29.

Sd/ N. K. Wagle.

23-8-29.

## P. W. 119

*Nirvritn Nath Hari Bhivandkar, S/o Hari, Stenographer, Paus*

*Wadi, Bombay, O.O.*

I was present when Joglekar's house was searched.

A search list was prepared. I signed it. The search list is Exhibit P. 1104. I signed all the papers found.

All the papers shown to me—Exhibit P 1106 to P. 1158—bear my initials, and were found in Joglekar's house.

x x reserved.

Sd/ N.H. Bhivandkar.

Sd/ R. Milner White.

23-8-29

23-8-29

## P. W. 120

*D. A. Shirazi, Inspector police (Spec. Brand) Bombay, O. O.*

I arrested Gangadhar Moreshwar Adhikari on the 20th March. The warrant of arrest is Exhibit P. 1159, I arrested him in the office of the Karanti paper. Certain suitcases etc. of his were lying in the office and after arrest I searched them in the presence of witnesses. I had two witnesses, one is Mr. R. S. Mani, and the other was Gopal Vishnu Tamle.

I also searched his father's house, when he used to stay before, at Bhim Rao Atma Ram Wadi, Block 3, 3rd floor.

The search warrant for this is Exhibit P. 1160, I prepared two search lists: I signed them, and so did the witnesses. The witnesses for the search at Bhim Rao Atma Ram Wadi were Mr. M. N. Chatrapatti pleader and Kesho Gobind Bhatsawadi.

The search list for the Karanti office is Exhibit P. 1161, and that for the Bhim Rao Atma Ram Wadi is P. 1162.

I signed all the papers recovered from his possession, and so did the witnesses.

In the house search were found 5 copies of the Spark P. 1163

In the office search were found, among others:—

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|-------------|----------|--|
| 3           | P. 1164. | Book of cuttings entitled "A, B. C. of " Communism " with cuttings from Karanti and some typed papers in German. |
| 4           | P. 1165. | Typed article " Problems of British Empire"—12 pages—corrected in M. M. S.                                       |
| 5.          | P. 1166. | Grundsätze des Kommunismus.  |
| 6.          | P. 1167. | "Communist Party Training"   |
| 7. 12-20.   | P. 1168. | Correspondence file Z with name of G. Adhikari containing papers as below.                                       |
| 12, 13.     | P. 1169. | Letter in German of 18-2-28.   |
| 14, 15, 16. | P. 1170. | Memorandum: "Technical mistakes made by the party. Notes on Bombay Strikers etc. 3 pages in Adhikari's writing.  |

17. P. 1171. M. S. S. "Decisions"
18. P. 1172. M. S. S. C. P. meeting (group) agenda.
19. P. 1173. Agenda for communist group meeting.
44. P. 1174. Letter dated March 15,
45. P. 1175. Leninism by Stalin (with Dange's name inside).
46. P. 1176. Book in German on Russian Revolution.
47. P. 1177. Agrarproblem in German.
49. P. 1878. Marx Engels in German.
50. P. 1179. Book by Marx in German 'Der Bringerkrag'.
51. P. 1180. Social Revolution (in English).
52. P. 1181. Elements of Communism (in German) marx on Lobbypress and profit.
53. P. 1182. Elements of Communism (in German) Das Kommunistische Manifest.
54. P. 1183. 'Die deutsche Bauernbewegung' by Engels.
- 55, 56. P. 1184, 1185. 'Lenin' by weake (English) Two Volumes XX and XIII.
57. P. 1186. Peasants and the Revolution.
58. P. 1187. 'Political letters' by M. N. Roy.
59. P. 1188. German book 'Die Klassenkämpfe' by Marx.
60. P. 1189. V. der Kampf unter Frieden (in German)
64. P. 1190. Communism by R. P. Dutt.
61. P. 1191. Die Konsum... (German)
67. P. 1192. Die Landwirtschaft in German.
66. P. 1193. Die Signab by Karl marx.
68. P. 1194. Note book with Adhikari's Name on it containing addresses.
69. P. 1195. Illustrated calendar of Russian Revolution etc.

All these documents were found in Adhikari's possession he was present through out the search.

x x reserved

Sd. R. Milner White,

D. A. Shriazi.

23-8-29.

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The following also were recovered:—

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| 43. | P. 1196. | Letter of 25-1-29. in German to 'Vera'.                      |
| 65. | P. 1197. | Women of the future.   |
| 71. | P. 1198. | German book-Dei Kämtog umdie<br>Kommünism sde International. |

These were recovered from his belongings.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

23-8-29.

Sd. D. A. Shirazi.

Inspector C. I. D.

Bombay.

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P. W. 121

*Kesho Gobind Bhatsadi, Bombay O. O.*

I was present at the search of Adhikari's house. A search list was prepared: I signed it, and also the papers found. The search list is Ex. P. 1162 the papers Ex. P. 1163, were found and bear my signature.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

23. 8. 29.

P. W. 122.

*Ram Krishna Subramania, S/o Ram Krishna Bombay, O. O.*

I was present when Adhikari's office was searched. I identify him. I was there when inspector Shriazi searched his belongings. I signed the search list it is Exhibit P. 1161.

I signed all the books etc. taken by Inspector Shirazi and every thing is in the search list. I verified the search list.

My signature is on Exhibit P. 1164 to P. 1198: all these articles were found there.

x x reserved.

Sd, R, Milner White,

Sd, Ram Krishna

23, 8, 29

23, 8, 29.

P. W. 122

(SUPPLEMENTARY)

*Ram Krishna Supramania, O, O*

I also witnessed the search of the Kranti office. Mr. Tawade was the searching officer. The office was in the same room as that in which Adhikari was arrested. The search list is Exhibit P, 1200 I signed it and verified it. It contained all the papers taken. I also signed all the papers taken. I identify my signature on Exhibit P, 1201 to Exhibit P, 1220

— two papers now on top of the file item 71 Exhibit P, 1211 do not bear my signature.

All these were found in that room and all bear my signature with the exception noted above.

x x Reserved,

Sd/ R, Milner White,

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Sd/ R, S, Mani

24- 8-29

# P W. 123

*Bal Krishn Raja Ram Tawade,*

*Sub-Inspector Police, Bombay, O.O.*

I searched the office of Kranti on March 20, Ram Krishan was one of my witnesses. Adhikari was present up to 20, clock, and a peon of the offices present all the time. The search warrant is Exhibit P. 1199. In the same office is the Payam Muzdur office and belongings of Adhikari.

A search list was prepared- it is Exhibit P. 1200. I signed all the papers recovered, and so did the witnesses.

Among the papers found were:—

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|----|------------|---|
| 26 | P. 1201    | 4 copies of Eastern and Colonial Bulletin issued by R. I. L. U. 15-1-28, 24-8-27, 1-10-27, 15-10-27   |
| 27 | P. 1202    | Seven copies of social Economic Labour Bulletin of R. I. L. U.  |
| 28 | P. 1203    | 'Political task of University of the Peoples of the East' speech of 1925- typed.  |
| 32 | P. 1204    | File headed '6th World Congress containing international Press correspondents of 30. 7. 28 1. 8. 28, 3. 8. 28, 8. 8. 28, 11.8.28 16. 8. 28, 18. 8. 28, 23. 8. 28, 25. 8. 25, 13. 8. 28, 1. 9. 28, 19. 9, 28, 27, 8, 28, 25. 9. 28, 4. 9. 28. 4. 10. 28, 9. 10. 28, 17. 10. 28, 25. 10. 28, 30 10 28, 8 11 28, 21 11 28, 17 9 28, 12 12 28 & 26 11 28. |
| 31 | P 1205     | File, headed 'The Spark' 10 3 29, 3 3 29 17 2 29, 24 2 29, 10 2 29, 27. 1. 29.  |
| 29 | P 1026     | File, called 'Labour Movement in India' newspaper cuttings etc., including article by.  |
|    | P 1206 (1) | Bradley on 'Disruptionist in the Trade Union Congress.  |
| 38 | P 1207     | File headed "Berlin Correspondence" including.  |

- 38 (a) P 1207 (1) Communist Party of India Executive Committee's report for 1927.
- 38 (b) P 1207 (2) Typed article on 'Two tactics' by W.L. Lenin.
- 38 (c) P 1207 (3) Typed appeal addressed "Workers of the World" copied from manifesto of 11th Soviet Congress of V.S.S.R.
- 38 (e) P 1207 (4) "Lenin day" typed with notes in Adhikari's writing.
- 38 (f) P 1207 (5) Lessons of Boy Cott Campaign, by G. A. & A. B. typed.
- 38 (g) P 1207 (6) Typed paper 'On the Indian Question on 6th world Congress' copied from Infrecor.
- 40 P 1208 File "Statistics: Industrial Development in India—including.
- 40 (a) P 1208 (1) Typed letter of 31th October 1928.
- 40 (b) P 1208 (2) Typed document "3rd International"
- 40 (c) P 1208 (3) Constitution and rules of Communist International typed.
- 40 (d) P 1208 (4) Party organisation and Rule of the Communist Party typed.
- 43 P 1209 File 'Workers and Peasants Party. all papers as described in search list.
- 49 P 1210 Seven copies of Call to Action.
- 71 P 1211 File "Workers and Peasants Party" containing Principles and policy, Call to Action Trades Union Movement, Political Resolution - S. S. Josh's speech, Bengal Workers and Peasants constitution.
- 72 P 1212 Seven copies of Labour monthly.
- 78 P 1213 Historical materialism, signed by Adhikari.
- 74 P 1214 "Lenin in German.
- 77 P 1215 Three copies of Labour Monthly.
- 94 P 1216 "Problems of the Chinese Revolution"
- 95 P 1217 "Communism" by R. P. Dutt.

101	P 1218	"Communist International" Special Congress number of 15 July 1928.
103	P 1219	22 copies of In. Press Correspondence, No. 1, to 22.
105	P 1220	File containing typed articles as per list on file, with spare copies and one extra article Notes of the month' All put in.

All these papers were found in the Kranti Office.

× × Reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

24-8-29

Sd/- B. K. R. R. Tawade,

S. I.

Bombay city.

24-8-29

## P. W. 124

*Lesli L. Dewry Segeant, Bombay city Police, O. O.*

I know Inspector Fam of the Bombay police. He is in England now. I was present when he arrested Mirajkar. I saw the warrant of arrest. He endorsed the warrant in my presence, and I identify his signature. I know his signature. The warrant is Exhibit P. 1221. (Signature P. 1221 S). I was present when the search of the room was conducted; there were the search witnesses. The search list was prepared in my presence. I saw the search warrant—it is (Exhibit P. 1222 S). and the Inspector endorse it ( Ex. P. 1222 S). The search list was prepared and signed by the Inspector in my presence—the list is Exhibit P. 1223 and his signature 1223 S.

I could recognise the witnesses who signed. I identify Basdoe Govind (witness). I also saw the articles found in Mirajkar's room, but I could not recognise them after this length of time. Inspector Fem initialled all the papers seized in my presence. I could recognise his initials.



I recognise his signature on the following papers:—

6	P 1224 & 1224 S	Poems for workers
7	P 1225 & 1225 S	129 copies of Spark
8	P 1226 & 1226 S	Two copies of Communist International—May and September 1927.
10	P 1227 & 1227 S	I. W. W. songs (to fan the flames of discontent.
11	P 1228 & 1228 S	Revolutionary movement in the colonies (with Ghate's name inside).
13	P 1229 & 1229 S	Peasants and the Revolution.
14	P 1230 & 1230 S	Lenine and the Trade Union Movement
15	P 1231 & 1231 S	Josh's Presidential speech.
19 (2)	P 1232 & 1232 S	Several letters, including one of 22-2-27 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Mirajkar
19 (3)	P 1233 & 1233 S	and of October 12, 1927 from C.P. Dutt to Mirajkar.
19 (5)	P 1234 & 1234 S	Letter of 27-7-28 from S.S. Josh to Mirajkar.
19 (6)	P 1235 & 1235 S	Letter of 10-1-27 from Suklatwala to Mirajkar.
5	P 1236 & 1236 S	Defence of Terrorism by Trostsky,

All the papers were intialled by Inspector Fem in my presence. I know his signature and initials.

\* \* reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

24-8-29.

Sd. L. DEMERY,

Sergt: Bombay,

24-8-29.

## P. W. 125

*Basdeo Gobind, S/o Basdeo, Bombay, O.O.*

(In Marathi, translated by Mr, Kedarnath Gupta O.O.)

I was present at the search of Mirajkar's house on 20th March. I do not know the name of the Inspector—he was a European. Sergeant Dewrey was with him. A search list was prepared of the things taken, and I signed it. It is Exhibit P 1223. I also signed all the papers recovered. Mirajkar was present in the search. I identify him.

The following papers etc shown to me bear my signature:—  
Exhibit P. 1224 to P. 1236. All were found there.

x x Reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

24-8-29.

Sd/- Basdeo Gobind

(in vernacular).

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Saraswati Machine Printing Press, Meerut (U. P. India).

P. W. 126.

*Inspector Nayan Palls, C. I. D. Bombay, O.O.*

I arrested M. G. Desai on the morning of 20th March. The warrant is Exhibit P 1237. His house where I arrested him is on Sandhurst Road. I searched his house. His residence and the office of the Spark are on the same premises. I had two warrants for the search—they are Exhibit P 1238 and 1239.

I had two search witnesses with me—Mr. Sorabjee Mardeswar Palkiwala and Shankar Vitobar. I prepared a common search list for the two places. I signed it and so did the witnesses. Mr. Desai was present throughout the search. The search list is Exhibit P 1240. It is a correct list.

I initialled all the papers, and so did the witnesses - among them were:-

5	P 1241	M. S. articles in pencil on Russia - 5 pages.
39	P 1242	Principles & Policy (5 copies)
40	P 1243	Trade Union Movement (6 copies)
41	P 1244	Political Resolutions (4 copies)
54	P 1245	Manifesto of the Communist Party by Marx.
61	P 1246	Call to Action.
129	P 1247	M. S. S. - R. L. M. Dockworkers Union.
131	P 1248	M.S.S. 'Textile Workers declare war'.
132	P 1249	Letter of 4-2-29 from Desai to Spratt.
133	P 1250	'Lenin by Trostky a review by Shah.
134	P 1251	Covering letter and article by Spratt - of 4-2-29.
135	P 1252	'Workers and Peasants Party - what it stands for, its programme and policy by Ghate.
137	P1253	On the eve of the Congress by M.G. Desai.

139	P 1254	Letter of 30th June 1926 from W. Paul (Sunday Worker) introducing Desai.
141	P 1255	Article (typed) lessons of 43rd National Congress.
144	P 1256	"Congress of W & R Party of India"- article signed by M.N. Roy Jan. 1929.
145	P 1257	Letter of the 13th March 1929 from Gopal Basak to "Comrade Editor."
151	P 1258	Copy of a letter from Sun Yat Sen.
153	P 1259	Typed article by B.F. Bradley.
157	P 1260	Report of League against Imperialism 1st. Conference British Sectional, of London July 1928.
159	P1261	Loose leaf notebook containing various memos, including report by Desai on speeches made by Adhikari, Dange, Bradley.
6-12	P 1262	Copies of Spark.
13-16	P 1263	Copies of Kranti.
17-26	P 1264	Copies of New Masses.
27	P 1265	Masses of India- Feb. 1928.
28	P 1266	Workers Pictorial
29-31	P 1267	Sunday Worker- 29/7, 5/8, 4/11-1928.
32-38	P 1268	Workers Life.
42-53	P 1269	Labour Monthly.
55-59	P 1270	The Communist.
70	P-1271	Imperialism by M.E. Burns
82	P 1272	'What to read'.
88	P 1273	'The mass strike' by Rosa Luxemburg.
104	P 1274	Far Eastern monthly
110	P 1275	Communist Bookshop catalogue

106-108) } P 1276 Copies of Plebs  
111-114) }

123 P 1277 Josh's speech

All these articles and papers were found in Desai's possession and bear my signature.

x x by Desai.

I took 161 papers etc from the place, and some were left behind.

There was a list (not an exhaustive list) attached to the warrant. I brought away all proscribed literature and what I thought was Communist propaganda and things of that sort. I left behind good many copies of Times of India, Bombay Chronicle, Manchester Guardian and similar papers.

x x rest - reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

24-8-29.

Sd/- R. N. Nazamballi.

24-8-29.

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## P. W. 127

*Hubert Sammel Watking, Sergeant Police Bombay, O. O.*

I searched the house of C. G. Shah at Ranchod Bhuwan, Girgaum Buck Road Bombay, on March 20th. I had search witnesses—one was Ramuni Ambathaya and Rustumjee Ardeshar. The search warrant is Exhibit P. 1278. I signed it. I prepared a search list—it is Exhibit P. 1279. I signed it and so did the witnesses. We also signed the papers recovered. Among the papers found were:—

44	P 1280	Receipt of 7-2-29 given by Bradley to R. B. Lotwala for Rs. 525/4
54	P 1281	Six pieces of a torn letter recovered from a waste paper basket from A. B. Khardikar.

These were found in Shah's house, from one small room: he was present all the time.

× × Reserved.

Sd/- H. S. Watkins,

Sergeant

24/8/29

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## P. W. 128

*Ramuni Ambatheya, S/o Amba,*

*Bombay, O. O.*

I was present when the Sergeant searched the house. A search list was made. I identify my signature on Exhibit P. 1279,

I signed the papers taken by the Sergeant. I identify my signature on P. 1280-1281. They were found there.

× × Reserved.

× × by Kastle,

I am not from Goa,

Sd/- R. Milner white,

24-8-29

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## P. W. 129

*Louis De Souza, Deputy Inspector Police, Bombay, O. O.*

I am Deputy Inspector of Police, and officer incharge of passport Branch.

I searched the house of Apojee Rai Narain Rao on 20th March. The search warrant is Exhibit P. 1282,

Apojee Rao himself was present, and I had two search witnesses, Dr. Saradkar and Venkatesh Pandurang Shergaon Rao, I prepared a search list, I signed it and so did the witnesses. The search list is Exhibit P, 1283, It is a correct list.

Among the papers found were:—

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| 7  | P 1284     | Pocket diary for 1929, with Ghate's name inside,   |
| 15 | P, 1285    | Letter from Dange to Ghate dated 18-12-27.   |
| 16 | P 1286     | Die of Communist party of India, with forms.   |
| 20 | P 1287     | File entitled Communist Party:— including:—  |
|    | P 1287 (1) | Application from Mirajkar (29-12-27) for admission to Communist Party re-commended by Ghate.   |
|    | P 1287 (2) | Agenda for Executive Committee of Communist Party of India-29-12-27 Madras, 2 pages.           |
|    | P 1287 (3) | Proceedings of adjourned meeting of 30th December 1927 in Dange's writing.                     |
|    | P 1287 (4) | Letter from M. A. Majid of 12th December 1927  |
|    | P 1287 (5) | Letter from Usmani explaining why he has not joined Communist Party before 29th December 1927. |
|    | P 1287 (6) | Letter of Jan. 10. 1927 from Saklatwala to Ghate.  |
|    | P 1287 (7) | Piece of paper in Spratt's writing containing addresses.                                       |

Concluded for day.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

24-8-29

Sd/ .H. D. Souza

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There were also:—

20	P 1287 (8)	Piece of paper in Spratt's writing containing addresses of Mr. A. Dutt 51, Yosh Mansions.
	P 1287 (9)	Letter to Ghate (typed) from Janki, of 28th Jan.
	P 1287 (10)	Letter of Feb. 7 to Ghate (typed) from Janaki.
	P 1287 (11)	Proceedings of Executive Committee, Communist Party of India, held at Cawnpore on 26th December 1926, (2 sheets)
	P 1287 (12)	Letter of 5th Feb, 1926, intimating conference of Communist Party at Cawnpore.
	P 1287 (13)	Letter of 7th Feb, from Bhagarhate to Manlana Sahib,
	P 1287 (14)	Letter of 1st Jan, 1927 from Ghate to Saklatwala
	P 1287 (15)	Piece of paper containing address in Essex.
	P 1287 (16)	M. S. of undated letter in Ghate's writing;
	P 1287 (17)	Letter of 17th Jan. 1917 to Ghate.
	P 1287 (18)	Letter of 19th Jan, 1927 to Ghate.
28	P 1288	21 typed pages—programme of Communist Party.
29	P 1289	Exercise book containing articles in Ghate's writing including one "Country's Call",

All these papers were found in the house, Apojee Narain Rao, and bear my signature and those of the witnesses.

There are three ways of getting a passport in Bombay, (1) by applying in direct to Pass port officer of Bombay Government: (2) by getting the application countersigned by J, P, and (3) getting it counter signed by Deputy Commissioner Police, C, I, D, Bombay. In the 3rd case a personal application has to be made to me, and I submit it to Deputy Commissioner.

In April (6th) 1927 S. V. Ghate applied to me for a passport (identified Ghate accused) He came to me personally. The application form he presented to me is Exhibit P, 1290, I submitted the



application to the Government of Bombay: it was rejected.

x x Reserved,

Sd/- R. Milner White,

28/8/29

Sd/- H. D. Souza,

Dy. Inspector,

C. I. D.

28/8/29

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## P. W. 130

*Dr. M. M. Surathkar, Medical practitioner,  
Girgaum, Bombay, O. O.*

I was a search witness when the house of Apojee Narain Rao was searched on 20th March. I signed the search list: it is Ex. P 1283. I signed the papers found there. I identify my signature on Ex. P 1284-P 1289.

I do not remember whether I signed the papers in the file P 1287 or not. I signed the file cover. (Note: witness's signature is not on P 1287 (1)-(18).)

The papers shown me were found there but I cannot say definitely about P. 1287 (1)-(18). X X by Joglekar. I am staunch Hindu Sabha worker. I am a member of a Joint Hindu family. I am not conducting a paper for the promulgation of Hindu Sabha views. I am conducting a paper-Sawadar. I am not contributing Hindu Sabha propaganda to it. I have not attached the Labour movement. I do not remember writing articles against Alwe, Pres. of Girni Kamgar Union. The paper is a business proposition.

My family is not taking interest in the paper. I have a son in the C. I. D. He does not help me in obtaining advertisements and business for the paper. I am not acquainted with Government officials through my son.

x x by Jhabwala. I know Jhabwala. There is a tribe on Bombay called Mang. Gaxori—depressed classes. I am not aware that they were oppressed. They are untouchable. I don't know their settlement at Daravi. I know S. I. Udgonkar and M. R. Jaikar.

I was present at the opening of the temple at Nigam Chawl for the spiritual uplift of this tribe. Jhabwala delivered a speech. I believe that the whole spiritual uplift of this class was brought about in the beginning by the energy of Jhabwala, and finished by Jaikar in the Assembly.

× × rest-reserved,

*re-ex.* I did not know the Inspector before this search. I live 20 feet from the place searched.

What I said about the spiritual uplift is from my personal knowledge.

Sd. R, Milner White

28-8-29,

Sd. M. M. Suratkar.

## P. W. 131.

*Shridhar Ganpat Achrekar,*  
*Inspector, C. I. D., Bombay O. O.*

I arrested S. V. Ghate on 20th March. The warrant of arrest is Exhibit P. 1291. I identify Ghate. I arrested him at 17, Dwarkadas Mansions, Sandhurst Road Bombay.

I searched the house (as above) the same day. The search warrant is Exhibit P 1292. I had two search witnesses - H. R. Joglekar, and Narain Ganesh Bhagwat, Ghate was present. I prepared a search list and I and the witnesses signed it. It is Exhibit P 1293, it is correct.

The papers found were signed or initialled by me and the witnesses.

Among them were :—

A 1 P 1294

Ten typed sheets :—

“Communist International and the subject “Peoples”

A 3 P 1295

Ghate's writing 'C. P. I. meeting 27, 28, 29 Dec., Adhikari admitted as member-application to be made to counter for affiliation.

A 4	P 1296	M. S. S. in Ghate's writing, dated 17th March 1929, of C. P. I. Ex. Committee - question of relation W. & P. Party etc.
A 5	P 1297	M. S. in Ghate's writing C. P. meeting of 19-3-29, - Secretariat organisation, of C. P. I.
A 14	P 1298	Torn piece of paper containing Joshi's address.
A 16	P 1299	Note of 8-4-28 from Dange to (?) Ghate.
A 22	P 1300	Two sheets of paper in Ghate's writing containing memo- of proceedings of meeting of C. P. I.
A 24	P 1301	Address (of Usmani ?) on slip of paper.
A 26	P 1302	Letter of 8-3-29 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate.
A 32	P 1303	Two slips of paper of 28-12-28; 29-12-28. containing memo of proceedings of meeting, in Ghate's writing.
A 38	P 1304	Letter from Joshi to Ghate.
A 39	P 1305	Three sheets of paper (small) proceedings of meeting discussion "alternative group" and "alternative leadership".
B 1	P 1306	Notepaper, headed "Communist Party of India".
B 2	P 1307	ditto, with red Seal.
B 3	P 1308	Trade Union Movement.
B 8	P 1309	Agenda of C. P. I. of 26-12-28 signed by Ghate and in his writing.
B 9	P 1310	Memo in Ghate's writing suggested Executive Committee of C. P. I.
B 10	P 1311	Indian National Congress - Resolutions received from members.

B 12	P 1312	Resolutions passed by "people of Bombay" at a meeting of 14-9-27 presided over by Spratt
B 14	P 1313	List of Vanguard Press publications.
B 15	P 1314	Letter of 5-1-28 from Vanguard Press to Advance Literature Co, (Ghate).
...	P 1315	Letter of 17-2-28 from Master Lawrence to Advance Literature Co.
B 18	P 1316	Piece of paper of March 30, 1928 in Ghate's writing.
B 27	P 1317 & 1317 E	Cuttings from papers:— "Mond or Moscow".
B 28	P 1318	} in "Waging International class 1317E Warfare on - Two Fronts - "World T. U. Congress",
B 29	& 1319	
B 30	P 1320	Eastern and Colonial Bulletin issued by R. I. L. U.
B 33	P 1321	Envelope with address in Vienna .
B 34	P 1322	Letter of 12-5-28 from Spratt to Ghate.
B 41	P 1323	Telegram from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate of 2-8-28 with draft reply on back.
B 45	P 1324	Communist Party of India report 1927.
B 46	p 1325	"National Congress"(leaflet (proof sheet)
B 53	P 1326	M. S. sheet-headed 'Amendment'
B 54	P 1327	"Typed article- Peasants Movement in Bengal.
B 67	P 1328	Address of J. Ryan in Sydney.
A 59	P 1329	Membership card (Ghate) of W. & P. Party.
B 69	P 1330	Box of visiting cards (S V: Ghate) General Secretary, Communist Party of India.

All these documents etc were found in Ghate's possession in his room, and were signed by the witnesses and by me.

I also searched the office of Workers and Peasants Party of Bombay: it is in the same room. I had the same search witnesses. The search warrant is Exhibit P 1331. A search list was made and was signed by me and the witnesses, it is Ex: P 1332. It is a correct list.

I signed the papers found there. Among them were:—

X 1	P 1333	Call to Action
X 6	P 1334	Real situation in Russia
X 7	P 1335	Letter of 11-2-29 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate.
X 10	P 1336	Letter of 16-2-29 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate.
X 12	P 1337	' Political Resolution ' Principles , and Policy (Trade Union Movement
X 19	P 1338	Two counterfoils of cheque books:— C 6301-10 C 5451 -60
X 28	P 1339	Constitution of Bengal Workers and Peasants Party.
X 40	P 1140	Three copies of S. S. Josh's speech.
X 41	P 1341	Three copies of 'Political Resolution'.
X 42	P 1332	M. S. in Ghate's writing headed 'Agenda '.
X 52	P 1343	Register of members of Workers and Peasants Party, Bombay.
X 50	P 1344	Minute Book of Workers and Peasants Party, Executive meeting, from 30-4-27 to 17-2-29.
X 53	P 1345	Printed resolution of 12-7-28 issued by Ghate.
X 56	P 1346	Letter of Jan. 22, 1929 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate.
X 57	P 1347	Receipt given by Thomas Cook to Spratt for 4 packages ( Campbell's).
X 60	P 1348	File (300 sheets) labelled "Workers and Peasants Party of Bombay manifesto etc ". including :—

- P 1348 ( 1 ) Letter from Singraivalbu to 'Leaders of the Labour Party'-Review of Labour Unrest in the country .
- P 1348 ( 2 ) Report by Mirajkar on propaganda Group M. S. S.
- P 1348 ( 3 ) Letter of 4-4-28 from Thengdi to Ghaté.
- P 1348 ( 4 ) Letter of 3-4-28 from Thengdi to Ghaté.
- P 1348 ( 5 ) Letter of 4.4.28 from MuzaffarAhmad to Secretary, Workers and Peasants Party, Bombay .
- P 1348 ( 6 ) Letter of 9-4-28 from Nimbkar to Hony Secy. W & P Party, Bombay.
- P 1348 ( 7 ) M. S. by Ghaté agenda of meeting of 1-4-28, 11 pages .
- P 1348 ( 8 ) Letter of 28-3-28 from Thengdi to Ghaté.
- P 1348 ( 9 ) Slip of paper from Dange-changes for printing party thesis 26th April 1925.
- P 1348 ( 10 ) Letter from Ghaté, enclosing bills(4) ( a ) ( f ) and a letter.
- P 1348 ( 11 ) Resolution on organisation ( typed )
- P 1348 ( 12 ) Report of Trade Union Group ( in M. S . )
- P 1348 ( 13 ) Document of 15-2-28, typed agenda of annual meeting of W & P Party held at Bombay on 18-3-1928.
- P. 1348(14) Eight M. S. pages-annual report (1927-28) of Secretary, Workers and Peasants Party.
- P. 1348(15) Agenda of meeting of 18-3-28
- P. 1348(16) Sheets signed by Dange, Notes on municipal election.
- P. 1348(17) Notes on proceedings of meeting (two sheets).
- P. 1348(18) List of members of Workers and Peasants Party present at annual meeting (and their signatures)

- P. 1348(19) Copy of Resolution of 18-3-28, adopting the thesis.
- P. 1348(20) Typed resolution on Trade Union Movement with M. S. addition signed by Jhabwala.
- P. 1348(21) Typed thesis on 'One attitude to the Congress and present Labour leadership.'
- P. 1348(22) Letter of 20-5-28 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate.
- P. 1348(23) Letter of 11-5-28 from V. Chattopadaya.
- P. 1348(24) M. S. Report on 1st Annual Conference of Workers and Peasants Party Bombay.
- P. 1348(25) Resolution on organisation (typed).
- P. 1348(26) Typed thesis on 'youth'.
- P. 1348(27) Letter of 20-6-28 from Chattopadaya to Ghate
- P. 1348(28) Typed resolutions from Calcutta Congress. December 1928.
- P. 1348(29) Letter of 5-9-28 from Chattopadaya to Ghate
- P. 1348(30) Letter of 5-9-28 from Jhabwala to Secretary Workers and Peasants Party.
- P. 1348(31) Circular issued by Workers and Peasants Party, Bengal against Trade Disputes Bill.
- P. 1348(32) Manifesto of Workers and Peasants Party of 26-8-28 signed by Ghate for favour of publication.
- P. 1348(33) Typed copy of "General Political Situation."
- P. 1348(34) Letter of 28-6-28 from C. P. Dutt to Ghate,
- P. 1348(35) Letter of 30-11-28, from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate.
- P. 1348(36) Letter of 6-12-28 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate.

- P. 1348(37) Letter headed Independence of India League of Bengal.
- P. 1348(38) Typed report of Workers and Peasants Party of Bombay.
- P. 1348(39) All India Trades Union Conference resolutions (submitted on behalf of Tramway Workers Union).
- P. 1341(40) Secretary's report on Workers and Peasants Party.
- P. 1348(41) Two papers, signed by several accused, agenda.
- P. 1348(42) Typed matter on Simon Commission Resolution moved by Joglekar.
- P. 1348(43) Telegram to Ghate of 8. 3. 28 about Scavengers strike, Calcutta.
- P. 1348(44) Circular issued by Workers and Peasants Party of Bombay about affiliation with R. I. L. U.
- P. 1348(45) League Against Imperialism - resolutions (10 pages).
- P. 1348(46) Draft in Bradley's Spratt's and other handwritings of the circular (P. 1348(44) )
- P. 1348(47) Manifesto of Workers and Peasants Party of India typed with M. S. corrections.
- P. 1348(48) Two copies of printed manifesto of W. & P. Party to National Congress 1927.
- P. 1348(49) Typed manifesto on Royal Commission, signed by Mirajkar.
- P. 1348(50) List of persons invited to attend enlarged Executive Committee of Workers and Peasants Party of Bombay.
- X 62. P. 1349 Five entitled - Kranti - Managers correspondence including :—
- P. 1349 (1) Letter of Mirajkar to Superintendent Yerode Prison.



- P. 1349 (2) Declaration of Mirajkar as Printer of Kranti.
- X 64. P. 1350 File called Sangivan.  
 1350(1) Letter of 28-9-27 from Lakshman Rao Kadam  
 P. 1350(2) Letter of 12-9-27 from Pollitt to Mirajkar.  
 P. 1350(3) Letter of 13-9-27 from E. Burns to Mirajkar  
 P. 1350(4) Printed Addresses.  
 1350(5) Draft telegram to Page Hrnott from Mirajkar.  
 1350(6) Envelope from Moscow  
 1350(7) Four typed pages.  
 Britain and the Soviet Union, 1917-1927.  
 1350(8) Letter of 9-10-27 from Kadam enclosing membership form of Workers and Peasants Party of Bombay.
- X 65. P. 1351 File-containing bills receipts etc (105).
- X 66. P. 1352 File - Kranti-editorial Correspondence.  
 1352(1) Draft resolution condemning execution of Sacco and Vanzethi in pencil.  
 1352(2) Letter of 1-7-27 from Editor of Krante to Labour Monthly, Plebs, etc.
- X 67. P. 1353 Membership application including those of Thengdi, Jhabwala, Mirajkar, Ghate, Joglekar, Nimbkari (13-9-29) Kasle Alve, Spratt Dange.
- X 68. P. 1354 File containing correspondence etc including.  
 P. 1354 (1) Letter of 22-1-21 from K. P. Narimam to Convenors.  
 & 1354 (1) E Lenin Anniversary: with pencil draft resolutions on envelope.  
 P. 1354 (2) Letter of 29-11-26 from Pollitt

- 1354 (3) Telegram of 12-2-27 from K. L. Ghosh to Bakle.
- 1354 (4) Draft constitution of Congress Labour Party.
- 1354 (5) Letter of 29-4-27 from Secretary War Resisting International (H. R. Brown)
- 1354 (6) Letter of 8-2-28 signed by Thengdi to Mirajkar

*Closed for aay.*

Sd/- R. Milner White,

28-8-29

Sd/- S. E. Achankar,

*Inspector S. E. Achankar, O. O.*

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Other papers found were :—

- X 69 P 1355 File containing letters etc. including :—
- P 1355 (1) Copy of letter of 12-1-27 from Jhabwala, as General Secretary, League against Oppression in colonies, to Secretary Congress Labour Party Bombay.
- P 1355 (2) Telegram to Giberti from Mirajkar.
- P 1355 (3) Draft of telegram from Mirajkar to Councillor Chesterton.
- P 1355 (4) Letter of 6-4-27 from Thengdi to Mirajkar.
- P 1355 (5) Letter of 14-2-27 from Albe Inkipin of Com-Party of Grant Britian to Mirajkar.
- P 1355 (6) Three typed sheets on constitution of Congress Labour Party, with a fourth sheet bearing M. S. for notes on it by Donal Campbell.

- P 1355 (7) Bundle of papers, beginning  
(a) with notice issued by Mirajkar  
M. S. for a meeting of workers  
and Peasants Party of 13-2-27  
also.
- P 1355 (7) Agenda of workers and Peasants  
(b) meeting (2 pages)
- P 1355 (7) Two slips in Spratt's writing  
(c) giving provisional Executive:—
- P 1355 (7) Sheet in Spratt's writing giving  
(d) Tasks for meeting of Jan 26,  
1927:—
- P 1355 (7) Typed notice of meeting to be  
(e) held to 8-2-27 of Congress  
Labour Party.
- P 1355 (7) Resolutions to be moved at  
(f) above meeting by various accu-  
sed.
- P 1355 (8) Two pages partly typed, with  
corrections by Spratt, containing  
proposed amendments to  
constitution of Congress Labour  
Party.
- X 70 P 1356 Two of copies Call to Action
- X 73 P 1357 Piece of paper containing Adhi-  
kari's Berlin address
- X 74 P 1358 Draft resolution of meeting of 27th  
Nov-1927 (10th Anniversary of  
Russian Revolution), with names  
of speakers etc (Jhabwala, presi-  
dent) 3 sheets; M. S.
- X 75 P 1359 Annual Report (9th) of workers  
Welfare League of India.
- X 77 P 1360 Press Service of Leage against  
Imperialism No. 6 of 1928.
- X 78 P 1361 Typed extract from "Provdai"
- X 79 P 1362 Two journals shop Talks of  
Economics and 2 Pan Pacific  
Workers for Sept. 1928.
- X 80 P 1363 Two Sacco and Vanzeth Pam-  
phlets.

- X 81 P 1364 Two copies of International Labour Union of R. L. U. for June 17, 1928.
- X 82 P 1365 Account Book of Workers and Peasants Party.
- X 83 P 1366 Social Economic Labour Review for July 1927, R. I. L. U.
- X 84 P 1367 Eastern and Colonial Bulletin for 15th Feb. 1928 (R. I. L. U.)
- X 93 P 1368 Social Economic Labour Review for December 1927
- X 95 P 1369 Ditto for May 1928
- X 96 P 1370 Small edition of Call to Action.
- X 97 P 1371 Postcard from Thengdi to Workers and Peasants Party of 2- 6- 28
- X 98 P 1372 Pan Pacific Worker for November 1928
- X 104 P 1373 File of 161 sheets:— including:—  
P 1373 (1) Minutes of party meeting of 13- 1- 29 in M. S.  
P 1373 (2) M, S, minutes of meeting of 28. 2. 27 in Spratt's writing.  
P 1373 (3) Telegram from Muzaffar Ahmad to Halim, of 24- 6- 28,  
P, 1373 (4) Telegram from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate of Sept, 2. 1928,  
P, 1373 (5) Telegram from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate of 28. 8. 29.  
P 1373 (6) Three M. S. pages signed by Lalji Phensi" regarding foundation of Kranti  
P 1373 (7) M.S. and carbon of Minute of adjourned meeting of 23-1-28 signed by Thengdi Mirajkar, Ghate, Nimbkar.  
P 1373 (8) Resolutions for Calcutta Congress of December 1928 in Spratt's writing.  
(a)  
P 1373 (8) Resolutions for Calcutta All India Congress Committee in Spratt's writing.

- P 1373 (8) Resolutions for Calcutta All India Congress Committee in Spratt's writing (b)
- P 1373 (8) Resolutions about League against Imperialism and Pac Pacific Secretariat partly in Bradley's writing and partly in Spratt's writing. (c)
- P 1373 (8) Resolutions about affiliation to R. I. L. U. in Spratt's writing with corrections by Bradley (d)
- P 1373 (9) Three sheets of resolutions in Spratt's writing (e)
- P 1373 (9) Typed document 11 pages Report of 1st All India Workers and Peasants Party Conference
- P 1373 (10) Two handbills Hindi and Marathi about strikes.
- P 1373 (11) Draft resolution for meeting of 1. 4. 28 and connected papers 3 pages
- P 1373 (12) Record of meeting of Workers and Peasants Party of 18 Dec 1927
- P 1373 (13) 12 M. S. pages in Danges' writing to Secretary Workers and Peasants Party, Bombay, giving reasons for resigning from strike committee
- P 1373 (14) M S notes on Lenin Day.
- P 1373 (15) Telegram of 24-11-27 to Ghatge from Shaikat Usmani and Dange,
- P 1373 (16) Weekly report of propaganda section M S signed by Mirajkar,
- P 1373 (17) Handbill in Marathi exhorting workers to take the vow to fight
- P 1373 (18) Piece of paper giving names of speakers beginning with Jhabwala and ending with Joglekar
- P 1373 (19) Nine typed pages, Workers and Peasants Party's attitude to National Congress,
- P 1373 (20) Draft of "Whereas" document, partly M S and partly typed, 20 pages

X 105      P 1374      Bundle of Payam Muzdur'  
X13 }  
14 }      P 1375      Bundles of Kranti.

All these papers were found in the office of Workers and Peasants Party, Bombay, and were signed by me and the witnesses.

x x reserved

Sd/ R. Milner White,

29 - 8 - 29

Sd/ S. E. Achankar

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## P. W. 132.

*Hari Ram Chandra Joglekar, son of Ram Chandra,  
Assistant Superintendent Government  
Medical Stores, Bombay, O. O.*

I was present when Ghate's residence at 17, Dwarka Das Mansions was searched. The office of Workers and Peasants party is also situated there. Two search lists were prepared. I signed both of them. They are P. 1293 and P. 1332. They bear my signature and I also signed all the papers found. My signature (or initials) is on the Ex. P. 1294 to P. 1330, and P. 1333 to P. 1375.

The first lot were found in Ghate's own room.

The second lot were found in the office of Workers and Peasants' Party. Each page contains my signature.

Ghate was present throughout both searches.

x x reserved

Sd. R. Milner White.

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Sd. Hari Ram Chandra Joglekar.

P. W. 133.

*Mr. Hemendra Shankar, Deputy Superintendent Police,*

*Allahabad, O. O.*

In March last I was at Gorakhpur. I searched the office of Labourer's Union Gorakhpur. The warrant is Ex. P. 1376. The office is situated in front of Dr. Bishwanath Mukherjee's house. I see him here. His house was also searched at the same time by another officer. ●

The room was locked when I got there. I asked Dr. Mukerjee for the keys, but he did not produce them so I had to break open the locks. I had two witnesses—B. Ram Charitar Lal and Sh. Niamat Ulla (al. Bubban Babu); Dr. Mukherjee was present when I broke open the lock. We offered ourselves to him for search, but he said he was satisfied. I prepared a search list: it was typed by the Secretary of the Union in my presence and at my dictation. I signed it and so did the witnesses. It is Ex. P. 1377. I signed the papers recovered. Among them were :—

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|----|------------|--|
| 43 | Ex. P 1378 | Draft article by Dr. Mukherjee, entitled 'Present World Wide Labour Unrest II'.                  |
| 50 | Ex. P 1379 | Trade Union Information issued by R. I. L. U.  |
| 55 | Ex. P 1380 | Notice about May Day Meeting under Mukherjee's name.   |
| 59 | Ex. P 1381 | A. I. T. U. C. report, Cawnpore 1927.  |
| 63 | P 1382     | "India and Next War".  |
| 73 | P 1383     | Group photo with 10 accused or so: a group of Trade Unionists taken at Cawnpore, 1927.           |
| 75 | P 1384     | File containing correspondence including :—  |
|    | P 1384 (1) | Letter from Mukherjee to Hari Nath Shastri of 6-11-28.   |
|    | P 1384 (2) | Five typed pages from J. S. Garden of Pan Pacific Relations Committee Mukherjee dated 13-6-1928. |

All these papers bear my initial and were found in that office.

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Sd. R. Milner White

29-8-29.

x x by Dr. Mukherjee.

The Secretary of the Union came an hour later and brought the key: he could not be found originally.

Sd. R. Milner White

29-8-29.

Sd. Hemendra Shankar

Dy. S. P.

29-8-29.

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## P. W. 134.

*Ram Charitar Lal, Gorakhpur, O. O.*

The office of the Labour Union was searched in my presence. The Deputy Superintendent searched it. The door was locked. The key was demanded from Mukherjee and he said it was with his secretary: the secretary was not there but came later: before his arrival the lock was broken in Mukherjee's presence. The police took some papers: the Secretary make a list. It is Ex. P. 1377. I signed it on each page. I also signed all the papers found.

My signature is on the papers shown to me Ex. P. 1378 to P. 1383 (2).

All these things were found at that place.

X X reserved.

R. Milner White

29-8-29.



## P. W. 135.

*Pirphu Dayal Singh, Inspector Police, Lucknow, O. O.*

I arrested Ch Dharamvir Singh M. L. C. He is here. I arrested him on March 20, 1929. The warrant of arrest is Ex. P. 1385. I arrested him at the Imperial Hotel. When I arrested him he was occupying a room with others. I found an attache case with him. I had a list prepared of things found. The search warrant is Ex. P. 1386. The list of things recovered is Ex. P. 1387. It bears my signature. Two witnesses were present—Khurshed Khan and Ali Raza.

I signed the papers recovered. Mr. Peters S. P. was also present, and he also signed some of the papers and the list.

Among the papers were:—

3	P. 1388	Letter of 15/12/28 from P. C. Joshi to "Dear Comrade".
6	P. 1389	Pocket diary for 1935 S. with entries for 1927.
21	P. 1390	Pencil M. S.—notes.

These things were recovered from the attache case, and in the presence of Dharamvir Singh.

×× reserved

Sd. E. Milner White

29/8/29.

Sd. P. D. Singh

29/8/29.

## P. W. 136.

*Khurshed Khan, letter writer, Lucknow, O. O.*

The attache case of Dharamvir Singh was searched in my presence. It was in March, at the Imperial Hotel. The Kotwal Sahib searched. A list was made, and I signed it, and also the papers recovered.

The search list is Ex. P. 1387.

My signature is on Ex. P. 1388, 1389, 1390. They were all recovered from there.

×× reserved.

Sd R. Milner White

29/8/29

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## P. W. 137

*Nasir Uddin, Inspector Police, Amritsar City, O. O.*

I searched the Onkar Press, Amritsar, on March 20th. The warrant is Ex. P. 1391. I had Ch. Abdul Aziz as my witness, and others, including Ghulam Husain Municipal Commissioner. I made out a list and signed it and made the witnesses sign it. It is Ex. P. 1392. Mohan Singh Manager and Bhajan Singh Assistant Manager were present on behalf of the Press and signed the list. All the papers found were likewise signed by me and the witnesses. Among the papers found were:—

7 P. 1393

M. S. by S. S. Josh in Gurmukhi, 2 sheets. (signed by witnesses but not by me, but corresponds to the list). Concerning 2nd Annual Meeting of W. and P. Party.

8 P. 1394

Rules and Regulations of Kirti Kisan W. & P.) Party, Punjab in Urdu--Proof copy.

Both these were found there, and were signed by the witnesses and not by me.

I also searched the office of the "Kirti" and of "Durbar & Co.", the same day. Both these are in the same room, in the Onkar Press building. I made out one searchlist for both. The two search warrants are Ex. P. 1395 and 1396, and the search list is Ex. 1397. My witnesses were the same as before. I and the witnesses signed the list. Balwant Singh manager Kirti was present and also signed the search list. Among the papers found were:—

1. Ex. P. 1398

Register of lending library.

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|----|---------|---------------------------------------|
| 2. | P. 1399 | Two copies of Political Resolution.   |
| 5. | P. 1400 | Two copies of India and the Next War. |

These were all recovered from this room, and bear the signatures of the other witnesses.

The same day I searched the office of Firoz Uddin, Assistant Editor of Kirti. This also is a room in the Omkar Press building. I had the same witnesses. I made a search list and got the signatures of the witnesses on it. The search warrant is Ex. P 1401 and the search list is Ex. P. 1402.

Among the papers were:—

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| 12 | P. 1403 | Minute book of Nau Jawan Bharat Sabha, Amritsar Branch.         |
| 15 | P. 1404 | Rules and Regulations of Kirti Kisan Party Punjab.              |
| 20 | P. 1405 | Article in Gurmukhi in Josh's writing on the life of Karl Marx. |
| 25 | P. 1406 | Two Urdu posters, of Kirti Magazine.                            |

These all were found at the place and were signed by me and the witnesses.

The search list Ex. P. 1407 was prepared by me.

This relates to a search of 12th Feb.—1929 of the office of the manager of the Kirti. It was in connection with a case against one Arjun Singh under section 124 A. And the same day I searched the Editor's office.

(Objection by L. Kedarnath Sahgal that papers found in a search in connection with a case under section 124 A cannot be used in a case under section 121—A. Ruled that the question of relevancy depends on the contents of the papers, and not on the method of their discovery).

The search list of the Manager's office is Ex. P. 1407. Balwant Singh Manager was present. Sardar Bahadur Sadhu Singh Ch. Jamal Uddin and others were the witnesses. The signature of all the witnesses and the Manager are on it.

Among the papers found were:—

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|---|---------|---|
| 1 | P. 1408 | Addresses register.                       |
| 2 | P. 1409 | Addresses book (of subscribers to Kirti?) |

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P. 1410

File: "Correspondence."—22  
leaves—(all put in).

These papers were recovered by me in this search, every  
paper signed by me and the witnesses including every sheet in P.1410.

×× reserved.

Sd. R Milner White

29/8/29

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## P. W. 138.

*Mahamed Khan, Pathan, Rewari, Gurgaon, O. O.*

I am a thekadar. Bagarhots's house was searched in my  
presence from 20th March—25th. March. K. B. Ikramul Haq  
conducted the search. J. P. Bagarhota was present. A list of the  
things taken was prepared. I signed the list and every paper.  
My signature is on the search list-Ex. P. 779--every page.

I identify my signature on Ex. P. 780 to P. 783. These  
papers were found there.

Bagarhota also signed the search list and every paper.

X. X. reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

29-8-29.

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## P. W. 139

*Nand Kishore Soti, C. I. Gorakhpur, O. O.*

I searched the office of Workers and Peasants Party  
Gorakhpur on 20th March. The search warrant is Exhibit P, 1411.  
I had two search witnesses Gulam Mustapha and Sh. Abdul Jabbar,  
when I got there the office was closed. I got it opened by a lohar

in the presence of Dr. Bish Nath Mukarjee. I conducted the search in the presence of Mukarjee, and the witnesses and the secretary, who produced the key of the almirah. I prepared a search list. It is Exhibit P. 1412. I and the witnesses signed it. We also signed the papers recovered. Among them were:—

13. (File containing 36 letters including:—)
- P. 1413. Letter of 26th Jan. 1928. from Mukherjee to Muzaffar Ahmad.
  - P. 1414. Letter of 9-2-28 with inclosures from Muzaffar Ahmad to Mukharjee,
  - 1414 (a)
  - 1414 (b) Reply to above.
  - P. 1415. Letter of 22-2-28 from Mukharjee to Muzaffar Ahmad agreeing to programme-reply to above.
14. P. 1416. Bengal P. & W. Party annual report for 1927-28.

All these papers were found at the office of W. & P. party Gorakhpur, and were signed by me. Mukarjee was only present part of the time, and when the lock was broken.

X. X. reserved.

Sd. Nand Kishor Soti.

Sd. R. Milner White,

29-8-29.

P. W. 140

Sd. Ghulam Mustapha, Gorakhpur, O. O.

I know Dr. Mukarjee. I was present at the search of the office of workers and Peasants' Party on 20th March. The office was shut, and was opened by a lohar. Dr. Mukarjee said the Secretary had the key. The search was conducted by Nand Kishor Inspector. There was a search list prepared. I signed it, it is Exhibit P. 1412.

I signed the papers to. Exhibit P. 1413 to P. 1416 bear my signature, and were found there.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

29 8-29.

## P. W. 141

*K. S. Imtiaz Mohd- Khan, D. S. P. Gorakhpur, O. O.*

I received a warrant for the arrest of Dr. Bishnath Mukharjee on March 20. I executed it. It is Exhibit P. 1417. I cannot see him in court. (Note. Dr. Mukarjee is not in court). I searched his house too. I had a search warrant: the endorsement was made by me: it is Exhibit P. 1418.

I prepared a search list. It is Exhibit P. 1419. Every page bears my signature. The witnesses also signed it. The papers recovered by me were also signed by me and the witnesses. Among them were:—

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| 7.  | P. 1420. | 58 copies of Kranti Kari.  |
| 23. | P. 1421. | Article " Modern China III " by Dr. Bishnath Mukarjee. M. S. Three pages.                                |
| 29. | P. 1422. | One copy of " Two world Currents".   |
| 30. | P. 1423. | Hindi leaflet headed " A message to brother and sister workers and peasants issued by W. & P. of Bengal. |
| 35. | P. 1424. | 96 pages of Hindi book entitled Mahatma Lenin by Bishnath Mukarjee.                                      |
| 48. | P. 1425. | 'Young Liberation', for Nov, 1928.   |
| 52. | P. 1426. | Hindi book "What is Communism" by Radha Mohan Gopaijee.  |
| 54. | P. 1427. | Report of Ex. Com. P. & W. Party Bengal, 1927-28.  |

55. P 1428. File of correspondence among which is a letter of 16-4-28 from Kishri Lal Ghosh to Dr. Mukarjee.
57. P. 1429. Article headed "Kharagpur Deadlock" by Dr. Mukarjee in pencil 6 pages.
58. P. 1430. 'Leninism' by Stalin.
64. P. 1431. Hindi leaflet giving Resolutions of W. & P. meeting at Meerut.
- .... P. 1432. Hindi letter from Dhanu vir Singh to Mukrejee, dated 18-10-28.
65. P. 1433. One P. C. from P. C. Joshi to Mukarjee (post mark Nov. 21st. 1928).
67. P. 1434. One letter (in file) from Mukarjee to Joshi-M. S.
70. P. 1435. Framed drawing of Lenin.

All these were found there, and bear my signature, and the witnesses. Mohd. Shafi and Brinda Prasad (probably) were my witnesses.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

30-8-29.

P. W. 142

*Mohd. Shafi, 8/a. Sh. Husain Ali Choudhri,*

*Sheekh, business, Gorakhpur, O. O.*

I know Dr. Mukarjee. I was a witness when his house was searched on 20th March. The D. S. P. Present conducted the search. Mukarjee was arrested the same day. A search list was made out of all papers found, and I signed it. It is Exhibit P. 1419. All pages are signed. I also signed the papers found. My signature is on Exhibit P. 1420 to P. 1435, except P. 1433 (post card). All these were found at Mukarjee's house.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. MIENER WHITE,

30-8-29,

## P. W. 143.

*Ch. Badan Singh, S. P. Unao, O. O.*

I arrest Gouri Shanker on 20th March. The warrant of arrest is Exhibit P. 1436, (fails to identify him) I searched his house. I had two search witnesses. The house was chained from inside. Gouri Shanker was called by a constable. He came down and I arrested him. He satisfied himself before we entered the house that we had nothing on us. Then we searched the house. Gouri Shanker was present throughout. The search warrant is P. 1437. I prepared a search list. I signed it and so did the witnesses and Gouri Shanker. It is Exhibit P. 193. We also signed all papers seized. I identify my signature on Exhibit P. 194. 214.

All these documents were found in Gouri Shanker's house.

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Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

30-8-29

Sd. B. SINGH,

S. P. Unao.

## P. W. 144

*Th. Shankar Singh S. I. Police, Jhansi O. O.*

I searched the W. and P. Party office at Jhansi. The warrant is Exhibit P. 1438. I endorsed it. I made a search list. I signed it and so did the witnesses, who were Alla Rakha and B. Badri Prasad. The search list is Exhibit P. 1439. I signed the things found, and so did the witnesses.

Among them were:—

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|---|--------|---|
| 2 | P 1440 | 18 copies of Kranti all of 23-2-29  |
| 3 |        | (File of "Outward letters to Head office, Bombay, G. I. P. Ry. Union including) |
|   | P 1441 | Munites of meeting of 6-2-28, addressed by Jhabwala.                            |



All these bear my signature and were found in the search. When I got there the door was locked. I sent for the babu and he opened the door and then the search began.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE

30-8-29

× × by Jhabwala,

The office was Mohalla Nagra. The office was on the ground floor. There was a shop on top. There was a sign board there in Urdu and Hindi. It bore the words G.I.P. Ry. Union office. I was informed that it was the office of W. and P. Party. There is an office of the W. and P. Party at Jhansi. I was told that the office of the W. and P. Party was there where the G. I. P. Ry. Union office is.

× × by Sehgal.

I would have searched any house even my own to which this signboard was attached. I did not search the workshops. My information was that the office was in Nagra. There are many houses there. I was told that the office of W. & P. Party would be found where the board of the G. I. P. Ry. Union was. The C. I. D. Sub-Inspector informed me P. Ram Bharose. I didn't consider my action illegal.

× × by Dharmvir Singh,

The warrant was given to me by S. P. I can't remember if I have had such a search warrant before. I have had 26 years service. I have often searched houses—possibly 1000 times. The warrants would come by post; or often I would have to do it myself. If I got a warrant I would execute it at once. In this case other places were to be searched, and the S. P. got us all together and gave the warrants. There were 4 or 5 Sub-Inspetors etc. there. I went straight to execute the warrant. Ram Bharose was there and told me about the office. I asked him I know there was no sign board bearing this name. I did not ask the S. P. Ram Bharose has been at Jhansi for 10 or 11 years.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

30-8-29.

## P. W. 145

*Allah Rakha S/o Rahmat-Ulla, Jhansi, O.O.*

I went with the S.I. to search a house at Nagra. It was March 20. The house was locked: a man was called, who produced a key and opened it: he said the Secretary was not there. A list was made, and I signed it. It is Exh. P 1439. My signature is on Ex. P 1440—P 1442. All these were found on the spot.

× × by Jhabwala.

There was a signboard there. There was written on it Union Office, or something like that—I didn't pay much attention. I don't remember it exactly. The S. I. told me he was going to search an office—he didn't say what I never knew that it was the Workers and Peasants' Party office which was being searched.

× × by Sehgal. I deal in big "chiryas." The search was in the early morning. The S.I. lives about  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 1 mile from me. The place searched is 3 miles from me. The S.I. knows about my occupation.

I have not gone to a search before.

× × rest, reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

30-8-29.

## P. W. 146.

*Seth Babu Lal, S/o Seth Raghbir Dagal, Zamindar Jhansi O.O.*

I went with P. Sita Ram Kher to do a search, some 2 or 3 months ago, of the Kranti Kari Press. I know Krishen Gopal Sharma he is editor of the Press. He was sleeping on his roof when we arrived and the search was in his presence. A search list was made out. I signed it, and also the papers. The search list is Ex. P 426; I signed every page. My signature is also on Ex. P 427 to P 434

I entered on them the date of the search—20th March 1929.

These papers were found in the search.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

30-8-29.

## P. W. 147.

*K.B. Sh. Hasan Ali Yasin Dep. Inspector Police Bombay, O.O.*

I searched the office of the G.I.P. Ry. Union office at Parel. The Office is on the 1st floor: it is in two rooms divided by a partition. The search warrant is Exhibit P 1443. I had two witnesses with me Allauddin and Sita Ram Charan. The room was locked. I found that the clerk lives in the same building, so I sent for him, and he opened the door. The clerk was present during the search, as well as the witnesses. I prepared a search list I signed it, and so did the witnesses. It is Exhibit P 1444. I initialled all the papers found and got the witnesses to sign them too. Among them were:—

37	P 1445	File "Publications" including.
	1445 (1)	Typed document W. and P. conference Bundelkhand Resolutions against Imperialism.
	1445 (2)	Typed document of 5-9-28 containing notes of meetings at Nagpur under Jhabwala.
	1445 (3)	Jabulpore Division demands, signed by Jhabwala (rubber stamp)
	1445 (4)	M.S. draft of Ex. P 1445 (3),
	1445 (5)	Article of 10-4-28 signed by Jhabwala "Organized Violence."
	1445 (6)	Minutes of meeting at Manmad: speeches by Jhabwala and Thengdi.
44	P 1446	Letter of 16-2-29, written by Jhabwala to Reception Committee W. and P. Party. Punjab, Rohatak Conference—signed letter with draft.

57	P 1447	One letter out of a file Letter of 13-12-1928 from Potter Wilson to Jhabwala
	P 1448	and Reply by Jhabwala.
	P 1449	Letter of 7-4-28 from Jhabwala to Josh
	P 1450	Letter of 28-3-28 from Jhabwala to K. R. Joglekar.
	P 1451	Letter of 28-3-28 to Gen. Secretary Trades Council Bombay from Jhabwala
80		File (subject-Agenda) Containing:—
	P 1452	Slip of papers with accounts passed by Bradley dated 7-7-28.
	P 1453	Notes by Bradley.
	P 1454	Letter of 26-1-28 from Jhabwala to Secy. G.I.P.
	P 1454 (a)	Employes Union, enclosing resolutions.
88	P 1455	Propaganda file including:—
	P 1455 (1)	Typed copies of circular about affiliation to R.I.L.U.

All these papers were found on the spot, and were signed by me and the witnesses.

(Evidence to be continued on 2nd Sept. 1929). See page 331.

Sd/ R. Milner White,

30-8-29.

Sd/ Sh. Hasan Ali

Dy. Inspector of Police,

2-9-29.

P. W. 148.

Atauddin S/o Abdul Rahman, Bombay O. O.

I know Inspector Hasan Ali. I went on 20th March to search the "Union" office with him. Some papers were found. A

search list was prepared I signed it. It is Exhibit P. 1444—it is signed on each page.

I signed all the papers too. I identify my signature on Exhibit P. 1446, 1452, 1453, 1454, 1455, 1455 (1). It is also on the file cover P. 1445, but not on the papers inside it (i.e. P. 1445 (1) (6)), not on 1447, 1448, 1449, 1450, 1451.

Every thing signed by me was found there: about the rest I can't say.

x x reserved.

(Sd) R. MILNER WHITE,

30/8/29.

## P. W. 149

*Mardan Singh, S. I., D. I. S., Meerut O. O.*

I have been in the police for 6½ years. I come to this district on April 1st 1928. I am attached to the District Intelligence Staff, I was in Meerut in October 1928. Two conferences were held then, Workers and Peasants, and Delhi Provincial Political Conference. They were held on 13th, 14th, 15th October. I know the accused in this case: eight of them attended the Workers and Peasants Conference. Kedarnath Sehgal, Dharamvir Singh, M. A. Majid, and Gauri Shanker attended on all three days; Sohan Singh, Josh, Spratt, Muzaffar Ahmad, and P. C. Joshi attended on 14th and 15th. I have seen Spratt in the dock, but he is not here today. The others are here today—I recognise them.

Kedar Nath Sahgal presided over the meeting; he made a speech. S. I. Mangal Singh and C. I. D. Inspector Lahte Hassiam reported the meeting. I listened to Sahgal's speech. I got a printed copy of the speech along with the Deshvat of 22nd October. I have seen Exhibit P. 172. The contents are substantially the same as Kedarnath Sahgal's speech (in answer to question "Have you seen a book like this before"). It is like the copy, Exhibit P. 1456, which is the actual one I handed to Superintendent of Police, Meerut. I went through the book.

Most of the Urdu speeches were reported by S. I. Mangal Singh. Spratt made a speech in English. I made a report on his speeches. He made speeches on 14th and 16th. On the 16th a special meeting was held at Town Hall and he made a speech.

The two sheets shown me are the reports of the speech of Spratt on the 14th I took down notes in Shorthand and transcribed them. I prepared the reports the morning after the speeches were made. The reports are Exhibit P 1457, and 1458.

The paper shown to me Exhibit P 1459, is an abstract of the of the speech made on the 16th at the Town Hall by Spratt, I prepared this report in the same way as before. I know Garhmusk-tesar. A fair was held there from about 20th—28th or 29th Nov. 1928. It is in Meerut District. Gauri Shankar was selling books there—Call to action, and a pamphlet containing resolutions passed at the Meerut Conference. He was selling them at the fair; he had an office of the Workers and Peasants Party at the fair—it had a sign board up and he sold the booklets there and also moving about in the fair. The office consisted of a small tent. I bought a copy of both books. The two books produced are those I bought—Exhibit P 1460 and 1461. Actually Qabul Singh constable purchased them for me under my directions.

This Gouri Shankar was, as far as I know, one of the organisers of the Conference.

The party also had an office at Meerut, near the crossing of Barakhana, a room attached to a temple. There was a sign board there too.

Some three or four messages were read out at the Conference, expressing sympathy and inability to attend. One was from Joglekar, and one from Danga, and others which I do't remember.  
x x by Sahgal.

I can't say how many kinds of police there are in India. I am in the Intelligence branch: I came from the local police. I have had no difficulty in recognising those persons whom I have named. I have come to this office 4 or 5 times. I have seen the accused once or twice there. I saw the accused at the Conference continuously for 3 days, and so I could recognise them. Of the rest of the accused now present, I might recognise one or two but not all. I might recognise their faces but not their names.

x x by Mr. Sinha.

I am not attached to the office, nor have I seen the accused regularly every day. I have come here occasionally I/C five or six times.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE

30/8/28.

Sd. MARDAN SINGH.

**"ACCOMPANIMENT TO THE DEPOSITION OF P. W. 147"**

No.	NAME.	16-4-28. Morning.	16-4-28. Evening.	17-4-28. Morning.	17-4-28. Evening.	18-4-28. Morning.	19-4-28. Morning.	20-4-28. Morning.	21-4-28. Morning.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.		P. & S. Mahadéo Bhawan.	No.	P. & S. Behind Gokhels Hotel.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Poibavdi.	P. & S. Nagu, S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.
2	B. F. Bradley.		P. & S. M. Bhawan.	No.	P. & S. G. H.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.
3	S. S. Mirajkar.		P. & S. M. Bhawan.	No.	P. & S. G. H.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Poibavdi.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.
4	R. S. Nimbkar.			No.	P. & S. G. H.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Poibavdi.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S.
5	S. A. Dange.			No.	P. & S. G. H.	P.	P. & S. Poibavdi.		
6	A. A. Alwe,	P. & S. at N. S. Wadi.		No.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Poibavdi.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S.
7	K. N. Joglekar.			No.		P. & S. N. S. W.			

No.	NAME.	22-4-28. Morning.	24-4-28. Morning.	24-4-28. Evening.	25-4-28. Morning.	25-4-28. Evening.	26-4-28. Morning.	26-4-28. Evening.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Simplex Mill.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Gokhles Hotel.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Spring Mill.
2	B. F. Bradley.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. S. Mill.		P. & S. Tardeo.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Spring Mill.
3	S. S. Mirajkar.			P. & S. S. Mill.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Tardeo.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. S. M.
4	R. S. Nimbkar.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. S. Mill.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Tardeo.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. S. Mill.
5	S. A. Dange.		P. & S. N. S. W.				P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. S. Mill.
6	A. A. Alwe.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Tardeo.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. S. Mill.
7	K. N. Joglekar.							
8	S. V. Ghate.							P. S. Mill.



No.	NAME.	27-4-28. Morning.	27-4-28. Evening.	28-4-28. Morning.	28-4-28. Evening.	29-4-28. Morning.	30-4-28. Morning.	30-4-28. Evening.	1-5-28. Morning and Evening.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Spring M.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. Gokhle H.
2	B. F. Bradley.	P. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Spring M.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. DeLisle.	P. & S. G. H.
3	S. S. Mirajkar.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Venus Cinema.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Spring M.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. DeLisle, Rd.	P. & S. G. H.
4	R. S. Nimbkar.		P. & S. V. C.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. DeLisle.	P. & S. G. H.
5	S. A. Dange.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. V. C.						P. & S. G. H.
6	A. A. Alwe,	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Venus C.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Spring M.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. DeLisle.	P. & S. G. H.
7	K. N. Joglekar.								P. & S. G. H.
8	S. V. Ghatge.		P.		Not present.				

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1	S. H. Jhabwala.		P. S. N. S. W.			P. & S. Worli.	P. & S. N. S. W.		
2	B. F. Bradley.		P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.		
3	S. S. Mirajkar.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Moon Mill.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Worli.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Simplex M.	P. & S. N. S. W.
4	R. S. Nimbkar.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Moon M.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Worli.	P. & S. N. S. W.		
5	S. A. Dange.								P. & S. N. S. W.
6	A. A. Alwe.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	Not present.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. S. M.	P. & S. N. S. W.
7	K. N. Joglekar.			Not present.		Not present.		Not present.	
8	S. V. Ghate.			Not present.		Not present.		Not present.	

No.	NAME.	7-5-28. Morning.	8-5-28. Morning.	9-5-28. Morning.	9-5-28. Evening.	10-5-28. Morning.	11-5-28. Morning.	12-5-28. Morning.	13-5-28. Morning.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.		
2	B. F. Bradley.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	*P. & S. Slater Rd.				
3	S. S. Mirajkar.		P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. Slater Rd.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.
4	R. S. Nimbkar.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Slater Rd.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.
5	S. A. Dange.	P. & S. N. S. W.				P. & S. N. S. W.			
6	A. A. Alwe,	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	Not attended.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.
7	K. N. Joglekar.				Not attended.				
8	S. V. Ghatе.				Not attended.				

No.	NAME.	13-5-28.	14-5-28.	14-5-28.	15-5-28.	15-5-28.	16-5-28.	17-5-28.	18-5-28.
		Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Morning.	Morning.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.							P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.
2	B. F. Bradley.							P. & S. N. S. W.	
3	S. S. Mirajkar.	P. & S. Phoenix Mill.			P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Nariad Wadi		P. & S. N. S. W.	
4	R. S. Nimbkar.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Lalbagh.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Nariad Wadi.		P. & S. N. S. W.	
5	S. A. Dange.	P. & S. Phoenix Mill.			P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.		
6	A. A. Alwe.	P. & S. Phoenix Mill.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Lalbagh.		P. & S. Nariad Wadi.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.
7	K. N. Joglekar.	Not attended.							
8	S. V. Ghate.	Not attended.							
9	Thengdi			Not attended.					

No.	NAME.	19-5-28. Morning.	20-5-28. Morning.	20-5-28. Evening.	21-5-28. Morning.	21-5-28. Evening.	22-5-28. Morning.	22-5-28. Evening.	23-5-28. Morning.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.						P. & S. N. S. W.		
2	B. F. Bradley.				P. & S. N. S. W.				
3	S. S. Mirajkar.		P.						
4	R. S. Nimbkar.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P.	P. & S. Chikalwadi.		P. & S. Kala Ch.	P. & S. N. S. W.		
5	S. A. Dange.	P. & S. N. S. W.							
6	A. A. Alwe,	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Kala Chowkey.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.
7	K. N. Joglekar.		P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Kala Ch.	P. & S. N. S. W.		
8	S. V. Ghatе.								
9	Thengdi.		P. & S. N. S. W.			Not attended.			

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No.	NAME.	23-5-28.	24-5-28.	24-5-28.	25-5-28.	25-5-28.	26-5-28.	26-5-28.	27-5-28.
		Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.		P. & S. N. S. W.					P. & S. Phoenix Mill.	P. & S. N. S. W.
2	B. F. Bradley.		P. & S. N. S. W.					P. & S. Phoenix Mill.	
3	S. S. Mirajkar.				P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.		
4	R. S. Nimbkar.	P. & S. DeLisle.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Venus C.	P. & S. N. S. W.			P. & S. Phoenix Mill.	
5	S. A. Dange.	P. & S. DeLisle. R.		P. & S. Venus C.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Naigaum		P. & S. Phoenix Mill.	
6	A. A. Alwe.	P. & S. DeLisle. Rd.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Naigaum	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Phoenix Mill.	P. & S. N. S. W.
7	K. N. Joglekar.		P. & S. N. S. W.	Not attended.		Not attended.		Not attended.	
8	S. V. Ghate.			Not attended.		Not attended.		Not attended.	
9	Thengdi.			Not attended.		Not attended.		Not attended.	
10	Kasle.			Not attended.		Not attended.		Not attended.	

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No.	NAME.	28-5-28. Morning.	28-5-28. Evening.	29-5-28. Morning.	30-5-28. Morning.	30-5-28. Evening.	31-5-28. Morning.	31-5-28. Evening.	1-6-28. Morning.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.			P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.				
2	B. F. Bradley.			P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.				
3	S. S. Mirajkar.				P. & S. N. S. W.				
4	R. S. Nimbkar.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Ghorapdeo.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Simplex M.		P. S. Chikalwadi.	
5	S. A. Dange.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Ghorapdeo.				P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.
6	A. A. Alwe.			P. & S. N. S. W.					
7	K. N. Joglekar.								
8	S. V. Ghate.								
9	Thengdi.								
10	Kasle.				P. & S. N. S. W.			Not attended.	

No.	NAME.	1-6-28. Morning.	1-6-28. Morning.	1-6-28. Morning.	2-6-28. Morning.	3-6-28. Morning.	3-6-28. Eyening.	4-6-28. Morning.	5-6-28. Morning.	6-6-28. Morning.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.	P. & S. Dinshaw Petit M.				P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.		
2	B. F. Bradley.			P. & S. China Mill.				P. & S. N. S. W.		
3	S. S. Mirajkar.		P. & S. Phoenix.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.
4	S. A. Dange.				✓ P. & S. N. S. W. P. 2242				P. & S. N. S. W.	
5	A. A. Alwe.		P. & S. Phoenix.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Naigaum.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.
6	K. N. Joglekar.									
7	R. S. Nimbkar.			P. & S. China M.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.			P. & S. N. S. W.	
		Not present.	Not present.	Not present.						



No.	NAME	6-6-28. Evening	7-6-28. Morning.	7-6-28. Evening.	8-6-28. Morning.	9-6-28. Morning.	10-6-28. Morning.	11-6-28. Morning.	13-6-28 Morning.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.				P. & S. N. S. W.			P. & S. D. T. Hall.	P. & S. D. T. Hall.
2	B. F. Bradley.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. Kamatipura.					
3	S. S. Mirajkar.		P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. D. T. Hall.	P. & S. D. T. Hall.	P. & S. D. T. Hall.
4	S. A. Dange.		✓ P. & S. N. S. W. P. 2245						P. & S. D. T. Hall.
5	A. A. Alwe.	P. & S. Phoenix Mill.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S.	P. & S. D. T. Hall.	P. & S. D. T. Hall.	P. & S. D. T. Hall.
6	K. N. Joglekar.								
7	R. S. Nimbkar.	P. & S. Phoenix Mill.		Not present.	P. & S. N. S. W.			P. & S. D. T. Hall.	P. & S. D. T. Hall.

No.	NAME	14-6-28. Morning.	16-6-28. Morning.	17-6-28. Morning.	18-6-28. Morning.	20-6-28, Morning.	23-6-28. Morning.	25-6-28. Morning.	27-6-28 Morning.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.		P. & S. N. S. W.			P. & S. D. T. H.			P. & S. N. S. W.
2	B. F. Bradley.					P. & S. D. T. H.			
3	S. S. Mirajkar.	P. & S. G. Hotel.	P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. D. T. H.		P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.
4	S. A. Dange.				P. & S. N. S. W.				
5	A. A. Alwe.	P. & S. Gokhle's Hotel.		P. & S. N. S. W.					
6	K. N. Joglekar.								P. & S. N. S. W.
7	R. S. Nimbkar.	P. & S. G. Hotel.		P. & S. N. S. W.		P. & S. D. T. H.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.	P. & S. N. S. W.

No.	NAME.	28-6-28. Morning.	30-6-28. Morning.
1	S. H. Jhabwala.		P. & S. N. S. W.
2	B. F. Bradley.		
3	S. S. Mirajkar.	P. & S. D. T. H.	P. & S. N. S. W.
4	S. A. Dange.		
5	A. A. Alwe.	P. & S. D. T. H.	P. & S. N. S. W.
6	K. N. Jogekar.	P. & S. D. T. H.	
7	R. S. Nimbkar.		

*N. S. W. means Nagu Syaji's Wadi.*  
*D. T. H. means Damodhay Thackersey Hall.*  
*G. H. means Gokhle's Hotel.*  
*Not present means I was not present in the meeting.*  
*P. & S. means Present and Spoke.*

P. W. 147. CONTD.

*K. B. Sh. Hasan Ali Yasin, O.O.*

I have been 22 years in the police. I am in the Bombay C. I. D. I was in Bombay on March 1st, 1928. I was then in charge of the Labour Branch of the C. I. D. My work was to see the Labour Work (i.e. Labour agitation) in the city of Bombay, including Unions. At that time there were only 2 unions for the Textile Workers—Bombay Textile Labour Union under N.M. Joshi, and the Girmi Kamgar Mahamandal, under Alve (President) and Mirajkar (Secretary), Mirajkar is still Secretary of the Girmi Kamgar Mahamandal, but not of the Girmi Kamgar Union, of which Alve is president, in March there was a quarrel going on between Alve and Mirajkar. Alve suspected Mirajkar misappropriation of funds. Alve held a meeting of the Mahamandal, and the misdeeds of Mirajkar were brought forward, and leaflets were issued. I got these handbills on the 25th March. I produce one: it purports to be issued by Alve and 16 other persons. It is Exhibit P 1462. On 30th March another leaflet was issued by Alve as president on behalf of the managing committee, informing that Mirajkar had been dismissed. This is Exhibit P 1463. When this controversy was going on, I always saw Joglekar with Alve.

Towards the end of March Joglekar and Alve came to me at my place and asked my advice as to what they should do to recover money and books from Mayekar. I referred them to a Magistrate.

There was a general strike in Bombay in 1928. There was none on 1st March. I was in charge of Labour affairs upto 30th June. The Girmikamgar Mahamandal was for a general strike at the beginning of March. Alve, Nimbkar, Dange, Jhabwala, Mirajkar, Bradley, were for a general strike. Others were there but did not speak at the meetings. On 17th March, 1928 a strike broke out in the "Textile Mill". Meetings were held on various dates. One was on March 27th. It was held at Naja Sayaji Wadi. Nimbkar and Joglekar were there, and Alve was the president. They advised the striking to hold on. There was a meeting on the 28th. Alve and Joglekar were present; it was at the same place. Alve advocated a general strike and advised mill hands to form volunteers to picket the mills, to create a general strike, Joglekar spoke in similar terms.

On 3rd April the strikers resumed work. After 4 days, on the 7th, 700 weavers of the Textile Mill went on strike. On the 8th April there was a meeting at Nagu Sayaji Wadi. Nimbkar, Alve, and Joglekar were present.

On 3rd April, 525 weavers of Kasturchand Mill went on strike. On the 8th April they were taken out in procession:

Joglekar and Nimbkar and Alve led them. They were advising the workers to become members of the Mandal. This is a mill called Pralahad Mill at Elphinstone Road. There was a meeting of strikers near it on 10th April. Alve was present and advised the mill hands to prepare for general strike. At this period there was no general strike.

Labour meetings were held in Bombay between 16th and 26th April. Jhabwala, Bradley, Mirajkar, Nimbkar, Dange, Alve addressed meetings during this period. Three times they took out processions. They advocated a general strike on these occasions. By 26th April all the Textile Mills, except Colaba Land mill, came out on strike.

The general strike lasted till October 6th. It began partially on April 16th. A large number of meetings was held during this period 170 meetings of mill strikers were held. The meetings were addressed by various accused. I have prepared a statement showing the number of meetings and the people who addressed them.

I had reporters to report these meetings. I engaged the reporters by the 27th April. They were private reporters. Before that I reported the meetings myself. By 13th June we had shorthand Marathi reporters from Poona. The reports of the private reporters have been kept when the Maharathi shorthand man came I checked their reports: they were submitted to me in the course of official business. I initialled them and kept them in the office.

I used to report every day the meetings held during the first four months of the strike. These reports indicate the place and time of the meetings, and the accused who addressed them. I have prepared a statement accordingly. I recognise Dange, Mirajkar, Alve, Nimbkar, Goglekar, Bradley, Jhabwala, Kasale Ghat: the last two were always present but seldom spoke—Ghat never.

Alve issued a leaflet on 30th March advocating a general strike. I got it on 30th March; it is not dated. It is Exhibit P 1464. On 9th April I got another leaflet, also advocating a general strike (under Alve's name)—it is P 1465.

On May 1st I was in Bombay. On that day a meeting was held behind Gopale's Hotel, Parel, to celebrate May Day.

It was held by workers under the auspicious of Trade Council and Workers and Peasants Party. Mr. Jhabwala presided and advocated Labour Raj and the unity of the labourers. Nimbkar also was there, and Alve, Dange, Bradley, Mirajkar, and Joglekar. They also spoke in the same strain. There were Red flags and placards "Down with British Imperialism" "Nothing short of Independence" "Workers of the World Unite."

When Mayekar was turned out, Joglekar became active supporter of Alve and brought in all his friends, Bradley etc (whom I identify before) : Kasle was there from before. On 24th April I attended a meeting at Nagu Sayji Wadi at 8-30. a.m. Alve, Nimbkar Dange, Jhabwala, and Bradley were present. Dange advised to keep discipline among the workers: he wanted Workers' Raj just as in Russia, and therefore 1000 volunteers were wanted who must be ready to die: propaganda for general strike must be continued.

I produced a statement showing number of meetings held when shorthand reporters were present, and the speakers etc. It is statement—A. Mr. Thengadi was present only once, on 20th May. I identify him.

The millowners objected to treating with an unregistered association: but when the *Girni Kamgar Mandal* under Alve meant to register in June, Mayekar managed to register a society under that name first, so Alve's body was registered as the *Girni Kamgar Union*.

The private reporters also submitted their reports to me, and they were kept in office.

At the meetings as well as the processions between 16th and 26th April the accused named advocated on general strike.

× × by Jhabwala.

I was in charge of the Labour branch for 4 months, from March 1—June 30. I know every thing about all the unions in those 4 months. Jhabwala was not connected with Mahamandaj before April 16th, that is no meeting was attended by him between March 1st and April 16. I never saw the office beaters list.

I know N. M. Joshi has his own union, Bombay Textile Labour Union. Jhabwala was vice-president of that union. He also has a separate union of his own—Bombay mill workers union. I don't know of Jhabwala resigned from the Girni Kamgar Union.

There was 4 meetings on May Day. I was not present at the meeting at Madanpura that night: there was a meeting. Reports were submitted to me about all the meetings. I examined the reports and submitted them.

By 'strike' I mean people going away and not working.

I read newspapers.

Mr. Ginwala and Joshi were against the general strike to start with but fell in later.

Mr. N.M. Joshi was president of the Joint Mills strike Committee.

Mr. Jhabwala has edited some papers.

I read some issues of the "Port Trust Kamgar" I don't remember reading any article in it beginning "I am not a Communist",

I have read some editions of the Kranti. I did not read any in Jan. or Feb. 1929. In 1929 the Workers and Peasants Party wanted to oust Jhabwala from all the unions.

× × *by Mr. Sinha*

This N.M. Joshi is a nominated M.L.A.

The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee was one of the bodies under whose auspices the May Day meeting was held.

I did not bring with me that part of the record dealing with the Madanpura meeting. I only brought the papers on which my evidence was required, regarding the general strike and the Kastur Chand and Textile Mill Strikes. Nothing was specified in the summons as to what papers I was to bring. I made the selection of papers myself. I got directions from my superior officer, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch.

I was the only officer in charge of Labourers affair during that 4 months.

I made reports about employers also—mill owners Association meetings etc: I did not bring the papers. I attended no meetings. I received no leaflets from them. I know of no picketting by the employers from April to June. I can't say anything about the period afterwards.

I received directions from my officers as to what meeting to attend.

I heard no declarations from the owners side about the institution of an employers' Raj.

× × *by Alve.*

There was a general strike in Bombay in 1919. There have been 4 general strikes altogether. I don't know the leaders of 1919 and 1924: in 1928, Alve and Jhabwala and the other accused I named were the leaders. There were two big strikes (whether they were general or not I can't say) in 1919 and 1924.

I have been in C.I.D. from 1921— in different departments. I was Inspector in 1923. Since then there have been 3 strikes. 1924, 1921, and now; I call the present strike a 'big strike'.

I have no personal knowledge of a strike in 1923. In fact before 1928 I had no personal knowledge, same as a reader of news paper etc.

*by Nimbkar.*

I have no personal of the reasons for the strikes in the Sasson Group, but from the records I understand that it was due to a new system—double fame in the spinning department, and 3 looms in the weaving department.

The cause of the strike in March (Textile Mills) was a misunderstanding between the spinners and employers "Discontinuance of substitute for absent men since February last" This lasted 17th March—3rd April. The strike ended because the misunderstanding was cleared. Mr. Nimbkar, Alve, and Joglekar interviewed the manager and told the workers that it was left to the choice of the workers—that is, they carried on the negotiations, and called off the strike.

By that time there was a strike in the Kastur Chand Mill. The cause was reduction in the rates of weaving blankets.

After 3 days there was a 2nd strike in the Textile Mill—causing objection to drop tickets in the tickets box and refused to clean the machinery daily as usual.

As regards the "as usual", I speak from inquiries I made. I made no inquiries about other mills.

As regards the Kastur Chand and the Textile strikes I do not know whether the labour leaders interviewed the employers or not and tried to settle the strikes. They were not settled. Mr. Alve advocated a general strike as the employers were reducing rates more and more, and if there was a general strike they would settle these questions once for all.

The Joint Strike Committee was found in May or June to bring about a settlement. Members of the Committee included, N. M. Joshi, M. L. A., Syed Manhar Ali, M. L. C., Asoli, M. L. C., Parvkar, Girnawalla M. L. C., Peralhar is a member of servants of India society. Some are J. P.'s and 5 or 6 of accused Alve, Nimbkar, Ghate, Bradley, Mirajkar, Jhabwala, Dange—were their colleagues—Syed Manhar and Nimbkar were their joint secretaries.

*by Dange.*

I do not know shorthand. I wrote the reports in my office. I wrote a summary. I remember in the Salient Joints.

I had to the Nagu Lalaji wadi every day. Two or three plain clothes policemen and myself attended. I knew the accused before, and they knew me and I would talk daily with some one or another. I sat in some corner or another to save objection. The accused several times objected to my presence and openly in speeches, advocated removal of the police. I did not dress the same way each day. I didn't know if the accused saw me at the meetings.



The procession of the 17th went from Nagu Sayaji Wadi to Globe Mill, and thence of century Mill. On the 18th from N. S. W. to open space near Development chawl, de Lisle Road, to attend Ginwala's meeting — On the 19th from N. S. W. viz Bhawani Shanker Road, Tilak Bridge, Vincent Road, to Kohinoor Mill, where it was dispersed by force.

The strike committee was proposed at the meeting of the 18th, and Ginwala agreed to the names proposed.

I do'nt know if Josh's Textile Workers Union appointed a strike committee before general strike committee was formed.

Re—*ex*

Ginwala did not attend at any other meeting. (objection over ruled).

Syed Manohar attended some of the meeting: the others of these I mentioned did'nt, except Asoli.

The causes of the strikes which I have given were ascertained by me from inquiries among the strikers and management.

I called the 1928 strike and general strike because only two mills out of all did not strike. Colaba Lend Mill and Victoria Mill of Gaurdevi. They are on the S. of Bombay: the strikers' mill are on the North.

I know of no other general strike except this.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

2/9/29

Sd/- S. Hussain Ali,

Deputy Insp. of Police.

2/9/29.

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P.W. 150

*Abdul Haji Khan, G. P. O., Head Clerk, Lahore, O. O.*

I am head clerk to General Post Office, Lahore.

On 11th October 1928 we received a T. M. O. despatched on 11th October, addressed to Kedarnath Sahgal, chakmathi, Lahore,

for Rs. 20/- It was delivered in due course at 11-20 a. m. It was sent from Meerut city. The sender was Gauri Shanker. I have brought the original documents. The original M. O. form is P. 1446 and the receipt P. O. 1467.

× × by Sahgal.

I was not summoned by name. The Postmaster was asked to send an official and I was selected.

× × reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

3/9/29

Sd/- Abdul Haji Khan,

3/9/39

Head Clerk, Lahore,

G. P. O.

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## P. W. 151.

*Dostan Khan S/o Sharaj Ali Khan, Bhatti, Lahore, O. O.*

I am a postman of the Lahore Post office. I have been so for 14 years. On Exhibit P. 1467 there is my signature. I paid the amount of the Money Order. It was paid on 12th October, 1928. It was paid at 11-20 A. N. It was for Rs. 20/- and was paid to Kedarnath Sahgal, I know him before: he is present. The signature of his was made in my presence. Signature and date are in his writing.

Exhibit P. 1447 S.

× × reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White

3/9/29.

## P. W. 152.

*Jagat Singh, S. I., C. I. D., Punjab, O. O.*

I am in the Punjab C. I. D. It is my duty to attend conferences held in any part of the country. I know Rohtak.

A conference of the Peasants and Workers party was held at Rohtak on 9th and 10th March 1929. It was called the Mazdur Kisan Conference. It took place in a Pandal. It was decorated with some slogans—Socialism is Emancipation, Swaraj is our birth right and we will get it, Down with Imperialism etc. These were inscribed on Red Flags.

I attended the conference on the 10th March. I saw Sohan Singh Josh. I recognise him. He delivered a speech. I took it down in shorthand. I transcribed the shorthand notes later—my transcription is a correct report of the speech—it is Ex. P. 1468.

× × by Mr. Sinha. Other slogans—Slavery is curse and freedom a blessing. India for Indians.

All workers and peasants get ready to attain Swaraj.

× × by Nimbkar—Arjun Lal Sethi presided: he is not in the dock.

There were other speeches of the second sitting I took verbatim reports of their speeches too.

Sd. R. Milner White

3-9-29

Sd. Jagat Singh

S. I. Police-C. I. D.

3-9-29

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## P W. 153

*Major Doyle, I. M. S., O. O.*

My present position is Inspector General of Prisons Bombay. I was Superintendent of the Yeravda Jail Poona in 1927-28. There was a prisoner in the Jail named George Allison also known as Donald Campbell. He was in jail under section 471, 476 I. P. C.

and section 3, Indian Passport Act (1920). He was in the jail from 23rd March 1927 till 20th May 1928.

While he was there documents purporting to be written by him were always submitted to me. I have on the file one such document. In my opinion it is in Campbell's writing. I produce it—it is Ex. P. 1469.

Objected by Mr. Sinha.

I see Ex. P. 50. In my opinion it was written by Campbell.

Objected by Mr. Sinha.

In the ordinary course of my duties.

All letters written by persons were submitted to me as Superintendent. I saw every letter he wrote in the course of the 14 months.

Seeing Ex. P. 1144, the word "part" on the first page might have been written by him, the word "all" on the 2nd page looks like the end of his signature and the letter "D" at the end appears to have been written by him.

Seeing the papers shown to me, A. 1, 2, 3, 4, I think the Signatures 'D. Campbell' on them were written by Donald Campbell.

The paper, B, shown to me (written in pencil), was also probably written by Campbell.

As Superintendent of Jail I received letter asking for interviews with prisoners, etc., I have one purporting to be written by one Ghate: It was received by me in the ordinary course. It is Ex. P. 1470.

I received a similar letter from one Thengdi. It is Ex. P. 1471 and 1471 E.

I received a document purporting to be written by Mirajkar P. 1472.

I remember receiving also the document produced Ex. P. 1473 (1) I sent it to the D. I. G, C. I. D., Bombay. The letter I sent to the C. I. D. is Ex. P. 1473 (2).

The letter P. 1469, received in my possession because Campbell was being sent home: I knew this and also that there was no possibility of his getting the clothes he asked for in the letter. He asked my permission to write a letter: he asked me when he was

going to be released, and I told him shortly. He asked if he could get some clothes, and I said he could.

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Sd. R. Milner White

3-9-29-

Sd. Major Doyle.

I M.S.

3-9-29-

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## P. W. 154

*Ram Singh Kapur son of Sohan Singh, Lahore, O. O.*

I am a head constable of police. I have been 6 years on duty in Lahore City.

On 3rd March 1928 a notice was circulated that there would be a meeting at Bradlaugh Hall addressed by Spratt. I went to the meeting. I saw Spratt there—identifies him. After the meeting Spratt with M. A. Majid, Kedarnath Sahgal and another went to the house of Kedarnath Sahgal. This was about 8 30 p m Spratt stayed hour and then took a tonga and went to the station. The same three people went with him. I recognise Majid and Kedar Nath by Court. Majid says that Spratt was pointed out to the witness yesterday. I went to the station. I mentioned the fact to S. I. Honi Bhosan at the station...that Spratt had come to the station, and was going somewhere. After that, I left the station about 9 p. m.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

3-9-29

## P. W. 155.

*Niranjan Das Constable Lahore O. O.*

I have been posted at Lahore City for three years. I know Kedarnath Sahgal and Abdul Majid, very well; they take a great political part.

In August 1927 I had to watch the movements of Spratt. He is the man in Court. I had been under observation for 15-20 days. He stayed with Dewan Chaman Lal. Many people came to visit him. Among them were Kedarnath and Majid,

On 13th August he went to Dhariwal with Majid and Miller. He returned the next day. As far as I remember he stayed in Lahore for 6 or 7 days more and then left for Bombay.

I know S. I. Honi Bhoshan. I reported to him Spratt's departure for Dhariwal, I don't know what conveyance Spratt took to Dhariwal.

× × by Sahgal, 3 or 4 people visited him daily.

About 15 or 20 men visited him in all—that is, about 17 in addition to the three mentioned. They were Congress people—I can't remember all their names. Kedarnath and Majid I know very well, and so I remember them. I have known them for 5 or 6 years. I could remember some of the others. Amir Khan, Thakur Dass, Miller, Dr. Khan Chand, I remember,

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Sd. R. Milner White

3-9-29

## P. W. 156

*Anwar Ali Shah const. Lahore O. O.*

I am on duty at the Lahore station. I have been for 3 years. I have known M. A. Majid and Kedarnath Sehgal from before. I recognise them.

In August 1927 I was at the railway station on 13th. On that day Kedarnath and Majid came with a Mr. Spratt, and found

that the train for Dhariwal had left. So they went outside and looked for a motor lorry. They went off in one... Spratt, Miller, Sahgal and Majid.

Then on 3. 3. 28 I saw Spratt going to Delhi.

He went by the Bombay Mail at 9-30 p. m. Majid, Kader Nath, Lal Chand came to see him off. I reported the facts to the S.I.

Might be able to identify Spratt. (identifies him.)

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Sd, R. MILNER WHITE,

3-9-29.

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## P W. .157

*S. I. Phoni Bhushan Mozumdar, O. O*

I have been in the Lahore police for 20 years, and for 10 years at the Ry: station. I know Kedarnath and Majid and Spratt: I see them present. I used to watch their coming and going at the station.

I know Niranjan Das, and the other two witnesses. On 13th August 1927, Spratt and Kedarnath and Majid went to Dhariwal by lorry. I did not see it personally—Anwer Ali Shah reported his departure, while Niranjan Lal reported his arrived at the station.

On 3rd March 1928 Spratt left for Delhi by 4 Down Bombay Mail, and Majid and Sahgal went to the station to see him off. I saw this myself.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

3-9-29.

## P. W. 158.

*J. R. R. Iyengar, O. O.*

I am Assistant to the Deputy Director General, Telegraphic (Traffic), New Delhi,

Any one who wants to send a Foreign Press telegram has to apply to the Director General, but usually the request is made by the newspaper or Agency.

I received the application from Muzaffar Ahmad and Halim to send messages abroad: I got it on 11th February 1929. It is Ex. P. 1474.

I have authority to reply to these letter, so I replied to them that the request should be made by the newspaper or news agency to which they want the telegrams to be sent. The letter is stamped with the office stamp and was initialled by me.

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Sd. R. Milner White

3-9-29.

Sd. J. R. Iyengar.

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## P. W. 159.

*Mr. D. U. Kamat, Customs-Preventive Officer, Bombay, O.O.*

In the course of my duties I used to receive luggage declaration forms filled up by passengers.

I received the form filled up by Spratt dated 31st December 1926, by Kaisari Mind. We passed one portable typewriter, free of duty. The form is Ex P 1474.

It is also my duty to seize all proscribed or prohibited literature coming with passengers and detain them under section 181-A, Sea Customs ACT.

I have the list of articles seized from M. G. Desari on 28-11-1927 by S. S. Aquileia. The list is Ex, P 1476. The articles



on the list were found in Desai's luggage. A copy was given to Mr Desai.

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Sd. R. Milner White

3-9-29.

Sd. D. U. Kamat.

P. O.

3-9-29

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## P. W. 160.

*M. P. Damri, Custom Preventive Officer  
Bombay O. O.*

A passenger G. A. Adhkari arrived by S. S. Pilsna on 10-12-28. I produce his luggage form. It is Ex, P 1477. His luggage was searched and some documents and books were seized under the Sea Customs Act. I have brought a list of the articles seized: it is Ex. P 1478. Item No. 2 of the search list contains several letters: I believe the following to have been among them:—

2	Ex. P 1479	Letter of 2-6-28, (English)
	P 1480	Letter of 3-12-27 (Marathi)
	P 1481	Letter of 29-12-27 (Marathi)
	P 1482	Letter of 24-12-29 (Marathi)
	P 1483	Letter of 9-12-27 (Marathi)
	P 1484	Letter of 13-1-28 (Marathi)
	P 1485	Letter of undated (Marathi)

I did not go through the Marathi letters, but I think they are those found with Adhkari.

6	P 1486	Bundle of Inter. Press. Con.
12	P 1487	Communist manifesto (in German).
1	P 1488	Typed extract from thesis on Revolutionary Movement in Colonies and Sami-Colonies; contained in one of the four files.

18 P. 1489 Lenin on Religion (German).

16 P. 1490 Stalin on Peninism (German).

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Sd. M. P. Damri

Sd. R. Milner White

S. O. 3-9-29.

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## P. W. 161.

*Bikaji Mahadeo, Postman, Girgaon, O. O.  
Bombay*

*(In Marathi, translated by Mr. Ezekiel O, O.)*

A register is kept at the P. O. to show the payment of T. M. Os.

I paid the sum of 527/8/- on 28/1/28 to Spratt c/o Joglekar for a T.M.O. from Vanschall Bridge Road, Victoria Station. I made a payment at the Servants of India's Society building. Phillip Spratt signed in my presence: and it bears my signature too. The T. M. O. Receipt is Ex. P. 1491 and Spratt's signature is P. 1491 S.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

3. 9. 29.

Sd. Bhikaji Mahodev.

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## P. W. 162.

*Xavier Desa, Clerk, Chief Presidency Magistrate's Office,  
Bombay O. O.*

I am Chief Clerk of Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay. Declarations for newspapers are kept in the regular course of

business. I produce the declaration of 27. 6. 1928 filed by S. A. Dange as printer and publisher of Kranti; and also a certified copy which is Ex. P. 1492.

I also produce the declaration from (with certified copy) of K. N. Joglekar, as keeper of Labour Press, dated 8-12-1923. The copy is Ex. P. 1493.

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Sd. R. Milner White

3. 9. 29.

Sd. Xavier Desa.

3. 9. 29.

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## P. W. 163

*Lachman Das, Manager Royal Hotel, Delhi, O. O.*

I have been manager for 3 years. I have brought the register in which visitors write their names. Those who come to the hotel makes an entry in the register and the register is kept.

From the register I see that on 12-3-27 one Spratt came to my hotel. The portions escribed with red were written by Spratt ..... The register is Ex. P. 1494, and his writing is 1494 (a) and (b). The rest of the entry is in my office's writing. On that day he occupied room 22. Then he went to another room 27, so the form had to be filled up again. This is P. 1494 c. The whole of this is in his writing.

On the same S. V. Ghate came, and with him K. N. Joglekar and R. S. Nimbkar and S. S. Mirajkar, and Muzaffar Ahmad. They all lived in room 33. The whole entry is in Ghates writting It is P. 1494 D.

The entry object of visit in all these pages is given as "To attend Trade Union Congress." In the first case it is in my clerk's writing.

Spratt wrote "bookseller" in the column of occupation, and gave his address as Y.M.C.A. Bombay.

Ghate his address as Bombay 4.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

3-9-29.

Supplementary,

Thengdi came on 12. 3. 27. The whole page is written by him. He came from Poona, to attend the A. I. Trade Union Congress: with him was (Jhabwala) K. S. Zabwala. Thengdi was given as 61 years. They occupied room 28. The entry is Exhibit P. 1494 E.

On 13th March came Ganhar Rahman Khan, of Dervish, Muzara: also to attend Trades Union Conference. With him were S. D. Hason and M. A. Majid. They were in 32. The whole entry was written by Ganlar Rahman-

The entry is Exhibit P. 1494 F.

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Sd/- R. Milner White,

3/9/29.

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## P. W. 164

*H. C. Littlewood, Secretary Bombay Police O. O.*

I am in the Bombay Police. I have been in it for 7 years and 6 months. I was in Bombay for Jan. 1 1927 on wards I remember an incident at midnight on 4th April 1927. At midnight I saw Spratt, standing on the pavement outside Cowasji Jahangir Hall. He was at the time talking to a man whom I took to be a Jew from his complexion. I waited near the disused Wellington Fountain outside the majestic. Spratt parted from the man and went towards the Y. M. C. A. the man went towards Lund and Blockley. I followed him and he stood outside the shop for some time, and I suspected him to be a loofer. I asked him what he is doing he said he was enjoying the fresh air. I took him to the police station. On the way I asked what his name was: he said John he added it was John Charles. I asked him what he was before he got this name, and I detected from his speech that he was a Punjabi Mohamadan. I asked him his name as a Mohamadan and he said 'Fazl Ilahi.' I reported the incident next

morning to Mr. Jacob, Dy: Commissioner of Police. He issued orders to arrest him, and Mr. Desai arrested him. He was placed before Chief Presidency gistrate and desputed to Peshawar. He was the man I saw at midnight.

I boarded the steamer S. S. Razmak which arrived in Bombay on 30th April 1928. It was part of my duty stamp the passports (is shown Exhibit P. 6711. I examined the passports of D. Campbell who was one of the passengers by that boat. This was the same D. Campbell who was tried before the high Court for forging a passport.

I boarded the Ranpure on 23-9-27 to stamp passport (is shown Ex. P. 672) B. F. Bradley was one of the passengers on the list. I cannot say without passport whether I actually stamped his passport or not there was another office with me (Is shown the passport on Ex. P. 651). I cannot say definitely in 1927 we were all issued with different seals and I can't remember when they were issued.

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Sd. R. Milner White.

4-9-29

Sd. H. C. Little wood.

4-9-29 Sgt.

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P. W. 165.

*E. X. Pereira, S/o Entorny Pereira,*

*Hotel Magestic*

*Bombay O. O.*

I am Reception Clerk in Hotel Magestic, Bombay. I have brought my visitors register. D. Campbell stayed at the majestic from 3/5/26 arriving 12 noon room 29 from London-till 14/5/26 (noon). The book is kept in the ordinary course of business. I file the

register it is Ex. P 1495. Every visiter signes the register in his own handwriting.

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Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

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4/9/29.

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P. W. 166.

*L. H. B. Sandwell,*

*166, Hornby Road,*

*Bombay, O. O.*

I am a consulting Engineer. I have a servent called De Souza. About 25th April 1929 De. Souza gave me a typewritten document. I wrote the letter P 673—to the Police to Inspector Darojinski. I sent it in envelope P 673 E. The document forwarded with the letter is Ex. P 973. The pencil marks were made by me: I tried to decipher the code my boy de Souza gave the letter saying he had found it the day before when shifting the cupboard. He said that the drawer of the almirah had fallen out and the letter with it.

Mr. Bradley had the use of almirah before. I see him in court. He left me a few days before he was arrested, and up to that time he had the use of the cupboard. He came to stay with me at the beginning of Jan. 1929.

I took over the house from Mr. De Bough, where Bradley stayed before. He stayed in the room where the almirah was and used it.

x x by Joglekar

I was talking with Inspector Littlewood in the court from—I was asking him to sign my travelling bill. There was no evidence going.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

(Sd) L. H. B. SAND WELL.

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P. W. 167.

G. N. De Souza,

S/o M. De Souza, 17, Goa, O. O.

(In Gounese, translated by Mr. Uma Nath Casheer, O. O.)  
I know Mr. Sandwell: I am serving with him for 8 months in Apolo Chambers. I have seen Bradley before in Bombay in Apolo Chamber. He was also staying there in the Boarding House. I don't remember how long. He came when I was serving there. I remember the room he used. I handed over a letter to Mr. Sandwell once. This was after Bradley had left the house. I got it from the almirah the master told me to clear the cupboard, and when I was cleaning the shelf I found a piece of paper on the shelf—I can't remember the position. The almirah was in a room the same which Bradley had occupied it. The almirah had been in the room when Bradley occupied it. I have seen the paper—Ex. P 674 before: it is the one found in the almirah.

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Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

4/9/29.

Sd. G. N. De SOUZA.

P. W. 168

W. A. Duarte, Clerk in P. and O.

Passage Department,

Bombay, O. O.

I am an employee of the P. and O. Co., in the passage department. I have brought the passenger list of the Raznak Sailing to England from Bombay on 10/4/25. It contains the name of 'P. Glading' I produce the list which is brought from the official file, kept in the ordinary course of business. It is Ex. P. 1496.

The passenger lists Ex. 671, 672, are prepared in our London Office, and sent to our office to confirm the passengers who have actually sailed.

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(Sd) R. MILNER WHITE

4/9/28.

(Sd.) W. A. DUARTE.

## P. W. 169.

G. F. Bramhanakar, Bombay, O. O.

I am a clerk in the Bombay branch of Imperial Bank. I have brought papers from the Bank. I produce a letter of credit dated 14-12-26. for Rs. 2694/11/- to be paid to Philip Spratt. This sum was paid to Philip Spratt in two instalments and his receipt was taken on the back. It is Ex. P. 1497. There was also a letter of credit relating to the same transaction. It shows that Samuel Montagu & Co. advised the Bank to pay the money to Philip Spratt. The payment was made on 18-1-27. This Ex. P. 1498.

I produce also documents relating to a payment of 25-3-1927. There is a letter of credit sent by Samuel Montagu & Co. by order of Messrs. Olive N. Parsons for Rs 5351/15/-. The letter of credit is dated 3-3-27; it is Ex. P. 1499.

The pay slip which the Bank gave to Philip Spratt, to get the money, bearing the receipt of Philip Spratt, is Ex. P. 1500.

There is another transaction of 7-3-28. There is a letter of credit for Rs 1328/12/- in favour of Philip Spratt by order of Mr. Douglas Parsons. It is P. 1501. A temporary account was opened on his name as a 'Sunday depositer,' and the amount was drawn out by him on 7th March. The account of the temporary account is 1502, and the receipt given by Spratt is P. 1503.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

Sd. G. F. Bramhandkar.

4-9-29

## P. W. 170

Mr. Uma Nath Ram Chandra, Bombay O. O.

I have been with Thos-Cook & Co. for 23 years. They have a banking department. When any one sends money to any one in India by telegram, we identify the person by means of his passport before making payment. First we get instructions by cable from our English branch, by code word: the code word is decoded and then we arrange to pay the money. The name of the sending party may be known to us either from the original cable or at any rate from the confirmatory letter.



We have had dealings with B. F. Bradley. On 2-5-28, we received called instructions (sealed 1-5-28) from your London Office to supply travelling cheques for £103 to B. F. Bradley. The cable did not say on whose behalf this was to be paid. We made the payment to Bradley. The receipt is Ex. P. 1504. We must have got confirmation in the ordinary course. The C. I. D. asked us to find out the sender we asked our London office and they sent us the document—Ex. P. 1505. I have not brought the confirmatory letter. I can't say whether we get it in this case, but generally do. From my experience of banking procedure, I can say that the money was sent by Ruthbone, when I see the T. T. order from—P. 1505.

In Dec. 1928 we got a telegraphic order from our Sydney office dated 5-12-28 to pay Rs. 650/- to Mr. Jack Ryan. We made the payment of 7th December 1928. We got his signed receipt. The receipt is Ex. P. 1506. I see the receipt (for baggage)—Ex. P. 1347 it bears the signature of Mrs. Heggins, manager of our baggage Department.

Reserve  
Sd. Uma Nath.

Sd. R. Milner White  
4-9-29

## P. W. 171

*Umesh Ganpat Roy Sirur, S/o Ganpat Roy, Bombay, O. O.*

I am a shorthand reporter attached to Times of India Bombay. I have been there more than 3 years. On the 21st April 1929, I attended a meeting near the Dadar Ry. Station. I know a man called Hutchinson (points out accused). He made a speech at the meeting and I reported it. It was a meeting organised by the youth League of Dadar. Mr. Raja took the chair—he is secretary of the Dadar youth League. I transcribed the speech after I took it in shorthand. It is the document shown me—it is Ex. P. 1507. I reported the proceedings of the Riots. I enquire once or twice not always.

Sd. Umesh Ganpat Sirur.

Sd. R. Milner White,  
5-9-29

**P. W. 172**

*Mr. V. Windsor, Superintendent, Passport Office, Bombay, O. O.*

Applications for passports are made to me. I received the application-passport application of R. S. Nimbkar on 30th March 1927. The signature must be in the hand of the person making the application. It is Ex. P. 1508.

The application of K. N. Joglekar of 5th April 1927 was also received by me. It is Ex. P. 1509.

I also received the application of D. R. Thengdi dated 5th April 1927. It is Ex. P. 1510.

Also the application of Mirajkar in 1921 which was granted for two years. On 8-4-27 an application for renewal was made and then the old passport was unfounded. This is Ex. P. 1511.

I got the application of Ghate of 5th April 1927. It is Ex. P. 1290.

In all these cases the applicants have to write their signatures in their own hands.

x x by Nimbkar.

The application (P. 1508) is for China, Japan, U.S.A. and Great Britain for travel and journalistic studies.

Sd. R. Milner White

Sd. V. Windsor.

5-9-29

**P. W. 173**

*Mr. Nilkant Damodar Purandra,  
Inspector of Foreign Mails,  
Bombay O. O.*

I am in the Foreign Mail Office, Bombay. I supervise the sorting arrangements and also on the days of the inward Foreign Mail the interception of proscribed literature from foreign countries. If I suspect packets of containing objectionable literature I intercept it and open it.

On 22nd Feb. 1929 I was on duty when the Foreign Mail came. On that occasion I intercepted the packet and enclosure

shown to me, which were inside the envelope shown. The cover was received in a slightly damaged condition, so to satisfy myself that the contents were correct I opened it and found that it contained extracts from a proscribed publication by M. N. Roy. It is Exhibit P. 1512, (with P. 1512 E and 1512 A). I sent it to the Director Intelligence Bureau, Simla,

(objected to by Mr. Joshi as irrelevant).

× × reserved

Sd/ R. Milner White,

5-9-29.

Sd/ N. D. Purandre,

5-9-29.

**P. W. 174.**

*Mr. J. J. Wood, Superintendent, Telegraphs, Karadi. I am  
a Superintendent-in-charge telegraph office, Karadi.*

The telegram 383 was received on 15-11-28 through Indo European Telegraph Dept. The original received message is the one shown to me - Ex. P. 1513. The telegram was sent from Moscow by Praesidium U. S. S. R., C. C. T. U., Dozadoo Secretary. It bears the T. O. stamp.

The telegram was handed to personally by the Asst. Supt. I. E. T. O., Karadri, in compliance with standing orders.

A copy of it was sent to the Director Intelligence Bureau, Simla. The original was sent on to the Calcutta check office. It was not delivered to the addressee, in accordance with standing orders. It was addressed to "9th A. I. T. U. C., Joshi", etc.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

5-9-29.

Sd. J. J. Wood.

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Saraswati Machine Printing Press, Meerut (U. P. India).

## P. W. 175.

*Vijai Raghavachariar,*

*Deputy Postmaster, Thakersey House,*

*Bombay O. O.*

I am Deputy Postmaster, Thakersey House, Bombay. I have been in Post Office, service 20 years. I know the procedure followed when money is sent by Telegraphic Money Order from England or another foreign country to Bombay. The telegraph advice is received by the Government Telegraph Office who prepares a duplicate of the advice; a copy of it is sent to the office of payment, whether it be in any part of India, and another copy is sent to the Deputy Postmaster for file. The office of payment prepares a telegraphic Money Order receipt where in the particulars of remittance in Indian currency, name and full address of payee, are written on the top; on the lower portion, which is called the acknowledgment part we give only particulars of the amount on one side and on the back, the sender's name. There is one more portion which corresponds to the coupon of an ordinary Money Order on which any message sent by the sender, to the payee is entered. This form with the amount is sent out through delivery agents of Post Office, who take the signature of the payee both on the top portion, which is called the telegraphic money order receipt, the lower portion which is the acknowledgment, and pay the amount to the payee. The information portion, if any will be cut off and given to the payee.

One duplicate is therefore sent to the office of payment, and one stays in Bombay Foreign Office of Exchange, which is my office. No part of the receipt from generally arrives in my office.

(shown a receipt form), this is the receipt form issued by the office of payment. It is divided into three parts the (1) Receipt for telegraphic money order (2) telegraphic money order acknowledgement, (3) the coupon. The coupon is to be cut off and retained by the payee. So far as Foreign telegraphic money orders are concerned, the acknowledgement form is to be filled in the office of payment. The 'receipt for telegraphic money order' goes to the audit office.

The sender's name is written on the back of the 'Telegraphic Money Order acknowledgement' portion.

The document shown to me means as follows:—the No. 382 is the number of the original office of issue; and the date is the original date. The name of the sending office is next given. In other words, the form means that Rs. 527/8/- is being sent to B.F. Bradley c/o Mr. Sandwell, Appolo Chambers, Fort, Bombay, by Mr. Bradley. The form is Exhibit P. 1514.

Similarly there No. 383, dated 12th March 1929, from London, by which B.F. Bradley c/o Mr. Sandwell, is sent Rs. 527/8/- by Mr. Bradley, London, and bears the communication "From mother wire Receipt League". This part comes from the original message. This form is Exhibit P 1515.

The document shown to me--Exhibit P 1516 is one of the duplicates sent by the Government Telegraphic Office—one to the office of payment and one to me. It has the Government Telegraph Office stamp on it. "Askewpeony" is a code word used to indicate the amount of Indian currency to be paid to payee - i.e. Rupees. There are various code words for various amounts. In the receipt form there will be (judging from this form) the number of office of issue No. 938, the date of issue, 13th December 1927, office of issue London, amount Rs. 131/14/- addressee Mr. Philip Spratt c/o Kishoril Lal Ghosh, Vakil Kantapakur Lane, Calcutta, sender's name R.P. Arnot. There would be nothing on the coupon.

Looking at the next document Exhibit - P 1517 - it is the Telegraphic Money Order receipt prepared from this Exhibit P 1516. The acknowledgement portion, which must have contained the sender's name; has been cut off.

Similarly the document, Exhibit P 1518 is a Telegraphic Money Order advice for Rs. 527/8/- for P. Spratt c/o Kishori Lal Ghosh from R.P. Arnot. There is a communication "Merry Christmas - more by letter". This is also dated December 15th. The reason why two Telegraphic Money Orders were sent by the same person to the same payee on the same date is that Telegraphic Money Orders from foreign countries cannot be accepted for more than £. 40, so if £. 50 is sent, £. 40 must be sent by one Telegraphic Money Order and £. 10 by another.

Seeing the documents Exhibit P 1519-- I can say it is the Telegraphic Money Order receipt prepared from the advice Exhibit P 1518. In its original condition the sender's name would have been on the back of the acknowledgement form, and the message would be written on the coupon.

Seeing document - Exhibit P 1520 - it is one of the duplicate advisers received from London; it is dated 21st December 1927. It is addressed to B.F. Bradley, and the sender is Bradley. The amount is Rs. 395/10/- (in code).

The next document - Exhibit P 1521 - is the Telegraphic Money Order receipt corresponding to the advice Exhibit P 1520. The sender's name would have been on the back of the acknowledgement form.

The document—Exhibit P 1522 - is one of the duplicate advices from London dated 21st December 1927; No. 969, showing

that B.F. Bradley is being sent Rs. 527/8/- from 'Bradley', with communication "Cable receipt Bradley".

The document - Exhibit P 1523 - is the Telegraphic Money Order receipt prepared from the advice, P 1522, and when intact should have had name of the sender and the message.

Document - Exhibit P 1524 - is one of the duplicate advices from London S. W. district office - No 216—dated 17th 14th March 1928, sending Rs. 530/- to B. F. Bradley from L. C. Bradley.

The receipt (Telegraphic Money Order) prepared from it is P 1525. And the acknowledgement portion is P 1526, with sender's name and office of issue on one side, and payee's signature on the other.

Document - Exhibit P. 1527 - is a duplicate advice from London S.W. District Office, No 217 dated 14th March 1928 to B.F. Bradley for Rs. 530/- from L. C. Bradley.

The document Exhibit P 1528, is the Telegraphic Money Order receipt prepared from P. 1527, and Exhibit P. 1529 is the acknowledgement form forming part of it signed by Bradley and having sender's name on back.

Document - Exhibit P. 1530 - is telegraph advice duplicate from London dated 12th June 1928. No. 567, payee P. Spratt c/o Kishori Lal Ghose, for Rs. 527-8 from R. Arnot, with message "For representative Manchester Conference Robin".

The Telegraphic Money Order receipt prepared from it is P. 1531. The acknowledgement form and message from 'Robin' would have been on the portion cut off.

The reason why two Telegraphic Money Orders Exhibit P. 1524 and 1527 - were sent on the same day is as I have given before.

Document, Exhibit P. 1532 - is Telegraphic Money Order advice duplicate of London, 12th June No. 568, for B. F. Bradley, for Rs. 527/8 from Bradley - communication "Towards sending delegate Len". This must be the same as Exhibit P. 1530, as the numbers are concurrent.

The Telegraphic Money Order receipt prepared from P. 1532, is P. 1533, and the acknowledgement portion giving sender's name etc is P. 1534; the coupon bearing the message would have been cut off and retained by the payee.

Document P. 1535 - is an ordinary (foreign Sterling Money Order). The advice of sterling ordinary Money Orders is first sent to the Foreign Office of Exchange in a list; from that list all particulars are copied in the form of P. 1535. The top portion is entirely of the office of Exchange. - The middle portion is the

advice. The top portion will indicate the Indian Currency, the No. given by office of Exchange, and the date on which it was actually issued in Bombay, and the Post Office particulars. The middle portion contains the sterling value, name of payee, name of remitter, and name of office of issue. This document means that Mars Ziese, of Wilhebumeister, etc, is sending £. 20 Herr Mutaffar Ahmad. It never got to him. It was dated 15th June 1928.

Document Exhibit P. 1536 - shows that the same Max Ziese, on the same date, 15 June 1928, was sending £. 20 to Ghate, Bombay. This never got to him.

Document-Exhibit P. 1537 - shows that Max Ziese was sending £. 20 to Muzaffar Ahmad on 5th July 1928.

Document Exhibit P. 1538. shows that the same man was sending the same amount to Mr. Ghate Bombay on 5th July 1928. Neither got there.

Document, Exhibit P. 1539 - shows that the same man was sending £. 20 on 21st July 1928 to Muzaffar Ahmad, Peasants and Workers Party. It was not delivered.

Document, Exhibit P. 1540 was sent by the same man for the same amount on 21st July 1928 to Mr. Ghate B. A. It was not delivered.

Document Exhibit P. 1541 is a sterling money order from B. F. Bradley to L. C. Bradley for £. 5 on 18th May 1928, issued by Bombay General Post Office.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

5-9-29

Sd. C. Vijai Raghavachariar

5-9-29

x x by Mr. Sinha

The reason I say that the Money Orders did not get there is the Money Orders receipts are not signed by the payee.

I do not remember having received a communication from Muzaffar Ahmad about this subject.

Sd. R. Milner White,

5-9-29

Sd. C. Vijai Raghavacharia

5-9-29

P. W. 176.

*Mr. J. S. Dalal, S/o Jahangir Sorabji Dalal Bombay O. O.*

I am the credit reference clerk of the National City Bank of New York Bombay. I have been in it for three years. If a remittance is received from foreign countries we are advised by telegraphic transfer: this indicates the amount of money to be paid and the sender and the place from which it is sent. In the usual course we advise the party (payee) he calls for the money and it is paid over.

I have brought papers relating to payment of money to Jhabwala in May and September.

The first transaction related to an amount of \$ 7690, equivalent to Rs. 20,916/12/6. The Deutsche Bank Berlin advised us the payee was S. H. Jhabwala, Vice president, Textile Labour Union, Sandhurst Road. Order Varonoff, Moscow, reimburse National City Bank of New York. The date was 20th April 1928. The copy of the telegram received is Exhibit P. 1542. It is a Bank certificate copy. The money was not paid to Jhabwala because we came to know that he was not Vice President of the Union. We sent a telegram dated 33th April 1928 to the Deutsche Bank—it is P. 1543. Then we got fresh instructions from the Bank, dated 7th May 1928. Exhibit P. 1544. The money was then paid over, and the transaction in the Bills Purchase Register. I produce a copy of the entry of May 1928—P. 1545. An entry was also made in the last book, and I produce a copy of the entry—P. 1546. I also produce the duplicate advice telegraphic P. 1547, the duplicate mail advice—P. 1548, showing that the senders were informed that the money had been paid.

There was another transactions of August and September 1928. This time the sum was £ 1059, equivalent to Rs. 14,101/2/- The payee was S. H. Jhabwala, President Bombay Mill Workers Union. It was sent by the Deutsche Bank, Berlin, by order of All-rassische Genossenschafts bank, Moskan, and for account of Central Komitee der Textilarbeiter. In this case we were first received mail advice from Deutsche Bank in Berlin—it is Exhibit P. 1549. The next document would be the entry in our cash book, of which I produce a copy Exhibit P. 1550, showing that the money was paid to S. H. Jhabwala on 10th September 1928. He gave a receipt, signed by S. H. Jhabwala. It is Exhibit P. 1551.

In the usual practice the money comes in the name of the remitter.

× × by Jhabwala.

The head of my department is the accountant. The first amount was paid to N. M. Joshi through the Bombay Provisional



Co-operative Bank, and in such cases we pay by cheque and do not get a receipt. We received instructions from the cooperative Bank that payment was to be made to them on account of N. M. Joshi. Seeing Exhibit P. 1551 I can say that Jhabwala signed as President Bombay Mill Workers Union. I do'nt know the exact dates of the strikes. I read the Chronicle and Times of India.

I am the responsible officer of my department. The accountant is head of the cash department, to which I also belong. Of course I too have a superior office. The cashier handed over the money to Jhabwala.

The letter shown to me was issued from our Bank and bears the signature of our accountant I know his signature. The letter is Exhibit D. 2 (Jhabwala). The address in the letter is No. 1, Improvement Trust Chawl. Block 17, Foras Road, Bombay. It is dated 5th September. The money was paid on 10th September.

If we know the party, we hand over the money; if we do'nt, we require a reference. I personally did not hand over the money. I do'nt know if he produced a certificate of registration of his union or not.

We get money from various parts of the Continent to pay over to big firms in Bombay.

I do'nt know Mr. Jhabwala's registered address nor that of his union.

x x *by Dange.*

When we get instructions from a foreign country to pay money to a certain bank, our practice is to advise the bank in question. If the address of payee is incomplete, we do our best to find out the payee by making inquiries in the locality; we send agents out.

In the case of the \$7000, we did not send an agent to inquire.

The telegram was sent to us by the Telegraph Department, not by any other agency. I cannot say from personal knowledge who delivered it. This telegram never came to me. It was shown to me by the accountant Mr. Collings. At present he receives such telegrams now he did not then. I only got this telegram in connection with this case. I was not in charge of the office at that time. The facts I have studied are not to my personal knowledge. I am not aware of instructions that advice of money for trades unions should be communicated to the police.

x x *by Joglekar,*

I have been asked to bring "Other papers connected with the payments". I have brought almost all—I think *all*, the papers. The copy of the advice, I believe, could not be found. I brought all that could be found. I received instructions before I came from the

Accountant, Mr. Thatd. He did not instruct me whether advice about the \$ 7000 was sent to Jhabwala or not.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

6-9-29.

Sd. J. S. DALA.

## P. W. 177

*Andrew John Saldanata, Bombay O. O.*

I was Personal Assistant to Superintendent, Central Telegraph Office, Bombay in December 1928.

On 24th December 1928 a telegram was received from Communist of Great Britain to Muzaffar Ahmad. The original telegram is Exhibit P. 1552. It was sent from London on 21st December. It was held up.

On the same date a telegram, also dated 21st December, was received, addressed to National Congress, from Communist Party of Great Britain. Transmission also was withheld under article 7 of International Telegraph Convention. This telegram is Exhibit P. 1553.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

6/9/29.

Sd/- A. J. Sardanta

## P. W. 178

*Ventakeshar Iyer, son of Subramaniya Iyer, Bombay O. O.*

I am office Superintendent of the Bombay Mill Owner Association. I have been there for 6½ years. I see correspondence coming in. I was in Bombay in 1928. There was a strike there, of the Cotton Mill Industry. There was one general strike that year. I started about 16th April and went on till 4th October, when the agreement was signed. Before the strike began, no demands were not forward: but they were put forward on 3rd. May.

× × by Mr. Sinha. I am not aware of any conspiracy hatched in the offices of the Mill owners Association with the object of depriving the King of his sovereignty and substituting an Employer's Raj.

× × by Dange. My duties are general supervision of the office and carrying out orders of the committee and secretary of the Association. The demands were not forwarded to us till 3rd May, while the strike became general on the 28th or so. I am here as representative of the Association and have access to their papers. I have knowledge of the papers since 1923. In 1924 the Mill owners stopped payment of bonus to the workers. There was general strike on the subject. The proposed was in early 1924 or late 1923. Before the notice stopping the bonus was put up, the mill owners received a deputation from the Labour.

We received no other notice.

In 1925 there was a proposal to reduce the wages of workers by 11½ %. The proposal was made about July 1925. As far as I am aware there was no association of workers at that time. I don't know that the Girni Kamgar Mahamandal was in existence at that time. I can't say if the Association knew of it.

The Labour Leaders deputation in 1923 professed to represent labour in general or textile labour, not any particular association. Mr. Bhole was one of the members. I can't remember if a communique was issued. I don't know if the Governor was interviewed.

The notice of the cut in 1925 was put up in July or August 1925. I think it was to come into effect from Sept: 1925. I can't give exact date. The workers went on strike—I think it was 16th September. Before the strike we had a deputation—I don't know if it represented any Union. The Association issued no communique about the strike on the negotiations. I am not aware of any literature issued by any labour union. Whenever any literature of importance is issued by any association in Bombay, our members send us information. I know of no bulletins issued by the

Social Service League of Servants of India Society. I don't know if the Girni Kangar Mahamandal was one of the constituents of the delegation which negotiated during the strike.

A deputation waited on H. E. I can't remember the names.

As far as I remember the annual report following the strike gives a general survey of the strike but not a detailed account. The report is dealt with generally by the Association Secretary.

On one or two occasions-such as the Edward Emperor Mills-the workers or their union have approached us direct, I can't remember the grievance, I have a faint recollection that it was Mr. Bakhle-it was probably some else in 1926. He would be on behalf of the Textile Labour Union. There was strike on the grievance.

I am not aware of a strike in the Sassoon Mill in 1927. Our Association is not necessarily informed of individual strikes.

Individual Mills do not, as far as I am aware, inform my association about the introduction of any new system.

We correspond with the mills every day. I don't remember any about the introduction of the 3-loom and double frame system.

I do not remember that the Bombay Dying and manufacturing Co. informed us that they were introducing piece work I can't say definitely that there was no such correspondence.

There was no circular issued by my Association regarding the advisability of introducing the 3-loom and 2 frame system in all the mills of Bombay.

We had a sub committee to consider the standing action of wages; I don't find the 3-loom and 2-frame system considered in their report.

I can't remember exactly if the Sassoon Mills strike on that point or not.

Sassoon United Mills Ltd. are members of our association. They have 5 mills under their control. The company E. D. Sassoon & Co is not a member as such.

There are other Mills who are members who are controlled by the Sassoon and Co. as agents.

I am not aware if the workers of the individual mills represented their grievances to their own mill owners or not.

× × by Mr. Chakravati. We received a deputation from the Joint Strike Committee in June 1929.

I got the letter of 3rd May addressed to the Association-Ex. D. 3. (Nimbkar). (admitted subject to identification).

There was one general strike in 1924, one in 1925, and one in 1928. I can't say the exact number of individual strikes, I can't say whether there were 10 or 100.

*re. ex.* The 1924 strike lasted for about 2 months, and the 1925 one about 2½ months.

As far as I remember there was no talk of a reduction of 11½% in wages prior to 1925.

Sd. R. Milner White

6/9/29

Sd. Ventakeshar Iyar.

6/9/29.

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P. W. 179.

*Mr. N. V. Trivedi, Superintendent Police,  
Kanara, Bombay O. O.*

I am superintendent of Police N. Kanara District, Bombay Presidency, in 1928 December. I was in the Intelligence Bureau of Government of India, working at Bombay. This is my 21st year of service. In December 1928 I attended the A. I. meeting of the Workers and Peasants Party. The conference was on 21, 22, 23, 24 December. For the first 3 days it was held at the Albert Hall, and on the 4th day at 121, Lower Circular Road. I attended on first three days.

(Is shown Ex. P. 669)-I have read this document. I heard nothing about the fraternal message from the Communist International given on P. 5. and at p. 3, Cashpara, there is an amendment by Bhagwati Charan "to pay all state debts"—this should have been "Not to pay all state debts," with these exceptions, the account of the first 3 days proceedings is substantially correct.

After the end of the 3rd day, there is mention of a procession. I can say nothing about that, as I did not attend it.

At the time I made out a list of people present. Among them—Spratt, Bradley, Muzaffar Ahmad, Shamsul Huda, Dharni Goswami, Shib Nath Banerjee, Gopal Basak, R. A. Mitra, Kishori Lal Ghosh, Gopen Chakravarti, Sohan Singh Josh, K. N. Joglekar, R. S. Nimbkar, D. R. Thengdi, S. S. Mirajkar, S. V. Ghatge, B. S. Kasle, P. C. Joshi, L. N. Kadam, Gouri Shankar Sharma among the accused were present.

Mr. Ryan was also there; I had seen him at Jhevial. He was a delegate from P. P. T. O. Secretary.

I know the accused from Bombay. I could recognise some of the others. I can recognise some—points one R. R. Mitra, P. C. Joshi, G. C. Basak, Kasle, Muzaffar Ahmad, Goswami, L. R. Kadam; but is unable to name all...in addition to Bombay accused.

I took notes at this meeting. I prepared a confidential report.

I got a copy of S. S. Josh's speech. I read it through. He read it out in Urdu. (Shows P. 1211) the copy of the speech in this exhibit is similar to the copy which I obtained.

I saw printed copies of the 'political Resolution,' the 'Trade Union Movement' and 'the Principles and Policy'—they were distributed there. I have seen the documents in Ex. P. 1211: they are duplicates of those which I received.

(Shown. P. 546 (2) This leaflet also was distributed and I got a copy.

(Revolution and Independence).

The Jherial conference was about 18, 19, 20 December. I attended it.

The photo P. 461, looks like the Mr. Ryan who was present at the A. I. Conference.

At the Jherial conference were Spratt, Bradley, Johnston, Ryan and Kirk. Johnston was the representative of the League against Imperialism and he had come down to get the Trade Union Conference affiliated to the League: he delivered speeches in favour of it. Ryan was also speaking for the affiliation of the T. U. C. with the P. P. T. U. Secretary.

At this T. U. Congress, there were present, Spratt, Bradley, Muzaffar Ahmad, Joglekar, Thengdi, Mitra, Kasle, Ghatge of the accused. Also Bose or Ghosh, Shamsul Huda, Shib Nath Banerjee.

Jawahir Lal Nehru was elected as next president. He was opposed by Kulkarni of Bombay, who was put up by the Workers and Peasants Party, Communist group. The accused mentioned

are members of the W. & P. Party, and some of them also of the Communist Party of India. They formed the Communist group I mentioned.

After time of the National Congress at Calcutta, about the 26th December, the W. & P. Party took a procession of the Workers in Calcutta to the Congress Pandal, and took possession of the Pandal. There were several thousands of them. I was at the Congress when they arrived. The Congress visitors and delegates were in the Pandal, but the workers declined to go away. They wanted to make a demonstration in favour of the masses and force the Congress to take mere notice of them.

I ascertained the names of those present at the conference (A. I. W. & P.) by listening to the introductions when they moved resolutions and also by asking other people present.

I saw Shamul Huda both at Jherial and Calcutta, and he gave me the speeches. And Gopal Basak took my ticket.

× × by Mr. Chakravarti. I read P. 66, here today in the Prosecution office. I refreshed my memory from the confidential report.

The typed copy of list of persons present to which I have referred is the original copy. I have brought it today.

The names I gave of those present at Jherial conference I gave from memory. I have attended many conferences.

Court. I knew it was the W. & P. Party which took the procession to the National Congress because I had a talk with some of their leaders, who told me that they had organised.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

6. 9. 29.

Sd. N. V. Trivedi.

## P. W. 180

*Shankar Ganpat Nikam, S.I., C.I.D. Poona, O.Q.*

In May 1927 I was posted at Thana town. I attended a meeting on 7th May 1927 when P. Spratt made a speech. I see him here. The meeting was in connection with the Labour and Youth movement in India. Mr. Shringapore presided. I took rough notes of his speech in long hand. I submitted a report to the Dist. Sup. Police, Thana. The report, Ex. P. 1554, is my report, and bears my signature. It contains the substance of Spratt's Speech.

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Sd/- R. Milner White.

6/9/29.

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## P. W. 181.

*Amar Khan Chaudhri, Dep. Inspector, Bombay, O.O.*

I have been 8 years in the Police, I know Shaukat Usmani. I arrested him on 20th March. The warrant is Ex. P. 1555 and I signed it. I also had a search warrant which I executed at Aga Khan Building. It is Ex. P. 1556. I searched his person as well as his house. I prepared a search list for both, the search lists are Ex. P. 1557 (person) 1558 (house): I signed them and so did the search witnesses.

Taking the personal search list first (ex. P. 1557) the following were found among the others:—

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|----|--------|---|
| 1  | P 1559 | Piece of paper with vernacular writing—<br>what is a communist. |
| 2  | P 1560 | Urdu notes criticising Nehru report.                            |
| 6  | P 1561 | Addresses.  |
| 8  | P 1562 | Bradley's address in London in<br>Bradley's writing.            |
| 9  | P 1563 | Prescription for invisible ink.                                 |
| 12 | P 1564 | Pocket diary for 1929.  |



13 P 1565 ( ) (Note book. )

All these things were found on his person and were signed by me and the search witnesses.

In the house search (Ex. P. 1558), the following were found among other things:—

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| 5  | P 1566  | Manifesto of Marx and Engels  |
| 6  | P 1567  | Pamphlet, "What is this Communist Party?"                           |
| 8  | P 1568  | Three copies of Paiyame Mazdur.                                     |
| 19 | P 1569  | Pamphlet "Workers and Peasants Party of Bengal, constitution 1928". |
| 26 | P 1570  | Bengal Peasants and Workers Party constitution.                     |
| 27 | P 1571  | Women of the Future.  |
| 30 | P 1572  | Pamphlet "What is the Pan Pacific T.U. Sec."                        |
| 36 | P 1573  | Six copies of "Pan Pacific Worker."                                 |
| 46 | P 1574  | Pamphlet (typed)—"A page from Russian Revolution" signed by Shaukat |
|    | P 1574E | Usmani, with another, preface, and envelope.                        |
| 49 | P 1575  | File containing:—   |
|    | (1)     | Presidential address of S.S. Josh (Urdu and English)                |
|    | (2)     | Principles and Policy   |
|    | (3)     | Trade Union Movement  |
|    | (4)     | Political Resolution  |
|    | (5)     | Report of E. C. P. AND W. Party Bengal.                             |
|    | (6)     | Typed copy of proceedings of 1st W & P. Party A.I. Conference.      |
|    | (7)     | Two copies of Marathi Pamphlet—Kamkari.                             |
|    | (8)     | "Appeal to Bombay Clerks" by 'A Clerk'.                             |
| 50 | P 1576  | File, containing 15 copies of Imprekor various dates -              |

- 51 P 1577 Five copies of 'Spark of 10, 17, 24 Feb. 1929, and 2 of 3rd March.
- 53 P 1578 Two copies of Sunday Worker, Nov. 18 and 25, 1928, and two cuttings (1) 1578(1) picture of Stalin (2) Picture of Mme, 1578(2) Lenin
- 61 P 1579 Communism by R.P. Dutt.
- 62 P 1580 Bundle of Payam Mazdur

The search witnesses were Sakharam Tukaram Labre, & Chandulal Nathbhai Patel. Shaikat Usmani was present all the time.

I also received a warrant for the search of Mr. Hutchinson. It is Ex. P. 1581. I carried out the search in three places—(1) at Khatare Building (2) Office of New Spark at Krishna Building and (3) 5, Napier Road. Hutchinson used to have a room No. (1); he was editor of the New Spark, so the office of that was searched: and he used to visit No. 3.

I prepared a search list for each of these places. In the first the witnesses were A. Monterio and J.E. Mascenalus.

The search list is Ex. P. 1582. The following were found among other papers:—

- 1 P 1583 Communism by R.P. Dutt.
- 10 P 1584 Young Liberator, containing article by Hutchinson 'Moscow, Meerut' and the masses.
- 11 P 1585 Nos. 1—4 and 6 of New Spark.
- 44 P 1586 M.S.S. notes in Hutchinson's writing headed 'India and the General Elections
- 50 P 1587E Three photos in envelope (1) Bradley 1587(1) endorsed by him (2) Hutchinson, 1587(2) Randevi Mrs. Nambiar and others : (3) 1587(3) Mr. Hutchinson and others (Witnesses recognises Bradley, Hutchinson, Randevi and Mrs. Nambiar in the photos).
- 54 P 1588 Marine Engineer Beneficial Assoc: New York ticket in favour of Amir Haidar Muhamed.
- 63 P 1589 Three M.S. sheets headed 'Russia'

These were found in Khatare building.

For the search of New Spark office, the witnesses were, Suhadeo Shankar Ram Pande and Bhagwanji Dulabhji Mehta. The search list is Ex. P. 1590.

The following were found among other papers :-

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| 8  | P 1591 | Cutting from Indian Daily Mail—May Day celebrations in Bombay. |
| 12 | P 1592 | Copies of New Spark including No. 5.                           |

For the search of Napier Road, Mohomed Husain A. Karim and Man Chand Rai Chan' Shah were the witnesses, the search list is Ex. P. 1593.

Among other papers were found :-

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| 5   | P 1594 | Copy of Imprekor for 10-5-29.         |
| 7,8 | P 1595 | Two copies of Teachers International. |

All these papers were signed by the search witnesses and were found where I have stated.

I was present on the S.S. Nevasa on 12 Sept. 1928. I carried out a search on that day, and made a note. One of the crew Md. Abdul Hakim was searched along with others. I made a list of what was found.

Ex. No. 376 was found in his box it is entered in my list as No. 2. A letter addressed to Muzaffar Ahmad was also found (No. 1) It was closed. I opened it in the presence of the man and read it: It is Ex. P. 378 and 378 E. My list is Ex. P 1596.

In June 1928 a man giving his name as Abul Hamid came to me and complained that one of my watchers was watching him (points out. *Ajudhia Prasad*).

From time to time I have intercepted correspondence. The letter, Ex. P 1597 and 1597 E was intercepted by me on 8 June 1928: I got it from the Post Office.

I intercepted letter (Ex. P 1598 and 1598 E) in German on 6th July 1928. the English letter (Ex. P 1599 and 1599 E) was intercepted the same date.

On 20th July 1928, I intercepted the letter (English) Ex. P 1600 and 1600 E.

On 14th July 1928 I intercepted a letter dated 28th June, of which Ex. P. 160, is a correct copy. The original was reposted: it was on paper like that of Ex. P 1348 (34) and bore a similar signature.

The photograph—Ex. P. 1602 P. was a copy of a letter intercepted by me on 21st August.

Letter dated 5-9-28 from V. Chattopadhyaya Ghate was intercepted on 28th Sept. 1928. The letter was photographed and so was the cover:— Ex. P 1603 P, and P 1603 P. E. In the same cover was Press Service of League against Imperialism No. 7 of 1928. This was extracted, as being proscribed and the letter itself was sent on without it. The Press Service is Ex. P 1604.

On 4th June 27 I intercepted a letter from Dange to Juglekar dated 4-6-27. I made a copy (not photographed) and sent it on. The copy is Ex. P 1605.

On 23rd March 1928, I intercepted a letter from C.P. Dutt to S.A. Dange (undated) A typed copy was made in my presence by S. I. Katare. It is Ex. P 1606.

On 6th April 1928 I intercepted a letter from C. P. Dutt to S.A. Dange. I prepared a copy of it Ex. P 1607.

On 16th July, 1928, I intercepted a letter from S. S. Josh, Kirti, Amritsar to S.A. Dange, of 14th July 1928. I prepared a copy— it is Ex. P 1608.

On 17th Aug. 1928 I intercepted the cover shown to me addressed to Dange and containing a letter of Aug. 2, 1928 from Bol Lovell and a cheque for Rs. 266/10/-. It was withheld. It is Ex. P 1609, 1609 E, & 1609 (A).

On 5th October 1928, I intercepted a letter from Chattopadhyaya to N.M. Joshi dated 18th Sept. 1928. Inside the cover I found that the letter was addressed to Dange. In the cover there was also a circular letter from the League against Imperialism. The letter and the cover were photographed and reposted. The enclosure was withheld. The photo is Ex. P 1610 P. 1610 P.E. and 1610 (a).

On 9th Nov. 1928 I intercepted a letter of 5-11-28 from Muzaffar Ahmed to Dange, I got it photographed, and produced the copy Ex. P 1611 P.

On 4th March 1929 I intercepted a letter of 1st March 1929 from Muzaffar Ahmed to Dange. I had it photographed, the—photo is Ex. P 1612 P.

On 19th Jan. 1928 I intercepted a letter of 16-1-28 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Dange, I made a copy Ex. P. 1613.

On 15th Feb. 1928 I intercepted a letter of 11-2-28 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Dange. And enclosed was a letter addressed to secretary Council of Action, A.I.T.U.C., from Goswami. I made a copy of both letters Ex. P 1614.

On 5th March 1928, I intercepted a letter of 2nd March, from Muzaffar Ahmad to Dange. I prepared a copy Ex. P 1615.

On 5-8-28 I intercepted a letter dated 3-8-28 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate, I prepared a copy Ex. P. 1616.

On 10-8-28 I intercepted a letter of 7-8-28, from Muzaffar Ahmad to Dange. I prepared a typed copy Ex P 1617.

On 25-1-29 I intercepted a letter of 21-1-29 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate. A photo of it was taken Ex P 1618. P. and P 1618 P.E.

On 22-10-28 I intercepted a letter of (undated) from P. C. Joshi to Dange a photo was taken—Ex P 1619 P and 1619 P. E.

On 9-11-28 I intercepted a letter of 6-11-28 from P. C. Joshi to C.G. Shah. I made a photo Ex P. 1620 P and 1620 P.E.

On 9-11-28, I intercepted a postcard of 6-11-28 from P. C. Joshi to Dange, I made a photo Ex P. 1621 P.

On 7-7-27 I intercepted a letter of 6-7-27 from D.R. Thengdi to Mirajkar. I made a copy—Ex P 1622.

On 22-12-27 I intercepted a letter of 21-12-27, from Thengdi to Joglekar I made a copy. Ex. P 1623.

I also intercepted the following:—

Ex. No.	Date of interception.	Date of Document.	Nature of document & of copy.
P 1624	4-4-28	2-4-28	.... Letter from Shaukat-Usmani to Dange typed copy.
P 1625	2-5-28	29-4-28	.... Shaukat Usmani to Dange typed copy.
P 1626	24-7-28	22-7-28	.... M.A. Majid to Dange typed copy.
P 1627P	24-10-28	21-10-28	.... D.K. Goswami to Sec: W.&P, Party Bombay photo.
P 1628P	7-1-29	3-1-29	.... Kishori Lal Ghosh to Dange photo.
P 1629P & 1629PE.	19-9-28	17-9-28	.... Kadam to Jhabwala photo
P 1630P & 1630E	27-9-28	25-9-29	.... Kadam to Joglekar photo
P 1631P & 1631PE.	20-10-28	17-10-28	.... Khadam to Mirajkar photo

P 1632 & 1632E.	8-6-28		.... Eastern and Colonial Bulletin Cyclostyled—of May, 1928, to Jhabwala—Original and cover (bearing Max Ziese's name) withheld.
P 1633 & 1633E	1-6-28	May 16, 28....	From V. Chattopadhyaya to Jhabwala—Original & envelope withheld.
P 1634 & 1634E	1-6-28		.... Five copies of resolutions passed at the general Council (1927) of League Against Im- perialism Original withheld addressed to Jhabwala.
P 1635 & 1635E	1-6-28		Press service of League agst. Imperialism for May address- ed to Jhabwala & original withheld.
P 1636 (a) 1636E	5-4-29	14-3-26 ...	From M. Appleton of P.P.T. U.S. to Jhabwala original withheld-with enclosure circ- ular message.
P 1637 1637E	16-3-28	13-3-28 ....	From Sohan Singh to Dange original withheld.
P 1638 & 1638E	6-7-28	4-7-28 ...	Sohan Singh To S. V. Ghate original withheld.
P 1639 & 1639 E.	6-7-28	4-7-28 ...	Sohan Singh to Dange original withheld.
P 1640 & 1640E	8-8-28	6-8-28 ....	Sohan Singh to Ghate, origi- nal, withheld.
P 1641	20-8-28	18-8-28 ....	Sohan Singh to Dange typed copy.
P 1642 P 1642 P.E.	16-9-28	14-9-28 ....	Sohan Singh to Ghate-photo
P 1643	16-9-28		.... 2 Gurmukhi original, withheld
P 1644 1644E 1644 (a)	16-11-28	31-10-28 ....	Chattopadhyaya (Objected to Jawahir Lal to by Mr. Nehru with two Chakravarti) illustrated papers Objection original withheld withdrawn

Sd/ R. Milner White,

12-9-29.

P 1645 P 30-11-28 14-11-28 .... Chattopadhyaya to Jawahir Lal Nehru photo.

P 1646 28-12-28 12-12-28 .... Chattopadhyaya to Jawahir Lal Nehru original withheld

1646E

1646 (a) with enclosure in French.

(M.S.)

Ex No.	Date of interception	Date of letter	Nature of letter and copy.
P 1647 P	11. 1. 29	19. 12. 28	Willi Murzenhey to Jawahir Lal Nehra-Photo.
P 1648 1648 E.	19. 10. 28	Sept 1928.	From Willi Maz and than to see W.&P.P.Bombay original, with held.
P 1649 P	9. 11. 28	24. 10. 28	From Chatto. to Jawahir Lal Nehru Photo.
P 1650 and 1650 E	15. 2. 29	.... ..	Press servia of L. A. I. to Jawahir Lal Nehru original withheld:
P 1651 1651 E 1651 (a) 1651 (b)	8. 3. 29	20. 2. 29	Willi Muz. and Chatto to Jawahir Lal—original, with held:  with two enclosureslat recived of activities of League.
P 1652 1652 E	5. 4. 29	20. 3. 29	Willi Munz. to Jawahir Lal Nehru—original with held.
P 1652 (a)	„	19. 3. 29	another in same cover between same parties original together with
P 1652 (c)			enclosure-circular letter to members of Ex. Com.—all with held.
P.1653	5- 4- 29	„	Press Service of L. A I. to Jawahir Lal Nehru Original with-

IP 1659 E held.

Sd. R. Milner White.

Sd. A. K. Chaudhari. 9-9-29.

Mr. Chaudhri O. O. continued.

Other letters intercepted were:—

P 1654 P 24-10-28 22-10-28 Muzaffar Ahmed, to Ghate photo.

P 1655 P 18-1-29 2-1-29 A letter to Jawahar Lal Nehru photo.

P 1656 P 28-9-28 10-9-28 Saklatwala and Potter Wilson to Bharucha—typed copy.

P 1657 14-12-28 20-11-28 Mr. Nambiar to Mrs. Nambiar about arrival of Adhikari. typed copy.

P 1658 P 14-12-28 29-11-28 C. P. Dutt to Ghate—photo

P 1659 P 25-1-29 10-1-29 C. P. Dutt to Bradley and 1659 PE photo.

P 1660 P 15-2-29 31-1-29 Potter Wilson (W. W. L. I) to Bradley—photo.

P 1661 9-12-28 6-12-28 Cover containing (1) Functions of subcommittee and (2) Labour and Swaraj Spratt's Draft sent to Jhabwala, with letter-typed copy.

P 1662 16-11-28 23-10-28 R. I. L. U to 9th A. I. T. U. C Jheria through N. M. Joshi ....Original, with held.

P 1663 14-12-28 " To W. and P. P. Bombay from A. Lessovski Ex. Com R. I. L. U. Original, with held.

P 1664 P 22-2-29 5-2-29 Many Polit to Jawahar Lal Nehru. photo

P 1665 2-3-29 14-2-29 To Dange from? Original with held.

P 1666 20-4-29 27-3-29 League against Imperialism to Editor, Spark, with Press service Original withheld.



P 1667	22-12-28	4-12-28	Mrs. Bradley to Bradley typed copy
P 1668 P	22-12-28	5-12-28	From Lenin to Bradley : Photo
P 1669 P.	18-1-29	Wednesday 16-1-29	From Hutcheon to Bradley Photo.
P 1670	21-9-28	5-9-28	Mrs. Bradley to Bradley typed copy,
P 1671 P	1-10-27	29-9-27	Bradley to Mosman "Leo- nard" to "Maek" Photo

A watcher informed me that Bradley had posted a letter at G. P. O. It could not be intercepted there, so I intercepted it at the Mole Station out of the London Mail bag. The envelope was of the same colour and size as those of other letters sent by him. It was addressed to E. S. Horsman, 10, Richings Avenue, Walthamstow, in capital letters. I photographed the letter but not the envelope made a report about it, which I produce P 1672. In my report I refer to a letter extracted by me from the postbox by the Apollo Hotel. This letter is:—

P 1673 P	30-9-27	29-9-27	Bradley to Asaf Photo
P 1674 P	22-2-29	3-2-29	From S. V. Sovani member Photo postcard
P 1675 P	17-9-28	14-9-28	Spratt to Ghate about Alli- son's luggage Photo
P 1676 and 1676 E (1) 1676 E (2)	16-3-29	27-2-29	(1) covering letter to Mrs. Nambiar, unsigned; (2) Let- ter to Adhikari signed by R (3) Article "Pole of Proleteriat in National Revolution" by Abdur Rahman" M N Roy all enclosed in an envelope addressed to Suhasini, in another envelope addressed to Miss Chattopadhyaya- original, withheld

Ex, No	Date of inter- ception	Date of letter	Nature of letter and copy
P 1677	6-7-28	20-6-28	Chotta to Ghate. M S Copy
P 1678	23-6-28		Spratt to Joglekar typed copy
P 1679	18-5-28	2-5-28	Agnes Smedley to Jawahir Lal Nehru: typed copy

P. 1680 18-5-28 2-4-58 Chotto, to Jawahir Lal Nehru  
and 1680 E Original with held

P 1681 28-7-28 30-6-28 Vernova, U.S.S.R., to N. M.  
Joshi typed copy.

P. 1682 is a printed leaflet distributed at 1st meeting of  
Bombay Press, Youth Congress at which I was present,

P. 1683 14-12-28 13-12-28 G. A. Adhikari to Mr.  
Nimbkar typed copy.

I attended a meeting on 14th September 1927 to welcome  
Shaukat Usmani, on his release from Jail Spratt, Dange, Nimbkar,  
Joglekar, Ghate and Shaukat Usmani, and Mirajkar prepared a  
report from them it sets out the substance of the speeches. I  
produce the report Exhibit P. 1684.

On 7th November 1927, I attended a meeting at Bombay to  
celebrate the anniversary of the Russian Revolution. Dange,  
Ghate, Joglekar, Mirajkar, Jhabwala, were among those present  
Various people spoke and I took notes of their speeches I prepared  
a report which I produce Exhibit P. 1685. My report is the typed  
portion not the manuscript notes or the erasures.

On 3rd January 1929 I attended a meeting at which Mr. Jack  
Ryan gave an address on "My experience of Soviet Russia". S. S.  
Mirajkar introduced him; a shorthand note was taken by Mankar.  
I have read his transcription it is a correct report of the speeches.

On 2nd March 1929 I attended a meeting under auspices of  
Matunga Youth League. Hutchinson spoke. A note was kept by  
me as well as by a shorthand writer, Mankar. I have seen his trans-  
cription it is correct.

On 26th March 1929 at Jimna Hall Hutchinson also made  
speech. It was reported by Mankar. I have read his report it is  
correct.

On 2nd February 1928 I searched one Abid Ali, an Indian  
Crew on S. S. Manra. I found a letter on him addressed to R. K.  
Karanth, Gladburst Santa Cruz, inside which was another envelope  
addressed to Ghate, inside which was another envelope addressed  
to "Jack". The letter is the one shown to me Exhibit P. 1686 outer  
cover 1686 E (v) "for Ghate"; 1687 E (2) "Jack" 1686 E (3).

There was also found with Abid Ali a visiting card of  
Upadhyaya P. 1687. He also had with him a membership card of  
Indian Seaman's Union.

In all the cases of interception except where the letter was  
withheld, the same procedure was followed I got the letter from the

Post Office, copied it either by photographing or otherwise, and then reported it.

× × by Chakarvarti.

I had no search warrant with me in the case of the Marrora search. I was sent to render assistance to the customs authorities who are empowered to search under the sea customs Act. I do not remember whether there was a written order or whether I was ordered orally. Looking at my papers, I see I was asked in writing. Everything taken was put up before the Deputy Commissioner. It stayed in his possession.

There was no investigation into the present case in my office. The prosecution officer here sent for those things from Bombay. I cannot detail my precise duties in the office.

In my search S. S. Nevasa, there was same the procedure.

The interception is done under Section 26 (1) Indian Post Office Act, as amended in 1912. I got orders in writing for the interceptions. The reason was "public safety and tranquillity." The particular order covers all the correspondence of a particular individual for the period during which the order is in force. My order was from the Local Government (Bombay). The reason for taking photos is to insure the originality of the letter and genuineness of interception. I do not take certificates of posting when I report letters after interception. I have no personal knowledge of as to whether the letters reposted reach the addressees, though in some cases subsequent correspondence contains an acknowledgement. I can't give the date when I commenced intercepting letters.

This case was started on 20th March 1929. I have intercepted letters after the institution of this case, under the previous order of the Local Government.

I submitted no report to the Prosecution here about letters intercepted after 20th March.

In intercepting letters, the Post Office send the letters by our own men. The letter is opened in our office. The photographer takes the photo in my presence. I know some thing of photography. None of the letters was photographed by me. I select articles which are to be detailed, or reposted. Detention is under the orders of the Deputy Commissioner. I cannot say what becomes of those letters. The reposted articles are reposted by my men - not by me personally,

×× by Mr. Joshi.

I have been in the special branch for about 7 years. I can't say since when I have had the duty of intercepting letters.

I had orders to intercept letters of Jhwahar Lal Nehru. I do not remember when I got the orders referring to him. As regards the accused I got the orders in 1928 or before. I have not brought my orders. I have orders to intercept letters to Mr. Nimbkar c/o Miss Chathopadhya; I can't say if I have any as regards letter addressed to Miss Chattopadhyaya or herself.

When I prepared the copies I had the copies compared - either by myself or by another officer - Some times I got the copies initialied.

× × by Joglekar.

No complaints were received by me of letters not received during to interception. I do not know of any such complaints. When letters are withheld, the parties are not informed.

× × by Thengdi.

There are no rules as regards which letters are to be withheld, or which to be reposted.

× × reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

10/9/29.

Sd/- A. K. Chandhari,

10-9-29.

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P. W. 182

*Sardar Bahadur Sardar Sadhu Singh s/o Sardar Gulab Singh*  
*H.A.C. Amritsar O. O.*

I am an Hon. Magistrate and Revenue Officer. The signature on P. 1407 is mine.

On 12th. Feb. 1929 the office of the Manager of Kirti was searched in my presence: a search list was prepared it is Ex. P. 1407.

I signed the papers recovered. I identify my signature on Ex. P. 1408, 1409, 1410. Each paper of P. 1410 bears my signature. Nasiruddin Inspector conducted the search. I do not know Balwant Singh well.

The things shown were found at the search.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White

10-9-29

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## P. W. 183.

*Ghulam Hasan, s/o Mir, Abdulla, Kashmiri Amritsar O. O.*

The Onkar Press was searched in my presence by Inspector Nasiruddin on 20th March. He took some papers into his custody and I signed it. It is Ex. P. 1392. My signature is also on 1393, 1394: they were found in the search. The Manager and Asstt. Manager of the Press were present.

On the same day, the office of the Manager of the Kirti was searched by the same Inspector: I was present. My signature is on the search list, Ex. P. 1397. I identify my signature also on Ex. P. 1398, 1399 and one of the two copies of P. 1400. They were found there. Firoz Uddin Mansur Asstt. Editor was present.

The same day the office of the Kirti was searched in my presence. I signed the search list: it is Ex. P. 1402. My signature is also on Ex. P. 1403-6: they were found there. Firoz Uddin Mansur was present.

All these three places adjoin one another.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

10-9-29

## P. W. 184

*A Monteiro, son of F. X. Monteiro,*

*Telegraph Department O. O.*

I witnessed the search of Mr. Hutchinson's house at Khatan Building on 15th June. Mr. Chaudhri was the officer who search. A search list was prepared, and I signed it. The list is Ex. P. 1582, it bears my signature. I signed the papers recovered there. The papers P. 1583,—1589 bear my signature and were recovered at the place.

x x by Hutchinson. The search took place at about 8-30. I live in the same building on the same floor as Hutchinson. Mr. Chaudhri called me. The door was locked: Mr. Chaudhri broke it open.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

10-9-29.

Sd. A. Monteiro.

## P. W. 185

*Sukhdeo Shankar Ram Estatewala, son of Shankar Ram*

*Bombay, O. O.*

The New Spark office was search in my presence 2-2½ months ago. It is on the 4th floor, of Kishen Building. I live on the 1st floor. Mr. Chaudhri conducted the search. A search list was prepared. I signed it. I recognise my signature on P. 1590 it is the search list.

I signed all the papers recovered. I identify my signature on the two documents produced—P. 1591, 1592. They were found there among others.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

10-9-29.

## P. W. 186.

*Mohammed Hasain son of Abdul Karim, Bombay, O. O.*

( in Gujarati, translated by Mr. Desai).

I was present at the time of the search of 5. Nabier Road, 2nd floor. It was a saturday, 2 or 3 months ago. Mr. Chaudhri searched.

A search list was made. I signed it, and all other papers. I identify my signature on P. 1593: it is the search list.

My signature is also on P: 1594 and 1595. They were found there, among other papers.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White.

10-9-29.

Sd. Mohamed Husain A Karim.

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## P. W. 187.

*Murshed Ali, son of Gulab Khan, Pathan Bombay O. O.*

My real home is Birdaon, I have been in Bombay for 20-22 years. I have a soap shop and also have houses for rent. I live in Madanpura Mehal. I know room 19 on 2nd floor of house 12, Ghelabhai Street. Formerly the owner realised the rent; later I collected. In March this year Amir Haidar Khan lived there. I collected rent from him above 5 months before March. The rent was Rs. 10/- p. m. We called him Khan. He was really a really a resident of the Punjab, but I don't know where. The day his house was searched in March I came to know of it. Since then I have not met him. The room was locked. Now some one else lives there. A letter came from Amir Haidar from Rawalpindi with his boy, saying that he would not return soon owing to the illness of his mother, so the clothes etc. could be given to the boy—whose name I think was Ghafur—who brought the key with him and the room could be relet. The boy took the property away. This was about 20 days after the search. I gave the letter to Inspector Chaudhri. I could recognise the letter if I saw it. It is the letter produced—Ex. P. 1688.

x x by Mr. Chakervarti. Mohammed Ismail is the owner of the house. I was on commission. He gave me no written order my signature is there on his books.

I can read the letter—P. 1688. It is in Urdu. It is addressed to me.

The boy did not pay the rent. He took away the belongings they were very ordinary, no boxes or furniture.

x x by Mr. Ansari. My name is written on it as "Munshi Sahib". This is on the outside. It is also in the letter. Every thing written on it was written in the same ink. There is some difference in appearance: but the ink is the same, only in one place there is more of it.

x x by Sehgal. The boy signed it. He said he had come from Amir Haidar. They property was worth two or three rupees. I gave it all to him. Because his name was written on it, therefore I suppose it to be Amir Haider's. The boy was about 18.

It was about 5 months ago. He came from Rawalpindi. I gave the letter to the owner of the house. When the police asked me about it, I got the letter from the seth, and gave it to them. I had returned it to him with the uncollected bills. I have not realised the rent due—2 months.

I gave it to the Inspector because I knew I could always summon it back from him or the court. I got no receipt for it.

x x reserved:

~~10-25~~ I took the boy's signature in token of receipt of the property.

Sd. R. Milner White

10-9-29.

P. W. 188.

*Mr. Shorabji Ardeshar Palkhiwala,*

*Bombay, O. O.*

I witnessed the search of the house of Mr. G Desai on 20th March. Inspector Nayam Ali conducted the search: Mr. Desai was present—identifies him. There was another witness—a Hindu



gentleman. A search list was prepared in my presence—I signed it—it is Ex. P 1240. I also signed the papers recovered. I identify my signature on Ex. P 1241 to 1277. All were recovered from that place.

× × by Desai.

The letter of 7/3/25 (No. 143 in search list) was also found there—Ex. D.4 (Desai), from Coal: Wedgwood to George (Lansbury) So was item No. 100 booklet, Revolution by Reason, — Ex. D. 5 (Desai).

× × reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE

11/9/29.

Sd. S. A. PALKHIWALA

11/9/29.

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P W, 189

*B. R. Mankar, shorthand reporter,*

*Bombay O. O.*

I am a shorthand reporter (private) in Bombay. I reported some speeches under instructions from C. I. D. in 1927—29. I attended a meeting on 8th May 1927 in which Spratt made a speech at the hall of the Students Brotherhood. I took the speech down in shorthand—identifies him. I prepared a transcription of the speech. My transcription is Ex. P 1689. When I have prepared it, I sent it, next day, to the C. I. D. office. The shorthand notes are not available—I kept them myself but subsequently destroyed them.

I attended a meeting at Jinnah People's Hall on 21st January 1929, at which Shaukat Usmani presided. I took notes of all who spoke, Nimbkar, Usmani, Bradley, Dange, G. Adhikari, I took them down in shorthand and transcribed them. My transcription is Ex. P. 1690. I sent the transcription to the C. I. D. office with the shorthand notes.

On 3rd January 1929 I attended a meeting at the Jinnah People's Hall, at which J. Ryan and Mirajkar spoke. I took it in

shorthand, and I transcribed it, my transcription to the C. I. D. as usual with the original shorthand notes. This is my transcription Ex. P 1691. Mr. Ryan spoke on 'my experience in Soviet Russia.

I attended a meeting at Jinnah Memorial Hall on 26th March 1929, to protest against the repressive policy of Government. Hutchinson was one of the speakers. I took the speech in shorthand and prepared a transcription which I sent to the C.I.D. with the shorthand notes: it is Ex. P 1692. On 2nd March 1929 I attended a meeting at Matingu, at which Hutchinson spoke. I took the speech in shorthand and sent the transcription and shorthand notes to the C.I.D. My transcription is Ex. P 1693. The subject was 'Youth and Politics'.

I attended a meeting on 3/2/29 at the People's Jinnah Hall under the presidency of Shaukat Usmani. Hutchinson made a speech on 'The road to insurrection'. The meeting was held under auspices of the Bombay Youth League. I took a shorthand note. I sent the transcription to the C. I. D. office, with the shorthand notes: it is Ex. P 1694.

I also attended a meeting of World Youth League on 1st May 1929. Hutchinson spoke. I took it down in shorthand, and prepared a transcription, which I sent to the C.I.D. office with shorthand notes. It is Ex. P 1695.

× × by Mr. Chakrawarty

I am an English shorthand reporter. I can report Marathi speeches but I do not.

Reporting is my only business. I appear for any one who engages me ..... C.I.D. High Court, Congress, etc. etc.

As soon as a heap of completed note books is lying with me, I destroy them.

Ex. P 1689 does not bear my signature: it was not the system then to sign. The latest reports are all signed, I think, because then the system began. P 1694 is not signed. The system of signing reports was introduced sometime in January or February this year. I always correct in red ink, and that is one of the reasons why I can identify the transcriptions. I was shown only the first page of P. 1694 when identifying it in Court. That is really the only reason of identification.

Looking at my report Ex. P. 1620, I can say that Nimbkar's 2nd speech was in Marathi. I translated it mentally into English as he went on. I don't think any thing was left out-whatever I could follow I put down. I could translate everything in English.  
× × by Sabgal.

I began reporting in 1897. I even reported people in the Poona Congress of 1895. I have reported lots of political speeches. I have invented two systems of shorthand, Marathi and Gujarati, I invented them for the reporting of speeches etc. for any one who wanted to employ me I can take down at the rate of 200-250 words a minute if the speaker goes fast enough. I have never found a speaker whom I could not report. The C.I.D. employ me on occasions, on payment. The C. I. D. give me previous instructions when I am to report for them. I get about Rs. 1000 year from the C.I.D. and Government. I began with the C.I.D. very late.

× × by Thengdi.

I often reported Mr. Tilak "I did it when Government asked me or when Mr. Tilak asked me. I received payment from him, as when he was being tried by the High Court. This was the 1897 case. I was assisted by another reporter. Payment was made by his solicitors. I was at Khandesh at a political Conference of his, on behalf of Government. I reported any number of speeches there besides Tilak's when reporting for Government I never gave a copy to Tilak.

× × by Gouri Shankar.

I never took less than 50/- a day. I now get Rs.100 or 200 a day. I have never fought with Government over my terms.

*re-examined*, I did not compare the transcriptions before coming to court to day.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE

11/9/22

Sd B. K. MANKAR.

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.P W. 190

*Ram Rao Madho Deobhankar, Inspector Police, C. I. D.,*

*Poona, O. O.*

I attended certain meeting at the strike in Bombay and took notes of speeches, between 14th June 1928 and 3rd September 1928. I made transcriptions of my shorthand notes the same day. I know the Bombay persons who are accused now.

On 14th June 1928, Nimbkar and Mirajkar and Alwe were present. Nimbkar made a speech, and I transcribed it correctly. Mirajkar also spoke and I reported. My original transcription is Ex. P. 1696. The corrections were made by the Deputy Commissioner of police.

On 25th June I attended a meeting at Nagu Sayaji's Wadi, Nimbkar and Mirajkar spoke. I produce a transcription of Mirajkar's speech-Ex. P. 1697.

On 5th July 1928 there was a meeting at Damodar Thakars Hall. Mirajkar, Alwe, Dange, Jhabwala, Joglekar were present. Jhabwala spoke I produce a proper transcript-Ex. P. 1698.

On 16th July in the same place, there was a meeting with Alwe, Kastle, Mirajkar were present. Alwe made a speech, of which I made a correct transcript: it is Ex. P 1699.

On 21st July Mirjkar, Alwe Nimbkar and Joglekar were present at a meeting. Mirajkar made a speech, which I reported. The transcript produced is correct-Ex.P. 1700.

On 21st July there was a second meeting at the Marwari Vidyalyaya, Girgaun: Jhabwala, Mirajkar, Dange, Nimbkar, Alwe, Joglekar were present. Jhabwala Dange, Mirajkar spoke (Dange in English): I produce a transcript of the speeches.Ex. P 1701.

On 22nd July at the Gokhle Hotel, Mirajkar and Kastle were present at a meeting. I produce a transcription of Mirajkar's speech-Ex. P. 1702.

Sd. R. Milner White

11-9-29.

Sd. R. M. Deovankar.

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On 24th July there was a meeting, at Dwardadas Thachersee Hall. Mirajkar, Joglekar and Bradley attended, Joglekar made a speech. The transcript is P. 1703. Mirajkar also spoke the transcription is part of P. 1703. Bradley also spoke, and his speech is also there.

On 26th July 1928 there was a meeting at which Mirajkar, Alwe, Jhabwala were present. Mirajkar made a speech—the transcription is Ex. P. 1704 it is correct.

On 29th July there was a meeting, at which Mirajkar, Bradley, Joglekar were present. Bradley made a speech—the transcription is Ex. P. 1705.

On 31st July there was a meeting at which Nimbkar and Alwe were present. They both spoke their speeches are correctly reported in my transcription which is Ex. P. 1706.

On 3rd August there was a meeting at which Alwe spoke. The transcription is Ex. P. 1707.

At the meeting of 6th August, Mirajkar, Alwe and Kasle were present. Mirajkar spoke—my transcription is Ex. P. 1708.

On 7th August there was a meeting at which were present Mirajkar and Alwe. Mirajkar's speech is correctly reported in the transcription—Ex. P. 1709.

On 9th August there was a meeting at De Lisle Road, at which Nimbkar, Alwe, Bradley and Dange were present. Nimbkar and Bradley made speeches—the transcription is correct—it is Ex. P. 1710.

On 10th August there was a meeting at Kaisar-i-Hind Mills, at which Mirajkar was present. He made a speech: the transcription is Ex. P. 1711.

On 12th August there was a meeting at which Kasle was present and made a speech. The transcription is Ex. P. 1712.

On 14th August there was a meeting at which Nimbkar was present and made a speech. The transcription is Ex. P. 1713.

On 15th August there was a meeting at which Mirajkar was present and made a speech. The transcription is Ex. P. 1714.

On 16th August at De Lisle Road there was a meeting at which Joglekar, Mirajkar, Nimbkar, Bradley, Kasle and Dange were present. Joglekar made a speech—my transcription is Ex. P. 1715.

On 17th August there was a meeting near Dadar Station at which Mirajkar and Jhabwala were present. Mirajkar made a speech—transcription to Ex. P. 1716.

On 18th August 1928, there was a meeting at which Mirajkar and Alwe spoke—the transcription is Ex. P. 1717.

(Note. Mr. Thengdi asked that the speech be read out in Marathi, but withdrew his request. The often accused were asked by Court as to whether they wanted this done, but none asked for it).

On 19th August 1928, there was a meeting at which Mirajkar and Nimbkar were present. Mirajkar spoke. The transcription is Ex. P. 1718.

On 23rd August there was a meeting at which Mirajkar and Kasle were present. Mirajkar spoke—the transcription is Ex.

P. 1719. At the end of the proceedings he made another speech, the transcription of which is Ex. P. 1720.

On 25th August there was a meeting in front of Petit Mills. Mirajkar and Bradley were present and spoke. The transcription is Ex. P. 1721.

On 2nd September 1928 there was a meeting at which Mirajkar was present. The transcription is Ex. P. 1722.

I recorded all these speeches in Marathi shorthand. Bradley in English, and his speech was translated sentence by sentence and was taken down in Marathi. Dange also spoke in English once but in his case I took it down in longhand. His speech was not translated like Bradley's.

I have all my shorthand note book here.

The transcriptions are original transcriptions in my writing. The corrections etc. were made by the Deputy Commissioner.

All the transcriptions were signed by me and by S. A. Tahmana; he also was present and took notes. The transcriptions are entirely mine.

x x by Mr. Chakrawarti.

I have been in police service 19 years, I was a matriculate, I have been in the C. I. D. from 1914-19 and from 1923 up to now. I have been doing reporting work all along, in the C. I. D.

I have no diploma from any public institution about stenography. I started reporting in shorthand in 1926.

I don't know reporting in English shorthand. I don't know when Marathi shorthand was invented.

It is the practice to sign the transcription before submitting to a superior officer. Also to submit the shorthand notes with the transcription. This practice is prevented since 1916, when I started.

The other man who signed had nothing to do with the transcription i. e. he did not transcribe and his notes were not consulted.

I directly transcribed from the Marathi shorthand into English. I can read the Marathi from my shorthand notes.

In Ex. P. 1696, the last page is entirely deleted, by the Deputy Commissioner. There are other passages cut out by the Deputy Commissioner. There are also many corrections by him.

In Ex. P. 1697 about 5 pages have been deleted by Deputy Commissioner. There are cancellations in most of the reports.

In P. 1722 for instance about 15 pages are so cancelled and so in P. 1721. Indeed there are cancellations in all these reports except P. 1710.

The corrections are corrections of language, not of errors in translation.

Bradley's speeches were translated sentence by sentence by one of the leaders, to the meeting. I took down the translation, which were correct. Dange's speech in English (there was only one) I tried to take down in longhand. The other men who signed also took shorthand notes: they are not attached to my reports.

× × by Bradley. Bradley spoke in English, sentence by sentence: when he completed one sentence a leader translated it and I took it down from the leader's translation. Then I transcribed it back into English. I don't know how long the sentences were they might have been 50 words, or 100 words.

× × by Dange. I reported 88 *meetings*. There were sometimes 1, sometimes 2, sometimes 4 speeches. I maintained no diary except the records, and I kept no pieces of the speeches after submitting the reports.

It sometimes happened with Bradley's speeches that he took one point and developed it for about 5 minutes, and then the leader translated it for about 5 minutes. In such cases there would be more than one sentence. I can't remember any instance when a translator forgot to translate a paragraph in the speech and afterwards got up to translate it.

There is a record in some of my notes when the translator got up at the end of Bradley's speech and said 'Now I will give you a summary of what Bradley said.'

I could follow the subject matter of the speeches. I can't remember if giving on the strikers was discussed.

I don't remember their discussing any speech by Mr. Longford James on the strike. I can't remember in any of Mirajkar's speeches.

× × by Desai. Supposing Mr. Bradley said in a speech "A certain worker in the weaving department of the Kastur Chand Mills was yesterday fined," I would translate it into Marathi as I have done on the slip of paper (Ex. D. 6, with authenticated transton or reverse).

I consider myself the best judge as to whether the translation by the leader of Bradley's sentences was correct or not.

If Bradley had said, 'One Gobind Misra of the Sassoon

Mills was on Monday fired on near the 'Two Tank' I would translate it as on the slip of paper (Ex. D. 7, with authenticated translation or reverse). *re examined.* I have no recollection of Mr. Bradley ever making such a statement as on D. 6 or D. 7.

I don't remember that there was any reference to the dismissal of workmen.

Bradley's speeches were recorded from the Marathi of the other person, not from his own English. There is a record of the man who translated his speeches. In Ex. P. 1705 Joglekar translated he can talk Marathi. In P. 1710, Jhabwala translated: he also can talk Marathi. In P. 1721 Nimbkar translated: he can talk Marathi. In P. 1703, Mirajkar translated: he can speak Marathi.

I was not consulted as to the cancellation or correction of the reports. Sometimes in my presence the corrections were made, and I know also from the usual routine that the Deputy Commissioner corrects the reports in order to make out for summary for Government.

We have six monthly examinations for proficiency in shorthand.

Sd. R. Milner White

12-9-29.

Sd. R. M. Deobhankar.

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P. W. 191.

D. A. Venant, Deputy Superintendent,

Telegraph Office, New Delhi, O. P.

I have been in this post since August 1928. I was in charge and on duty on 12th February 1929. On that date my office sent this message to the Director, Intelligency Bureau, New Delhi; it bears the seal of my office. It is Ex. P. 1723. It is addressed to Moti Lal Nehru, Leg. Assembly.

x x by Mr. Chakrawarti. The telegram was with held. I acted under instructions.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

22-9-29.

Sd. D. A. VERNANT,

12-9-29.



## P. W. 192

*S. S. Deshpande, Inspector C. I. D. Poona, O. O.*

I know Marathi shorthand: I have known it for 17 years, and I have been in the police 21 years. I have to pass examination in shorthand every six months. I reported speeches at Bombay at the general strike from 4th September onwards. I know those of the accused who come from Bombay. I took shorthand reports in Marathi and transcribed them into English.

On 4th September there was a meeting, at which Alwe, Mirajkar, Kasle, Bradley, Joglekar were present Mirajkar made a speech. My transcription is Ex. P. 1724 my transcription is written in my own hand. The erasures and corrections are not by me: I was not consulted about them. The original transcript is correct.

On 10th September there was a meeting at Dinshaw Petit Mills, Lal Bagh, at which Nimbkar, Kasle Bradley, Mirajkar, were present. Bradley made a speech. I recorded it properly. Bradley spoke a sentence or two, and one of the leaders translated into Marathi which I took down. I then transcribed from Marathi to English. In this case Mirajkar translated. My transcription is Ex. P. 1725.

On 11th September there was a meeting at which Jhabwala, Mirajkar, Nimbkar, Alwe, Kasle were present. Mirajkar, Alwe, Nimbkar and Kasle spoke. My transcript is Ex. P. 1726.

On 13th September a meeting was held at Naga Sayaji's Wadi, Kasle was present: he made a speech. My transcript is P 1727.

Sd. R. MILNER, WHITE,

12-9-29.

Sd. S. S. DESHPANDE.

*(Continued O. O.)*

On 14th September a meeting was held at De Lisle Road, at which Dange, Nimbkar, Alwe, Bradley were present. Bradley spoke. It was translated by Mirajkar. My transcription is P. 1728.

On 16th Sept. at Gokkhale's Hotel there was a meeting at which Mirajkar, Bradley and Alwe, Mirajkar and Bradley spoke, and Mirajkar translated Bradley's speech. The transcription is P. 1729

On 18th Sept. at meeting was held at De Lisle Road, at which Dange, Jhabwala, Kasle and Bradley were present, Bradley's speech was translated by Dange. Jhabwala and Bradley spoke. Transcription is Ex. P. 1730.

On 21st September there was a meeting and Kasle, Nimbkar, Mirajkar, were present. Kasle spoke. The Transcription is Ex. P. 1731.

On 23rd September at Lal Bagh there was a meeting at which Mirajkar was present and spoke, my transcription is P. 1732.

On 24th September in front of E.E.M. Hospital Parel, Kasle, Nimbkar, Alwe were present at a meeting Kasle spoke. My transcription is Ex. P. 1733.

On 25th Sept. at De Lisle Road, there was a meeting at which Kasle was present and made a speech. The transcription is Ex. P. 1734.

On 27th September there was a meeting at Spring Mills at which Joglekar, Nimbkar Mirajkar, Kasle were present. Joglekar spoke. My transcription is Ex. P. 1735.

28th Sept. at De Lisle Road, there was a meeting, Mirajkar was present and made a speech. The transcription is Ex. P. 1736.

All these speeches were correctly taken down in Marathi shorthand, and the transcription of the shorthand notes.

x x by Mr. Chakrawarti.

Marathi shorthand was introduced in 1908.

The last examination was held in January: a speech is read and taken down and transcribed into Marathi and then compared with the original. In the examination we have to transcribe into Marathi, not English. In ordinary routine work we have to transcribe into English.

Sometimes I go alone to report, and sometimes I have assistance.

All the persons I have mentioned as present also made speeches. Those mentioned specially as speaking are those whose speeches are 'Exhibited'.

In the meeting of 25th September S. Inspector Thamana was present as my assistant. He is also a shorthand reporter. He also noted in shorthand.

While I was transcribing my notes he was comparing his notes with mine.

I was not present when the corrections etc. were made. They are not shown to me after they are made. I have seen them here, in this court.

I could not read Thamones shorthand notes, nor could he read mine. My shorthand notes cannot be checked without any assistance.

I read out portions from my shorthand notes (marked in green pencil from the speech of Kasle on 21st September. P. 1731 (portion of transcription marked in green pencil also).

Note—The portions read out were taken down by Mr. Ezekiel, official translator, who has also prepared a translation. The translator's, Marathi record and his translation has been marked 'Ex. D. 8' subject to formal proof).

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

13-9-29.

Sd. S. S. Deshpande.

## P. W. 193

*Emerl Albert Hartley, Ass. Commr. Police, Detective Department,*

*Calcutta, O. O.*

I have been 25 years in the Calcutta Police. I arrested one Donald Campbell, otherwise George Allison. I searched his person and his belongings; a list was prepared under my directions and in my presence; I signed it. The list is Ex. P. 1737, it is signed by me, and every thing noted in it was found in his possession. A copy was given to Donald Campbell and he signed the search list too, in five places (on three sheets). The signature was made in my presence. Both arrest and search were made on 23rd Jan. 1927. He was arrested for a breach of the passport rules. He was prosecuted at Bombay.

I don't know where the articles recovered are now.

The following books were found:—

- 5 Gadhhi versus Lenin
- 7 Modern India
- 11 Manifesto of Communist Party.
- 13 Communist International.

- 14 Exploitation in India
- 17 Nicolai Lenin—His Life and work.
- 17 Worlds Greatest Revolutionists.
- 21 Magazine called "Communist International"
- 23 Two copies of Sunday Worker of 12th and 19th Sept. 1926
- 55 Manifesto of Communist Party.

x by Mr. Chaturvedi- Donald Campbell was sent before Ch. Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta, on the first instance. I don't remember who appeared for him. I don't remember if the man in the dock shown to me (Kishori Lal Ghosh) was the one.

Sd. R. Milner White,

d. E.A. Hartley.

13-9-1929.

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W. Kelkar, S.I. Police, G.I.D., Bombay, O.O.

I searched the house of R. S. Nimbkar on the morning of 6th March, at Contractor Building No. 2, 2nd Floor, Room No. 19. Nimbkar was not present; the room was found locked. I acted under a search warrant- P 1738.

One Mr. Karhadkar was sleeping outside; he said he was in charge and had the keys, and he produced the keys; witnesses were called and we entered. He remained throughout. I prepared search list; it is Exhibit P 1739. It is signed by me and witnesses. We also signed all the papers recovered, among which were following:—

(Some of the papers were signed by my assistance Kuvadkar who was with me):

- P 1740: M. S. Article entitled, Rule of Labour in China by R.S. Nimbkar.
- P 1741: M.S. article by Nimbkar on Rule of Labour in China.

27	P 1742	Three copies of 'Sacco & Venzethi', in English
50	P 1743	The self education in Russia.
51	P 1744	Bundle of newspapers, containing Payam Muzdur, Spark, Kranti, of Various dates.
52	P 1745	Cloth flag of 'W & P Party' and Workers of the World Unite.
55	P 1745	Postcard of 13-11-27 from Miraj- kar to Nimbkar, about Ex-meeting of Workers and Peasants Party.
58	P 1747	Typed resolution on need for Workers and Peasants Party'-5 sheets
57	P 1748	7 printed postcards in same Fashion as P 1746, containing agenda etc.
60	P 1749	"Trade Union Movement" 20copies
61	P 1750	"Political Resolution 19 copies.
62	P 1751	"Principles and Policy" 19 copies.
63	P 1752	"Imperialism" by Lenin,
64	P 1753	'Call to Action'
65	P 1754	Sohan Singh Josh's speech-20 copies (English).
66	P 1755	Constitution of Workers and Pea- sants Party of Bengal 1928-5 copies
71	P 1756	Report of 1st All India Workers and Peasants Conference.
72	P 1757	Constitution of All India Workers and Peasants Party typed.
73	P 1758	M S. copy of "Present Policy and Programme" 2 sheets.
77	P 1759	Typed copy of "Trade Union Move- ment, with some M S in writing of Spratt and Bradley and small slip (printed) attached.
79	P 1760	Typed letter from E.C.C.I. dated 2-12-28

80	P 1761	Telegram from Potter Wilson to Workers and Peasants Party Asylum Lane Calcutta.
82	P 1762	Telegram from Marry Emberg and Chattopadhyaya to W. & P. Conference, Calcutta.
85	P 1763	Typed letter from Secretary Reception Committee, 1st All India Workers and Peasants Party Conference, Calcutta; portion of note on 1st day's proceedings.
85	P 1764	Twenty four loose sheets containing notes on Workers and Peasants Conference-resolutions in various writings
87	P 1765	27 typed notices dated 11-3-29 signed by Nimbkar, as General Secretary, Workers and Peasants Party of India.
90	P 1766	Letter of 11-2-29 from General Secretary, Reception committee Nau Jawan Sabha, to Secretary, Workers and Peasants Party of India.
94	P 1767	Letter of 18-2-29 from Muzaffar Ahmad to General Secretary Workers and Peasants Party of India.
96	P 1768	Ditto of 24-1-29
97	P 1769	Ditto of 14-1-29
100	P 1770	Letter of 2/1/29 from R.S. Nimbkar.
101	P 1771	M.S.S. "Constitution" with typed extracts attached.
103	P 1772	'Ghandi versus Lenin by Dange.
106	P 1773	Communisim by R.P. Dutt
108	P 1774	"Appeal to the Youngs by Kropotkin.
111	P 1775	'Manifesto of Communist Party of Marx.
124	P 1776	"Essentials of Marx' by Karl Marx.

- 125 P 1777 How the Soviets Work.
- 130 P 1778 "Bolshevik Russia"
- 132 P 1779 'The Soviets at Work by Lenin.
- 133 P 1780 'Theory and Practice of Leninism' by Stalin.
- 135 P 1781 Soviet Russia.
- 145 P 1782 Communism by H. J. Laski with signature of P. Spratt.
- 146 P 1783 Journal Communist International
- 147 P 1784 Four copies of the Labour monthly.
- 148 P 1785 Six copies of Pan Pacific Worker's with Mr. Thengdi's name on one issue.
- 149 P 1786 Two copies of "Far Eastern Monthly."
- 150 P 1787 R.I.L.U. bulletin
- 151 P 1788 15 copies of Masses of India' various dates
- 152 P 1789 Eight copies of "Masses of India's various dates.
- 155 P 1790 'Communist International' of 15-2-27.
- 156 P 1791 Letter of 7-4-27 from Passport Office to Nimbkar refusing passport.
- 157 P 1792 Manifesto of Workers & Peasants Party to Youth Conference, signed by Thengdi.
- 162 P 1793 President's address at 1st Communist Conference 1925.
- 164 P 1794 League against Imperialism resolutions at Conference (Brussels)—1927.
- 166 P 1795 Printed report of 4th Annual Conference of National Minority Movement, 1927.

163 P 1796 Annual report of 1927 of Communist Party of India 1927—  
with Nimbkar's name.

All these things were found at the house: I have compared them with the search list.

I have been working in the C.I.D. Bombay for the last 10 months. In the course of my duties I intercepted certain correspondence. Among the letter intercepted were:—

P 1797P

& 1797 P.E. 25-11-28 17-11-28 D.K. Goswami to Editor  
Krantie c/o Dange—photo.

P 1798

& 1798 P.E. 9-11-28 26-11-28 Muzaffar Ahmad to R.B.  
Lotwala photo

P 1799 P 9-12-28 6-12-28 Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate—photo  
& I799 P E.

P 1800 21-3-29 (Post Marx P.C. Joshi to S.V. Ghate—*original*  
1800E 19-3-29) withheld, with two enclosures,  
1800(1) letters to Nimbkar, and "private".  
1800(2)

P 1801 P. 4-12-28 1-12-28 "Goswami to sec".  
& 1801 P.E. W. & P. Party Bombay—photo.

P 1802 25-3-29 1-3-29 From Sectt: P.P.  
& 1802E(1) "T. U. Conference original cover  
& 1802E(2) addressed to Jhabwala, inside, a  
1802(1) cover addressed to B.F. Bradley:  
1802(2) also two printed pamphlets inside  
second envelope about Philippine  
and Chinese Labour movements.  
*Original* withheld.

P1803 5-4-29 14-3-29 Sectt: of Sectt: of P.P.T.U. Conf.  
P1803E Shanghai to Dange, plus cydos-  
P1803(1) tyled copy of Far Eastern Bullitin  
*original* withheld.

P1804 & 29-3-29 20-2-29 From Willi Munga Ley 'Chatto,  
1804E to Jawahar Lal Nehru—*original*  
withheld.

P1805 & 17-5-29 30-4-29 Chatto. to Jawahir Lal Nehru—  
1805E *original* withheld—with two en-  
1805(1) closures.  
1805(2)



1806 P &1806 PE	2-12-28 1-12-28	Jack Ryan to Miss A McConville— photo
P1807 & 1807E &1807(1)	28-12-28 13-12-29	A. Glyn Evanes to Dange, with enclosures <i>original</i> , withheld.
P1808 F  &1808	28-12-28 10-12-28	Harny Pollitt to Jawahir Lal Nehru,—photo.
P1809 P &1809 E	5-4-29 18-3-29	Harny Pollitt to Bradley— <i>original</i> withheld.
P1810 P &1810 E	16-3-29 15-3-29	Lester Hutchinson to Mr. Nimbkar Berlin—photo
P1811	30-11-28 14-11-28	A.C.Nimbkar to Sahasrni Nambiar —typed copy.
P1812 P 1812 P.E.	1-12-28 1-12-28	Bradley to Mr. Bradley
P1813	7-12-28 20-11-28	Mr. Bradley to Bradley typed copy.
1814 P &1814 P.E.	7-12-28 22-11-28	Potter Wilson to Bradley—photo.
P1815	14-12-28 23-11-28	Mr. Bradley to Bradley typed copy.
P1816	22-2-29 5-2-29	Mr. Bradley to Bradley typed copy.
P1817 & 1817 E	5-4-29 19-3-29	Mr. Bradley to Bradley <i>original</i> withheld.
P1818 &1818E.	22-3-29	Packet addressed to Editor of Spark—containing Imprecor—27 issues of various dates, between 30th July and 12th December all relating to 6th World Congress at Moscow. <i>original</i> withheld.
P1819 &1819 E	22-3-29	Packet addressed to Dange, con- taining copies of Worker, Sunday Worker, Workers Life <i>original</i> withheld.
P1820 & 1820 E	22-3-29	Cover containing Press Service of League against Imperialism of 27th Feb. 1929. addressed to Dange, <i>original</i> withheld.
P1821 &1821 E.	22-3-29	Ditto—addressed to Ghate <i>original</i> withheld.

<p>P1822 22-3-29 &amp;1822 E.</p>	<p>Packet addressed to Editor Kranti, Bombay containing Labour Monthly for March 1929 original withheld.</p>
<p>P1823 22-3-29 &amp; 1823 E.</p>	<p>Packet addressed to W. P. P. Bombay, with 2 copies of International Labour Movement of 7th Feb. 1929. original, withheld.</p>
<p>P1824 22-3-29 &amp;1824 E.</p>	<p>Packet addressed to W. &amp; P.P. Bombay, containing Eastern and Colonial R.I.L.U. Bulletin <i>original</i> withheld.</p>

All these letters and packets were personally intercepted by me, and where there are no photo copies, I prepared the copies myself or had it done in my presence: and the photos were made in my presence. I satisfied myself that the copies were correct. When the copies were taken, I had the letters reposted except those for which there were orders to detain.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

13-9-29

Sd/- S.V. Kelker,

S. I.

13-9-29

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P. W. 195.

*Raghunath Sahharam Pingre Small Cause Court, Bombay, O. O.*

I witnessed the search of R. S. Nimbkar's on 20th March 1929. Mr. Kelkar, searched. The house was locked, and Mr. Karadkar gave the key. Mr. Nimbkar was not there. A search list was prepared: I signed it: it is Exhibits P. 1739. I signed the papers

too. I identify my signature on Exhibit P. 1740—P, 1796. All these were found in that place and bear my signature on initials.

× × reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

13/9/29.

Sd/- R. Spige,

13/9/29

## P. W. 196.

*Balwant Ghumiji Chaban, Deputy Inspector Police, Bombay O. O.*

I used to do the work of interception of letters. Among these intercepted were :—

P. 1825 E & 1825 E	1-2-29	14-1-29	Letter to D. Adhikari from Rajmound (M.N. Roy)-original detained.
P. 1826 & 1826 P E	24-11-28	24-11-28	From Bradley to Mr. Bradley photo.
P 1827	17-3-28	17-3-28	Bradley to Mr. Bradley typed copy.
P 1828 & 1828 E	26-3-27	26-3-27	Cover to Sect: Labour Research Department London containing report on A. I. Congress Committee, Delhi Session, 1927, typed copy-with covering letter from Spratt.
P 1829 29(1) 129 E	5-2-27	5-3-27	To Harry Howell, 37, Lithis Road, Hampstead, typed letter and enclosure in cypher. Original withheld.

Certain books were returned by me to Mirajkar on 3rd August 1927: he made out a list and signed it in my presence. It is Exhibit P 1830, and 1830 S.

I was present at a meeting of the Youth League on 3rd Feb. 1929 at the Jinnah Hall. Shaukat Usmani presided; Ghat Mirajkar also were present and Hutchinson was on the lecturer. the subject of the lecture was 'Road to Insurrection'.

Mr. Mankar took down the speech in Shorthand. The transcription was brought by him to me and I went through it: I found it substantially correct. It is Exhibit P 1694.

In interceptions when we take a copy or photo the letters, we then return them to the Post Office for reposting.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

18-9-29

Sd/- R. S. Chavan.

Dy. Inspector of Police

Makarbooni,

18/9/29.

## P. W. 197.

*A Lester, Superintendent, Special Branch C. I. D. Poona O. O.*

In the course of my duties I used to intercept letters: among others I intercepted the following :—

P 1831	11-2-28	10-2-28	From S. S. Mirajkar to
1831 (1)			Thengdi typed copy with enclosures "Open letter to All Parties Conference".
P 1932	28-1-27	26-1-27	S. S. Mirajkar to Thengdi-typed copy.
P 1833P	10-12-28	6-12-28	From P. Spratt to Thengdi-photo.

After taking photos, or copying the letters were reposted.

× × reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White

18/9/29

Sd/- A lester,

1st. Supdt Special Branch,

C. I. D., Bombay, Presy

Poona.

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## P. W. 198

*D. N. Mathakar S. I. Police Bombay, O. O.*

It was part of my duty to intercept letters. Among these intercepted were:—

P 1834            31-5-28            28-5-28 From Muzaffar Ahmad to

Ghate typed copy,

× × reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

18/9/29

Sd/- D. N. Mattakar, S. I.

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## P. W. 199.

Dostmohammad, Inspector Police, Bombay, O. O.

In the course of my duties I used to intercept letters. Among those intercepted were:—

P. 1835 29-11-26 26-11-26 From D to V.S. Power, (an accommodation address) covering letter (typed) with one enclosure (photo) and another (typed) only the photo is exhibited.

P. 1836 P 6-2-26 3-2-26 From Muzaffar Ahmad to  
& 1836 P Joglekar-  
E

P. 1837 P 6-2-26 3-2-26 From Muzaffar Ahmad to V. H.  
& 1837 E Joshi-photo

On 16th April 1927, I intercepted a packet addressed to Mirajkar, containing books, etc., of which I produced a list Exhibit P. 1838.

On 16th April I intercepted another packet addressed to S. S. Mirajkar, it contained 12 copies of "Future of Indian politics" by M. N. Roy-the list is Exhibit P. 1839.

On 23rd April 1927 I intercepted a packet addressed to S. S. Mirajkar, containing book etc according to the list which I produced P-1840.

They were all confiscated under Sea Customs Act as they contained prohibited literature.

P. 1841 C 15-1-27 10-1-27 From S. Saklatwala, to Ghate,  
M.S. copy

P 1842 C 5-4-26 2-4-26 From Muzaffar Ahmad to Joglekar -typed

P 1843 C 31-7-25 29-6-25 From Arthur Filed to Joglekar typed.

P 1844 C 3-1-27 1-1-27 Muzaffar to Joglekar typed.

In all these cases the photos or copies were made in my presence and the letters were then reposted.

x x reserved.

Sd/—R. Milner White,

18/9/29

Sd/—Dostmohmud,

M. Somji,

18/9/29.

## P. W. 200.

*Barj Ram Shanrao Kothare, Sub-Inspector, Police Bombay O. O.*

I have been 9 years in the police. I intercepted certain letters from time to time. The letters were got from the Post Office and I examine them and decide whether to keep them back, or photo, or keep a copy. If a copy or photo is taken the letter is given back to the post office for delivery:—

Among letters intercepted were :—

P 1845 & 1845 E & 1845 (1) 1845 (2)	13-4-28	29-3-28	From C. P. Dutt to Dange including a article by Tom Marx, A message to Indian Workers. <i>Original</i> withheld.
P 1846 & 1846 E	25-2-27	22-2-27	From Muzaffar Ahmad to Joglekar <i>Original</i> withheld.
P 1847 C	7-4-27	4-4-27	Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate writing same as P. 1846 typed copy.
P 1848 C	25-2-28	21-2-28	Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate writing same as P 1846 typed copy.
1849 P	8-11-28	4-11-28	Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate photo.
P 1850 P & 1850 P E	19-2-29	16-2-29	Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate photo.
P 1851 P	24-8-28	23-8-28	Thengdi to Ghate Photo
P 1852 P 1852 PE 1852 (1) C	8-2-29	23-1-28	Chatto. and W. Mazamber to Jawahir Lal Nehru enclosing copies of Status of League against Imperialism.
P 1853C	7-4-27	6-4-27	Thomas Cook to Joglekar Typed copy.
P 1854P 1854PE 1854P (1)	30-1-29		P. C. Joshi to Ghate photo with enclosures, letter to G. C. Shah

P 1855 1855E	16-8-28	11-8-29	Circular issued by workers and peasants Party, Bengal <i>Original</i> with held.
P 1856 1856PE	23-11-28	6-11-28	From Mr Bradley to Bradley photo
1857 P 1857PE	16-11-28	1-11-28	From Len " to Bradley photo.
P 1858C	5-1-229	18-12-28	From Mr. Bradley to Bradley writing simimilar to P, 1856, copied by Desai M. S.
P 1859 & 1859E	11-2-27	25-1-27	'Douglas' to P Spratt The blue and brownmudges were not present when I opened it. <i>Original</i> withheld Produced before Mr. Jacob, and Mr. Desai.
P 1860P	7-9-28	23-8-28	Potter Wilson to Bradley photo
P. 1861 P & 1861 P.E	8-9-28	8-9-28	Bradley to Potter Wilson photo.
P. 1862P & 1862P.E	25-2-28	25-2-28	'Ben' to Mr. Bradley photo.
P. 1863P	23-12-27	18-12-27	P. Spratt to Dange photo.
P. 1864C	24-2-28	14-2-28	Draft of proposed statement 'Labour and Swaraj' From Spratt to Dange typed copy.
P. 1865 & 1865 (1) & 1865 E	8-9-28	8-9-28	Muzaffar Ahmad to Agnes Smedley, with enclosed letter in Bengali.
P. 1866 P	12-10-28	8-9-28	Chatto to Jhabwala photo.

In January 1929, January 21st—I attended a meeting to commemorate Lenin. Mr. Mankar was there as a shorthand reporter. Usmani presided—Nimbkar, Bradley, Dange, Adihkari spoke. I saw Mankar's transcription. It is P. 1690. It was accurate.

Sometime in 1928 a man calling himself Abdul Hamid (points out Ajudhia Prasad) called at the office to complain that he was being watched. Mr. Chaduhri Mr. Desai also were in the office.

The same man I found in the Razmak on 16th March 1928 when she came in: he was found sleeping with two other seamen. I had had information about him. I reported this. He was taken by the shipping master's clerk to the shipping Office. I accompanied him to keep an eye on him, and while I was there



Inspector Desai arrived. I do not know what happened after that.  
(Note. Mr. Desai is present in court, but now goes out).

The photos and copies of intercepted letters are correct.  
The photos were taken in presence. And in each the article was reposted.

x x by Mr. Sinha.

I saw Abdul Hamid this morning as he was coming into court.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

18-9-29

Sd/- B. R. S. Kothare,

18-9-29

P. W. 201

*T. A. Croning, S. I. Police, Bombay, O. O.*

I have been 10 years in the Police, It was part of my duty to intercept letters, Among others intercepted were :-

P. 1867

17-10-27

Printed appeal sent to Ghate  
3 copies of which one was taken,  
by Muzaffar Ahmad.

After this, the remaining two copies were reposted.

x x reserved

Sd/- R. Milner White,

18-9-29

x x by Joglekar

We intercepted all the three copies, and did not repost any.  
The envelope was destroyed because this was a very old paper:

thinking this was an important paper we kept one copy and destroyed the rest.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

18-9-29

Sd/- T. A. Croning,

S. I. Police,

S. A. Bombay city.

## P. W. 202.

*Damodar W. Karnik, Inspector, Police, Bombay, O. O.*

I am attached to Dongre Police Station, I have 16 years service. I used to intercept letters. Among them were :—

P. 1868 & 1868E & 1868 (1)	21-22-24	6.11-24	To Editor 'Socialist' from M. N. Roy, with enclosure 'Should the communist party be a secret society?' Original withheld.
P. 1869C	13-12-24	27-11-24	From Arthur Field to Joglekar typed copy.
P. 1870 C	9-1-25	22-12-24	M. N. Boewar to Joglekar typed copy.
P. 1871P & 1871P. E	31-1-25	31-1-25	R. Cochrane (Perey Glading) to M. Masfield (M. N. Roy's address) photo.

The photo was taken in my presence. The copies were compared and are correct. Letters not detained were reposted.

x x reserved

Sd/- R. Milner White,

18-9-29

Sd/- D. W. Karnik,

Inspector, 18-9-29

## P. W. 203

*Saiyed Ghulam Mumtaza, Bilyrani, Retired Inspector of Police,  
Arrah, O. O.*

I was in the Bihar and Orissa Police C.I.D. till 1926. I was in the C.I.D. in 1925. The paper shown to me—Exhibit 1872—is in my writing I intercepted the letter of which there is mention in the report, on 4th July 1925. The sender is Motiram G. Desai, of 14, Rutland Street, London, N.W.I. It was addressed to D.P. Sinha of Patna. The letter was dated 18th June 1925. I copied the letter word by word, and then reposted it for delivery. The copy I made I forwarded to my superior officers.

× × reserved.

Sd/ R. Milner White,

19-9-29.

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## P. W. 204

*Mr. Subbha Singh Gyain, Inspector C.I.D. Punjab O. O.*

I have been nearly 17 years in the police. I am in the C.I.D. I used to intercept letters in Amritsar.

Exhibit P. 1873 P is a letter which I intercepted on 30th November 1928. It is from D.K. Gowsami to S. S. Josh and was dated 27th November 1928. The letter was photographed and then sent on.

I also intercepted a letter from Agnes Smedley to Editor Kirti. It was intercepted on 5th March 1928: the date of the letter was not given, but it was posted on 15th Feb. from the postmark. The contents were an article 'Women Trained for the Revolution'. The letter was withheld. It is Exhibit P 1874 and 1874 E.

Sd/ R. Milner White,

19-9-29.

Sd/ Suba Singh Gyani,

19-9-29.

## P. W. 205

*Khan Bahadur Syed Ikramul Haq, Deputy Superintendent  
Police, C. I. D., Delhi, O. O.*

I have been in the police 32 years. I intercepted the letter, of which photo is shown to me. I intercepted it in Delhi on 7th November 1928. I opened it and read it and sent it to D. L. B.'s office, where it was photographed. I received it back the same day, but the photo was received a few days later, the original letter was reposted. The photo was in the same writing as the original letter and is an correct reproduction.

It was addressed to Firozuddin Mansur; it was signed by P. C. Joshi.

The letter is dated 2nd November. It is Exhibit. P 1875. P.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

19.9.29

Sd. Ikramul Haq.

## P. W. 206.

*Sardar Ganga Singh, Inspector C I D Lahore, O O.*

I have been in service about 25 years I intercepted the letter shown to me on 22.7.28. The letter was dated 13 7 28, and was addressed to Ed. Kirti, Amritsar by P. Spratt. I read the letter and had it photographed. It contained a letter and a typed article 'Russia and India.' The photo shown is an exact reproduction: it is Ex. P. 1876, P & P E it was then decided to with hold the letter, which is the original produced-P.1876 and 1876 E, and 1876

(1).

x x reserved.

Sd. R Milner White,

19. 9. 29

Sd Ganga Singh,

Inspector C I D.

19 9 29.

## P. W. 207

*Sardar Dhian Singh, Sub Inspector, I. B. Simla, O. O.*

In Feb. 1929, I was at Lahore. The 2nd conference of the Naujawan Sabha was held at Lahore on 22nd Feb. 1929 at Bradlaugh Hall. I attended the conference to report. S. S. Josh was president. There were three settings, on 22nd, 23rd, 24th. Kader Nash Sahagal and M. A. Majid were also present.

There were slogans on the walls and there was a red flag hoisted on the Hall.

Shan Singh Josh read a printed address. I got a printed copy of it. The copy produced is one of those distributed among the audience—that is how I got one. It is Ex. P. 1877.

Punjab C I D reporters were there to report the speech. The printed speech is substantially the same as the one which he read.

x x by Thengdi.

I compared the address with the printed copy while he was reading it. I don't remember if I found any alterations in what he said.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

19-9-29.

Sd Dhian Singh.

Sub-Inspector.

## P. W. 208.

*S. I. Rashid Akmal, C. I. D. Lahore, O. O.*

I am an Urdu shorthand reporter. I have been for 9 years in the C. I. D. Punjab I have also intercepted letters.

I intercepted the letter shown on 9-12-27 it was dated 5-12-27 The signature was illegible, but the address from which it was written was Wadikat Buildings Girgama, Bombay I made a copy of the letter. It was addressed to Abdul Majid C/o Mehnat kash Lahore. The copy is Ex P 1178 E. It contains an enclosure a draft report of the T. U. C. "Left" at the Cawnpore congress of 1927 Ex. P 1878 (1) E. The letter was reposted after being copied.

I went to the May Day meeting at Lahore on 1st May 1928 outside Mori Gate. I recorded the speeches of Abdul Majid, S. S. Josh and Kadar Nath Sahgal—in shorthand when they spoke in Urdu and in long hand when they spoke in Punjabi. Josh spoke in Punjabi. I wrote it in long hand in Persian Script, Majid spoke in Urdu so I wrote it in shorthand and transcribed it opposite my short hand notes. K. N. Sahgal's was also in Urdu, and I transcribed it opposite the shorthand notes. These three speeches are in one note book—Ex. P. 1879 the speeches are marked Ex. P. 1879 (1), (2), (3), respectively.

I recognise the three persons in court. The transcriptions I have made are correct.

x. x. reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

19-9-29.

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## P. W 209.

*Badri Nath, S. I., C. I. D., Punjab, O. O.*

I have been in the C. I. D. for 8 years. I am an Urdu shorthand reporter and I also intercepted letters.

I intercepted the letter shown on 9-5-28, the letter is dated 7-5-28. It was a packet sent from Calcutta addressed to M. A. Majid. I made an abstract of the contents which were printed documents, and then reported it. My report is Ex. P. 1880.

I went to a Village Jaimnar in Lahore, where a meeting was held and A. Majid spoke. It was on 12th May 1928. I reported the speech in shorthand: he spoke in Urdu. On the opposite page I made a transcription. The book is Ex. P. 1881. The transcription is correct. The meeting was in connection with a protest against the remission of land revenue. I also attended the 2nd Session of the Naujawan Sabha Punjab held at Lahore on 22nd Feb. 1929. S. S. Josh presided and read the address. He read from printed copy—P. 1877 is the address. In page 9 he added some thing not in the printed copy, from a paper which he held in his hand. The addition came after the 14th line. I reported the addition in shorthand, and transcribed it in the same book opposite the shorthand notes. This is Ex. P. 1882.

I attended a meeting on 26th May 1928 at Jullandar, M. A. Majid, K. N. Sahgal and S. S. Josh were present. It was to organise a Naujawan Sabha. Majid and Sahgal made speeches in Urdu and I took shorthand notes. I transcribed them in the same note book. Sohan Singh also made a speech in Punjab I took this in longhand. The book in which these notes were recorded is Ex. P. 1883, and the speeches are marked Ex. P. 1883 (1), (2), and (3) respectively.

I also attended a meeting at Jalianwala Bagh Amritsar on 18th August 1928. Sohan Singh Josh and Majid made speeches. Sohan Singh spoke in Punjabi I took it down in longhand. Mr. Sahgal was also present. Majid spoke in Urdu and I wrote it in shorthand and made a transcription in the same book.

The book is Ex. P. 1884, and the speeches are P. 1884 (1) and (2) respectively. The transcriptions are correct.

x. x. Reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

19.9.29.

*Court Witness under Sec. 540*

Firozuddin Mansion, Journalist, Amritsar, O. O. I received a notice to produce a letter of 2-11-28. from P. C. Joshi. I have not received that letter, I am quite certain that no letter of that date was ever delivered to me, and therefore I cannot produce it.

*x x by Prosecution.*

I know P. C. Joshi. I have had letters from him. I know nearly all the other accused. I have been to see them once. I have seen the photo-P. 1875 P. I don't know if it is Joshi's writing—I don't remember. I can't say whether it is or not. It is long since I got a letter from Joshi—say 9 or 10 months ago—I can't say how many exactly—2 or 3 perhaps. I have forgotten his writing. I know Dange—I have known him for 2 years. He has some times written. I have forgotten his writing. It may have been a year since I had a letter from him. The paper shown me may or may not be in Dange's writing. (Shown paper—Ex. P. 1885).

I have known Muzaffar Ahmad for one or two years, perhaps. I have had no letters from him. I have never seen his handwriting. I don't know the handwriting of the paper shown me (Ex. P. 1414). I haven't looked at it. (then having looked at it) I don't know the writing. I know the writing on the paper shown me: it is mine. I have written to Muzaffar Ahmad two or three times. He has never written to me—(The paper is Ex. P. 1886 and P. 1886 E.)

I was a member of the Communist party of India. So was Muzaffar Ahmad, and Ghate I think. Mirajkar was not but am not sure, not am I sure about Nimbkar. I don't think Dange was. I think Usmani was. I am not certain about Majid.

Whether the Communist Party of India was a section of the Communist International I prefer to be silent. I rather think it was not.

(At this stage defence counsel objected to the cross examination of the witness, on the ground that the calling of the witness under sec. 540 was illegal. The lateness of the objection is explained by them as due to the fact that they were under the impression that the witness was to be a purely formal one to explain his report about the non-production of the paper called for. The prayer is that the whole examination and cross-examination be deleted. The objection is over ruled, as in my opinion the calling of the witness under sec. 540 is perfectly legal. As regards the cross examination, this also is legal so long as it is confined to relevant points. The fact that the witness was not called on certain matters is not a bar to his cross examination on those subjects. I am compelled to overrule the whole objection on a strict interpretation of the law.

Sd. R. Milner White!

19-9-29.



Mr. Sinha further objects that the notice was illegal. I consider the notice to be legally issued under Sec, 94 Cr. P. C.

Sd. R. Milner White,

19-9-29.

x x court.

The Communist International I refer to is the one at Moscow; all communist bodies are parts of them—the C. P. of Russia, the Com. P. of Great Britain, and so on.

I have been in Russia, and to Moscow; I was there when Lenin was alive. I did not see him. It was Lenin who led the Russian Revolution to a successful conclusion and instituted the dictatorship of the proletariat.

He was lead of the Com. International. Now Stalin is. The Soviets rule Russia and there are Mensheviks in the soviets.

I have not heard the polit-Bureau.

It may be some institution. The communist party has no power as a party but the individuals may have power as members of soviets.

There was no University at Tashkand. I was at Tashkand for about 8 months. I studied 3 months at a university in Moscow. Communism was one of the subjects. I learnt all about the dictatorship of the proletariat. There is no definite and particular way to bring it about, it differs according to the local conditions of each country.

The great enemy of communism is Imperialism. America is the greatest of the imperialist states at the moment but Great Britain is one of them. The main object of communism is to destroy imperialism. France is an imperialist state. It is not necessary that the existing Government should be destroyed and replaced by another if imperialism is to be destroyed.

I have not read "State and Revolution". I have not thought about what to do if I wanted to destroy imperialism in India. The British Government is one thing, imperialism is another. The policy of the British Government is an imperialist one, i. e. is in the hands of imperialists. Imperialism is the policy of finance capital expansion.

I do not agree that the king is the head of the Government which has this imperialist policy; the head, I suppose are the financiers of Downing Street.

I know nothing about English constitutional law. I have heard of the R. I. L. V. It is not necessary that all members of

this body should be communists. It is not a fact that all members of trades unions in Russia are communists. That is why I said that all members of the R. I. L. V. need not be communists.

When I was in Russai I saw Mahaendra Nath Roy. He is a communist. He was not when I was there on the Cononaial Brueau: not do I know if he was on the Exi or Praesidrim. I had no connection with Roy in Moscow. I don't know his books.

At the movment I am Asst. Editor to the Kirti: I contribute articles to it and other papers. Mr. Roy does not contribute to the Kirti. I do not mention him. It may be the work of the Kirti. I do not necessarily read the whole of the Kirti—only interesting articles.

I remember the incident of the Roy letter in the Assembly. I think it was a stant-in order to pass the Public Safety Bill. I don't know if it was M. N. Roy's or not. The suggestion certainly was that the M. N. Roy where I knew was the writer. I saw that M. N. Roy denied it. I saw his letter in the Bombay [Chronicle-Ex. P. 1887. I supposed it was the M. N. Roy I know.

I do not know M. N. Roy's signature. I cannot identify it on Ex. P. 1888 (and 1888 E).

I have not read Jawahir Lal Nehiru's book " Soviet Russia "

I cannot agree that the passage on that book—In the rural soviets.....all positions of power-P. 47 is correct because I don't know.

I have never seen the book " what do we want " by Roy. It was found in the Kirti office: It was not in my possession.

\* The hammer and sickle is a sign of workers and Peasants in Russia and all over the world. Every worker wears the budge- Ex. P. 1889.

(To be continued )

\* Said to have been obtained from Chamman Lal.

R. Milner White,

19 9-29.

Sd. R. Milner White

19-9-29.

Sd. Ferozuddin

Menson.

20-9-29.

*Continued O. O.*

I don't know whether S. S. Josh is connected with the Kirti or not. I see P. 701. This was published before I joined the Kirti in December 1928. I don't know if Josh was connected with it than I don't know who was Managing Director than. There is no date to P 701. It was not published in my presence, and so I say it was published before my time.

I publish articles to the paper. I was contributing to it before I joined it in December 1928. I read the newspaper. I don't remember if my articles were published as I wrote them or not. Editors some times change sentence. It is not my duty to change them. I have not done so. I don't know if any of my articles was changed.

My duties as Asst. Editor was to translate some articles—nothing else.

Shown cash book Ex. P 748.—I don't know Gurmukhi, but it seems to be a cash book whether of Kirti or not I don't know.

I went to Calcutta in Dec. 28' with Josh and two others we travelled in the same train. I attended the A. I. W. & P. party meeting for a short time. Bhagh Singh was one of the two I don't remember the name of the other: I could recognise him.

I was delegate to W. and P. party conference, so was S. S. Josh.

I paid the expenses myself; I don't know that I got any thing back. The cash book is wrong if it gives it.

At Calcutta I saw a lot of the accused there. I know the name of D. K. Goswami but don't know his face. Dange was not there, but Joglekar was, and I think Joshi and Ghate. I remember Sirkar's name: Abdul Halim's name seems to be familiar I am not quite sure: there may be some one of that name in Calcutta. The writing on the photos shown to me seems to be mine: there is doubt there are some words. It looks like mine Ex. P1890 P and 1890 P. E. I came to Meerut and saw the accused in April in the beginning. I don't know Jhabwala I have seen him. The letter seems to be mine, but there are some sentences which do not seem to be mine, I don't remember writing such a letter in April this year I don't know if it is a photograph of my letter. I had no personal acquaintance with Abdul Halim of Calcutta" but I knew of him. The man I knew of stayed at 2/1 European Asylum Lane. It was the office of the W. and P. Party. I don't know if any party in the Punjab was being reorganised in April 1929. The sentence about the "Work of the party going on" has no meaning to me. The sentence about reorganisation conveys a meaning, but I don't know what party was being re-organised.

I have under lined in red the portions of the letter (P.1890P) about which I have doubt. I have no doubt about "Young comrades" and the signature.

The Kirti is published both in Gurmukhi and Urdu. It is the only paper of that name in the part.

I don't know if there was a meeting of the communist party of India in December in Calcutta when I was there.

There is no communist Party of India now. I don't know that the C. P. I was reorganised in Dec. 1928. For a long time I have heard nothing about it.

I don't remember seeing a document like Ex. P. 1796 I might have seen it.

I was not a member of the C. P. I. in 1927. I was never a member of the communist party. I don't remember saying yesterday that I was. I meant that I was a communist when I said 'yes' to the question "Are you a member of the C. P. I.?" when I said "It was a section of the Com. International, 'by kit' I ment 'C. P. I.'. Today I say I was not member of the C. P. I.

In Feb. 1928 I was staying with Habib Ahmad in Delhi. He is also known as *Nasim*. When I was there Shafik (whom I know) was not staying there. I did not see Usmani there in Feb. 1928.

Shafik is Mohd. Shafik.

I remember a letter sent out signed by myself, Shafik and Nasim in Feb. 1928. It proposed to call a conference of all the communist to make the communist party which exists but in name a working body, and to organise under its banner all the disheartened and disintegrated elements for joint action. It is Ex.P. 1891E. Many of these letters were sent out. I don't remember a covering letter in Urdu. The letter was in Feb. or March, but I can't remember the date.

I was not present at that time but they asked me if I would joined and I agreed.

I don't know if Shafik Nasim and Usmani left India that year.

I have never been to England, France or Germany or America.

I don't know the writing of Ex. P. 1287 (1). I have never seen a paper like P 1219 not like P 1218.

P. 725 is the poster under which the Kirti is sold. There is a red flag with hammer and sickle. It is the banner of the workers: it is not quite the same as the Russian flag.

I have not seen a paper like P 62. I think the Com. Inter. has an Executive Committee-E.C.C.

The system of Govt. in Russia is different to the system of Govt. in India.

With my knowledge of soviet conditions I cannot say if a soviet state is consistent with the idea of an Emperor. A king could exist in one as an ordinary man. I have not studied the question. I can't explain what I mean by an ordinary man—I give it up.

× × by Mr. Sinha.

My knowledge of English is limited. I have heard very few English men talking in English. I have considerable difficulty in following the accents and intonation of a Britisher talking English. I have answered some of the questions without understanding them (after a pause of 15 seconds or so).

I am not well for 2 years I have been sick. It would be correct to say that owing to this the strain of cross examination has confused my thoughts. I have made no special study of the English constitution nor of the soviet constitution, or of the Indian constitution.

Much of what I stated in cross examination was gathered from what I read in newspapers etc. My statements about Lenin, Stalin and soviets are derived from what I have heard and what I picked up in newspapers etc. (referring to passage it was Lenin who led the Russian Revolution.....mensheviks in the soviet).

What I said about Imperialism yesterday is my own philosophy and not that of any other person or party. It is only a guess on my part that M. N. Roy was the author of the letter in the Bombay Chronicle.

Q. Yesterday you said that you were member of the C. P. I. Today you said you were a communist by conviction.

If I put it to you that yesterday's answer was intended to convey that you were a communist by conviction. Would that be correct?

Answer. Yes: that is what I understand from the question. My source of information that Muzaffar Ahmed and Ghate were members of C. P. I. was that I heard so.

I know nothing of the details of the constitution of the Comintern.

I don't know the exact position of the King Emperor in the British constitution.

Q. Do you know all the accused as a journalist knows every other public man in India, or in any other way?

A. Just as a journalist.

I cannot give the name of each accused.

Those who are Imperialists or wish to follow an Imperialist policy wish to crush the labour movement and by prosecuting worker in the field of labour them and by arresting the Trade Unionist and making legislation.

I have seen allegations in the Press about forgery of the two letters mentioned yesterday. I also read about the Zinovief letter. I know of allegations in the Labour Press in England that the Imperialists forged letters. I have no general knowledge of it.

(I see letters in the press that tried to implicate labour leader. My impression is that they are all forgeries.

I have a little experience of Trade Union Work. I have found the attitude of capitalists and Imperialists.

Towards bonafide workers in the Trades Unions to be repressive.

× × by Mr. Chakervarti. I came to court in pursuance of a notice to produce a letter.

I am a Matriculate.

I don't know accused particularly other than those whom I have mentioned.

I am not an expert in the Soviet constitution nor in Communism.

By "the financiers of Downing Street" I mean capitalists, not Cabinet ministers.

× × by Dange. I left India in the Hijrat movement in 1920. There was a general permit for all these men to go out it was a Government permit. There were more than 200 persons who left India at that time. I was in Russia in 1920 and 1921. I never read the *Pravda*. I heard about the paper; many workers read it in Russia. It was published in the papers that forged issues of the *Pravda* were issued in London.

I don't remember living any of the professors etc. at the Moscow University say that the English and American Editions of Marx and other communist writers contain many mistakes.

I have heard of the American firm Mr. Kur publishing books on communism. There are several translations of the works of Lenin and Marx. Most of the works of Lenin were originally written in

Russia: This is based on what I heard in the University and outside.

× × *by Sahgal*. I have heard there is an Anti Communist gang in Europe, they forge letters against poor Communists this is not from personal knowledge.

There is also an anti communist gang in India, such as the European Association. I know it is against communists, I have heard that Mr. Langford Jams was the Chairman. I don't know whether it is this Mr. Langford James or not I have never seen him before. I have read speeches of his against communism.

*by Joglekar*. My statement in cross examination that I prefer to be silent" was made because I was confused.

I know that deputations of capitalists have waited or higher authorities in Bombay. I make this statement as a journalist and reader of papers.

Sd. R. Milner White,

20-9-29

Sd. Ferozuddin Menson.

20-9-29.

P. W. 210

*Shusha Nand Bhatharchrya, Govt. reporter Calcutta, O. O.*

I have been 10 years in Govt. service. I have acted as a shorthand reporter all this time.

I was at Malda on 7th Nov. 1928, when there was a young Men's Conference. I was deputed to take down the speeches of all the speakers in Bengali. I took down the speech of D. K. Goswami delivered then. I took it down in shorthand and then transcribed it into Bengali. My transcription is Ex. P. 1892 (notes and transcription). It is a correct transcription. I recognise Goswami in court. There were two English shorthand reporters there and another Bengali reporter.

I attended a meeting on 26th April 1928 at Beadan Square Calcutta. Kishore Lal Gosh spoke. I identify him. I took it down in shorthand and transcribed it shortly after. The same

meeting Shib Nath Banerjee also spoke and I took down his speech.

Also at Harish Park on 27th I took down another speech of K. L. Ghosh.

All these three speeches are in the note book Ex. P. 1893, the transcriptions produced are those I made—Ex. P. 1893 (1) (K. L. Ghosh on 26th), P. 1893 (2) S. N. Banerjee on 26th (3) K. L. Ghosh on 27th.

I see S. N. Banerjee in court.

× × by Mr. Chakravarti. I can't say when Bengali shorthand was first introduced. In the Malda Conference there were two Bengali reporters—we both took notes.

In the Beadon Square meeting there were also two Bengali reporters (including myself). The other man also took down notes. The president in this meeting was Mrin Lal Kanti Bose.

It was a labour meeting—I can't say the object of it. The president also spoke and Banerjee—also Subash Chandra Bose.

A. N. Bose, Kiran Chand Mitra, Dr. Bhupendra Nath Dutt, Tara Nath Roy, Mr. Godbole. I stayed till the meeting finished. There was a collection made on the spot.

In the Harish Park meeting Bijore Kumar Bose was president he spoke—also Dr. Subodh Bose, P. Gangoli, Mr. Godbole Aftab Ali "a press worker," I. B. Sukkur K. L. Ghosh; I do not remember if a collection was made.

× × Reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

20-9-29.

Sd. G. Bhatnarya.

P. W. 211

Arjun Singh, S. I., C. I. D., Punjab-Lahore, O. O.

I have been in the C. I. D. for 10 or 11 years.

I am a Urdu shorthand reporter. I have also intercepted letter Among the letters intercepted by me were:—



P. 1894 C	30-1-29		P. C. Joshi to Shaukat Usmani c/o Kirti, Amritsar M. S. copy.
P. 1895	20-1-29	17-1-29	Postcard-Shaukat Usmani to S. S. Josh-original,—withheld.
P. 1896 P 1896 P E 1896 (1) C	22-1-29	19-1-29	Bradley to Editor Kirti photo of covering letter with enclosure, article typed copy.
P. 1897 P 1897 (1) P	3-2-29	14-1-29	M.N. Roy to Darbar & Co. P. O. Box 14-Kirti.—letter and article "Lessons of 43rd National Congress" photo.
P. 1898 E 1898 (1) 1898 (2)	24-3-29	Post Mark Berlin	Cover containing two articles "Struggle for Power", "Perspective of situation in China" — signed (in type) by A. Rahman (see 1897)— <i>original</i> -withheld. (addressed to Durbar & Co., Amritsar): "for Kirti"
F. 1899 1899 E	7-4-29	Postmark Berlin 20th-	Cover containing article on expulsion of Trotsky—signed (in type) by Abdul Rahman—"for Kirti"—Original with held.
P. 1900 C	8-11-28	3-11-29	Jhabwala to Ed. Kirti—M. S. copy-article.
P. 1901 P	5-10-28	2-10-28	S. V. Ghate to Sohan Singh, c/o Kirti-photo.

After taking copies or photos of letters not detained the letters were reposted. The copies are correct.

On 24th, Feb. 1928 I attended a conference of Naujawan Sabha at Bradlaugh Hall, I reported speeches of M. A. Majid and S. S. Josh. Majid spoke in Urdu and I reported it in shorthand. I then prepared a transcription—Ex. P. 1902—it is correct. S.S Josh spoke in urdu and I took it in shorthand and transcribed it - P. 1903.

Both are reported in the same shorthand notebook.

I attended a meeting on 24/1/29 at Julianwala Bagh-S.S. Josh spoke. It was a Khilafat and Congress meeting. He spoke in

Punjabi and I recorded in longhand in the same language. My record is Ex P. 1904.

There was a meeting on 16/12/1928 in connection with Kakori day. S. S. Joshi spoke in Punjabi, and I recorded it in long hand. My report is Ex. P. 1905. I attended the Kirti Kisan conference at Lyallpur on 28/9/28—S. S. Joshi spoke in Punjabi, and I recorded it in long hand. My report is Ex. P. 1906, and containing the resolutions also. M. A. Majid also spoke, in Urdu, I recorded it in shorthand, and transcribed it—P.1907.

I also recorded in shorthand the other resolutions passed at the Conference—some were done in longhand. My transcription etc. is P. 1908.

The Kirti posters in Urdu and Gurmukhi were also distributed there—P. 1909.

On 5th Aug. 1928 there was meeting in connection with the Nau Jawan Bharat Sabha. S. S. Joshi spoke in Punjabi and I recorded it in longhand—Ex P. 1910.

At Mahalpur (dist. Hoshiarpur) there was a meeting on 20/7/28 a political meeting on behalf of Akalis. Sohan Singh spoke in Punjabi and I recorded it longhand Ex P. 1911.

There was a meeting at Amritsar on 12/6/1928 to celebrate Bardoli day. S. S. Joshi spoke in Punjabi and I recorded it in longhand—Ex P. 1912.

There was a meeting on 15th. May 1928 of Nau Jawan Bharat Sabha at Jalianwala Bagh. M. A. Majid spoke in Urdu, and I recorded it in shorthand. The transcription is Ex P. 1913.

On 12th April '28 there was a meeting of the Young men's Conference at Amritsar. M. A. Majid spoke in Urdu. I recorded it in Urdu shorthand. My transcription is Ex P. 1914. K.N. Sahgal was present. There was a meeting in the Bradlaugh Hall on 3rd March 1928. I went there. Spratt, Dange, K. N. Sahgal and M. A. Majid were present.

\* \* by Sahgal—I got the information about interceptions from the P. O.

I cannot disclose how I open the letters, nor how they are closed again, nor have I stolen any. I can't say how many I have stopped. I see the letters secretly and confidently. I suppose that it can be concealed, but not stolen.

\* \* reserved.

(Sd, R. Milner White

21/9/29

## P. W. 212.

*B. N. Chatterji, English reporter to Govt. of Bengal  
Political Dept., O. O.*

I have held my position a little over 8 years. I know shorthand for about 20 years.

I attended a conference at Malda on 7th. Nov. 1928. It was a Youth Conference.

I know Spratt-he made three speeches at Malda, one on 7th. and two on 8th. Nov; I reported them correctly, and transcribed my shorthand report. The transcription of the speech of the 7th. is Ex. P. 1915. The first speech of the 8th. is Ex P. 1916, and the second speech Ex P. 1917.

I attended some meetings at Changail-one was on 8th May 1928, and Mr. Spratt made a speech-my transcription is Ex P. 1918.

On 26th. May 1928 I attended a meeting at Ondal. Mr. Spratt made a speech - my transcription is Ex P. 1919. On 28th. May he made another speech at Ondal - Ex P. 1920. On 13th. May 1928. I attended a meeting at Asansol. Mr. Spratt spoke - his speech is Ex P. 1921.

On 2nd. June 1928 there was a meeting at Asansol - Spratt spoke - his speech is Ex P. 1922.

I attended a meeting at Budge Budge on 20th. Sept. '28. Spratt spoke - his speech is Ex P. 1923.

I attended a meeting at Chungail on 9th May 1928 - Spratt spoke - his speech is Ex P. 1924.

I attended a meeting at Mymensingh on 16th. Aug. 1928. Muzaffar Ahmad and Spratt were present ( identifies them ) and spoke. Muzaffar Ahmad spoke first. I took down shortnotes of his speech and made a report. He said there were two types of nationalist movements - one the Capitalist nationalist movement and the other the mass nationalist movement.

The goal of the former was to secure Dominion Status through the reforms, where as the latter had for its object complete independence through class struggle. By class struggle he meant conflict between capitalist and working class. When transport labourers as well as the peasants were organised and would declare a general strike, it was then only the capitalist Govt. would collapse, and in no other way.

Spratt delivered a long speech—the audience first numbered 300, and fell to 30 during the speech, which was of an accademic character.

All the speeches I reported in shorthand were correctly reported and transcribed.

There were other speeches in Bengali and Urdu at these meetings. There were other reporters present for them.

x x by mr. Chakravarti.

I am not expected to know all movements in Bengal. I know some of the political movements in Bengal. There are two movements in Bengal—Youth Movement and Student Movement—

I don't know if they are distinct movements or not. The Youth movement and the Youngmen's, movement are the same. I don't know if they have the same office or the same office bearer.

Sometimes I report the proceedings of a meeting—for instance Changail, when I was the only reporter present. I was asked by the authorities to give them a general summary of the proceedings.

At Mymensingh there was another English reporter present but no Bengali reporter.

I donot always use spectacles in reading.

I am about 38.

There was no other reporter at Changail. In Malda there were 2 English and 2 Bengali reporters. The other English reporter also took down notes simultaneously re ex. At Malda the other reporter was J. N. Mitra. He agreed to the accuracy of my transcript.

Sd. R. Milner White

21-9-29

Sd. B. N. Chatterji.

21-9-29

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P.W. 213

*Abdul Lais Mohammad, Senior Urdu Reporter to Govt.  
of Bengal, Political Department, O. O.*

I have been in my post for the last ten years. I attended the Calcutta Scavengers Union held on 4th March 1928. D. K. Goswami made a speech in Urdu. I took shorthand notes, and prepared a transcription-Ex. P. 1925.

There was a Scavenger Union meeting near Auchter Lonie Monument on 20th May 1928. There were two Urdu reporters myself and Ghulam Hasnain. I took down the second portion of the speech of Muzaffar Ahmad, and Ghulam Hasnain the first part. The transcription of the whole speech is Ex. P. 1926; it is signed by both of us, and the portion of the speech which I took down is in my writing it is from P. 13 onwards (P. 1926 (2)) the rest is in Ghulam Hasnain's writing (P. 1926 (1)). I went to the Dock workers' Union meeting at Halliday Park on 4th Nov. 1928. I took notes of the speech by Shamsul Huda my transcription is P. 1927.

I attended a meeting of Dock Workers under auspices of W. & P. Party at the foot of the Ochter Lony Monument on 28th Oct. 1928. Muzaffar Ahmad made a speech in the first part of which (to P. 11) was reported by Ghulam Hasnain, and the rest from P. 12-17 by me. The transcription is P. 1928(1) (Ghulam Hasnain) and P. 1928 (2) (mine). In the same meeting Shamsul Huda made a speech which was reported by Ghulam Hasnain and I reported in the same way: the transcription, Page 1-11 is Ghulam Husnain's and papers 13-21 is mine. Ex. P. 1929 (1) (2).

There was a meeting at Ondal on 23rd May 1928 at which Raddha Raman Mitra spoke. It was reported by me (transcription page 1, 11, 27, 35) and by Ghulam Hasnain (pages 12-26 and 36-38).

P. 1930 (1) (a), 1930 (2) (b) (mine) and P. 1930 (2) (a) 1930 (2) (b) (Ghulam Husnain's).

Spratt and Goswami were also present. There was another meeting at Ondal on 24th May at which Radha Ranan Mitter spoke. I took the whole speech down—the transcription is Ex. P. 1931.

On 25th May there was another meeting in the morning at Ondal. I took down the speech made by R. R. Mitra in urdu the transcription is Ex. P. 1932.

Spratt and Goswami were also present. Goswami moved a resolution which is on the first page of my transcription, and Mitra seconded it.

I attended other meetings at Ondal at which R. R. Mitra spoke, and I made shorthand notes of all and transcriptions. He made speeches on 25th (evening), 27th (evening), 29th (evening): 31st (evening) urging the men to continue the strike.

There was a meeting at Asansol on 1st June 1928 (evening) R. R. Mitra spoke I took shorthand notes of the speech, and transcribed it. I omitted a portion in the middle when I got tired,

and then continued again. Except for this the report is correct.  
Ex. P. 1933.

Another meeting was held in the after noon of 2nd June.  
R. R. Mitra made a speech which I reported P. 1934.

There were other meetings at Asonsol at which Mitra spoke asking the men to continue the strike after it had started.

There was no strike at Ondal on 23rd May before he spoke and similiary no strike at Asonsol on June 1st before he spoke.

Spratt attended same meeting and so did Goswami. I attended a meeting at Sitarampur on 14th June 1928.

Radha Raman and Spratt were present. R. R. Mitra was the speaker. I took down shorthand notes, but I could not take them down properly owing to incessant rain. so I submitted a summary report about the meeting.

The gist of what he said was that Ondal and Asonsol workers had struck work in sympathy with the Lellooah strikes. He appealed to the Sitarampur workers to help them either by going on strike or contributing money for relief of strikers. The workers of Europe had helped them with money, most of which viz-Rs 10,000 came from Russia.

x x by Mr. Chakravarti.

The E. I. R. strike began between January and April 1928.

On 23rd. May the workers came out from the workshop to attend the meeting when the workshop closed. This was obviously before the meeting.

Nothing is mentioned in my notes about who presided at the meeting of 14th, June. Hence I presume there was no president as if there had been one I would have put it in my notes.

I haven't got the summary report of 2nd. June here.

I submitted one to the office.

When meetings are attended by C. I. D. officers there is no need to submit summary report.

I have not got the summary report of June 1.

I do not remember if a C.I.D. officer attended these meetings or not. Local police officers attended.

I am sure that I made a summary of the proceedings from my shorthand notes in all the meetings which I have mentioned to day.

I recognise Muzaffar Ahmad, Goswami, Mitra and Spratt.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White.

21-9-29

Sd. Abdul Lais Mohammad,

21-9-29

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## P. W. 214.

*A. M. S. Raihan Ahmad, Government Reporter, Bengal O. O.*

I have been an urdu reporter for about 7 years. I attended a Labour meeting at Halliday Park on 4th November 1928. Shamsul Huda made a speech. I took shorthand notes and transcribed it. The transcription is correct Ex P. 1935.

I attended a meeting at Mamchanapara on 29th April 1928. Shib Nath Banerjee made a speech. I took shorthand notes. The transcription is Ex. P. 1936.

I attended at Mardan Labour meeting on 19th January 1929 an anti-Simon demonstration. R.R. Miter made a speech. I took notes-my transcription is P. 1937.

I attended a Scavengers strike Meeting at Deshbhandhu Park on 4th March 1928. Muzaffar Ahmad made a speech. My transcription is Ex. P 1938.

I identify Shib Nath Banerjee, Miter and Muzaffar Ahmad. × × by Mr. Chakravarti. M. Godbole, Bankin Mukerji, J. R. Sen Gupta, and many other, spoke. I only record the names of those who made Urdu Speeches.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

21-9-29.

Sd. A. M. S. Raihan Ahmad.

21-9-29.

## P. W. 215

*Mohanji Narainji Desai, Inspector, Sp. Branch Bombay O. O.*

I have been in the police for 13 years. In 1917-28 I was in the Special Branch in Bombay.

On 29th September 1928 I went to Central Teleg. Office Bombay and arranged to take a photo of a telegram sent by Jhabwala to Moscow. The photo taken is Ex P- 1939 P.

There is a programme of the W. & P. Party issued in connection with the A. I. Congress Committee on 5th May 1927 with a covering letter. This bears an exhibit number, which was put on in the case against Mirajkar and Spratt. These two papers were found with Spratt. They are Ex. P. 1940 and 1940 (1).

I attended a meeting at the Students Brotherhood at their premises on 24th April 1927. There was a lecture by Spratt on Revolution in India. I know him by sight. I took no notes, but immediately after the meeting was over I made out a report and submitted it to Deputy Commissioner next morning. I read the account of the speech in the Indian National Herald. I submitted it with my report: it was substantially correct—It is Ex P. 1941.

On 22nd January 1927 I attended a meeting held to observe Lenin Day in Bombay. I made a report. Joglekar, Ghate, Mirajkar, Firozuddin, among others were present. Jhabwala took the chair. I jotted down points from his speech. Joglekar also spoke and I jotted down notes. Next morning I prepared a report and submitted it to Deputy Commissioner. My typed report is Ex. P. 1942. The corrections etc. in M. S. were made by Mr. Jacob Deputy Commissioner.

I have seen the accused Ajudhia Prasad. I had occasion to make inquiry about him in Bombay. From about June 1927 I began to connect him with ships and shipping. This was in consequence of secret information which led me to look him as a lascar i. e. coal trimmer or fire man. I made inquiries as to whether there was a lascar of that name. As a result of my enquiries I found no such man. I made inquiries as to a lascar of the name of Abdul Hamid as a result of such information that he was carrying literature to and from abroad. It was in September that I began to make inquiries about Abdul Hamid. I found that Abdul Hamid was taken on as a coal trimmer on S. S. Elysia (Anchor line) which left Bombay on 5th September.

I know when he came back to Bombay: I had previous information that he was coming back. He came back by S. S. Razmak on 16th March 1928. Before this proceedings were started against



him in Bombay under the Merchants Shipping Act on the charge that he had deserted at Marseills on 25th September 1927.

I sent S. I. Kothare to see whether Abdul Hamid did Actual-ly arrive by S. S. Razmak. I myself saw him at the Shipping office about 11 the same morning. When I heard from Kothare that he had come. I had summons to serve on him. I served the summons on him and he signed it in my presence, and I returned it to the court. I endorsed it. It is Ex. P. 1943 S.

I also got a receipt from him that he had received the summons: he signed it in my presence - it is Ex. P. 1944 S.

This Abdul Hamid whom I served is the accused Ajodhia Praşad. The summons was head before the magistrate, Mr. Dastur (now Ch. Press Magistrate). I was present throughout. Abdul Hamid made a statement Mr. Dastur took it down. It was read out to Abdul Hamid, and he signed it in my presence. This statement is Ex. P. 1945 S.

In the usual course of my duty I had to watch his movement and one day in June 1928 he came to me and complained against one of my watchers. Mr Chaudhri and Mr. Kothare were also present.

I remember Sir John Simon and the Commission. In October 1928 I got some information about a telegram sent to Sir John Simon by Mirajkar. The telegram was stopped at the Telegraph Office. The purpert was conveyed to Sir John Simon. This was found as a result of inquiries. The private Secretary handed over some papers to me—Ex. P. 1946, and 1946 (1).

I arrested Mr. Spratt on 15th September 1927 at office of W. and P. Party Bombay' I took him to the C. I. D. office. His person was searched. The diary produced was found on him Ex. P. 1947. At that time he was living at Watson's Hotel. His belongings were brought from the Hotel - a leather suitcase and another box, They were sealed and Spratt initialled them. On 11th October 1927 they were opened. Nasir Ali managing clerk of his solicitory, Mr. Girwala, was present on Spratt's behalf. Among the things found were bottles. Each bottle was labelled. There was 3 bottles, said to contain tincture of Iodine, Hydrogen Peroxide and vegetable oil. An inventory was made of the articles found. Most of them were returned, with the list, to Spratt later on: some things were detained. Six files containing numerous documents were detained. The things found were kept carefully in the C. I. D. office. Some documents have been taken from those six file in connection with the present case. Among them were the papers marked "for identification" A(1) - (4) & B. They are not Ex. P. 1948 (1) - (4) and P. 1949.

Other papers found in this search in these files, were:—

Ex. P.	1950	Letter from Graham Pollard P.P. Birrell and Gamett.
	1951	Letter of introduction from Page Arnot to Chaman Lal - 13/12/26 introducing Spratt.
	1952	Ditto to D. K. Goswami.
	1953	Letter of 16/2/27 from Graham Pollard.
	1954	Office copy of 18/2/27 letter to "Robin" (Page Arnot)?
	1955	Letter (office copy) of 10/3/27 to "Robin".
	1956	Letter of 31/3/27 (unfinished).
	1957	Office copy of unsigned letter to Supt. Jail (original produced by Maj: Dojle, P. W. 153).
	1958	Letter of 30/3/27—office copy.
	1959	Letter of 5/4/27, apparently in Muzaffar Ahmad's writing.
	1960	Letter of Saklatwala undated.
	1961	Letter to Mr. Gupta from Saklatwala-of April, 8, 1927.
	1962 (1)	Letter Yusuf Mehr Ali to Spratt.
	1962 (2)	Office copy-reply to above.
	1962 (3)	Reply to Mehr Ali to above.
	1963	Letter from Muzaffar Ahmad about articles in Ganavani.
P.	1964	Letter of 13/5/27 about articles in Ganavani from Muzaffar Ahmad.
P.	1965	Letter signed by Dange to Spratt of 5/7/27 from Cawnpore.
P.	1966	Letter of 12/7/27 from Benares from Dange to Spratt.
P.	1967	M.S. in Spratt's writing of 14/7/27, letter to Dange.

- P. 1968 M. S. Copy of letter from Lahore 21/7/27, to 'Robin' discussing Labour situation in Punjab.
- P. 1969 Letter of 2/7/27 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Spratt.
- P. 1970 Letter of 12/8/27 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Spratt.
- P. 1971 Draft letter, Spratt to Muzaffar Ahmad, sending article dated 24/8/27.
- P. 1972 P. C. of 20/6/27 from Dange to Spratt.
- P. 1973 Ditto of 24/6/27.
- P. 1974 Typed letter of 6/8/27 (draft) to Robin.
- P. 1975 M. S. draft of latter to BURTON.
- P. 1976 Bundle of typed papers headed Party Training-3 copies of Lesson 1 and Syllabus of Elementary training, summary of nine lessons and bibliography.
- P. 1977 Two copies of Sacco and Vanzetti pamphlet.
- P. 1978 Membership card of W.&P. Party, Bombay.
- P. 1979 Bundle of papers, consisting of notes for essay, Revolution and India, together with newspaper accounts of the lecture, and letter to Times of India about it.
- P. 1980 M.S. Article headed 'Contemporary Political Situation in India-August 1927.
- P. 1981 Bundle of papers dealing with T.U. Work—2 copies of lesson 6, T. U. work, etc.
- P. 1982 M S.entitled Trade Union Question.
- P. 1983 M. S. and typed article on '100% Indian' by G.C. Stat" written by Spratt.

P. 1984 Mollen Indian Politics - a review  
of two books by Palme Dutt and  
Roy Spratt's M. S.

P. 1985 Meaning of May Day - Spratt's  
M. S.

The editor of a newspaper has to put in a declaration before the Ch. Presidency Magistrate. One copy is sent to the C. I. D. office. Four originals are signed by the declarer before the Chief Presidency Magistrate, and it is one of these which is sent to the C. I. D.

The declaration shown to me about Mr. G. Desai and publication of the Spark bears the signature of Mr. Dastur. I know the signature. The covering letter is attached. The declaration (dated 25/1/29) is Ex. P. 1936 and the covering letter P. 1936 (1).

The similar declaration regarding Payam Mazdar signed by Shaikat Usmani, on 27/2/29, is Ex. P. 1987, and the covering letter Ex. P. 1987 (1)—I recognise the signature of Mr. Dastur.

The similar declaration of 3-5-29 regarding the New Spark, signed by Hutchinson, is Ex. P. 1988 and the covering letter P. 1988(1). I recognise the signature of the Magistrate.

I arrested Fazl Elahi. Serg. Littlewood reported to our department that he had seen a man who gave his name as John Charles, and later Fazl Elahi, with the address of an automobile Workshop. I arrested him at the Motor Workshop. He was sent to Peshwar where there was a trial.

x x by Mr. Sirha. I have very often witnessed the proceedings of the court. I was sitting in court, giving the papers when Kothare was examined.

The paper Ex. P. 1946 was given officially by the Private Secretary to the Deputy Commissioner who gave it to me. It was sent officially from the office of the Private Secretary of the President Royal Commission. There was no direction as to the use to be made of it. It was not a first information report to a police office.

I am aware that Sir John Simon sent out invitations to public men and bodies in India, directing a free expression of opinion. There was no direction from the P. S. that this paper should not be produced in any prosecution. I first saw this document in Oct. 1928.

The document was eventually sent to the Prosecution Office 20th October. The Prosecution Office asked for it, as they had seen the telegram quoted in the papers and they wanted the original telegram. As we had not got that we sent the copy received from Sir John Simon's Office.

As far as I know this was the only communication addressed to Sir John Simon which was forwarded to our office.

I did not consult the office of the P. S. before sending the document are here nor did I consult any officer of the Government of Bombay.

× × by Chakravarti. I made the inquiries about the telegram after it was stoped and its stopage had been reported in the papers. It was not exactly stopped—it was not accepted, and was returned to the sender.

× × by Nimbkar. I remember the Simon Byeott days in Bombay. I know there was a propaganda but I was on leave at the time. The Bombay National Congress did propaganda. As regards the hartal on the 3rd of which I heard, I only returned at 9 p. m. on the 3rd. When I came the meeting was over. Mr. Chaudhari, Dost Mohd. Kothare help to look after my duties in my absence.

I was on duty on 1st May 1928. I did not attended at a meeting at the Marwari Vidya Hall. I got no report about it—the report would have gone to the Labour sections.

The Lenin Day celebrations in 1927 were under the auspices of the Labour group in the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee.

There are various sub committees working in the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee and there is a Labour Sub Committee.

re.ex. The reason I have been here is that I am attached to the Prosecution Office.

I am not a member of the Bombay Prov. Congress Committee. What I have deposed is from what I have learnt from my inquiries.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

Sd. M N. DESAI. 23-9-29.

Note. In the course of cross examination by Mr. Sinha the following question was asked by him: 'Did it or did it not strike you as an experienced police officer, that you were making an improper use of a document addressed to a Royal Commission in sending it to the prosecution office for being used in this case.'

The Court disallowed the question, as it was a matter of opinion, and it was no part of his duty as a police officer, nor part of police practice, to form opinions about the propriety or impropriety of the

orders of a superior officer in fact could be known what use was going to be made of it.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

23-9-29.

P. W. 216

*M. Aulad Ali Chaudhri, Mahandi Press Calcutta O.O.*

(in Bengali, trans. by Mr. Mitter).

I am the Mahandi Press manager. The leaflet in Urdu, Hindi and Bengali shown to me were printed in my press. The order to print was given 17th January 1929 by Moulvi Muzaffar Ahmad. They are Ex. P. 1989, 1990 and 1991.

The print order is on P. 1991, and was written by Muzaffar Ahmad in my presence (Ex. P. 1991 S). I printed 1000 copies of P. 1991. Muzaffar Ahmad took delivery of them after making payment.

Similarly Muzaffar Ahmad wrote a printing order on the proof, Ex. P. 1990—it is Ex. P. 1990 S and was written in my presence. 1000 copies were printed and delivered to Muzaffar Ahmad.

Similarly Muzaffar Ahmad wrote the printing order (P. 1989 S) in my presence on P. 1989. There were 1000 copies printed and delivered to Muzaffar Ahmad.

All these transactions were recorded in my register in the ordinary course of business (Entries 545 and 547 in Order Book signed by Court, also advance receipt 731).

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White

23-9-29.

Sd/- M. Aulad Ali Chaudhri

23-9-29.

## P. W. 217

*Ahmadulla, Stylish Printing works, Calcutta, O.O.*

I have got a press—Stylish Printing Works. The leaflet—Ex.P. 1993—was printed in my press in Nov. 1928. 2000 copies were printed. Muzaffar Ahmad gave the printing order and also paid for the printing expenses. I recognise Muzaffar Ahmad. He gave me the Urdu copy—Ex. P. 1993—and told me to print it in Hindi.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

23-9-29.

## P. W. 218

*Najibul Rahman, of Sahabad (Gaya) now of Calcutta, O.O.*

I am printer of Star of India Press.

The leaflet—Ex. P. 1993—was printed by me. Muzaffar Ahmad had it printed, in November 1928, about 15th or 19th. He gave me a draft—Ex. P. 1993(I). He had 2000 copies printed. I was paid Rs. 9/- and Rs. 3/- is still due if I know him by sight.

x.x. reserved.

Sd/- R Milner White,

23-9-29.

## P. W. 219.

*Narendra Nath, S/o Muthura Nath Chatterjee, Calcutta, O. O.*

I am owner of Popular Printing Works Calcutta. Ex. P. 158 was printed at my press Ex. P. 160 is is the typed draft of P. 158, and P. 159 is the proof of the same. No. Sen. ordered me to print them - he is probably Secy. of Young Comrades League.

P. 162 was printed in my press. D.K. Goswami (identifies accused) gave the order. 1000 copies were printed. Order was placed on 15-12-28 it was entered in my register in the usual course of business, (Order book 55 signed by court).

P. 161 was printed in my press on the order of D.K. Goswami. 1000 copies were printed. The order book entry is No. 66 (signed by court). Goswami paid the bill.

x. x. reserved.

Sd/ R. Milner White,

23-9-29.

Sd/- Narendra Nath Chatterjee

23-9-29.

## P. W. 220.

*Mahendra Nath Dutt, Calcutta, O. O.*

I am the manager of the Sree Saraswati Press. P. 180 is the bill register seized by the police in the search of the permisses. It is kept in the regular course of business.

Looking at entry 2207, 2229, 2252, 2285. I can say that the orders were given by Muzaffar Ahmad or on his behalf they are for leaflets, receipts books etc.

2208 for Rs. 10/13/- was ordered by secy. Young Comrades League.

2231 was printed for Secy, W. and P. Party Bengal. 2284 was for A. I. W. and P. Conference. 2286 for Secy. W. and P. party Bengal. 2357, 2358 for Secy. Transport workers' union.



Bengal: 2365 B. W. and P. P. This register indicates from whom we are to get money.

P 181 is the order book. 1791-Muzaffar Ahmad, 2000 handbills; 2254 Muzaffar Ahmad, 100 visiting cards; 1862 Indian Communist Party letter heads (500); 2262 Ed. Ganavani, 1500 placards; 2269 Ed. Ganavani 2000 hand bills. 2272, Secy. Bengal Jute Workers Association letter head; 2290 Secy. Bengal Textile workers union, 1000 hand bills; 2302. Secy. Bengal Jute workers Association; 2291 Ed. Ganavani, 300 wrapping covers; 2298; Ed. Ganavani 2nd issue Ganavani; 2322 Ed. Ganavani 3rd issue. 2346 Ed. Ganavani 5th issue 2358, Muzaffar Ahmad 2000 hand bills; 2416 Muzaffar Ahmad; 2453 Muzaffar Ahmad, 1000 hand bills; 2523 Muzaffar Ahmad 1000 handbills; 2557 Muzaffar Ahmad, letter head of W. & P. Party; Myman Singh 500, 2730, Muzaffar Ahmad W.&P, party agenda 2780 Muzaffar Ahmad, 4000 receipts 2417, Young Comrades League, letter heads and application forms. 2805 Reception Committee A. I. W. and P. Party visiting cards; 2816 B. P. and W. conference, handbills.

This book is kept in the ordinary course of business and all the entries are correct.

Ex. P-505 is a bill; it is signed by me.

P. 500 is a voucher issued by my press.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE.

23/9/99.

Sd. Mohendra Nath Dutt,

23/9/29.

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P. W. 221

*R. C. Mazumdar, S. I. Police, C.I.D., Bengal, O. O.*

I have been in the police for 13 years. I used to intercept letters.

I intercepted a letter dated Jan. 22, 1929, from M. N. Roy to Editor of Forward, Calcutta International Affiliation of Indian Labour: it is Ex. P. 1994 and 1954E. it was intercepted on 10/2/29.

I intercepted another letter on 24/2/29 addressed to Ed. Forward from communist party of Great Britain-letter dated 7/2/29 it is Ex. P 1995 and 1995 E.

Both these letters were with held and are produced in original.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

23/2/29.

Sd. R. C. Mazumdar, S. L.

## P. W. 222

*Sri Gopal Dutt, S. I. Police, 24 Parganas, O. O.*

I know Donald Campell was arrested in Calcutta. In this connection I searched the house of Kalidas Bhattacharjee on 22nd Jan. 1927. The search list prepared at the time is P 1996. I found a British passport there of 19th June 1925, No. 85570, with the photo of Donald Campbell 32 pages.

I went to Bombay to give evidence in the trial of Donald Campbell. The man was the one whose photo I saw in the passport I don't know where the passport is now.

x x reserved.

(NOTE.—Mr. Sahgal objects to this evidence as irrelevant)

Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

23-9-29

Sd. Sir GOPAL DUTT,

S. I. of Police

24 Parganas.

23/9/29.

## P. W. 223.

*Chandu Lal Nathu Bhai Patil, Bombay, O.O.*

I know Shaukat Usmani. I see him in court. His house was searched in my presence by Chardri Inspector. Shaukat Usmani was present. It was 6 or 7 months ago. A search list was made out and I signed it. I identify my signature on Ex. P 1557 and 1558.

I also signed the papers etc. found. I identify my signatures on Ex. P 1559-1579. Ex. P 1580 does not appear to bear my signature, but I see from the search list that 48 copies of Payam Mazdur were recovered. All were recovered from the place.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

23-9-29.

## P. W. 224.

*Abrar Ahmad, S.I., C.I.D. Bombay, O.O.*

I have been in the police for 14 years. I used to intercept letters.

On 29-2-28 I intercepted a letter not dated (post marked 28-2-28); I copied it correctly- the copy is Ex. P 1997 C. It is from R S. Nimkar to Ed. "Khilafat," Bombay. After copying it reported the letter. The signature was like that on P 1508.

x . x . reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

23-9-29.

Sd. A. Ahmad, S.I.

23 9-29.

## P. W. 225.

*R. C. Chaudhari, Sub-Inspector, C. I. D., Bombay O. O.*

I have been in the police for 4 years. I have intercepted letters.

I intercepted the letter shown on 26th Dec. 1928. It was registered addressed to W. J. Johnston Esqr., Hotel Continental, Calcutta, and was from Willi Mumzenbeg and Chattopadhyaya. The date is 5 Dec 1928. There was a covering letter and three enclosures. I took a photo of the original and the photographic copies are Ex. P 1998 and 1998 (1), (2), (3) P, and P 1998 P. E.

After taking a photograph (or rather having it taken in my presence), I reposted the letter.

Sd. R. Milner White,

24-9-29.

x-x reserved.

Sd. R. Chaudhari.

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## P. W. 226

*Amarendra Kumar Sen, Sub-Inspector C.I.D. Calcutta, O. O.*

I have been about 2 years in the Calcutta Police. It was part of my duty to intercept letters.

Among them were:—

P 1999 P & 1999 E	20-1-29.	8-1-29.	Johnston to Kishori Lal Gosh- Photo.
P 2000 C	24-2-28,	.....	Leaflet circulation of W. & P. party Bombay about affiliation to Riku-addressed to various T.U.S. typed copy.
P 2001 2001 E	30-12-28	12-8-28	C. P. Dutt to K. L. Ghosh includ- ing letter addressed to W. & P. P. A. I. conference from E.C.C.I. original with held.

P 2002 L 2002P.E.	19-8-28	2-8-28	Envelope (photo copy) enclosing letter signed J in type) to Philip cover addressed to K.L. Ghosh: letter copied in type.
P 2003 P 2003 (1) P 2003 P. E.	30-9-28		To Spratt, with typed letter from G. A. (Allisan ?) with enclosed letter to Ginwala. photo.
P 2004 P	27-1-29	11-1-29.	Letter to P. Spratt C/o K. L. Ghosh-unsigned (See. P 526) photo
P 2005 C	7-7-28	18-6-28	To Spratt c/o K.L. Ghosh, from Mallonie- typed copy.
P 2006 P 2006 (1) P 2006 P.E.	5-2-29	4-2-29	Registered letter, from P Spratt to Desai, enclosing article on "Public Safety Bill". Photo copy.
P 2007 C	24-2-28	22-2-28	Mukherji to Muzaffar Ahmad accepting programme of W. & P. Party See. P. 1415, Typed copy.
P 2008 P	14-8-28	1-8-28	To K.L. Ghosh from S. Tagore, Berlin in Bengali, 5½ pages.

I also procured a telegram from Telegraph Check office, It was from Muzenberg and Chattopadhaya to the A.I.T. U.C. Jheria it is Ex. P 2009 P.

I also got a telegram from Potter Wilson to A.I.T.U.C. Jheria- Ex. P 2010.

All the letters intercepted were reported after copying, except those which were detained. The photos were taken in my presence. × × by Mr Chakrawarti. I received orders for interception from my departmental heads. There was an order of the Local Govt. which was issued to my departmental heads. The orders are for interceptions only. They are general orders. I took the letters to my departmental heads, who decided whether the letters were to be detained or reposted. A separate order was passed by them on each separate article, as to its disposal. I do not know what is done to the detained articles.

I post myself all letters for which there is an order for delivery. I worked in various post offices. I have not got any diary with me.

My orders were to intercept letters, parcels (registered and unregistered), etc. addressed to certain persons. I can not give the

addressees whose letters were to be intercepted- the orders are confidential.

× × by Desai.

I can not even say how many peoples letters had to be intercepted-it is confidential.

I had orders to intercept letters coming into Calcutta.

Sd. R. Milner White.

24-9-29.

Sd. Amarendra Kumar Sen

S. I.

24-9-29

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P. W. 227.

*P. C. Mandle, Sub-Inspector, Calcutta, S. B. O. O.*

I have been intercepting letters in the course of my duties. I was on duty at Hawrah Mail Office on 23rd August 1928. I saw Abdul Halim, a member of W. & P. party, posting some packets. When he had gone I took the packets and counted them-they were 28 in number-they contained Ganavani, addressed to S Tagore etc. I prepared a list which is P. 2011. They were wrapped in Ganavani wrappers, on which was written Ganvani organ of W. & P. Party, 2/1 European Asylum Lane.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,  
24-9-29.

Sd. P. C. Mandle,

S. I. Police.

24-9-29.

## P. W, 228.

*G. B. Roy, S. I. S. B., Calcutta, O. O.*

I am in S. B. of Calcutta C. I. D. In the course of my duties I intercepted letters. When I intercept a letter, I open it and copy or photograph the original, and then repost the letters which are not to be detained. Among those intercepted were:—

- P. 2012 P. 24-1-29 8-11-28. Letter from D. K. Goswami to Secy. P. P. T. U. S., being returned to sender by D. L. O. Photo ( Note One postmark on front of envelope, over stamp ).
- P. 2013 24-12-28. 24-11-28. Reg. letter to Executive Committee & 2013 E Scavengers Union, from hairman, Cent. Committee Workers Union, S. S. S. R. Moscow. *Original*—withheld.
- P. 2014 24-12-28. 5-12-28. Reg. letter 489 to Secy. Reception and 2014 E Committee, A. I. W. & P. Conference, from W. Muzenberg and and 2014 (1) Chattopadhyaya—with copy of Johnston's mandate—*Original* withheld.
- P. 2015 P. From L. N. Kadam to Muzaffar 2015 P. E. 30-11-28 25-11-28 Ahmad, Photo.
- P. 2016 P. 10-6-28 9-6-28 To Muzaffar Ahmad, by G. C. and 2016 P. E. Basak, Photo.
- P. 2017 C 24-6-28 23-6-28 To Muzaffar Ahmad from G. L. Basak, M. S. Copy. Signaturo similar ta 2016 P, and writing.
- P. 2018 C 25-7-28 24-7-28 To Muzaffar Ahmad from Basak M. S. Copy—in Bengali.
- P. 2019 C 30-7-28 23-7-28 To Muzaffar Ahmad from Basak writing as in 2016 P. M. S. Copy.
- P. 2020 C 2-8-28 31-7-28 To. D. K. Goswami by Basak M.S. Copy-Bengali.
- P. 2021 C 22-8-28 21-8-28 To Spratt from Basak M S. Copy.
- P. 2022 C 26-8-28 23-8-28 To Muzaffar Ahmad from Basak Bengali, M. S. Copy.
- P. 2023 P. 20-9-28 19-9-28 To Muzaffar Ahmad from Basak & 2023 P. E Bengali-photo.

P. 2024 C	12-4-28	9-4-28	Ghate to Gen. Secy. W.& P. Party Bengal M. S. Copy.
P. 2025 P. 2025 P. E.	12-12-28	8-12-28	Ghate to Secy. Reception Committee A. I. W. & P Party Conference.—photo.
P. 2026 C	12-2-28	17-1-28	S. Tagore ( Berlin. ) to Muzaffar Ahmad M. S. Copy-Bengali.
P. 2027 C	18-3-23	23-2-28	S. Tagore to Muzaffar Ahmad—Bengali—M S. Copy.
P. 2028 P and 2028 P. E.	6-5-28	17-4-28	S. Tagore to Muzaffar Ahmad, Bengali-photo.
P. 2029 C.	13-6-23	21-1-23	S Tagore to Muzaffar—Bengli—M. S. Copy.
P. 2030 & 2030 E.	13-5-28	25-4-28	Chattopadhyaya to Muzaffar Ahmad <i>Original</i> withheld.
P. 2031 C	30-5-28	28-5-28	postcard, to Muzaffar Ahmad, copy.
P. 2032 P. & 2032 P. E	24-6-28	6-6-28	S. Tagore to Muzaffar Ahmad, Bengali-photo.
P. 2033 P. 2033 P. E.	19-7-28	19-7-28	Muzaffar Ahmad to Tagore photo Bengali.
P. 2034 P. 2034 P. E	7-7-28	19-6-28	From Berlin ( signature undeciphered ) to Muzaffar Ahmad—photo.
P. 2035 P.	23-9-28	28-8-38	Tagore to Muzaffar Ahmad photo-Bengali.
P. 2036 P	15-10-28	19-9-28	Max Ziese to Muzffar Ahmad, with enclose ( letter to R. M. G. )
2036 (1) p & 2036 p. E.,			To Muzaffar Ahmad, with 15 resolutions for T. U. C. & 4 for Calcutta Congress, 1928 and 2 for A. I. Nat. Congress Committee.
P. 2037 (1) C 2037 (2) C 2037 (3) C	29-9-28		
P. 2038 P. 2038 P. E.	9-12-28	21-11-28	To Muzaffar Ahmad from S. Tagore Bengali-photo.
P. 2039. P. 2039 (1) P. 2039 P. E.	24-12-28	5-12-28	Reg. Letter to publisher Ganavani from Institute for Economics and Statistics, Moscow-photo-with receipt.
2040 P. E.	30-12-28	11-12-28	Max Ziese to Muzaffar Ahmad photo.



P. 2041 C.	1-5-28	29-4-28	Shaukat Usmani to Muzaffar Ahmad M. S. Copy.
P. 2042 C.	7-5-28	4-5-28	Shaukat Usmani to Muzaffar Ahmad M. S. Copy.
P. 2343 C.	9-6-28	7-6-28	Usmani to Muz. Ahmad M.S.Copy.
P. 2044 C.	23-3-28	21-3-28	K.L Ghosh to Spratt-M. S. Copy.
P. 2045 C.	25-7-28	23-7-28	M. A. Majid to Muz. Ahmad and another to Spratt M. S. Copy
P. 2046 P.	16-10-28	12-10-28	Joglekar to Spratt enclosing resolu- tions for T. U. C Photo.
P. 2046 (1) P. P.	2046 P.E.		
P. 2047 P.	12-12-28	8-12-28	Ghate to Goswami-Photo.
& 2047 P. E.			
P. 2048 C.	7-8-28	5-8-28	Basak to Muzaffar Ahmad Bengali M. S. Copy.
P. 2049 C.	29-3-28	26-3-28	President, W. & P. Party Bengal, from R. S. Nimbkar M. S. copy.
P. 2050	14-2-28	.....	Reg. packet to Muzaffar Ahmad from R. S. Nimbkar- <i>Original</i> with held containing.
2050 E			
2050 (1)-(5)			(1) Resolution on organization. (2) Youth-resolution. (3) Peasants..... (4) Trade Union movement..... (5) General political situation "
P. 2051 C	16-7-28	14-7-28	S. S. Josh to Muzaffar Ahmad- M. S. Copy.
P. 2052 P.	15-9-28	14-9-28.	To Muzaffar Ahmad from S. S. Josh-photo-signature said to the like those of other letters from Josh.
2052 P. E.			
P. 2053 P.	12-11-28	10-11-28	S. S. Josh to Muzaffar Ahmad photo.
2053 P. E.			
2054 P.	15-3-28	8-12-27	Muzaffar Ahmad to Tagore sent to Berlin and Moscow Hotel Bristol and thence returned through D. L. O. photo.
2054 P. E.			
2055 C.	2-3-28	27-2-28.	Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad M. S. Copy.

- P. 2055 P. 7-7-28 20-6-28 To Muzaffar Ahmad from Tagore-  
2056 P. E. photo.
- P. 2057 P. 24-6-28. Vervaro (Moscow) to W. & P. Party  
2057 P. E. photo.
- P 2058 C. 23-10-28 22-10-28 Busak to Goswami M. S. copy.
- P. 2059 P. 4-12-28. 3-12-28. Busak to Muzaffar Ahmad Bengali  
2059 P. E. photo.
- P. 2060 P. 8-12-28. 7-12-28. Busak to Goswami-photo.  
2060 P. E.
- P. 2061 P. 7-11-28. 5-11-28. Postcard from Gouri Shankar to  
Muzaffar Ahmad (see P 211, 212)  
photo.
- P. 2062 P. 2-12-28. 30-11-28. Membership forms of W. & P.  
2062 P. E. Party sent to Muzaffar Ahmad,  
photo
- P. 2063 P. 29-1-29 3-1-29 C P Dutt to Spratt ( P 526 ( 33 ) )  
2063 P. E. photo.
- P. 2064 C. 26-5-28 25-5-28 M. Spratt and Goswami to Muzaffar  
Ahmad-M. S. copy
- P 2065 C. 26-2-28 23-2-28. Spratt to Muzaffar Ahmad M.S.  
copy.
- P. 2066 P. 1-6-28 31-5-29 Spratt to Muzaffar Ahmad photo.  
2066 P. E.
- P. 2067 P. 8-7-28 4-7-28 G. Inwala to Spratt containing  
2067 P. E. letters from Spratt to Joglekar  
and Spratt to Parbati and two  
( 1 ) P. handnotes of 1926 and 1927. Photo.  
( 2 ) P.  
( 3 ) P.  
( 4 ) P.
- P. 2068 P. 9-9-28 20-8-28 Editor of Sunday worker, with  
2068 ( 1 ) covering letter and cuttings of arti-  
2068 ( 2 ) cles, to Spratt-Original, with held.  
2068 E.
- P 2069 P. 22-11-28 19-10-28 P. C. Joshi to Muzaffar Ahmad  
2069 P. E. with another letter to Spratt (found  
2069 ( 1 ) P. in original elsewhere ). Photo.
- P. 277 ( 1 ) 27-5-28 5-2-28 To Muzaffar Ahmad. The erasures  
277 ( 2 ) on the Envelope were  
there when I intercepted it the  
writing on the back "from Muzaffar  
Hakim" was also there. The

letter produced came out of the envelope in question-Ex. 377 E. ( 1 ). It is a covering letter and enclosure. I took it to office and gave to my Asst. Commissioner Rai Bahadur B. B. Mukharjee. It is signed. J. The enclosure is letter dated 30-12-27 of 10 typed pages, said to be from M.N. Roy to Executive Committee, C. P. and W. P. P.

( To be continued )

Sd R Milner White,

24-9-29.

Sd G B Roy

25-9-29.

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P 2070 P 2070 E	1-12-28 ---	P C Joshi to Muzaffar Ahmad photo.
P 2071 P	13-12-28 11-11-28	P C. Joshi to Muzaffar Ahmad postcard-photo.
P 2072 2072 P E	25-11-28 22-11-28	Dr. Mukharjee to Muzaffar Ahmad photo.
P 2073 P 2073 P E	20-10-28 17.10.28	L. N. Kadam to Muzaffar Ahmad photo.
P 2074 P 2074 P E	24-12-28 4-12-28	Nat, Minority movement to MuzaffarAhmad- <i>original</i> with held.
P 2075 P & 2175 E	10-12-28	Indian Trade Union movement- article by Spratt-addressed to him from London-original with held .
P 2076 P 2076 P E	12-12-28 6-12-28	Spratt to Chamman Lal returned to Spratt with Chamman Lal, remarks ( Labour and swaraj ) ” photo.
P 2077 P 2077 ( i ) P 2077 P E	7-6-28 6-6-28	Spratt to Muzaffar Ahmad-enclos- ing article on “ Role of Workers and Peasants Party-photo—
P 2078 P 2078 P E	3-12-28 30-11-28	Joglekar to Spratt-photo
P 2079 P 2072 P E	16-9-28 14-9-28	S. S. Josh to Muzaffar Ahmad photo.
2080 C	9-5-28 5-5-28	Mirajkar to Muzaffar Ahmad-M S copy.
P 2081 P 2081 P E	14-12-28 13-12-28	Nederland Bank to Spratt-photo.

The photos were made in my presence. and they were made from the originals; then the originals were reposted. The same procedure was followed with M. S. copies.

I got some telegrams from the Telegraph check office. On 26 June 1929 I got them.

They are:-

P 2082 dated 1-9-28. Ghate to Ganavani  
P 2083 ... 2-9-28. Ghate to Ganavani.

I also procured a telegram dated 28th August 1928 from Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate-Original-P-2084.

Also a telegrams of 30-11-28 from spratt to Workers welfare League, London- P. 2085-

Also telegrams:-

P-2086 ( Received 21-11-28 Doghadoo proesidium

S. S. S. R. C.C.T.U., to

Reception Committee A. I. T. U. C. Jharia  
2087 24-1-29 League against Imperialism ( U. S. A. section ) to A. I. T. U. C., Grigam.

T. M. O. receipt of 12-10-28. relating to money sent by Gauri-Shankar to Muzaffar Ahmad P. 2088.

Also telegram relating to T. M. O. ( P 2018 ) as received in Calcutta-P 2089.

Also T.M.O. addressed to Spratt ( but received by Muzaffar Ahmad ) from Ghate, dated 5-5-21. original ( P 2090 and receipt ( P 2091 ).

I attended the A. L. W. & P. Conference, held in Dec. 1928 at the Albert Hall, Muzaffar Ahamad, R. R. Mitra, Bradley, Spratt, S. S. Josh (president), D. K. Goswami, Gopin Charkravarty, Gopal Basak, Thengdi also some Bambay men, Ghate, Mirajkar, Nimbkar, Joshi-I recognised as having been there; also Shamsul Huda was there. I attended a meeting of the Dock Workers at the Ochterlong Monument in Calcutta on 20th Oct. 1928. Muzaffar Ahmad, Goswami, Shamsul Huda were present and all three made speeches. Goswami said that they wanted to rename the Dock Workers Union as the Transport Workers Union. If all the transport Worker were to strike work at once, then the capitalists would be convinced of their strike.

On 11-5-28 I was present at a meeting at Mirjapur Park ( Sardhanand Park ) of T. U. Federation ( Bengal ); K. L. Ghosh was present and Shib Nath Banerje. Ghosh said that K. C. Mitter

had sent a wire to Moscow which was returned as being objectionable. Moscow Red International had sent about Rs. 21,000 for help of Textile workers. Shib Nath Banerjee did not speak.

On 8-5-28 I attended a meeting of Bengal T. U. Fed. at Deshbandhu Park K. L. Ghosh was present. He spoke, in the course of his speech said that Britishers would only leave India when the middle class men could work in union with the workers. Unless and until the intellectual proletariat become one with the labourers, the Swaraj would be impossible. He did not find any thing wrong in receiving money from Moscow: British T. U. Congress wanted to keep the Indian Labour Movement under its control: besides this there was another T. U. Movement which had its centre at Moscow and was known as the Red International Govt. prohibited the entry of its publications into the country to keep facility for capitalist propoganda. Red International voluntarily helped B. N. R. strike with a contribution of Rs. 18000. When the limit of patience was reached the workers struck work.

On 19th Jan. 1929 there was an Anti Simon demonstration. When the procession reached the foot of Ochterlong Monument, I saw it- it was a very big procession. R. R. Mitra, Goswami, G. Chakravarti, were present. The procession carried some red flags. by some members of W. & P. Party- the three accused named and some others. I heard the cries of Long Live Revolution. Down with Imperialism. At the monument the procession gathered round and held a meeting. They had banners- Down with Simon. Go back Simon, Down with capitalism. Down with Dominion Status, Long Live Independence. Long live Soviet Republic in India, Long live W. & P. Party, Workers All Unite etc.

Mitra made a speech and said that their procession on that day had shown that they had not wanted the Simon Commission. The Commission was a camonflage: it wanted to deprive labourers of the right to strike. Govt. also shot at the workers. Labourers wanted such a Govt. where they would have a right to strike to remedy their grievances. They wanted to establish a labour Government. He spoke a second time, and said the labourers wanted complete and sovereign independence. Subhash Bose wanted the independence which was some tning like Imperialism. The labourers were not meant for attaining Swaraj but they wanted Swaraj for themselves.

D. K. Goswami also spoke and said that on behalf of the workers he wanted complete independence.

x x by Chakravarti.

In this last meeting (19th Jan) there were short hand reporters. There was no formal election of president at the meeting, nor any informal president. Subhash Bose was there and spoke

and J. N. Sen Gupta who addressed the meeting Subhash Bose is now president of Bengal Prov. Congress Committee J.N. Sen Gupta is Mayor of Calcutta. I cannot say if my original note books are in existence or not. My report is dated 20th Jan. the next day. It is mentioned in my report that all the members of W. & P. Party carried flags more particularly by name. Some persons carried black flags. Of the meeting of 1st May, Sir P. C. Roy was president; he spoke and so did Mianji Mir, K. L. Ghosh, K. C. Mitter, and Madan Mohan Varma. K. C. Mitter was Secy. of E. I. R. Labour Union M. N. Varma is Councillar of Corporation of Calcutta There were shorthand reporters there. My report is dated 9th May.

J. N. Sen Gupta was president at the meeting of 11th May Reporters were present. Dr. Guradas Roy, Nithanti Bose of A. B. Patrika, Daud Ali Mirza K. L. Ghose, J. N. Sen Gupta were the speakers.

At meeting of 20th Oct. 1928 no president was there Muzaffar Ahmad, Kaili Kumar Sen Gupta, Goswami, Shamsul Huda were speakers. There was a shorthand reporter. The report was made next day.

I do not know if the telegrams received from the check Office were despatched or not. I am not in charge of the Labour section C. I. D., Calcutta. I do not know who is. The negatives of the photos I have shown are in the I. B. Office.

x x by Mr. Sinha.

I can not say if most of the workers in docks and factories are up-countrymen.

There were many up-country men in the meeting against the Simon Commission. I can not say that most were.

I was born and educated in Bengal and have always lived there. I am not a Hindi expert, and could not give the Hindi word for "Complete Independence."

Re-Ex. I can understand when any one speaks Hindi.

Sd. G. B. Roy.

Sd. R. Milner White.

25-9-29.

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## P. W. 229

*Santosh Lal Chatterjee, S.I. Police, I.B., Calcutta, O. O.*

I intercepted a letter dated Moscow Nov. 12, 1928, from M. N. Roy to Editor, Forward. It was detained in original. It is Ex. P-2092 and P. 2092 E.

XX reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

Sd. Santosh Lal Chaterji.

25/9/29.

S.I.I.B.C.I.D., Bengal

25-9-29

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## P. W. 230

*J. M. Chatterjee, Inspector, D. I. B. Howrah, O. O.*

I have been in service since 1914. I remember a strike in the Lilloah workshops in 1928. I was in Howrah then. The strike started on 5th March 1928. On the 5th the workers sat idle in the workshops, and they continued this till the 7th. On the 8th they were locked out. The lockout, or strike ended on 10th July 1928. K. C. Mitra was mainly responsible for starting the strike: at the end of 1927 he started a Labour Union Office at Lilloah, and began to enrol members of the workshops as members of the Union. At the start of the strike he was the leader. All through the strike he was the principal leader. I knew Sahai: he was one of the assistants of Mitra. He left Howrah sometime after the strike started. I know Spratt—I see him in Court. I also know and see S. N. Banerje, K. L. Ghosh, Gopendra Chakravarti, R. R. Mitra and Muzaffar Ahmed. They were occasionally present at the meetings of the Lilloah workers and sometimes spoke in them. The first meeting when any of them was noticed was March 16th, when Spratt was present at a meeting on Howrah Maidan. He made a short speech. He eulogised the solidarity of the strikers and asked all the workers of Howrah to join hands with the Lilloah strikers. There was no shorthand reporter at any of the meetings I mention. On 31st March Spratt again spoke in favour of the strike, at another meeting.

On 6th April Shib Nath Banerjee was first noticed at a meeting at Howrah Maidan (afternoon). He had been seen earlier in the day. At Telkal Ghat Road there was an office, Factory Workers Union, Established by K. C. Mitra, Spratt, Muzfar Ahmad and Shib Nath Banerjee were seen by me that same morning both outside the office and inside the office. At the afternoon meeting Shibnath made a speech in favour of the strike.

On 19th April there was a meeting in the morning which S. N. Banerjee attended; he gave them instructions to strikers to take a procession to Calcutta.

On 8th May there was a meeting at the Howrah Maidan, where S. N. Banerjee and G. Chakravarty were present.

On 11th May S. N. Banerjee, Spratt, and Gopen Chakravarty were present at a meeting; Banerjee and Spratt both spoke urging continuance of strike and vigorous picketing.

On 12th May on Howrah Maidan Banerjee, Sachinanda Swami was present at that meeting and spoke condemning the conduct of the strikers for the last two days, as they used violence. He was howled down, and S. N. Banerjee said that it was not the strikers who used violence but the agents of the railway and the Police.

On 14th May there were two meetings—in the morning one S. N. Banerjee spoke, and in the evening one Banerjee and R. R. Mitra spoke in favour of the strike.

On 16th May there was a meeting at which Spratt and G. Chakravarty were present. Spratt spoke. He said that if they wanted success they should bring out the loco men, or devise other means of stopping the line. Gopendra Chakravarty translated the speech into Hindi, and added that Satyagraha was not for men who had blood in their veins, as if they were assaulted they would not bear it without retaliating.

On 20th May, evening, on Howrah Maidan, S. N. Banerjee and G. Chakravarty were present. S. N. Banerjee spoke in favour of the strike.

On 22nd May, there was a meeting in Howrah Maidan, when G. Chakravarty spoke urging the strikers to remain firm.

On 23rd May, S. N. Banerjee and G. Chakravarty were present at a meeting.

On 28th May morning at Lilloah Maidan, S. N. Banerjee, G. Chakravarty and K. L. Ghosh were present.

On 1st June, Lilloah Maidan, S. N. Banerjee and G. Chakravarty were present.



On 4th, 5th, 6th there were meetings on the Lilloah Maidan S. N. Banerjee was present at all of them.

On 7th June there was a meeting and Banerjee and G. Chakravarty were present.

On the 12th S. N. Banerjee was present and spoke at a meeting.

On 22nd June morning there was a meeting at Lilloah Miadan, S. N. Banerjee and G. Chakravarty were present; Banerjee spoke and urged continuance of picketing.

On the same day in the evening there was a meeting at Howrah Maidan; R. R. Mitra was present.

On 28rd S. N. Banerjee was present and spoke at a morning meeting at Lilloah. The same evening there was a meeting at Howrah Maidan and G. Chakravarty spoke and encouraged the strikers.

On 24th June at a meeting at Howrah Maidan, Spratt S. N. Banerjee and Chakravarty were present—all three spoke. Spratt said the strikers should not expect help from British Government which always helped capitalists to break the strike. S. N. Banerjee translated and added that picketing should place that night in the bustees, and that the approaches to the workshops should be picketed next morning.

On 26th June there was a meeting at Howrah Maidan; S. N. Banerjee and Chakravarty were present and spoke.

On 27th there was a meeting at Lilloah Maidan (morning). S. N. Banerjee was present and spoke, saying that the Calcutta Police had arrested Muzaffar Ahmad and Parbati Das Gupta in connection with the Scavengers' strike, and the Lilloah strikers should sympathise with the Scavengers and assist them; he would consider whether he should take the Lilloah strikers in a procession to Calcutta to express their sympathy. G. Chakravarty was also present.

That same night Spratt, Banerjee and G. Chakravarty were present, at a meeting Banerjee told the strikers to continue picketing.

On 4th July there was a morning meeting at Lilloah Spratt was present and spoke.

In the evening there was another meeting at Howrah Maidan S. N. Banerjee and Chakravarty were present. Banerjee spoke, and told the strikers not to be afraid of the police and continue picketing; he also referred to the Scavengers' strike.

Soon after the Lilloah men went on strike, K. C. Mitra and others induced the workers in Burn's workshops to come out and join hands with the railwaymen.

On 16th March and 31st March there were meetings at which the workers of Burns' and other workshops were present. A strike started at Burns' workshop on 2nd April about 7000. The meeting of the 16th was the one in which Spratt spoke and urged extension of the strike. After they came out the Burns' workers attended all the meetings at Lilloah.

\* \* By Mr. Sinha.—I was in charge of the District Intelligence Branch which dealt with these matters. I kept myself in touch as far as I could with the Lilloah Union since its establishment. I was in charge of this work also in Jan and Feb 1928. I attended one or two meetings in February. I have no personal knowledge of the visits of Messrs. Purcell & Halsworth. I don't know who were the representatives of the British Trade Union Congress. I know of no meeting addressed by a Labour member of the British Parliament.

I attended other meetings besides those I mentioned. I don't remember hearing Mr. Mitra ( K. C. ) announcing that he had got a remittance of £250 from the British Trade Union Congress.

I don't remember hearing a message of sympathy read out from the British T. U. C. I had 3 sub-Inspectors under me and they attended some or other of these meetings.

\* \* reserved.

(Sd.) R. Milner-White.

25-9-29.

(Sd.) Jamini Mohan Chatterjee.

Inspector. 25-9-29.

P. W. 231.

*Tin Couri Sen, S.I. Police, Uluberia, O.O.*

I have been 19 years in the police. I was in Howrah in November and December 1928. I know the Ludlow Jute Mills. They are in Chengall. There was a strike at the Ludlow Jute

Mills from 19th November—4th December 1928. I do not know who was responsible for starting the strike. I attended meetings during the strike, and I made reports.

On 28th November I attended a meeting. The report was made on the 29th. At the meeting K.L. Ghosh Bankim Chandra Mukerjee, Gopin Kristo Chakravarti Shamsul Huda, and Mr. Johnston were present. He was an American from the League against Imperialism. The four persons (excluding Mukerjee) made speeches. They said that everyone should enrol as a member of the Union; remember that the Union is nothing but them and that each of them is Union; and obey the Union always in all respects. Mr. Johnston and Shamsul Huda said that the British authorities said that the Indians were not worthy of self-Government only 9% being literate. Johnston also advised them to educate themselves, read newspapers and stand shoulder by shoulder with the labourers of other countries and carry on the struggle against Imperialism in order to win their ends.  
x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White.

Sd/- Tin Couri Sen.

25-9-29.

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## P. W. 232

*Mukunda Lal Bhattacharjya, S.I., I.B., Howrah, O. O.*

I have been in the Police for 11 years. I was in Howrah D.I.B. in April 1928.

I know Talkal Ghat Road. I know the Factory Workers union office there. I know Shib Nath Banerjee and Spratt. I saw Banerjee in that office on various occasions; and Mr. Spratt too. There was a Lilloah Strike. K.C. Mitra was responsible for starting it; he was the main leader and remained so up to the end. I know the Bengal accused in this case. Kishori Gosh, S. N. Banerjee, Gopindra Chakravarty, R.R. Mitra and Muzaffar Ahmad; Spratt (whom I identify) delivered speeces on various occasions.

On 10th April I attended a meeting of the strikers—about 6000—on the Howrah Maidan. K.L. Ghosh, S.N. Banerjee, and Spratt spoke urging the strikers to hold out.

There was a procession on 14th April from the Union Office to Chinsura. It was announced on the 13th, and I accompanied the procession, K. C. Mitra led it, and Banerjee and Chakravarti followed with it. They held meetings on the way; and Shibnath Banerjee addressed it (at Serhampur), urging the youngmen to help the labourers.

On 11th May I attended a meeting at Howrah Maidan; Gopen Chakravarty addressed it, and Spratt and R. R. Mitra were present.

On 10th April there was a Scavengers strike at Howrah, and there was a meeting of about 100 scavengers at the Howrah Maidan. Spratt was present and Muzaffar Ahmad addressed them.

On the 11th there was another meeting; Spratt and Muzaffar Ahmad were present, and S. N. Banerjee spoke, urging them to hold out. The scavengers' strike lasted about a week.

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Sd/ R. Milner White,

25-9-29.

Sd/ Mukundalal Bhattacharjya,

S.I. 25-9-29.

P. W. 233

*D.N. Roy, S.I. Police, Calcutta, O.O.*

I have been 15 years in the Police. I attended a meeting on 20th Jan. 1929, to celebrate the anniversary of Lenin's death. D.K. Goswami presided. Muzaffar Ahmed, Spratt, Radha Raman and others were present. They had a red flag, with the inscription "WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE." I see Muzaffar Ahmad here, and Radha Raman, and Spratt, I took notes of the speeches; Muzaffar Ahmed said that Spratt was a Cambridge graduate and a communist and a member of communist party of G.B., and had been sent here by the Labour Research Bureau, to study about labourers here. Spratt said that Russia had been a capitalist country, and an imperialist country, and there was no sign of democracy, Practical effect was most brutal. Germany had been centre of movement against capitalism. Russia followed

Germany. Lenin's brother Alexander, who was suspected of a revolutionary crime etc. etc. Revolutionary movement in Russia was based on industrial development. The question of modern industrialism is very important in India too. Lenin was responsible for the formation of the revolutionary workers party. In 1917 he was successful in bringing off the first Socialist revolution. He looked on the labour movement as a weapon for fighting capitalism. European capitalism was imperialist capitalism. Labour movement in India was the reformist movement. Situation here was same as situation there. In India there are two questions—question of reformism and question of war, but the situation was developing towards national war, and the national war will lead to civil war for the overthrow of the imperialistic power. War situation is gradually developing; if in next war the imperialist power defeats Soviet Russia, that would be one of the greatest catastrophes in the history of the human race, and we shall have to go back to the barbarism of capitalistic God.

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Radha Ramán spoke then; gave a history of Lenin, and remarked that the present labour movement is a revolutionary movement on a scientific basis. In Russia there was a Nationalist Party like the anarchist Party of India, to kill the officials. We cannot say where the real revolution will break out—it may break out in India too.

Muzaffar explained in Hindi the speeches of Mr. Spratt.

In Dec. 1928 I was in Calcutta; the National Congress was held there then, I was on duty when the workers captured the Congress pandal. On 30th December between 3 and 4, the workers invaded the Pandal. I saw over 10,000 by the gates, S. N. Banerjee was there and R. R. Mitra and Goswami, they were just near the gate; the workers had banners—red flags; I don't remember inscriptions.

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The volunteers at the Gate of the Pandal obstructed the workers with their leaders, but the workers entered by force. They were mostly shouting Mazdur Hukumatki Jai. They then held a meeting there and passed a resolution.

by Mr. Chakravarty

There was a shorthand reporter at the meeting of Jan. 20th. I have not brought my notes with me. My report was made on Jan. 21st.

R.R. Mitra spoke on rent and wages in India and the theory that capital is surplus value and, cited as illustration the case of Bauria; that was the only illustration quoted from India.

On 30th December I was posted at the Congress Pandal, from 2 P.M. I went a little earlier—about an hour.

\* \* reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White.

D. N. Roy

26-9-29.

Insp. Secy G.

26-9-29.

## P. W. 234.

*Sardar Bahadur Sardar Sant Singh, D. S.P., C.I.D. Lahore O.O.*

I have been 20 years in the police. I procured the letter-P. 2093, 2093 (1) & E. A "source" (agent) brought it to me this a letter of 26. 9. 28 from Muzaffar Ahmad to S. S. Josh, enclosing message from P. & W. P. of Bengal to P. & W. P. Punjab.

I also procured the letter (undated)-P. 2094, & 2094 E, from P. C. Joshi to Secy, Naujawan Sabha Conference, Lahore. The letter came about Feb. or March 1929. I got this letter also from a Secret Source.

\* \* BY MR. CHAKRAVARTY.

I cannot disclose the name of my source. ("Privilege" allowed in separate order).

(Sd.) R. Milner White.

26. 9. 29.

(Sd.) Sant Singh

26. 9. 29.

Sardar Bahadur Sardar Sant Singh has produced two letters which are used as evidence of conspiracy against some of the accused who are being tried for conspiracy. He claims privilege as to disclosing the name of the source from which he got them. His claim is attacked on the ground that these letters did not convey information as to the commission of an offence.

The distinction drawn is a very fine. I do not myself consider that it is justified by the wording of S. 125 Evidence Act. The

Writing of the letters was, it is alleged, part of the conspiracy; and even though their receipt by the Police Officer did not perhaps start an investigation, yet undoubtedly they form a link in a chain of events which go to suggest conspiracy. I consider they come within the section.

More over I cannot see how the revealing of the name of the source would help the defence. The evidence is the letters themselves; they are there, and can be tested by any means available but their value is not effected by the fact that they were given to the witness by A or B, or were found lying on the road, or discovered in any other way. Knowledge of the source would not help the defence, while it certainly might prove detrimental to public interests.

I up-hold the claim of privilege,

(Sd.) R. Milner White.

26. 9. 29.

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## P. W. 235

*Khan Sahib Mohamed Ismail, Inspector of Police, S. B.,  
Calcutta, O.O.*

I have been in the C. I. D. for the last 13 years. I have intercepted letters, among them were:—

- P. 2095. C. 21-12-27. 25-11-27. From Berlin to Lloyd's Bank Ltd., M. S. copy.
- P. 2096. P. 19-1-28. 16-1-28. Spratt to Muzaffar Ahmad, & 2096, P. E. Photo.
- P. 2097. C. 9-12-27. .. Dange to Muzaffar Ahmad- m.S. copy.
- P. 2098. P. 29-11-27. 8-11-27. Tagore to Muzaffar Ahmad- & 2098. P. E. Bengali-Photo;
- P. 2099. C. 10-5-28. 10-5-28. M. A. (Muzaffar Ahmad) to C. I. Lessee (England); inside there was another cover with the name of Brown: Inside; a letter to "My dear J" from M. A. m. s. copy.

At 6 p. m. on 10. 5. 28 Muzaffar Ahmad accompanied by Abdul Halim came to Howrah Mail Service Office and posted the letter box of the R. M. S. I took the letter out and copied it and reposted it.

P. 2100. C. 28-1-28. 25-1-28. Bishnath Mukerji to Muzaffar Ahmad-m. s. copy.

P. 2101. C. 12-12-27. 9-12-27. Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad-m. S. copy.

P. 2102. C. 2-8-28. 2-8-28. Spratt to Mallonie-copy.

At 7 p. m. on 2. 8. 28 Spratt posted a letter in the Sorting Office, Howrah Mail Service. The letter was opened and a copy taken and then it was reposted. A portion of the letter was omitted as there was no time to copy it all.

The copies were compared with the original and found to be correct; in the case of photos the photos were taken in my presence. Then the original letters were reposted.

On 19th Jan, 1929 there was a demonstration against the Simon Commission; it started from Halliday Park and went along Harrison Road, College Street, Wellington Street, Dharamtolla Street, Esplanade East, and collected near the Oughterlong Monument. The W. & P. Party, Bengal Prov. Congress Committee and several other organisations took part in the procession. The W. & P Party had several flags—"Simon Go Back," "Down with Imperialism," "Long Live Revolution," "Long Live Revolution in India," "Long Live W. & P. Party," "Long Live the Soviet Republic," "Workers of the World Unite," "Down with Capitalism," "Down with Landlordism," etc. Muzaffar Ahmad Spratt, (whom I know) were in the procession. I was with the procession from the beginning to the end. After it was over I left and reported the matter; I did not attend the meeting.

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(Sd.) B. Milner White.

26/9/29.

(Sd.) M. Ismail

Inspr. of Police, S. B.

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## P. W. 236.

*Abdul Wadud, Urdu reporter to Govt. of Bengal, O.O.*

I have been working as shorthand reporter for about 7 years. I know S.N. Banerji—I saw him here this morning. He made a speech at the Lilloah strikers meeting on 28 April 1928 at Rashmani Ghate, Titaghar. I took shorthand notes of the speech; my transcription is P 2103.

On 8th March 1928 I attended a meeting of the Scavengers at the foot of the Monument. Radha Raman made a speech—I took it in shorthand. The transcription is P.2104. D. K Goswami also spoke—my transcription is P. 2105.

There was a meeting at Asansol on 10th July 1928, at which S.N. Banerji spoke. I took it in shorthand. My transcription is Ex. P. 2106. Spratt was also present.

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Sd/ R. Milner White.

26-9-29.

Sd/ Md. Abdul Wadud.

26-9-29.

## P. W. 237

*Ghulam Hasnain, Urdu Reporter of Govt. of Bengal, O.O.*

I have been working about 7 years as shorthand reporter.

On 26th May 1928 I attended a meeting at Ondal for labour strike, E.I.R. I took shorthand notes of R.R. Mitra's speech; my transcription is Ex P 2107.

On 27th June I attended another meeting at Ondal. R. R. Mitra again spoke. My transcript is Ex P 2108

On 28th May there was another meeting at Ondal, in which R.R. Mitra spoke. My transcription is Ex. P. 2109.

Abul Lais and I attended a meeting of Scavengers Union on 20th May 1928. I took shorthand notes of a part of the speech made by Muzaffar Ahmad, and Abul Lais took notes of the rest. The beginning part (Ex P 1926) (1)) is the transcription of my portion.

Similarly he and I took notes of Muzaffar Ahmad's speech on 28th October 1928, at the Dock Workers meeting. My part of the transcription is Ex P 1928 (1).

At the same meeting I took notes of part of Shamsul Huda's speech. My share transcribed is Ex P 1929 (1).

We attended a meeting at Ondal on 23rd May 1928. My share of the transcription is Ex P 1930 (2) (a) and (b). This speech was by R.R. Mitra.

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Sd/ R. Milner White,

Sd/ G. Hasnain

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## P. W. 238.

*Ahi Bhusan Das, Clerk, Chartered Bank, Calcutta, O.O.*

I am a clerk in the Chartered Bank, Calcutta in the telegram department.

On 28th Nov. 1928 I received a telegram from Chartered Bank, London to pay £10/- to Radha Raman Mitra. Saklatwala, Workers Welfare League, London sent money. The original telegram is Ex P 2110.

I sent an intimation to him as Secretary, Jute Workers' Association—the office copy is Ex P 2111. The money was paid to him on 5th December 1928; I know him by sight. He signed the receipt in duplicate in my presence; they are Ex P 2112 (1), P 2112 (1)S, and 2112 (2) and 2112 (2)S. The debit voucher for Rs. 133/5/4 taken in the telegram department, is Ex P 2113; it bears R.R. Mitra's endorsement on the back; it was not taken in my presence.

All these documents were kept in the bank in the ordinary course of business.

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Sd/ R. Milner White,

Sd/ Ahi Bhusan Das,

30-9-29.

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## P. W. 239.

*Mr. C. N. Chambers, Nederlands India Commercial Bank,  
Calcutta O.O.*

I am assistant to the Telegraph Transfer Department of the Bank.

On 13th December 1928 I got an application signed by Spratt to send Rs. 500 to Bradley in Bombay. I do not know Mr. Spratt. The application is Ex. P 2114.

P. 502 is the letter to Spratt from the Bank, informing him of the despatch of the money.

The Bombay office sent us a duplicate receipt signed by Mr. Bradley—it is Ex. P 2115.

All these documents etc., are kept in the normal course of business at the Bank.

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Sd/ R. Milner White.

Sd/ C. N. Chambers.

30-9-29.

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## P. W. 240.

*Mohini Mohan Mukerjee, Bag Bazar P. O., Calcutta.*

I was at the Bagh Bazar P. O., in 1928. I have been in post office service for 25 years.

Ex. P. 1531 was a T. M. O. receipt form issued from my office. It was originally in 3 parts: the bottom part is called the coupon.

The name of the sender would be written on the acknowledge form, while any message received would be put on the coupon.

The form when complete is like Ex. P. 1515: and originally P. 1531 would have been in the same condition.

In the case of every T. M. O. received from England or abroad, the word mandat is written above the T.M.O. number. I have the telegram given instructions to pay the money. The name of the sender "R. Aront" would have been on the acknow-

Jedgment portion of P. 1531. The original telegram is Ex. P. 2116.

The message "for representative Manchester Conference X Robin" would have appeared on the coupon portion of the form P. 1531.

The payee has to sign the form, and if he is not personally known to the paying postman, a signature of a witness is taken. The signatures of this form were not made in my presence.

X. X. by Mr. Chakravarti.

Letters and M. O. S. addressed to Secy. Bengal T. U. Federation, if definitely addressed to 1 Kantapukur Lane, are delivered to K. L. Ghosh.

I don't remember receiving a letter that all such letters etc. addressed to Secy. B. T. U. F. at 34 Bow Bazar Street, should be delivered to K. L. Ghose at 1 Kantapukur Lane.

I can't say whether they are many or few. But letters etc. for the B. T. U. F. certainly come through my office some times.

I am in charge of every branch of the office. Telegrams do not come to me personally, when sent through the telegraph Branch; but when sent by the central Telegraph office they some times come to me. In the latter case it bears the mark of the Central Telegraph Office. The telegram in question did not come to me-it came to my signaller. But the T. M. O. receipt form was prepared by me from the telegram and is in my writing.

I have 11 clerks in my office. There is a separat clerk for M. O. S. There is a separat clerk and a sorting post-man to deal with ordinary letters (unregistered). There are two separat clerks for registered letters.

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re-ex. The telegrams are filed after being copied on to the T.M.O. receipt form: this telegram is taken from that file.

Sd. R. Milner White,

30-9-29.

Sd. M.M. Mukarjee,

## P. W. 241

*Mr. S. D. Robertson, Asst. Manager, Continental Hotel.*

*Chowringhee, Calcutta, O.O.*

I keep a hotel register. I show the entry of 12. 12. 27--Mr. Spratt came to the hotel on 12. 12. 27 at 7-15 a. m. and left on 17-12-27 at 8 a.m. The register is signed in my presence the whole entry is in his writing. I could recognise him. I think he is an English man: I often used to talk to him. The entry is Ex. P. 2117. In the same register (P. 111) there is an entry of Donald Campbell, dated 22. 11. 26, this is Ex. P. 2118.

I recognise Mr. Spratt in P. 457 - I have marked him with a blue cross (initialled by court).

I was not there when the entry about Mr. Campbell was made.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

Sd. S. D. Robertson.

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## P. W. 242

*Harish Chandar Banerjee, S. I. Calcutta O. O.*

I have been 13 years in the police. I used to intercept letters. When I intercept a letter, I open it read it, photograph it, if necessary, and then the original is reposted.

I intercepted a letter on 27 Jan. 1929, it was dated 8th Jan. 1929. The letter produced is the one which I intercepted -Ex. P. 2119. It is from Harry Pollitt to Indian Seaman's Union.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

Sd. H. C. Banerjee,

30. 9. 29.

S. I. of Police,

Calcutta.

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P. W. 243

J. B. Bhattacharjya, Inspector police, Calcutta, O. O.

I have been in the police for 14 years. It was part of my duty to intercept letters. On 3. 6. 28 I intercepted a letter dated 16. 5. 28, from S. Tagore to Muzaffar Ahmad. I had a photo of the original letter taken in my presence. The photo is Ex. P. 2120 P. & 2120 P. E. The letter was then taken by S.I.G.V. Roy for delivery.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

30. 9. 29.

Sd. J. B. Bhattacharjya,

Inspector of Police,

Calcutta,

30-9-29.

P. W. 244

Amulya Krishna Sen, S. I., Police, Calcutta, O. O.

I have been in the police for 20 or 21 years. On 5. 11. 26. I intercepted a letter dated 29-12-26. The letter was addressed to N. C. Day, C/o Nand Lal Adhikari & Co. Inside the letter there was a cover, addressed to M.I.A., and that cover contained a letter in Urdu, from Mohammed Ali. The letter was reposted after being photographed. The photos are Ex. P 2121 P and 2121 P. E (1) and E. (2).

x x reserved.

Sd. Milner White,

Sd. A. Krishna Sen

3-9-22.

3-9-29.

## P. W. 245.

*Rabendra Nath Gupta, S.I. Police S.B. Calcutta, O.O.*

I have been in the Special Brand for 5 years and in the police service for 10 years. It was part of my duties to intercept letters.

I got the declaration shown me from the chief Presidency Magistrate's office. I know Muzaffar Ahmad's writing. He has written of in my presence. I have twice searched his place at 37 Harrison Road and he signed his name in my presence. The declaration form dated 2-8-26 is signed by him-Ex. P. 2122, and application-Ex. P. 2122 (1) 2122 S.-is entirely in his writing.

The declaration form dated 11-4-27-Ex. P. 2123-bears Muzaffar Ahmad's signature and the application-Ex. P. 2123 (1)-is entirely in his writing; so is the whole of Ex. P. 2123.

Declaration form dated 13-6-28. Ex. P. 2124-is entirely in Muzaffar Ahmad's writing and the application-Ex. P. 2124 (1) 2124 (1) S.-is signed by him.

The W. and P. Party used to have its office at 37 Harrison Road, and this was also the address of the Ganavani.

I know Muzaffar Ahmad well.

I attended a meeting of Dock Workers at Holliday Park on 4-11-28., There were shorthand reporters present. Spratt, Shamsul Huda, Muzaffar Ahmad were present. Shamsul Huda presided. He was arrested at 2/1 European Asylum Lane in this present case; so were Spratt and Muzaffar Ahmad. I could identify all of them. All three made speeches which were reported.

Among letters which I intercepted were:—

Ex. P. 2125 C	18-12-26.	15-12-26.	Muzaffar Ahmad C/O M. A. Majid to Abdul Halim M. S. copy, Bangali.
P. 2126 P & 2126 P. E.	4-7-26.	...	Oreov to Ch. Editor Langal-photo.
P. 2127P & 2127 P. E.	12-5-27.	10-5-27.	Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad-Photo.
P. 2128P & 2128 P. E.	25-5-27.	23-5-27.	Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad-photo.
P. 2129 P.	21-5-27.	18-5-27.	Spratt to Muzaffar Ahmad-photo.

P. 2130 P. & 2130 P. E.	3-7-27	14-6-27.	S. N. Tagore to Muzaffar Ahmad-Bengali-photo.
P. 2131 P.	2-8-27.	13-7-27.	Tagore to Muzaffar Ahmad-Bengali photo. The cover also contained Bengali articles on "clara Zetkin", Red point," Conditions of Peasants in Fascist Haly," etc.
P. 2132 C.	17-8-27.	14-8-27.	Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad M. S. copy.
P. 2133 P. & 2133 P. E.	25-7-27.	21-7-27.	Spratt to Muzaffar Ahmad-photo.
P. 2134 P. & 2134 P. E.	10-8-27.	7-8-27.	Spratt to Muzffar Ahmad-photo.
P. 2135 & 3135 E.	4-9-27.		Two articles (1) on Sacco and Vanzetti and (2) Role of W. and P. Party, addressed to Ed. Ganavani—original with held.
P. 2136 & 2136 E.	11-9-27		Article on "W. & P. party and Press" from London—original withheld to Ed. Ganavani.
P. 2137 P. & 2137 P. E.	27-9-27.	24-9-27.	Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad-photo.
P. 2138 P. & 2138 P. E.	29-9-27.	25-9-27.	Shaukat Usmani to Muzaffar Ahmad-photo.
P. 2139 & 2139 E.	6-11-27.	14-10-27.	R. P. Dutt to Ed. Ganavani original with held.
P. 2140 P. 2140 E. P. 2140 (1) P. 2140 (2) P. 2140 (3)	4-12-27.	10-11-27.	Envelope containing a letter from Nat watking to Muzaffar Ahmad ; a pamphlet, 4th-Annual conference of Nat. Minority movement also "constitution and structure of Nat. min. movement ;" also membership card original-with held.
P. 2141 C.	20-10-27.	17-10-27.	Dange to Muzaffar Ahmad-typed copy.



P. 2142 & 2142 E. 2142 (1)	11-12-27.	17-11-27.	S. Inkpin, Secy. C. P. G. B., to Ed. Ganavani, enclosing copy of message to A. I. T. U. C. Cawnpore original with held.
P. 2143 P. & 2143 P. E.	16-1-28.	27-12-27.	Tagore to Muzaffar Ahmad- Bengali-photo.
P. 2144 & 2144 E.	30-12-28.		Photo sent from Moscow of members of Communist Party to Ed. Ganavani original with held.

The photos when taken, are made in my presence, and the originals are then reposted. The copies too are made either by me or by some one else in my presence, and compared, and then the originals are reposted.

The documents P. 1865, 1850 P. 1849 P. 1846 P. 1836 P. and P. E. 1837 P. and P. E. 1799 P. and P. E. 1798 P. 1769, 1768, 1767, 1654 P. 1618 P. and P. E. 1612 P, 1611 P. and P. E. 1348 (35) 1348 (36) 1348 (22) 1346, 1336, 1335, 1302, 1232, 1141, 1140 and E. 1138, 1129 and E. 1105 P. and P. E. 1097 P, 1096 P, 955, 704, 688, 493, 467, 450, 448. (4) 447 (12), 447 (2) 447 (1), 416 (6) 416 (2), 415 (6) (a) 415 (3) 397 (Entries for 29th March) 394, (portions marked in green pencil) 343, 341, 324 E. 317, 316 and E, 304, 279, 213, 212, 211, 203, 144 73, 70, are all in Muzaffar Ahmad's writing or (in case of typed documents) are signed by him.

x x. reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

30-9-29.

Sd. R. N. Gupta,

30-9-29.

P. W 246.

*Makbul Husain, S/o Rasul Buksh, P. O. peon, Calcutta, O.O.*

I am on duty at the Park Street P.O, for 4 or 5 years. I distribute money orders. I know English. The signature on P. 2091 is my signature, as a sign that I made the payment to Muzaffar

Ahmad on 10th May 1928 Rs 50/- The M. O. was originally for P. Spratt, 2/1 European Asylum Lane, Calcutta. There was a written authority from P. Spratt to pay the money to Muzaffar Ahmad—the authority is P. 2145. Attached to this is an application from Muzaffar Ahmad about this. Ex. P. 2145 (1) I don't know whether they wrote these letters or not; the letters were given to me by the P. O.

Muzaffar Ahmad Signed the M. O. P. 2091 in my presence.

I also paid the M. O. 2088 for Rs 35/- to Muzaffar Ahmad on 12. 10. 28, and he signed in my presence. The signature on the M. O is mine,

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Sd R. Milner White,

1. 10. 29.

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## P. W. 247

*Mr. P. N. Banerjee. S. I. 24 Perganas, O. O.*

I have been in the police for 17 years.

I attended a meeting at Pandanand tola, of Mathia burj I made a report about the meeting which was on the 17th Oct. D, K, Goswami Muzaffar Ahmiad, Shamsul Huda and others were present. The three whom I named are members of the Peasants and Workers meeting. I don't see them here they were later arrested in this case. (Note D.K. Goswami, is present in Court, the other two not). I don't think I could recognise them after so long a time At the meeting they were pointed out to me, and also each speaker at the end of his speech introduced his successor.

I took notes at the meeting and prepared a report from the notes and submitted it next day. My report is Ex P 2146.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

1. 10. 29

Sd P. N. Banarjee

1, 10, 29

## P. W. 248

*Mr. P. N. Sen, S. L. S. B., Calcutta, O. O.*

I have been in the police service 11 years. In the course of my duties. I intercepted letters. Among them were:—

P 2147 2147 E 2147 (1) 2147 (2)	23- 11- 28	22. 11. 28	To Editor Kirti Office Amritsar from P. Spratt enclosing two articles "Russia and India" "Power of Labour" Original withheld.
P 2148 P 2148 (1) P 2148 (2) P E	6- 3- 29	.....	P.C. Joshi to Muzaffar Ahmad, enclosing also a letter from "Lakhi Narain"...Photo.
P 2149 P	27. 2. 29	27. 2. 29	Spratt to K. L. Ghosh Photo
P 2150 and 2150 E	9. 4. 29	14. 3. 29	M. Appliton, Secy. P. P. T. U. S. to Shamsul Huda Original, withheld.
Objected to by defance, as G, B, Roy was not asked about it)	P 2151 P 2151 P E 2151 C	.....	S, S, Josh to Muzaffar Ahmad not intercepted by witness, but by G. B Roy, Hand copy (of 2151 C) made of letter of which P 2151 P, is a photo.
Postmark			
P 2152 C	20. 2. 29	(18. 2. 29)	Invitation cards to attend Nau Jawan Bharat Sabha, issued to Muzaffar Ahmad and Spratt.
P 2153 P 2153 P, E	31. 1. 29	28. 1. 29	M, A, Majid to Muzaffar Ahmad-Photo,
P 2154 P	18 2 29	16 2 29	K, L, Ghosh to Muzaffar Ahmad Postcard: Photo
P 2155 P	15- 2- 29	.....	P. C. Joshi to Mzaffar Ahmad Photo
P 2156 P 2156 P E	11- 2- 29	11- 2- 29	Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate Photo.
P 2157 P 2157 P E	18- 2- 29	14- 2- 29	Ghate to Muzaffar Ahmad Photo.
P 2158 P	27- 2- 29	26- 2- 29	K. L. Ghosh to P Spratt Photo postcard.

P 2159 P 9. 3. 29 8. 3. 29 Gopal Basak to  
 2159 P E (1) Muzaffar Ahmad  
 2159 (1)P (2) Goswami.

P 2160 3. 3. 29 14. 2. 29 Letter to "Dear Friend" from  
 P 2160 (1) C, enclosing another letter dated  
 P 2160 (2) 24-1-29, also a list of materials  
 2160 E for exhibition in three parts-  
 Original with held, addressed to  
 Muzaffar Ahmad.

P 2161 P 12. 3. 29 11. 3. 29 Gopal Basak to Abdul Qadr.  
 & 2161 (1)P containing a letter to Abdul Qadr  
 2161 (2)P in Bengali and (1) in English to  
 2161 P.E. Spratt and (2) in English to  
 Muzaffar-Photo.

P 2162 19. 5. 29 ..... Copy of Pan Pacific monthly  
 2162E for April 1929, addressed to  
 Shamsul Huda. Original, with-  
 held.

P 2163 P 18. 3. 29 15. 3. 29 R. S. Nimbkar to Muzaffar  
 & 2163 P.F. Ahmad--Photo.

P 2164 P 9. 3. 29 7. 3. 29 S. S. Josh to Muzaffar Ahmad-  
 & 2164 P.E. -Photo.

P 2165 P 19. 3. 29 16. 3. 29 Gopal Basak to Muzaffar Ahmad  
 & 2165 P.E. --Photo.

P 2166 C 24. 3. 29 1. 3. 29 F. C. Mallonie to W. & P.  
 Party to 2/1 E. A. Lane.

P 2167 P 7. 2. 29 4. 2. 29 Envelope to Muzaffar Ahmad  
 2167 P.E. containing Hindi letter to Abdul  
 2167(1)P Hamid, from Azad--Photo.

(c) Letters intercepted are opened, photographed or copied, and if not detained, are reposted. The photos produced to-day are photos of the original letters: in the case of copies, the copies are compared.

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Sd. R. Milner White

Sd. P. N. Sen

1. 10. 29.

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## P. W. 249.

*Suresh Chandra Ghosh, Inspector, Calcutta, O. O.*

I have been 22 years in the police. When I was in the special branch it was part of my duties to intercept letters. Among those intercepted were:—

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|----------|----------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| P 2168   | 18-12-27 | P 29-11-27, | Tagore to Muzaffar Ahmad-Bengali,   |
| 2168 (1) | P        |             | containing also an Urdu letter      |
|          |          |             | (translation of International)—     |
|          |          |             | Photo.                              |
| P 2169   | P 3-6-26 | 31-5-26.    | To Muzaffar Ahmad, containing       |
| 9169 (1) | P        |             | anonymous letter of 31-5-26, and 3  |
| 2169     | P E.     |             | page typed letter dated March 20,   |
|          |          |             | addressed to Bhagirhotta—Photo.     |
| P 2170   | 16-5-26  | 23-4-26.    | A Pearce to Editor of Langa,        |
| 2170 (1) |          |             | enclosing also copy of "Young       |
| 2170     | E        |             | worker" of 17-4-26—Original with    |
|          |          |             | held.                               |
| P 2171   | 13-6-26  | 20-5-26.    | (Moscow) Krestinterm, to Editor     |
| 2171 (1) |          |             | Langa, enclosing manifesto of Kres- |
| 2171     | E        |             | tinterm—Original with held.         |

Photos are made in my presence, and then the originals reposted. In case where the original was with held, the original is produced.

I was in Calcutta on 1st May 1928. I saw a procession that day which started from Mirzapur Park, after 5 p. m. In the procession were P. Spratt, K. L. Ghose, Muzaffar Ahmad. It was procession of workers to celebrate May Day. There were about 1000. They went to the Maidan near the Monument. They carried some flags. At the Maidan they held a meeting; they were reinforced there by workers from other Unions. Speeches were made by Spratt and others. I took notes of Spratt's speech, and prepared a report from them, the same night, and submitted it next morning. The report correctly represents what Spratt said. The report is P. 2172.

I attended a meeting at Kashipur Narcooldanga on 19th May 1928. Spratt, Muzaffar Ahmad, D. K. Goswami, were present. I know them all by sight, and K. L. Ghosh. Spratt and Muzaffar Ahmad are accused in this case. In this meeting Spratt, Muzaffar Ahmad and Goswami spoke. Spratt spoke in English and it was translated by Muzaffar Ahmad. I took notes of their speeches and embodied them in a report made the same day. It correctly represents my recollection of what they said—Ex. P. 2173.

I attended a meeting of the Scavenger Union on 29th January 1928 on the Maidan. S. N. Banerjee and Goswami were present. I know S. N. Banerjee—I saw him here earlier. I recognise him. Goswami read a paper in Hindi, urging the men to join the Union.

On 19th February I attended a meeting of the scavengers Union-Muzaffer Ahmad and Goswami were present.

On 8th March another meeting was held on the Calcutta Maidan, and Muzaffer Ahmad, Goswami, Gopendra Lal Chakravarty, and Radha Raman were present. I recognise these last two. R. R. Miter spoke; he encouraged the strikers and told them to stay firm and that he had seen police with revolvers sent by the C. E. O. to break the strike.

Goswami said that many members of the Swaraj Party were present at the meeting. They were committing great oppressions on the strikers. He wanted to move a resolution against the Swaraj Cooperation. Chakravarti seconded the resolution.

On 9th March there was another meeting of strikers-Muzaffer Ahmad and Goswami were present.

On 18th March there was another meeting, and Spratt presided. Muzaffer Ahmad, Goswami and others were present and urged on the strike.

On 27th May there was a Scavengers Union meeting on the Maidan and Muzaffer Ahmad and D. K. Goswami were present. Muzaffer made a speech and I correctly reported it. A red leaflet under the signature of D. K. Goswami was distributed. I produce a copy which I got. The report is Ex. P. 2174 and the leaflet Ex. P. 2174 (1).

Muzaffer Ahmad attended other meeting also.

I also attended one on the 4th April. In the meeting of 4th April, Charavarty, S. N. Banerjee, Spratt, Muzaffer Ahmad and D. K. Goswami were present. Spratt was introduced by the President as a noted communist who had recently arrived from Bombay. No one took any exception to the description. I took notes of Spratt's speech, using his own words as much as possible. My report correctly represents what he said.—Ex. P. 2175.

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Sd. R. MILNER WHITE,

1-10-29.

Sd. S. C. GHOSH,

1-10-29.

# P. W. 250

*Anel Chandra Chatterjee, Deputy Supervisor, Telegraph Check*

*Office Calcutta, O. O.*

I am in the Telegraph Check Office for nearly 20 years : I know how the office is run. When a telegram is received, the original is kept at the office of origin for 7 days and then sent to the Telegraph Check office for custody. The same procedure obtains when a telegram is handed in for transmission. So at the Telegraph Check office you will find all telegrams—both those sent out and those received in. Inland telegrams are kept for 3 months and foreign telegrams for 10 months generally—if a request is received they are kept longer.

I have had requests from S. B. Calcutta to send the originals of certain telegrams. They were handed over under the authority of Chief presidency Magistrate, Calcutta. One of them was Ex. P. 2010 : and so was Ex. P. 2009.

*(To be continued on 2nd)*

Sd. R. Milner White

1/10/29

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The following telegrams were also made over to the S. B. by the Telegraph Check Office: Ex. P. 2082, 2083, 2086, 2087.

The following were also so made over:-

Ex. P. 2177	3rd Aug. 1928	Sahlatwala to Bhamde.
P. 2178	14th Dec. 1928	Anholina to Johnstone.
P. 2179	11th Dec. 28	To Johnstone, Calcutta.
P. 2180	10th Dec. 28	Johnstone, to Anholina.
P. 2181	20/7/28	Ben to L. C. Bradley.
P. 2182	17/11/28	Ben to L. C. Bradley
P. 2183	18/12/28	Potter Wilson to W. & P. Party
P. 2184	2/9/29	Muzaffar Ahmad to Sohan Singh.
P. 2185	2/9/28	Muzaffar Ahmad to Ghate.
P. 2186	7/7/28	Ghate to Dutt.
P. 2187	22/1/29	Ben to L. Bradley
P. 2188	4/3/29	Ben to L. C. Bradley.

P. 2189	5/8/29	John to Spratt c/o Ghosh.
P. 2190	10/8/28	Spratt to Secy. Labour Research Dept.
P. 2191	2/1/29	Spratt to Secy. Labour Research Dept.
P. 2192	8/10/28	Spratt to Secy. L. R. Dept.
P. 2193	21/11/28	Radha Raman and Spratt to Saklatwala.
P. 2194	21/11/28	Kalidas to Tagore (in Spratt's writing).
P. 2195	illegible	Internat. Seett. Munzberg to Wi & P. Conference.
P. 2196	12/10/28	Muzaffar Ahmad to Sohan Singh.
P. 2197	10/10/28	Gauri Shanker to Muzaffar Ahmad.

I have looked through all my documents and satisfied myself that these telegrams were handed over from the Telegraph Check Office to the Special Branch.

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Sd. Milner White.

2/10/29.

Sd. A. C. Chatterjee

2.10.29.

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P. W. 251

*K. Bihari Sen Gupta, S. I. D. I. B., Howrah. O. O.*

I have been 11 years in the police. I was at Howrah in 1928. I remember the strike in the Lilloha Ry. workshops. I can't say who was responsible as I joined the D. I. B. after the strike began. K. C. Mitra, S. N. Banerjee, Gopendra Chakravarty, Radha Raman Mitra, Spratt and others took leading parts when I was in the D.I.B. they took the most important parts in the agitation. I know all the people mentioned by sight. K. L. Mitra is still in Calcutta; I see Banerjee, Chakravarty, Radha Raman here.



I attended certain meetings myself.

on 9. 6. 28 at Lilloah maidan I saw Chakarvarty.

11/6/28	Howrah.....	Chakarvarty
14/6/28	Lilloah.....	Banerjee and Chakarvarty
28/6/28		Banerjee & Chakarvarty
29/6/28	Howrah.....	Banerjee & Chakarvarty
30/6/28	Lilloah.....	Chakarvarty
1/7/28	Howrah	Chakarvarty & Banerjee
2/7/28	Lilloah.....	Chakarvarti & Banerjee.
3/7/28	Lilloah	Chakarvarti.
Morning. 5/7/28	Lilloah.....	Chakarvarti.
Evening. 5/7/28	Howrah:	Banerjee
Evening. 6/7/28	Howrah	Banerjee
7/7/28	Lilloah.....	Banerjee & Chakarvarti.

On 8/7/28. at Howrah Maidan, I saw R. R. Mitra who said that the strikers had held out for months together yet the Agent did not offer any favourable term of settlement and so they had no other alternative but to go along the lines. He also said that they had succeed in bringing about a strike at Asansol. He narrated police *zilm* on the movement strikers at Asansol : he had sent telegrams to H. E. the Governor of Bengal about the police operation at Asansol but to no purpose.

On 9/7/28 at a meeting at Howrah Maidan, R. Mitra, Chakarvarty S. N. Banerjee, Spratt were present.

R. R. Mitra spoke and said that strikers had become victorious since they fought hard with the Government.

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Sd. R. Milner White

1/10/29.

Sd. K. B. Sen Gupta

S. I. D. I. B. Howrah.

1/10/29.

P. W. 252.

Fazlul Haq Chaudhri, O. S. I., Burdwan, O. O.

I have been at Ondal for 14 years.

I know the Ondal Ry. Workshop strike.

On 25th. May 1928 the strike started and ended in June I cannot give exact date. Spratt, R. R. Mitra, D. K. Goswami and K. C. Mitra were responsible for the strike. I attended some meetings myself.

On 25th. May I attended a meeting Spratt, Goswami, Mitra were present and spoke, Mitra advocated Picketing.

27th May, at a meeting R. R. Mitra was present.

28th May, R. R. Mitra spoke. Resolutions were adopted; they are in my report-Ex. P 2176.

30th. May, Goswami was present. A flag was fastened with the inscription "Workers of the world unite."

4th June, Spratt R. R. Mitra were present. I could identify all these persons. I see R. R. Mitra and Goswami.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

1-10-29.

Sd. F. Haq Chaudhury

S. I. Police

Ondal

1-10-29.

P. W. 253.

P. Brij Mohan Lal, Deputy Superintendent,

Jabalpur, O. O.

On 25th March I searched the house of Abdul Ghani at Jabalpur Editor of "Hindustan". The search warrant is Ex. P.

2198. I endorsed it. I had two witnesses with me S. K. Ghosh and B.C. Kothare. I prepared a search list of all the articles seized, and I signed it and get the witnesses to sign. The list is Ex. P 2199: it is a correct list of articles found there.

Among the things found were:—

Item	Ex.	
4	P 2200	Ticket of admission to 2nd Press Workers Conference.
5	P 2201	Letter by Spratt dated 15/11/28 (one sheet only).

My signature is on both these things and they were found at the search.

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Sd. R. Milner White

2-10-29.

Sd. Brij Mohan Lal

Dy. S. P. Jabbalpur C. P.

2/10/29.

P. W. 254.

S. K. Gosh, Municipal Commissioner,

Jabalpore, O. O.

I am an Honorary Magistrate of 1st class. I was present on 25th March when the house of Abdul Ghani was searched. The search was conducted in my presence. A search list was prepared of articles seized by the police. I signed it. It is Ex. P. 2199. I signed all the papers seized by the police. My signature is on Ex. P 2200, 2201. Both papers were found in the house of Abdul Ghani, and the press, which in the same premises.

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Sd. R. MILNER WHITE

2-10-29.

Sd. S. K. GHOSH.

2/10/29.

## P. W. 255.

*Mohd. Fazlul Haq, S.I., Faridpur Burdwan, O.O.*

I am posted at Faridpur thana. I have been 22 years in service. In May in June and July 1928 I was at Asansole. I remember the railway strike at Asansole. It broke out on 9/6/28. The people of the Loco. Department Engineering Dept. Carriage and Wagon Dept. strike. The strike ended by 12/7/28. Spratt Goswami, R. R. Mitra were originators.

I know Spratt if I saw him. I could recognise R. R. Mitra. The strike was a sympathetic one with the Lilloah strike. The persons mentioned held meetings in Asansole, and made speeches. Railwaymen and outsiders attended these meetings.

I attended a meeting a Chan Mari Dayal on May 31st 1928. Spratt and Radha Raman were present as far as I remember. R. R. Mitra spoke. He asked the people to go on strike.

I attended a meeting on 13th June at the same place. R. R. Mitra, Spratt, B.C. Mitra, Kali Kumar Sen Ansari etc., were there. About 1000 people were present. After the meeting they picketed. Radha Raman advised the speakers to go to Ondal, Sitarampur and Dhanbad.

On 15th June 1928 there was a meeting which R. R. Mitra and D. K. Goswami and Spratt attended. R. R. Mitra made a speech.

There were other meetings also addressed by the accused.

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Sd. M. F. HUQ

Sd R. Milner White

2-10-29

## P. W. 256.

*Moti Lal De, S.I. Dacca, O. O.*

I have been 19 years in the police. I used to intercept letters. Among them were :—

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P 2203 C 16-3-29 15-3-29 Chakarvarti to Basak M. S.  
copy.

P 2203 C 20-9-28 18-9-28 D.K. Goswami to Basak M.S.,  
copy.

P 2204 P 26-3-29 5-3-29 E. Burns to Gopal Basak, letter  
2204 P.E enclosing list of books (copied  
2204 (I) C. by another officer in my pre-  
sence compared). Original  
letter photoed in my presence.

The letters were copied in my presence, and compared: the copies were correct. After copying they were reposted.

× × by *Chakravarti*. I have been in this department about 12 years. My duties are attending meetings, interceptions, miscellaneous inquiries and office work. I follow the political activities of residents of Dacca.

I know Gopal Basak. Before going the W. and P. Party he was a member of the National Congress and worked for it. I don't know if he is still a worker for the Congress.

There is a Dhaheswari Cotton Mill about 20 miles from the city. There was a strike there I never go there but have heard and I know. I inquired from Gopal Basak about the strike. He told me that he was not there. He is a bookseller by profession

re-ex. I inquired from Gopal Basak about the strike because I have known him a long time and he was Secretary of the Mill Labour Union.

He sells medical books, law books and text books. The shop is his father's.

Sd. R. Milner White

2-10-29.

Sd. Moti Lal De S. I.

2-10-29.

P. W. 257.

*Mafiz Uddin Ahmad, S. I. Police, Mymensingh, O. O.*

I am in the D. I. B. Mymensingh district. I have been in the D. I. B. there for 3 years. I was there in August 1928.

On 16-8-28 Spratt, Muzaffar Ahmad and D. K. Goswami went to Mymensingh. They addressed a meeting in the Town Hall in the afternoon. Muzaffar Ahmad and P. Spratt delivered lectures. Government reporters were there and took down their speeches.

On 17-8-28 they addressed another meeting at Jute Godown Quarters, Dhantura Lodge. The Jute Godown coolies were addressed. All three persons were present at the meeting. They addressed the coolies and asked them to form a Union to better their interests and to have it registered under the Peasants and Workers Party of Bengal. Another date was then fixed for a further meeting, the 24th August was fixed but the coolies couldn't get a suitable place, so no meeting was held.

Muzaffar Ahmad and Spratt stayed in the District Board Dak Bungalow on the 16th, and I met them on the morning of the 17th at the D. B. Dak Bungalow. The Mehta Jamadars visited them while they were there. They gave them lectures to keep their associations intact and scolded them for breaking off the strike. Spratt spoke and Muzaffar Ahmad interpreted.

A book called 'Call to Action' was sold in the meetings of the 16th and 17th it was like Ex. P. 523. The books were sold by the local organisers. Spratt gave the books to them. I purchased a copy for /8/- and I submitted it to my superior officer.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

2-10-29

Sd. Mofiz Uddin Ahmad,

S. I. D. I. B.

2-10-29.

P. W. 258.

Ram Surat Kusia, S.I., Benares, OO.

In June 1927 I was S. I. at the Kotwali, Gorakhpur. On 2nd June 1927 there was a meeting of railway employees there. I went there. I know Dr. Bishnath Mukerjee—I recognise him. He spoke at this meeting giving advice to the labourers. I made a note of his

speech, and submitted a report to the S.P. The report I submitted is Ex P 2205.

x x reserved.

Sd/ R. Milner White,

2-10-29.

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## P. W. 259.

*S.P. Varma, Stenographer to Deputy Commissioner Singhbhum, OO.*

I have been acting as a stenographer for 8 years. On 27th September 1928 I was at Jamshedpur I attended a meeting on Town Maidan, Jamshedpur on that date. Mr. Spratt was to deliver a speech there and I was directed by the D. C. to attend. I took verbatim shorthand notes of the speech. I transcribed the speech shortly after my transcription is Ex P 2206. I submitted it to the S.P. through his reader.

x x reserved.

Sd/ R. Milner White,

Sd/ S.P. Verma,

3-10-29.

3-10-29.

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## P. W. 260.

*Mohini Mohan Chakravarti, S.I. Jamshedpur O.O.*

I was in Jamshedpur in September 1928. I attended a meeting on 27 Sept. when Spratt and Shamsul Huda addressed the meeting. I could recognise them if I saw them. P. Spratt spoke in English. Shamsul Huda spoke in Urdu. I took a summary of the speech of Shamsul Huda. I made a report to the S. P. I file an exact extract from my notes relating to the speech Ex. P 2207 : it is substantially what Shamsul Huda said.

x x reserved.

Sd/ R. Milner White

Sd/ M.M. Chakravarti S.I.

3-10-29.

3-10-29.

P. W. 261

*Rama Pada Ghosh, S. I. Jamshedpur, O.O.*

I have been 10 years in the police. I was at Jamshedpur in September 1928. Spratt and Shamsul Huda visited Jamshedpur in September, just when the strike was over there had been a general strike in the Tata Iron and Steel Works, on account of labour discontent. The labour troubles started from 1927 in the Sheet Mill dept. subsequently its started in all departments and there was a general strike in all departments in August 1928. A local leader Mr. Manik Homi, was throughout the leader till August 19th. Then Subhas Chandra Bose was called for by the party of Mr. Homi: there were two parties: the same party also called K.L. Ghosh, Mr. Giri, Mr. Joshi (N.M.) and others to lead the strike. The others party was the old Labour Association. This Association elected Subhash Chandra Bose, as president with the consent of Mr. Homi's party: and he eventually brought about a settlement with the management on 13th September 1928. Afterwards there was some disagreement between Subhas Chandra Bose and Mr. Homi about the terms of settlement: Mr. Homi wanted that his own association should also be recognised by the Company, which the Company did not do at the time. Then Mr. Homi's party invited Spratt and Shamsul Huda to come and study the labour situation and effect if possible a combination between the two parties. That is why they came. They arrived on the morning of the 27th September 1928, and stopped in the Sahebi Dak Bunglow. They left on the night of the 29th.

In January 1929 I was in Jamshedpur. Sohan Singh Josh visited Jamshedpur that month on January 3rd 1929. He addressed a meeting the same night on the G. Town Maidan. I reported his speech. My report is Ex 2208: it is substantially correct. He distributed pamphlets containing his presidential address at Calcutta at the 1st W. & P. Conference. I got a copy; it is Ex P 2209.

× × by *Mr Chakravarti*. Except for the speech, I have given my evidence from memory. The Subhash Chandra Bose I have mentioned is the President of the Provincial Congress Committee. The Mr. Joshi mentioned is the present member of the Wheatley Commission. All these and K. L. Ghosh were called by the same party. I can't say if they were the same party or not. I followed the activities of Joshi and K.L. Ghosh in connection with this Jamshedpur affair. In connection with the strike they acted as of one party. × × by Mr. Sinha.

I have been at Jamshedpur for about 8 years. I remember a visit from C.R. Das in connection with a strike. I am still at Jamshedpur. I come to know Mr. Homi during the last strike and also in court occasionally.



Sohan Singh was invited by Homi's party. At the meeting Mr. Homi presided and introduced Sohan Singh. At the end of the meeting he thanked S. S. Josh and Bhag Singh for the sympathy they showed to the labourers at Jamshedpur. I also ascertained that I. B. Sen and Srinevas Iyengar were expected.

I know of the Tinplate strike now going on at Jamshedpur: the strikers have denounced Mr. Homi. I don't know if he was accused of being a Government man. Some time back he advised the striker to resume the strike: but the advice was not taken. The Tinplate Mill is largely owned by the B. O. C. and managed by Shaw Wallace & Co.

I don't remember that he was denounced as a Government man also at the time of the Tata strike. Mr. G. Sedhi, who was sent by the Government to the League of Nations is one of the prominent Labour leader there. He was for some time Secretary of the Labour Association.

x x rest reserved.

Sd. B. MILNER WHITE,

3-10-29.

Sd. RAMPADA GHOSH,

S. I. C. I. D.

Jamshedpur

3-10-29.

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P. W. 262

*Sheik Sammi, Khansama, Dak Bungalow*

*Jamshedpur, O.O.*

I have been at Jamshedpur D. B. for about 6 years. I am khansama there. My dak bungalow register is Ex. 2210. The S.D.O. signs the register on entries of each day on the following morning. The entries are made in the hands of the visitors themselves. I produce the register for them. I was there in September 1928. Mr. Spratt came there then with a Musalman: I don't remember his name, but I could recognise him: I could also recognise Mr. Spratt. They stayed 2 days and went on the 3rd day in the evening. Mr. Spratt wrote up the register in my presence-I

gave him the pen and ink. The S.D.O. signed the following day. I can read Hindi but not English. (Prosecution wishes to refer only to the entry, outlined in red ink, numbered Ex. P 2210 (a).

I have not had the register for 5 months. A big officer of the Police of Jamshedpur came and took it away and sent it to Bankepur.

\* \* reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

3-10-29.

## P. W. 263.

*Rai Sahib A. C. Mitra, Inspector C. I. D., B. & Orissa, Pains, O. O.*

I have been 25 years in the police. I was at Dhanbad and Jheria in November 1928. A Trade Union Congress was to be held in Jheria on 24th, 25th and 26th November. It did not come off then. At that time I intercepted some letters addressed to some of the present accused. Among them were:—

P 2211 25-11-28 7-11-28 V. Chattopadhaya to Jhabwala-  
& 2211 E Original with-held.

P 2212 25-11-28 . P O S Registered packet (unopened, and  
& 1212 E opened in court) containing 24  
copies of "Colonial Policy of  
Labour and Socialist Interna-  
tional" by C. P. Dutt, -addressed  
Jhabwala—Original, with-held.

P 2213 25-11-28 Ditto (unopened and opened in  
& 2213 E court)—addressed to Dange, Ori-  
ginal, with-held.

P 2214 25-11-28 Ditto (opened by interceptor)  
& 2214 E addressed to Jhabwala, Original  
with-held.

P 2215 25-11-28 20-10-28 Registered letter from General  
2215 (1) Secretary R.I.L.U. to Dange,  
2215 E containing letter to Dange and  
"Appeal" of 23-10-28. Original  
with-held.

P 2216 25-11-28 20-10-28 Ditto, to Ghate-*Original withheld*,  
 2216 (1)  
 2216 E

P 2217 25-11-28 20-10-28 Ditto, addressed to Thengdi-  
 2217 (1) *Original withheld*.  
 2217 E

P 2218 25-11-28 20-10-28 Ditto, to Jhabwala-*Original*, with-  
 2218 (1) held.  
 2218 E

All these letters were with held.

× × by Mr. Sinha. At the same time I intercepted and with-  
 held similar letters and packets addressed to N.M. Joshi and R.R.  
 Bakle.

× × rest reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

3/10/29.

Sd. A.C. Mitra

3/10/29.

## P. W. 264.

*Leaqat Hussain, of Hyderabad Daccan, age 21, O. O.*

I am studying for the I. C. S. I have been in Bombay. I was  
 there at the end of 1928 and the beginning of 1929. I have met Mr.  
 Hutchinson; I recognise him. I know Miss Chattopadhyaya—I knew  
 her in 1926. I know her sisters. I know Mrs. Nambiar—recognise  
 Ex. P. 869.

I know a play called, "The Red Oleanders". I performed in it,  
 so did Mr. Hutchinson and Mrs. Nambiar.

I have heard of "The Circle of Progressive Youth." It was  
 intended to be a circle where youngmen would come together and  
 study social, economic and political questions. Mr. Hutchinson  
 suggested it, I think. The suggestion was during the rehearsals for  
 "The Red Oleanders." I was a member of this Circle: there were about  
 6 members of it—Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Nambiar, Mr. Chari, Mr.  
 Razvi, Mr. Srivastawa and I. They were known by their own names

and by pseudonyms. My pseudonym was Fraternity Mr. Hutchinson's was Tenacity, Mrs. Nambiar solidarity, Mr. Razi was Equality, Mr. Chari was Liberty, Mr. Srivastava was Sagacity. There was a committee, and minute books were kept.

Ex. 1029 is the Minute Book of the Executive Committee. The writing of 1, 3, 5, 7, is mine; the writing on P. 7 is also Razvi's. The writing on P. 9, 11, 13, 15, is Chari's; and "Sagacity" on P. 9 is Srivastava, and "Equality" on P. 11, Mr. Razvi's. That on P. 17-21 is Razvi's, the word 'Tenacity' on p. 17 and 21 are Mr. Hutchinson's and "Solidarity" on P. 18 Mrs. Nambiar's 'Liberty' (twice) on P. 19, Mr. Chari's. On P. 22, the writing is Mrs. Nambiar's.

Pages Similarly with P. 1030.

1, 2, 3,		My writing.
1, 3.	Word Liberty	Mr. Chari's.
4-7		Mr. Chari's
4	Fraternity	Mine
	"Tenacity	Hutchinson's
5	"Sagacity"	Srivastava
	"Equality"	Razvi
6	"Sagacity"	Srivastava's
	"Tenacity" (twice)	Mr. Hutchinson's.
7	"Fraternity"	Mine.
8, 9, 10, 11.		Razvi's.
8	Tenacity	Mr. Hutchinson's.
9	Fraternity	Mine.
	Solidarity	Mrs. Nambiar.
10	Liberty	Chari's
	Sagacity	Srivastava's.

I have looked through the first 8 pages of Ex. P. 1030.

Q. The papers from this that the circle was busy studying a work by Stalin on Leninism during this period (26th Dec. 13 Feb)?

A. Yes

That is the book referred to me in my own writing on P. I.

The book shown to me - Ex. P. 8 - is the book in question.

"On 30th December 1928 there is a note in my writing" "A new Chapter" "Foundations of Leninism" was begun." I find it on P. 77 of Ex. P. 8.

After the first reading a summary was drawn up and read out at the next meeting.

When I left the Circle we had begun done a great deal, or finished, Strategy and Tactics.

I resigned from the Circle, because I did not quite agree with what they were doing-i. e. they were studying "Strategy and Tactics" and that was going a bit beyond theory. I understood that the object was to teach us how to bring about the social change. I did not study 'Strategy and Tactics' with interest because it was technical.

I think I was there when the portion "The dictatorship of the proletariat" was read and discussed.

My impression when I left the Circle was that they were teaching the practice of Communism.

On P. 15 and 17, P. 1029, and p. 7 of 1030 there is a mention of "Comrade K" I understand his name was Mr. Khan, I think that P. 1067 is a photo of Mr Khan.

On 27th Jan. (P. 13 and 15, P. 1029) there is a note deciding that members should get in touch with Comrade B and others. I think this is Mr. Bradley, I think the suggestion came from Mr. Hutchinson or Mr. Nambiar.

A letter dated 6-3-29 is my resignation from the Circle-it is Ex. P. 2219 and 2219 E.

I got a letter in the terms of the draft in P. 1030.

The M. S. S. on p. 5 of Ex. 1033 is, I think, in Mrs. Nambiar's writing.

On P. 1036 the signature is Mr. Hutchinson's.

I think the writing in P. 1037 is Mr. Hutchinson's—the writing on P. 1038 is his too.]

The signature on P. 1038 is like his writing but I have not seen him sign like that.

The part ringed round on p. 2 of P. 1054 is written by Mr. Hutchinson. The writing in P. 1586 is his. So is P. 1589 and P. 1669, and 1810 P; I think the signature on P. 1988 is his.

In Ex P. 1029 and 1030 it is mentioned that the circle was held at K. (This means Khar. N. R. means Napier Road, at a place. The New High School for girls, of which Miss Chattopadhyaya is principal. M. M. means Marriner Mansions.

x x by Mr. Sinha. I belong to St. Xaviers College Bombay. This is my 3rd year. It was I that wrote P-2219. The Statement in my letter is true and correct. It is true and correct that I could not find time to attend the Circle.

The play 'Red Oleanders' is by Tagore. About a dozen people performed in it. I couldn't say if there were 16 or 17. Generally all would take part in the rehearsals.

It is my ambition to join the I. C. S. I have already applied—last month—for permission to sit. It was some years ago that I had this ambition—even since I began to think about doing something in life. I have not kept in close touch with some high officials of Bombay, nor with any C. I. D. officer. I had no instruction from any C. I. D. officer, to watch the activities of this Circle.

By Communism I understand the over-throwing of the present society by revolution.

By revolution I understand bringing about a change of society by bloodshed.

I am studying political science in my college. I have studied various books. I have read a little about Communism in Gilchists book.

They don't teach the history of politics in my college. I don't remember if any author on Communism during the last century is mentioned in Gilchists book.

I have read about the Lallards in history. I have never seen them described as Communists. I have not read in any book of politics that there were Communists in the last century. I have not heard or seen that some kind of it was advocated in the old Testament.

I learned in July that I would be required to give evidence here. I was called by K. B. Petikara, Deputy Commissioner, C. I. D. I did not know him before. I don't think he is known to members of my father's family.

I have been living in St. Xaviers College Hostel. I did not inform my father, or the Supt. of the Hostel, of my joining the Study Circle. I didn't talk about the Circle to any body till I came to this Court.

When I went to the Khan Bahadur, he asked me certain questions and I replied to them and he informed me I would have to do something.

I don't think there was any policeman present at the meetings of the Circle. I can't say how K. B. got to know that I belonged to the Circle.

The K. B. of course did not give me any assurance that it would be easier for me to join the I. C. S. if I gave evidence.

× × by Dange. My letter referred to the B. A. Exam—the Senior B. A. Exam. I did not intend to go to England directly after the examination.

I did not want to sail then. I always meant to go to England.

I don't know how long it takes to get a passport: the Communists said nothing about passport.

I did not take part in debating society.

I had history and economics for my optional subjects.

I have seen Seligman's book. I have heard of the old schools of politics. There is a reference to the Marxian Theory of rent in my lectures. I wanted to know more about Marx. I read various books from the College Library—such as Roads to Freedom; and Gide. When I wanted to learn more, I joined the Circle—not from any other motive. Mr. Hutchinson asked me to join.

I went to meet Mrs. Nambiar when she disembarked, in Sept. 1928 I think, I went to the circle partly because I know Mrs. Nambiar and partly because I wanted to know more.

I was half an hour and so with the K. B. He asked me questions, he not show me the minute books or other books.

My examination finished in April and then I went home. I did not know then that I would have to give evidence. I consulted my father when I was told I had to give evidence. That was the beginning of last month. The application for the I.C.S. was at the end of September.

× × by Nimbkar. I am keeping terms for Inter Science. I passed my Senior Cambridge in 1922. I passed with credit. Then I joined St. Xaviers Calcutta in 1923. I was there for two years. I failed in the Inter Arts. Then I went to Aligarh. I passed in the 2nd Class, Inter Arts in 1926. Then I went to Bombay and joined the Sydenham College of Commerce—in 1926, June, for the Inter Commerce; and at the end of the year appeared for the University Examination and failed. Then in June 1927 I joined St. Xaviers College, on the Junior B.A. I studied for the Honours course for one year, and when I went to the Senior B.A. I dropped the Honours, and took a pass course. I appeared in the B.A. this April and passed.

I was born 12th January 1908.

I know the I.C.S. examination is hard.

*re. ex.* I sent the letter P. 2219, and never received it back. I don't know how the prosecution got it. It was shown to me today.

The reason is given in P. 2219 were not my sole reasons. (Objected to by Mr. Sinha.) My interview with the K. B. was the first time I had seen a policeman about the case.

Communism was not the only thing I wished to learn about in the circle.

Sd/- R. Milner White

3-10-29

Sd/- M. L. Hussain

## P. W. 265

*Ramadhar Dhar, S.I., C.I.D., U.P., O.O.*

I have been in the service from 11-11-25. I have intercepted letters. On 30-1-29 I intercepted a cover containing several leaflets (about Lenin Day), of which I took one which I produce—Ex. P. 2220. It was addressed to P. C. Joshi by W. & P. Party, 2/1 E.A. Lane. After taking out one leaflet I reposted it.

x. x. reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White,

4-10-29

Sd/- Ramadhar Dhar,

S.I. C.I.D., U.P.

4-10-29

## P. W. 266

*Kabul Singh, Constable, Meerut, D.I.S., O.O.*

I have been in the district for 10 years.



I know Garhmukhtesar Fair in this district, I was on duty there last year. It was held from 21st—30th. Nov.

I know Gauri Shankar. I saw him at the Fair. He was selling books in the Fair. I brought one English and one Nagri Book from him, by order of Mardan Singh S.I. I gave the books to him. They are Ex, 1460 and 1461 (call to Action and Resolution of the Meetut Conference).

x. x. by Mr. Sinha.

I asked the price: he told me -/6 and -/8/. I asked the S.I. about it and got the price from him. I was to purchase it for Govt. I got no voucher nor gave one to the S.I. The S.I. never asked me why I paid -/8/6. The S.I. saw the books in my presence and signed. I know Nagri but not English. I have not been asked for an explanation why I paid -/8/6. Other people purchased both books in my presence

Sd/- R. Milner White,

4-10-29.

P. W. 267

*Harendra Vijai Bhushan, S. I. D. I. B. Hawrah, O. O.*

I have been in the police for 11 years. In 1928 I was attached to D. I. B, Hawrah.

I remember the Bauria, Fort Glester Mill, strike. I was present at some of the meetings held in connection with the strike, and took notes of what happened and submitted my reports.

I know Mr. Spratt. He was present at a meeting of 23/6/28 and made a speech. I took notes of the purport of his speech and made a report. My report is Ex. P 2221.

I was at a meeting of 8/7/28. I know K. L. Ghosh he was at the meeting and made a speech of which I took notes and made a report, which I produce—Ex. P 2222.

There was a meeting of 15/7/28 K. L. Ghosh and R. R. Mitra were present. They both spoke, and I made a report Ex. P. 2223.

There was meeting on:—

16/9/28. R. R. Mitra was present.

22/9/28. R. R. Mitra.

28/10/28. R. R. Mitra, K. L. Ghosh and P. Spratt.

Mr. Spratt requested the outside men not to work and there by help towards the victory the war between the oppressor and oppressed. He instructed discipline among the strikers and social boycott to the traitory. K. L. Ghosh interpreted his speech and urged pickettings.

In November R. R. Mitra was present at a meeting of 3. 11. 28. and on 7. 11. 28. On 7. 11. 28, he said it would be their duty to say that no new hands come to Bauria. He asked for strong picketting every where and to despatch bodies of Volunteers to neighbouring mills to prevent men from coming to Bauria for work.

On 11th November, K. L. Ghosh, Shamsul Huda, R. R. Mitra and Gopin Chakravarty.

I identify them. Shamsul Huda was I think made an accused in this case.

On 2. 12. 28., K. L. Ghosh, R. R. Mitra, Mr. Jonstone and G. Chakravarty were present. Mr. Johnstone is an American I think, who was deposed. He made a speech which I took down the purport of his speech. It was explained to the audience by R. R. Mitra. My report is P. 2224.

On 29/12/28, R. R. Mitra, was present and made a speech which I reported it is Ex. P 2225.

On 4/1/29, Bradley and K. L. Ghosh were present I know Bradley. He made a speech which I correctly reported. Ex. P 2226.

On 6/1/29 S. N. Banerjee, Shamsul Huda and G. Chakravarty were present I know Banerjee. S. N. Banerjee made a speech, which I reported Ex. P 2227.

There was also a strike at the Leadler Jute Mill, Changail. I attended a meeting on 24/3/28, R. R. Mitra and K. L. Ghosh were present. The Changail Jute workers Union was formed. Mitra was made vice President and K. L. Ghosh, Legal Adviser.

On 24th April there was a meeting when R. R. Mitra, Spratt and K. L. Ghosh were present. Spratt spoke I reported the speech—Ex. 2228.

There was a sympathetic strike in Sessup and 10 mills, Calcutta: there was a meeting on 30th March, Spratt was there. x x by Mr. Chakravarti.

The immediate cause of the strike was the dismissal of 5 men, so all workers left the mill and there was a riot. I cannot say if they were dismissed against the advice of the police. As far as I remember there were at least two meetings before this occurrence. These meetings were to persuade the workers to form unions and fight against the oppression of the mill owners.

On 4. 1. 29, P. Jawahir Lal Nehru was president of the meeting. Mr. Maial Kanti Ghosh was a speaker—He is president of Bengal T. U. Federation of which K. L. Ghosh is Secretary.

At the meeting of 8. 7. 28. Minal Kanti Ghosh was president. This meeting was before the strike and was organised for the formation of Labour Union at Bauria.

At the meeting of 15. 7. 28, Minal Kanti Ghosh was president. This was also organised for the formation of a Union or rather funds were collected for the Union which had already been formed.

On 16th September, Boupin Chandre Mukerjee, H. A. Chaudhri and A. H. Chaudhari—Asst. Secretaries of Indian Seamen's Union were present. One of the object was to collect funds.

On 3rd Nov. B. C. Mukarjee was present. There is nothing in my report about collection of funds. The comparative wages of new workers and old workers was discussed.

On 7th Nov. B. C. Mukarjee was present. The strike situation was discussed.

On 2nd December, B. C. Mukarjee, Hemanta Kumar Ghosh Kalidas Bhattacharjee Dr. Krishna Kumal Bhattacharya and Minal Kanit Ghosh were present. Hemant Kumar Ghosh is Secy. of North Calcutta Congress Committee each speaker discussed the strike situation in his own way—all those mentioned spoke. On 29. 12. 28, K. C. Mitra was present.

On 6. 1. 29, B. C. Mukarjee, and Surash Chandra Chatterjee were present.

I was not present at the meeting when Sabhas Chandra Bose was present. When I was not there, the officer in-charge of Bauria police station attened and possibly some asst. Sub-Inspectors of our branch. I don't remember for there were any shorthand reporters probally not, as when ever any are present I mention the fact in my report.

I generally submitted my report the next day.

B. C. Mukarjee was Secy. of Bengal Jute workers UNION.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White.

4. 10. 29.

Sd. Harendra Bejoy Basu,

S. I. D. I. B. Hawrah,

4. 10. 29.

P. W. 268.

R.N. Vaidya, clerk of Shipping Master's Office Bombay O.G.O.  
I am a clerk in the office of the Shipping Master Bombay for 12 Years. When a seaman is engaged the fact has to be entered in the register of Certificate of service, and the seaman is given a "registered number." A thumb impression is taken. I have the register here. In the register I find that one Abdul Hamid was engaged and given the number of 14513. The first time I was there. After the first time no other entry is made in this register.

There is a photograph register kept, in which a photo of each seamen is kept according to this registered number. The photo shown me—Ex. P. 2229—is another copy of the photo in the register of Abdul Hamid. I identify the accused (Ajudhia Prasad) as the subject of the entry.

Under the merchants shipping Act, an official log and "articles of agreement" have to be kept. When the voyage is finished these documents are returned to the shipping office.

Abdul Hamid signed on for S. S. Elysia on 9.3.27; his wages commenced from 12th March. The articles of agreement are prepared by the Shipping Master and handed over to the Captain. When the crew is paid off it is returned to the Shipping Master's office. I produce it from the Shipping Master's office. When the man is discharge he is required to put his thumb impression or signature. The 'article of agreement' shows that Abdul Hamid was paid off on 27th May 1927.

I also produce the official log book from my office. This also is filed in my office. The crew requires that a list of crew and record of character should be there.

On 3rd June, Alve, Nimbkar, Jhabwala, Mirajkar were present Nimbkar spoke—my report is Ex.P. 2243 (a) 2243 (b)—he spoke twice

On 4th June Alve, Mirajkar, Jhabwala and Bradley were present. Bradley spoke. My report is Ex. P. 2244.

On 7th June, Dange, Mirajkar, Bradley and Alve were present, and Dange spoke—my report is Ex. P. 2245.

On 8th June, Alve, Nimbkar, Jhabwala, Mirajkar were present Mirajkar spoke—my report is Ex P, 2246, X X By Mr Sinha Except for Mr, Bradley all those mentioned spoke in Marathi

× × by Nimbkar.

I am from Gujrat, and my mother tonge is Gujrati. I am attached as Chief Reporter to the Bombay Chronicle- and English daily.

I took leave during 1928 from about the beginning of May to the middle of June.

I know English shorthand, not Marathi, Gujrati or Carnarese

I have been on the Bombay Chronicle about 10 years and generally I report meetings when speeches are delivered in English. There are other reporters on the staff, who generally do Marathi reporting, though they don't know Marathi shorthand.

Except for this one month I was on duty the whole year.

I don't rember particularly attending meetings in Jan and February 1928. I don't think I reported any meetings of the Sassoon Mills Strike for the Chronicle.

I remember there was the Simon Commission Boycott agitation in Jan. and February, and various meetings were held. On 3rd February 1928 Sir John Simon etc. arrived in Bombay, and the Prov. Congress Committee has called out a hartal in the morning there was workers procession in the morning and in the evening a meeting at Chaupati presided over by Sir Chiman Lal Satalvad, I don't know who the secretaries of the B. P. Cong. Com.

I did not attend the May day celebrations in Bombay.

As far as I know when the strike started, there were no grievances when H. E. the Governor came and called the leaders and asked them to formulate them grievances, then the "17 demands" were formulated. Before that I wondered why then workmen had struck work.

I did not hear the workmen say that they wouldn't have the frame, 2 loom system.

The Editor does not know that I supplied these reports to the police.

× × by Dange. I can follow Marathi but I am not a Marathi scholar. I took my notes in English.

I transcribed my notes at my house.

(The shorthand notes are here.) I made 2 copies of the transcriptions. One I gave to any paper, and one to the Police. The papers did not take the speeches as they did not attach any interest and so after a time I did not send them or made a duplicate.

I did not remember if I attended meetings before I went on leave.

During my leave I received pay from my paper.

I remember a meeting at which the strike leaders abused the nationalists. It was in May. I reported the meeting. I was on leave then. I don't know if the paper published it. I don't know if this was one of the meetings of which I sent a report to the paper or not.

The nationalists were abused because they attended the All Parties meetings but did not attend the Naga Sanji meeting of strikes.

When I send reports to the papers, I usually see whether they are published or not.

When a report appearing in the paper and is contradicted the Editor does not necessarily ask for an explanation. This has happened very rarely and I don't remember if I was so called.

I don't remember what particular persons were present at this meeting.

I don't know if the report in the Chronicle was contradicted by S. A. Dange.

× × by Mr. Dasai.

I worked for the police when I was on leave. I have never worked so at any other time. When I was working for the Chronicle and attended a meeting I never sent a copy of my report to the police.

I was paid for the work I did for the police.

× × by Joglekar.

Reports of strike meetings were often made before 1928. I don't remember the dates, but strikes often occurred in Bombay.

Re. ex.

The Marathi used in addressing mill workers is simple and not high flown.

I understand simple Marathi. I only understand English shorthand. I translate into English as I go along and write it down in English shorthand.

There is nothing in my agreement to restrict the way in which I spend my leave. There is nothing like an agreement at all. By Court.

I am not a member of the journalist Association.

Sd. R. Milner White,

4. 10. 29.

Sd. J. Macwan.

## P. W. 270

*Wahid Ihan Khan, S. I. C. J., D. Patna O. O.*

I have been in the police for 11 years. In Dec. 1928 I was at Jheria. I attended the trade Union Congress held at Jheria. I attended all three days. The first session was 18th Dec., and then 19th and 20th I took down the speeches of Johnstone, Bradley, Spratt and Ryan—I took shorthand verbatim notes. I transcribed the speeches immediately. The transcription of Johnstone's speech is Ex P. 2247.

The transcription of Ryan's speech is Ex. P. 2248.

The transcription of Bradley's speech is Ex P 2249 and Mr. Spratt's P. 2250.

On the 19th Joglekar and Radha Raman Mitra spoke. Joglekar seconded resolution No. 9

On 20th Dec. K. L. Ghosh seconded resolution about "This Congress formulates the following basis for constitution of India....socialistic Republic of the workers; Class... etc. etc.

I know Kishori Lal Ghosh: I recognise him. I know Thengdi. On 3rd day he had Joglekar were elected as delegates to the League against Imperialism Conference to be elected at Paris.

Muzaffar Ahmad was elected vice president with Kulkarni, Makbulul Haq Shiva Rao; N. M. Joshi to continue as general secretary and Dange and Bakle as Asst. Secretaries.

Thengdi, Bradley and Spratt were elected to the Executive Committee.

As a protest against the arrest of comrade Johnston it was decided to affiliate the T. U. C. to the League against Imperialism.

The photograph on Ex. P. 2161 is Mr. Johnston. I identify Bradley and Joglekar, and Mitra.

x x by Chakarvarti

P. Jawahar Lal Nehru was elected president.

Messrs Daud V. V. Giri, Dewan Chaman Lal Chaddika Prasad, Thengdi, Andrews Joseph Baptista, Bradley Spratt, and Ricikar were elected to the Executive Committee.

I was reporting the open congress meeting. I don't remember of Raman and Chattarji was one of the speakers on the resolution about a socialist republic. The resolution was moved by Dewan Chaman Lal K. L. Ghosh seconded it. I don't think he made any speech. R. R. Mitra in his speech on the 19th supported the resolution No. 9 moved by Dewan Chaman Lal. Minal Kanti Bose, and Altaf Ali also supported it.

Mr. Daud (of Calcutta) presided over the conference. N. M. Joshi was not there. Chaman Lal took a prominent part. He is M.L.A.

There was no announcement that the resolution on the socialist Republic was moved in response to an invitation by the all parties conference. Chaman Lal said in his speech that the A. P. conference has asked them to submit their suggestions and in connection with that he moved the resolution

x x by Nimbkar.

I have got all the reports of the conference. I don't remember what delegates were elected to the League of Nations Labour Branch at Geneva. I do not find any reference by Chaman Lal to a sub-committee appointed by the Cawnpore Session in connection with the "constitution". The resolution he moved proposed that a deputation of 50 members should be sent to the All Parties Convention to press this proposed constitution.

Nothing was said as to who was to lead it. I had instructions to report all the proceedings of the A. I. T. U. C. not particular persons.



I can not say whether there was any reference to the Geneva League of Nations in the three days. It was not decided to affiliate the T. U. C. to the Communist International. I do not remember any decision to affiliate to any international. I do not remember if they refused to affiliate to any Labour International till they were united.

Re ex There were two other reporters besides me.

Sd. Sri Milner White.

5-10-29

Sd. Wahid Jan Khan.

S. I. C. I. D.

B. and O.

5-10-29

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## P. W. 271

C. Madhay Bagchi, S. I., S. B., Calcutta, O. O.

I have 5 years in the police. I intercepted a letter on 24th March 1929. The letter is dated 1st. March 1929, from P. C. Mallonic to Indian Youth Socialist Organisation, addressed to sec. A. Youth Conference; there was an inside cover addressed to Indian Youth Socialist Organisation; and a letter from P. C. Mallonic (Ex P. 2251 and Ex P. 2251E); inside the second cover was another letter, Ex P. 2251 (1) and 2251 (1) E.

Another letter was intercepted the same day, dated 1st. March 1929, not signed, addressed to Young India Society of Calcutta, and containing a letter and one copy of "Young Worker" for 2nd, March 1929—Ex P. 2252, 2252 (1) and 2252E.

Both these were detained in original.

×× reserved.

(sd) C Bagchi

8. 10. 29.

(Sd) H. Milner White

8. 10. 29.

## P. W. 272

Amrit Lal Sinha, S. I., S. B. Calcutta, O. O.

I have been 12 years in the police. I used to intercept letters.

I intercepted letter, Ex. P. 2253 & E, on 2nd. Dec. 1928. It was addressed to Hari Kumar Chakravarti. The letter is undated and is from M. N. Roy (postmark Berlin). The letter was detained in *original*.

On the same date I intercepted a letter, Ex. P. 2254 & E addressed to Bhupan Muzamdar, Secretary Reception Committee, A. I. Young Men's conference. The letter is signed M. N. Roy and is the same as Ex. P. 2253 and E; This was detained in *original*.

On 25th November 1928 I intercepted a letter dated 6-11-1928, addressed to K. L. Ghosh, B. T. U. P. from Labour Research department (bill for affiliation). The letter was photographed in my

presence and was then returned to the postmaster for delivery. It is Ex. P. 2255 P.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

Sd. Amrit Lal Sinha,

8-10-29.

S. I. S. B. Calcutta Police

8-10-29

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## P. W. 273

S. C. Chakravarti. S. I. S. B., Calcutta, O. O.

I have been nearly 13 years in the S. B. and 15 in the police. I used to intercept letters.

On 19-7-1928 I intercepted four letters at Howrah Mail office:-

(1) To, S. Tagore.

(2) Max ziese.

(3) Mr. Saklatwala

(4) Editor Sunday Work-

(1) is dated 19-7-1928, & is signed by Muzaffar Ahmad Ex. P. 2256P and 2256 P. E. photo; in Bengali.

(2) is dated 19. 7. 28 and is signed by Muzaffar Ahmad Ex. P. 2257C-M. S. copy.

(3) is dated 18-7-28, and is signed by P. Spratt. Ex. P. 2258 C-M. S. copy.

(4) is dated 18-7-28, and is signed by P. Spratt. Ex. P. 2259C. M. S. Copy; and it also enclosed an article Ex. P. 2259 (i) C-typed copy-on the sufferings of the peasants of Atia.

Correct copies are made and compared with the originals. On 18-5-29 I intercepted a postal packet addressed to R. R. Mitter containing the Pan Pacific monthly for April—This was detained *in original*. Ex. P. 2260 and 2260E.  
× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

Sd. S. C. Chakervarty.

8-10-29.

S. I. I. B. Cal.

8-10-29.

## P. W. 274

Abdul Rashid, A. S. I. S. B. Calcutta, O. O.

(in Bengali, translated by Mr. Mitter and Mr. Chakravarti)

I have been 15 years in the police. I was in Calcutta from Feb. to July 1923. In May 1923 I made inquiries about one Abdul Hakim. My Deputy Commissioner of police ordered me to make inquiries: he said that a letter had been intercepted, and Abdul Hakim's name is associated with it. I was told to make enquiries of Abdul Hakim Shah Aman Lane. I found after enquiry that he was living at 6 Shah Aman lane. He was living in his father-in-law's house. The address is at Iqbalpur, Kidderpore. I could not find him as he had sailed.

I was in Calcutta last December, I remember the session of the National Congress. I remember the procession on 23rd December. It was got up by the Mazdur Party. It started from Sadanand Park. The conference of A. I. Workers and Peasants conference took place at Albert Hall.

The procession started from 4. 15, from Sadanand to Park Circus, via Amherst Street, Mirazapur St., Harrison Road, Circular Road. Among the processionists were Sohan Singh Josh, Muzaffar Ahmad, Mr. Spratt Mr. Bradley (I do not see him—then points him out), Dharni Goswami Shamsul Huda, Ajudhia Prasad, Kishori Mohan Ghosh (or K. L. Ghosh), and many others about 300. There was also a Mr. Ryan.

When the procession reached Park Circus they held a meeting short speeches were made, by Sohan Singh, a Bengali Hindu and an up-country Hindu, whose names I don't know. I remember a little of what they said; they explained the object of the formation of the A. I. W. & P. Party also they said that they would establish Labour Party Government in his country.

Q. Did they say any thing about the Nat. Congress and T. U. Congres.

A. They said they were of no use to us.

The processionist, carried red flags about 40. They shouted as they went along—Down with Imperialism, Lal Jhande Ki Jai, Down with British Imperialism, Down the Union Jack, Down with the simon commission, Victory to the Red Flag, Mazdur dal Ki Jai, Sohan Singh Ki Jai Mazdur Hakumat Ki Jai, Mazdur Kisan Ki Jai, Lal Palton Ki Jai, Down with Capitalism, Down with Landlordism, Down with Nehru Report, etc.

Ajudhia Pd. and Altaf Ali did most of the shouting: they started and the others all shouted too. × × by Mr. Chakraverty. The

300 persons assembled in Sadhanand Park. Formerly this was called Mirzapur Park. There was another meeting held at the same time in this park. I don't know how many assembled in the other meeting-it was not part of my business.

I know the exact spot where meetings are usually held there. The other meeting was not held at that spot. That meeting was held first. The persons I have mentioned assembled in a place west of the place where meetings are usually held. They assembled there at 4 O'clock. They waited for 15 minutes. The distance to Park circus is about 3 miles.

The meeting was commenced in Park circus about 6 P.M. It was in an enclosed place, but no *pandal*. 500-600 persons were in that meeting. The Indian National Congress, was not sitting. I have nothing in my diary about the Nat. Congress, as I was not deputed to look after it. I entered up my diary the following day -24th. I took notes, but I destroyed them when I entered them in my diary.

I have deposed from my [memory, except for the slogans I have mentioned.

I didn't meet M.A. Hakim when I went to see him in his father-in-law's house.

× × by Mr. Sinha. Where the exhibition is held and where the congress was, it is very busy - people coming and going: where the meeting was, the place was a little apart. The exhibition also was held in Park Circus. Before the congress actually sat, many people used to visit the exhibition and congress grounds morning and afternoon. The Exhibition was opened some days before the congress sitting took place. When the exhibition was opened, many hundreds of people used to visit it at all times.

Harrison Road is a busy road at all times: and during the congress the foot paths on either side were still more crowded. The middle was occupied by vehicular traffic.

I was sometimes in the front, sometimes in the middle and sometimes in the rear of the procession. I did not go in it but on the footpath.

At the junction of Harrison Road and circular Road, I was in the middle: when it entered Park circus, in the rear. I could name 8 or 10 more persons in the procession - e. g. Abdul Razak Mean, Bhibuti Ganguli. × × by Nimbkar. I didn't attend any conference on the congress week. I was on duty to see the procession and see that nothing untoward happened in the exhibition compound and to see parade of the volunteers.

The volunteers did not shout during parade. I didn't hear their songs in the exhibition. I was not on duty there continuously. There was broad casting going on. I saw a procession of the congress volunteers in khaki. I heard the shout when President Nehru was taken in to the pandal. I can't remember the shouts there were several "Jais".

I know some shops of the sikhs there, but I saw no conference of them. I do not know if there was a pandit's conference there, nor an Aryan Conference. You are certainly wrong if you say I was not on duty there.

By imperialism I mean Empire.

I don't know the leaders of other provinces, so I wouldn't enter them in my diary if they were there. I don't remember them now, and could not see if others in the dock were there.

I didn't hear the cry "Nehru Report jahanum men jawe" (go to hell).

I was on duty to watch this procession specially, and so I noted their slogans.

I swear that Kishori Lal Ghosh was present. re-Ex. The procession went on the left side of the road, not on the footpath.

I can't give the exhibition's date of opening. Nor do I remember whether the exhibition was open that day.

Sd/. Abdur Rashid,

8/10/29.

Sd/. R. Milner White,

8/10/29.

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P. W. 275

Shri Chandra Majumdar, 71/1 Mirzapur Street, Calcutta, O.O.

I am proprietor of Sri Gaurang Press Calcutta. On 20th March my Press premises were searched. Certain books, pamphlets etc. were seized. Among them were Ex. P. 217, 218, 219, and 220. They were printed in my press.

The four bill books produced were found in my press, they are kept in the regular course of business—Ex. P. 221.

Bill No. 5593 of 4.4.28 was issued to Muzaffar Ahmad at 2/1 E.A. Lane. It is for printing 500 copies of Bengal P. & W. report in English and 500 in Bengali. The original bill was for Rs. 51/10/- but was corrected by my accountant to Rs. 47/-

Bill No. 5442 of 31.12.27 was made out to Muzaffar Ahmad, in respect of 4000 copies of "Manifesto."

Bill No. 5606 of 12.4.28 was made out to Muzaffar Ahmad for 1000 copies of report Annual Conference.

Bill No. 5772 of 7.8.28 was made out to Muzaffar Ahmed, for 1000 copies of pamphlet "Call to Action."

Ex. P. 217—220 are the booklets etc. referred to in these four bills.

Receipts P. 503, 484, 498 were issued from my press.

The envelope Ex. P. 2261 E is the envelope in which bill No. 5572 was issued; it was received back, and given by me to the searching officer in its present condition. I know Muzaffar Ahmed.

× × by Mr. *Chakravarti*. I know Kishori Lal Gosh. He was Honorary Secretary of Indian Journalists Association. I am one of the proprietors of the paper Ananda Bazar Patrika published from my press.

I remember sometime receiving a circular to the effect that the accuracy of news from China was regarded by the Journalist Association as insufficient, and it was proposed to send a delegation to China to get the real news. It was probably supported in the Ananda Bazar Patrika.

Kishori Lal Gosh was Assistant Editor and leader writer of Amrita Bazar Patrika—one of the oldest nationalists papers in India.

Journalists are taking interest in every topic so they are also taking interest in Communism.

K. L. Gosh was connected with the Press Employees Association.

I am a member of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee and President of Noth Calcutta Dist. Congress Committee.

I know R. R. Mitra. He used to be a member of the B. P. C. C.—some time before last year, not last year. He was a member last year of the E. C. of the N.G. D.C.C.

The B. P. C. C. helped the strike at Lilloah—I don't know that it took it over.

× × by Sinha I was one of the office bearers of the reception Committee of the last Indian National Congress at Calcutta—I attended the Congress sittings all four days. One day there was a procession of labourers. They asked the General Secretary and Chairman of the Reception Committee to let them go in the Pandal to see the functions. They were permitted to come inside—some one came in while the office bearers were discussing the situation and said that the President had issued orders that they should come inside. I did not wait during the meeting which was held, but I passed through. I don't remember if Jawahir Lal Nehru was president.

Mahatma Gandhi addressed them outside the Pandal. I was present for sometime at the opening session of the Congress which was held after the other meeting.

The Congress was due to begin at 1 o'clock probably  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour—1 hour were allowed to labourers to be present in Pandal. They left it within the time limit. Practically there was no grievance in my committee about the workers violating any of the conditions of rules. So far as I remember there was no disturbance to the Congress meeting from the labourers. I was not there all along, but while I was no one was howled down.

re-ex. 1 o'clock was the time fixed and I and my office bearers were present from before and every thing was ready for proceedings to start at the proper time. It did not start then. The procession arrived between 11 and 12. I don't know if they had been invited. There were 2000-3000. It was not my department to issue invitations.

I said that there was trouble among the office bearers when they came. Some of the office bearers objected that they hadn't got delegation tickets, and there was only one hour to the meeting. I saw Mahatma Gandhi addressing the crowd.

I got my idea that they came to see the Congress from talks I had and not from remarks made by leaders etc.

The proceedings of the Congress started at about 3. This was in consequence of the meeting of labourers.

Sd. R. Milner White.

Sd. Sarish Chandra Majumdar.

8.10.29.



## P. W. 276

Jatindra Nath Sen Gupta, Dacca, of C.I.D. U.P., O.O.

I attended the A.I. T.U.C. at Cawnpore in 1927—26, 27, 28 November. I submitted reports about the Congress. Spratt, Bradley, Kishori Lal Gosh, Bishwanath Mukherji, Dharni Kant Goswami, Gopal Chand Basak, Shaukat Usmani, L. R. Kadam, Dange, Ghate, Thengdi, Jhabwala. Abdul Majid, Kedarnath Sehgal, Sohan Singh Josh, and Muzaffar Ahmad—were there Spratt stayed at Shaukat Usmani's place. I last saw him in this connection on 4th December 1927, when he left for Benares with Shaukat Usmani.

x x by *Mr. Chakravarti*. I have given these names from memory at present.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

8.10.29.

Sd. J. N. Sen Gupta

C.I.D. U.P.

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## P. W. 277

Nirmal Chandra Dutt, reporter, Government of Bengal  
O. O.

I know shorthand, Bengali and English. On 4th April 1928 I attended a meeting at Mirzapur (Sardanand) Park. Mr. Spratt spoke. I took down a portion of the speech in shorthand and prepared a correct transcript—Ex. P. 2262.

I attended another meeting on 5-3-28 near Ockterloni Monument of the Scavengers Union. I submitted a transcription of the resolutions passed at the meeting—Ex. P. 2263.

I was at a meeting of 8-5-28 at Deshbandhu Park. I know Kishori Lal Ghosh—identifies him. He spoke in Bengali. I took down shorthand notes of the just half of his speech: the rest of the speech was taken by reporter N. H. De, who was also

present. Each man prepared his own part of the transcription. Pages 1—16 of the transcription were made by me—P. 2264 (1); and the rest P. 2264 (2) by De.

x x reserved.

(Sd.) R. Milner White.

8-10-29.

(Sd.) N. C. Dutt.

8-10-29.

## P. W. 278

N. H. De, Bengal Government Reporter, O. O.

I am a Bengali shorthand reporter. The second part of the speech (Ex. P. 2264) is in my writing and is a correct transcription of a speech of Kishori Lal Ghosh made on 8-5-28.

Ex. P. 2264 (2), the first part was made by N. C. Dutt.

I attended a meeting at Mirzapur Park on 11th May 1928. Kishori Lal Ghosh whom I know made a speech and I took shorthand notes. My transcription is Ex. P. 2265: it is correct. He spoke in Bengali.

x x reserved.

(Sd.) R. Milner White.

8-10-29.

(Sd.) N. H. De.

8-10-29.

## P. W. 279

R. B. B. Mukerjee, Assistant Commissioner, S. B.,

Calcutta, O. O.

In 1928 I was officiating as Deputy Commissioner in May 1928.

I have seen Ex. P. 377 and 377E before. It was intercepted by one of my officers, S. I. G. B. Roy, and was produced before me by the intercepting officer, and I withheld it. It was kept in the Office of the S. B., Calcutta, of which I was in charge. It was subsequently taken over by the Director Intelligence Bureau. The writing on the back of the envelope marked A. I. was there, and I ordered an officer—Asst. S. I. Abdul Rashid—to make inquires at the address.

Copies were made and sent to the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, Ch : Secy. to Govt. of Bengal, and Director I. B.

× × reserved.

(Sd.) R. Milner-White.

17-10-29.

(Sd.) B. B. Mukerjee.

17-10.

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## P. W. 280

Jagannath Saran, Inspector C. I. D., U. P., O. O.

I have been in the C. I. D. for 16 years. I was in Cawnpore in November 1927. I attended the A. I. T. U. C. There : it was 26th—28th November, 1927. I attended all three sittings, and submitted a report for each day's meeting.

On the 26th Mr. Spratt, Shaukat Usmani, Muzaffar Ahmad, Majid, were present (identifies all) : on the 26th Kishori Lal (identifies him) spoke too. On the 27th Dr. Mukerjee, Dange, Jhabwala, Thengdi were present—identifies all.

On the 2nd day (27th) Dr. Mukherjee made a speech, supporting a resolution (No. 1) about the lock out of the 10000 workers of the B. N. R. In the course of his speech he said "The present Government wanted to suck the Indians, and the Agent B. N. R. was its integral part. So long as the present system of Government would last, they or the workers could never get any comfort. The retrenchment was meant to retaliate the strikers.—If 30 crores of Indians subscribed one cowri each for the help of B. N. R. strikes, all the Railway companies would lose their respect and would never commit such mischief again.

Resolution No. 2 was moved by Kishori Lal Ghosh and seconded by Dange—it concerned the Simon Commission. Mr. Sethi moved an amendment to ask Labour Party to withdraw their two representatives from the Commission. Mr. Dange spoke against the amendment.

Mr. Jhabwala moved a resolution (No. 3) regarding refusal of Government to grant passports to Saklatwala (for India) and Thengdi (for China)—he said that the Government was afraid of Mr. Saklatwala. Under this Government they were in a miserable position, and could not express their thoughts either in English or their mother tongue. He (Jh) was an outlaw: he did not know the Government which was a sort of organised violence. He knew the man alone, and he did not care for the Government. Mr. Saklatwala was fighting for the Communism in England and if he comes to India 30 crores peasants and workers will unite and create a revolution. Government was afraid that if he will come these men will unite and what will happen to the Raj. They would be happy in India when they would get their own Raj. He boycotted and cursed the Govt. which did not issue passports to Saklatwala and Thengdi.

On the 3rd day's sitting (28th) Kishori Lal Ghosh moved the 6th Resolution requesting the British Labour Party to support agitation either to release or bring to trial the noble youngmen of Bengal who were put in jail in 1924 under the Govt. of Lord Oliver. He said briefly that hundreds of youngmen were rolling in jail. Government says that they were released, but it is not the case: they were interned.

Resolution No. 10—regarding celebration of 10th Anniversary of U. S. S. R.—was moved by Dange, who said that the workers were carrying on their republic for the last 10 years. England and France failed to annihilate it. He hoped that the workers of India will try to establish a similar Govt. here.

This resolution was seconded by Mr. Thengdi without making a speech.

Mr. Thengdi was elected vice president, with Dr. Mukherjee: Dange and Bakale were elected secretaries (resolution 29).

Mr. Thengdi thanked the members of the Reception Committee and appealed to educated young Indians to do their best for the peasants and workers. Future battles will be fought for India by young men and he looked to them for the political and economical emancipation of the country.

Those whom I mentioned as attending on the 1st day attended also on the 2nd and 3rd days, and those who attended on the 2nd day attended also on the 3rd.

I was only concerned with persons whom I thought to be prominent men.

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(Sd.) R. Milner White.

17-10-29.

× × *By Thengdi.* The reports are abstracts of speeches made; I took verbatim notes of the speeches in shorthand, and made extracts from them for my reports. I only took notes of Urdu and Hindi speeches; English speeches were taken down by English shorthand reporters. Mr. Thengdi spoke in English the last time (3rd day)—on that day English shorthand writers were not available so I took down notes of English speeches in longhand.

re-ex.—My shorthand notes are not in existence now.

(Sd.) R. Milner White.

17-10-29.

(Sd.) Jagannath Saran.

Insp. in duty.

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## P. W. 281

Jhabbar Singh, C. I. D., Benares, O. O.

I am head constable, and have been in Benares for 26 years. A newspaper called Aj is published in Benares. I read it. The issues of 12th June 1926 and 18th June 1926, have been shown to me. They are genuine issues of the Aj. They are P. 2266 and 2267. In P. 2266 there is an article commenting on the Communist Party, on p. 6, by "Sataya Bhagat". In P. 2267 there is an article on p. 6 by Ajudia Prasad, of the C. I. Sewa Sang, Jhansi, headed Bharati Karl Marx—commenting on the former article.

× × reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

17-10-29.

## P. W 282.

Kambhoj Singh, head constable, D. I. Staff, Jhansi, O. O.

I have been in the D. I. Staff for the last 5 years. I know Ajudhia Prasad, He belongs to Mau Ranipur dist. Jhansi. I could recognise him if I saw him. He is a Kayast. His father is a letter writer in Mau Ranipur. I used to watch his movements. There is a Mad Bharat Sewa Sang in Jhansi—Ajudhia Prasad was a member. This Sang was established in 1924; it closed down in 1927.

×× reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

17-10-29.

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## P. W. 283

Nathu Lal, son of Sant Lal, Meerut and Jhansi, O. O.,

I have lived in Jhansi for 21 or 22 years. I know Ajudhia Prasad of Mau Ranipua. He used to live in Jhansi City. There was a Mad Bharat Sewa Sang, close to my shop. I know some of its members. Ajudhia Prasad was one of them. I could recognise him if I saw him. I saw him for 3 years every now and then 1924-26; since then I have not seen him.

×× reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

17-10-29.

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## P. W. 284

Abid Ali, son of Amjad Ali, Kidderpur, Calcutta, O. O.

I am a khansāma. I have worked as a seaman from 1920; I worked as one in 1926. I have been to London. I was in London

in 1926 on the Manilla I have meet a man called Upadhyaya, at London, on the ship, in 1926, on the Manilla. He came on the ship to make members of the Indian Seamen's Union. He came twice on to that ship. I also saw him on the Morvada, after the Manilla. He once took me and 4 or 5 others to a theatre, I didn't see him on that boat after that occasion. He never asked me to do anything. I landed at Bombay from the *Manilla* (corrects to Manora, when statement is being read out) after going to Africa etc. When I got there I was searched. I don't know the names of the officers who searched me. First I was searched before the ship halted and then again the Customs Officers searched me. There was no one in police costume with them. They took away certain documents. There was an envelope, certain leaflets and other documents. The envelope was given to me by Upadhyaya. He told me that he had missed the mail and it would save time if I took the letter and posted it in Bombay when I got there. The letter was like P. 1686 E (1); I cannot read but the envelope was the same above. The envelope was closed. The card (P. 1687) was also taken from me.

x x *Dange*. When the Customs Officer came on board they searched every one, They searched our baggage etc. but not our pockets.

When they had taken what they took, they went away I was there when they searched my room. They took no trunk from me; they took an empty card board box from me—I don't know if they took it or threw it away, or what. There was nothing of mine in it. They took no other box. These papers etc. were lying underneath my bed. They took the papers away, and said they would read them. They didn't show them to me one by one, but clid them up and showed me the bundle. They gave me no list or receipt.

Upadhyaya never asked me to do any work for him.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White.

17-10-29.

Supplementary. I was searched when landing from the *Manora*, not *Manilla*.

The letter was given to me on the *Manora*. The trip which I took on the *Manilla* is not the same as the one on the *Manora*. The conversation which I had with Upadhyaya about the letter was on the *Manora* trip.

Sd. R. Milner White

17-10-29.

## P. W. 285

*Abdul Aziz, Jailer, Gorakhpur, O. O.*

I have been at Gorakhpur since Aug. 2, 1929. Before that I was at Meerut jail. I had been there for 18 months. So I was here between 20th March and 22nd August, and the accused were brought to Jail in my presence, and I saw them for several months. I recognise them, though I may have forgotten some of the names. The accused used to write letters. They used to write letters in in my presence, and I would initial them and pass them on to the Supt Note (Use of such letters objected to by defence. Public Prosecutor undertakes to use them solely as standard writings and will not have them printed, nor refer to their contents in any way except as required for handwriting purposes.

I could recognise such letters if I were shown photos of them. I recognise photos as follows :—

2268 P	English	Spratt.
2269 P	...	Muzaffar Ahmad (English).
2270 P	...	Dharni.
2271 P	...	K. L. Ghosh.
2272 P	...	K. L. Ghosh.
2273 P	...	Gopal Basak.
2274 P	Bengali	Gopal Basak.
2275 P	English	Gopin Chakravarty.
2276 P	English	Shibnath Banerjee.
2277 P	...	Shibnath Banerjee.
2278 P	...	Radha Raman Miter.
2279 P	...	Bradley.
2280 P	...	S. V. Ghate.
2281 P	...	S. V. Ghate.
2282 P	...	Jhabwala.
2283 P	English	Thengdi.
2284 P	...	Joglekar.
2285 P	...	Mirajkar.
2286 P	...	Nimbkar.



2287 P	...	Shaukat Usmani.
2288 P	...	Gangadhar Adhikari.
2289 P	...	G. A.
2290 P	...	Desai.
2291 P	Marathi	Kasle.
2292 P	English	Dharamvir Singh.
2293 P	Urdu	Dharamvir Singh.
2294 P	English	P. C. Joshi.
2295 P	...	P. C. Joshi.
2296 P	...	Dr. Mukherjee.
2297 P	Hindi	Gauri Shankar.
2298 P	Hindi	L. R. Kadam.
2299 P	English & Urdu	M. A. Majid.
2300 P	English	Sohan Singh Josh,
2301 P	Urdu	Sohan Singh Josh.
2302 P	English	Kedar Nath Sahgal.

My signature is on all, and each was written by the accused whose name I have given.

× × By *Nembkar*. The rule in the Jail Manual is that the letter should be written by the prisoner in the jailer's presence if he can write, or by the jailer if the prisoner can't write. It is counter signed by the jailer and the Supt., and also by any other official before whom it is written, if not before the jailer.

The jailer and the Supt. both have to sign; and in the case of these prisoners there was a special order by the Supt. that they should be signed by me if written before me.

I think that the Supt. Jail also signed on the letters produced today—Col. O'Neil was the Supt. then.

After the letters were signed by me and the Superintendent the letter were sent direct to the Post Office. They were never sent to the Prosecution office or to Police officers.

I am surprised to see the photos in court today.

I don't remember if I counter signed any other letter besides the one or *Nfmbkar's* (P. 2286 P) written by him.

It is not the case that after I had countersigned one or

two letter for the sake of the police I then left the work to others.

I don't remember what barrack Nimbkar was put in when he arrived. Now I remember it was in No. 5 barrack. He was in a cell for a little and then went to No. 11. At the time of going in Dehra Dun, he was in barracks No. 5 and 11. As far as I remember I visited them all 4 or 5 times a day.

I could not identify the prisoner's writing.

× × By *Thenydi*. There was special place or time for writing letters. I can speak as to the writer by seeing his signed name or the letters I have signed. If I did not see the signed name I could not recognise the writing.

× × by *K. N. Sahgal*. I don't remember the exact date on which all the accused came to the jail. I know Mr. Horton. He may have visited the jail once or twice—I can't remember exactly. He came once with Col. O'Neil soon after the prisoner's admittance. Tasadduq Husain was with him. Mr. Horton once went to No. 11 to see them. When Mr. Horton came, after that they were separated, that same evening. They were put into two or three places some in No. 5 some in 4—there are cells in them—and No. 11, and some in the Havalat. Mr. Horton visited all at that time too: Tassaddq Hussain was with him. He asked what was in the boxes. He had no search warrant. I can recognise my initials, objectionable letters went to Mr. Horton. I had orders from the Supdt. A sheet of paper can be written in 5 or 10 minutes. When letters began to increase in number, paper was given to them and they were read afterwards.

The doors of the cells were open.

× × by *Gauri Shankar*. I don't remember if the prisoners were ordered not to speak to one another.

× × by *Shaukat Usmani*. Usmani was put in No. 4 barrack in a cell: so were others— K. N. Sahgal, Gauri Shankar and Adhikari.

× × by *Mr. Sinha*. I have been in several jails. I was not in Rai Bareli, nor Sultanpur. Leprosy prisoners are sent to Rai Bareli, and tuberculosis prisoners to Sultanpur. It is supposed to be good for them. It lies with the Superintendents discretion.

Muzaffar Ahmad came about the end of March. I don't know what his health was. Muzaffar Ahmad was ill and went to hospital while I was there: but I don't know when. He used to complain to the Supdt. about not feeling well. I can't say when he first complained.

There are 14 and 15 barracks. The barrack where they are now was first used as a workshop.

re—Ex. I realise that the accused suggest that the letters were forged. The suggestion is wrong.

Sd. R. Milner White,

17-10-29.

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## P. W. 286

*Col. Rahman, I. M. S., Superintendent of Jail, Meerut, O. O.*

I am superintendent of the Jail at Meerut since 15th April 1929. Part of my duties consists in looking at all letters purporting to be written by prisoners or under trials in the Jail. Such documents are habitually submitted to me in the ordinary course of my duties. I know the accused in this case both by sight and name. The usual proceedings have been followed in their case. I know Spratt. I have seen letters purporting to be written by him.

(Note. Mr. Sinha objects that the Superintendent of Jail being in a confidential position as regards the under trials, should not be asked to use his knowledge of their handwriting joined in the course of his duties.

Mr. Chakravarti objects that Col. Rahman is not a handwriting expert, and therefore cannot give opinions as to the handwritings.

Objections noted— examination to proceed).

In my opinion the following Exhibits were written by Mr. Spratt :—

Ex. P. 27, 38, 71 ( I am not sure about the envelope P. 71 (E) 74, 78, (signature), 103, 104, 113, 151, 415, 13), 415(14) 415(15) 416(15), 464, 479, 483, 501( top portion), 506 (signature) 525 3) 525(4), 526(16) 526(17) 526(18) 526(22) 526(29) 526(31) (excluding the top portion of second page), 526(32) 526(33) 526(34) ( just from pages of M. S. S. and last half of last page), 526(35) 526 (36, 526(37) (38) (39) (40), (41), (46), (48), 527 (1) (2), (6), (7) (8) (9), 539 (signature), 544 (2) (3) (M. S part) 545(1), (3), (signature), (4), (5), (9),

(signature - rest uncertain) (10). (signature), 546 (1), (signature) 546 (4) (last page M. S.), 546 (5), (signature), (7) (8), (10), 547 (1), 548 (5), 549 16), 550 (M. S. except Hindi), 696, 1006, 1009, 1013, (M. S. portion), 1111. 1116. 1118, 1137, 1251, 1287(8), 1312 (signature only), 1322, 1348 (46), (page 30 top of P. 4) bottom half of last page is Bradley's writing, 1373(2), 1373(8), (a—e), 1475 (signature and occupation), 1491S, 1497 (two signatures), 1500(signature), 1517 signature), 1519(signature), 1531(signature), 1675P, 1947 (most of it), 1863 P, 1876 and 1876 E, 1967, 1968, 1971, 1975, 1979(M.S. portion), 1980, 1982, 1983(M.S.) 1984(M.S.), 1985(M.S.), 2003 P.E., 2006 P,P(1) and P.E. 2066 P and P.E. 2067(1 P, 2067(2), P. 2377P,(1), and E, 2085, 2096P, and P.E. 2114(top portion and signature), 2129P, 2133P and E 2134 P. and E, 2145, 2147 and E, 2149 P, 2184, 2185, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194(ink portion), 2201, 2210 .a) (surrounded by red pencil).

I am not sure about Nos. 115, 526(10) and 546(6). I know Dharni Goswami and have seen his letters in the same way. I consider that the following are in his writing: P. 28 (signature and one line,, 423(signature), 548 (8) (M.S. portion), 562 (signature), 563 (a) (signature), (e),—the signature of Goswami on P. (d) I am not certain of: the ink signature is Spratt's: 564(a), 564(b), (signatures), 565(a) (b) (c) (d), signatures. In this number (565), the blue paper is in Spratt's writing also the sheet headed "Saturday July 28th", list of subscriptions on following page, and the signature on the page headed "Young comrades League 5.8.28," On P. 567, the writing on P. 13 is Spratt's; the signatures(a)—(e) are Goswami's.

In 568 on page f, I recognise Spratt's and Goswami's signatures, and the same on page P. of 569; the rubber stamp signature on P. 686 is in Goswami's signature. His signature is also on P. 1627 P. 1797P, 1801P, 1873P, 2012 P.

I know Mr. Bradley: letters of his have similarly been put up before me. In my opinion the following are in his writing:—

P. 490, 526 2, 638, 645, 650, 651, (signature) 652, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, (scattered words) 670, 873, 1026(M.S. portion), 1027(M.S. portion) 1028(M. S. portion) 1039, 1114, 1259(signature), 1280, 1373 9) (page 3, M. S. portion). 1452(pencil writing), 1453(pencil), 1504 signature and address 1521(signature) 1523(signature), 1525(signature), 1526(signature), 1528(signataure), 1529 signature, 1533(signature), 1534 (signature), 1541(enclosed in red), 1562, 1587(1), 1673P, 1812P & E, 1826 P and E, 1861P, and E 1862 P; 1896 P and E, 2115 (signature), 2181, 2182.

I know P.C. Joshi and have seen his letters similarly. The following in my opinion are in his writing:—

126, 131, 132, 311 (most of it), but some is in hindi which I don't now, 319, 323, 326, 327, 335, (pencil writing), 338 (portion pink paper), 342, 346, 416(16), 452 and E (address), 526(6) 526(8), 1304, 1388, 1433, 1619 P and P. E, 1620 P and P. E., 1621 P, 1800 and 1800(a), (2 and E. 1854 P and (1) and P. E, 1875 P, 2069 P, and (1) and P. E. 2070 P and P. E. 2071 P, 2094, 2148 P, and P(1) and P. E, 2155 P.

I know Mr. Adhikari too, his writing is similarly put up before me. In my opinion the following are in his writing:—

1168 (index headings), 1170, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1177, (signature), 1179 (signature), 1194, 1477 (encircled portion).

I know Kishori Lal Ghosh, his writing has been similarly put up. In my opinion the following are in his writing:—

P. 24, 25 (address in K.L. Ghosh), and on reverse Shamsul Huda, 26, book, P. 34, 44, 48 (marked in portions), 75 (one side Ghosh, the other front page—Muzaffar), 81 (excluding signature), 86, 116, 117, 130, 416(8), 526(7), (9), (13), (15), (20), 1428, 1628 P, 2154 P, 2158 P, 43 third-6th March and 24th Jan, 1929).

I know Radha Raman Mitra, and his writing has been similarly put up. In my opinion the following are in his writing:—

P. 83, 95, 2113, 2112(1) and (2) s.

I know Dr. Mukarjee, and his writing has been similarly put up. In my opinion the following are in his writing:—

321 (signature), 416(10) (signature), 434, 468(3) (signature), 1348(1) (signature), 1413 (signature), 1415 (signature), 1421, 1429, 1434, 2072 P (signature).

I recognise all the signatures, except those of Sohan Singh Josh and A. Prasad, on the application on P. 3260 of the file—Ex. P. 2303 s. (Note. Mr. Sinha has objected to the case of a document filed before the court to prove or disprove the signatures of those purporting to have signed it. Objection overruled, but noted. This objection applies also to the document next referred to).

Similarly I recognise all the signatures on the application—P. 2304 S—(on the file) except Nos. 15, 22, 25, 28-

(To be continued tomorrow)

Sd. M. A. Rahman,

Lt. Col. I.M.S.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

18-10-29.

## P. W. 287

Rai Sahib Maheshri Prasad Varma, Inspector,

C. I. D., Patna, O. O.

I have been in the police about 23 years. I was in Patna in Nov. 1925. There was the 6th conference of the A. I. postal and Railway Mail Service workers. It was on 8th November, Mr. Deoki Prasad Sinha Presided. He made a printed speech.

\* \* reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

19. 10. 29.

Relevancy challenged public prosecutor states that the relevancy depends on certain evidence to be produced hereafter. Decision as to the relevancy postponed till that evidence is produced.

Sd. R. Milner White,

19. 10. 29.

Sd. M. P. Varma.

(Rai Sahib)

Ins. C. I. D. B. & O. Patna.

19. 10. 29.

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## P. W. 288

B. Hari Balabh Narain, Hindi Translator,

Behar and Orissa, Patna, O. O.

I am a graduate of Patna University.

I am Asst. Hindi translator of Government of Behar and Orissa. I entered service in 1923.

I came here on 8th August 1929 and since then I have been

translating Hindi documents into English. I produce the following translations:—

	Translation of	
P. 175 T-		P. 175
P. 173 T		P. 176
P. 186 T		P. 186
P. 194 T		P. 194
P. 195 T		P. 195
P. 197 T		P. 197
P. 200 T		P. 200
P. 201 T		P. 201
P. 204 T		P. 204
P. 208 T=P. 175 T		P. 208
P. 209 T		P. 209
P. 210 T		P. 210
P. 288 T		P. 288
P. 312 T		P. 312
P. 318 T		P. 318
P. 320 T		P. 320
P. 322 T		P. 322
P. 329 T		P. 329
P. 331 T		P. 331
P. 333 T		P. 333
P. 347 T		P. 347
P. 348 T=(P. 175 T)		P. 348
P. 367 T		P. 367
P. 427 T		P. 427
P. 428 T		P. 428
P. 431 T		P. 431
P. 433 T		P. 433
P. 439 T		P. 439
P. 548 (10) T		P. 548 (10)
P. 549 (12) T		P. 549 (12)
P. 590 T		P. 590
P. 601 T		P. 601
P. 1093 T		P. 1093
P. 1094 T		P. 1094
P. 1389 T		P. 1389
P. 1424 T		P. 1424
P. 1426 T		P. 1426
P. 1432 T		P. 1432





Jan 1924 from Colombo. When he alighted he went to Vijie Hotel; he took a rick shaw and went to Dupleix street. He saw a board Mangal Das Pharmacie, and we got down there and went inside. I suspected this because Mangal Das has been an associate of Sharma and through him Sharma has got letters and papers from abroad. Sipassi met Sharma the same evening. He stayed in the hotel for about 10 days only after that he lived with Sharma in Sharma's house.

Sipassi was expelled from Pondicherry. We had information that Sharma was in communication with communists in Berlin and Petrograd, and we had information that Sipassi had come on the same mission, i. e. to do propaganda in French and British territory and for this reason we thought it advisable to send him away from Pondicherry. He left Pondicherry on 25th Feb. 1924. The photo shown to me is Sipassi it is Ex P. 2305. Sipassi signed and wrote things in my presence. The first thing he wrote in my presence is an entry of "Declaration of residence of strangers. Ex P. 2306 (S) Note. The witness wishes to keep the register in his own keeping. On suggestion of Public Prosecutor it is agreed that the entry should be photographed, and the register then returned

Sd. R. Milner White,

26-10-29

The document produced -Ex P-2307 (a) was written by Sipassi in my presence at the dictation of Sharma, who also endorsed it below certifying that Sipassi had written it. It is signed by Sharma. The certificate of Sharma was also written in my presence Ex. P. 2307 (b)

The petition was a complaint about the detention of books and papers. It contained the Vanguard and other communist publications from Petrograd and Berlin issued by communists. It is dated 12th February. Before this I had sent a constable to Sharma and Sipassi his name as Pelerin Const. No. 207. I sent him with a chit asking Sharma and Sipassi to attend my office at 1 1/2 a. m. After 1 1/2 hours he returned with an answer from Sipassi. I recognise the paper shown to me Ex. P. 2308 it is the paper brought back by the constable. The writing on the left hand top corner is mine. The writing on the left hand bottom corner is not mine. The constable brought this chit to me; I wrote the order on the top corner & sent it back and he brought it back again with the writing on the lower left corner. It struck me that there was some difference in the signature, which purported to be Sharma's. I sent for Sharma and asked him to write before me specimen signatures. I got the specimens. They are Ex. P. 2309, written in my presence

and in the presence of the chief of Police, and I have signed it for identification and record.

x x reserved.

x x by Mr. Sinha

I am from Pondichery. I was born there. I am a French citizen. I understand the French constitution. I know some political refugees from British India in French territory, & have information about them. I don't know one Savarkar. I have had information about him. I cannot say what, as it is a police matter (claims privilege).

There is anti-Govt. (i. e. French Govt.) agitation in Pondicherry. Sipassi was connected with Sharma, but not personally conduct any open propaganda against French Government in Pondicherry, but by reason of his relations with Sharma and other persons of the locality was indirectly doing propaganda.

Sipassi was expelled by order of the Governor. I do not know the Governor's motive, I cannot say if, as asked by counsel, the reason was anti-Government propaganda. I believe there is a treaty of 1815 granting asylum in French territory to political offenders from British India.

In 1876 there was another edict that it is not applicable for foreign territories i. e., colonies but only to French territory.

The practice as regards political refugees in Pondicherry is that we allow them to stay there, but if we know they are political refugees we put them under surveillance. There are political refugees who have been staying there for 10 and 15 years, and when others come to visit them, the police make inquiries. We never get instructions from an officer of the British Government. There is a British C. I. D. officer stationed at Pondicherry. We call them "English Police" I am not in touch with them in my official duties, I get no list from the English Police of political refugees or suspects. The French Govt. is not subservient to the British Govt. nor the British Govt. to the French Government, so neither asks the other to expel its political offenders.

On the 17th October I was ordered by the Governor to proceed here in obedience to the summons I was told I had been summoned in connection with Sipassi. I had better go with all relevant records. Before that he was on my list as a political refugee.

There is one S. Devid (not V. S. David) who is a political leader in Pondicherry. Sharma was connected with his political party. He was also a friend of Sharma. David was not a candidate for the presidentship of the French Assembly in 1924. Thomas Arne

was elected president of the Legislative Assembly. His opponent was a European, not an Indian. David never stood for presidency of Assembly before or after 1924. David belongs to the Tamil party: there are two parties, European party and Tamil party. It is difficult to say which party is in power.

There is no law in Pondicherry forbidding us to give evidence against political refugees. I have never had occasion to give evidence against a political refugee outside French India. I have not heard of any instance in which a police officer of Pondicherry has given evidence about a political refugee outside French India.  
x x by Mr. Chakravarti.

For the last 26-7 months I have done nothing but police work. Before I came here I made no statement to a British Police officer. I met no British Police Officer before coming to this court.

I got a summons as well as the order. No document is mentioned in the summons.

x x by Dange. I found communist literature in Sharma's correspondence. There was Vanguard and other books. There was a case full of them. A list was prepared of the books. I haven't brought it here. It was 5 or 6 years ago, and those with English and Russian names I can't remember. I did not hand them over to the addressee.

Such books and papers were also being sent to other addresses. Those that came to the knowledge of the police were intercepted. I don't know where the Vanguard is printed it is unnecessary. There is a prohibition order against the entry of the Vanguard into French India it was passed about 1923. The papers which came to Pondicherry were also printed in French. They were printed in Berlin. I don't think any communist paper printed in France came to Pondicherry.

Q. Are you aware that there is a French Communist Party in France? Ans. Yes.

Q. Are you aware that it publishes a daily paper in France? Ans. They don't send any to Pondicherry. I have heard of the paper La Humanite. This paper is not proscribed in Pondicherry.

Sepassi was despatched to Marseilles: I don't know where he went. He was expelled-he was ordered to leave French India. His passage was for Marseilles, so I gather that he went there.

Our information is that he is moving about in Berlin, Petrograd etc.

Sharma came in 1920. He is still there. There has been no communist case in Pondicherry.

Sharma has not been prosecuted for communist activity in Pondicherry.

× × by *Joglekar*. I do not know the gentleman in white (Mr. Horton). I have not seen him before.

I was not in the Chair shown to me (in Prosecuting Counsel's room). I came through the room this afternoon. I have known my translator (Abdul Karim for the last 20 years.

I came to Meerut 4 or 5 days ago. I met Abdul Karim only yesterday. I saw him in the court compound. I talked to him.

I don't know Mr. Mitter.

I have not sat anywhere in the court consulting about the case.

I was ordered to bring papers bearing Sharma's and Sepassi's writing. The Governor didn't say why they were required. I don't know why they are required. I have not heard the name of Horton.

I did not take instructions from him yesterday.

× × by *Gaurishankar* I don't know who Mr. Horton is. I came here yesterday in the evening-about 3. 30 or 4,

× × by *Nimbkar*. I don't know if there is a country called Russia to-day.

Soviet means revolution they have no respect for person and property.

I cannot give five names of communist literature.

By communist literature I mean literature issued by communists against existing Governments.

I have no time to read papers.

(× × stopped for improper language).

re-ex. (by permission): I know the photo shown Ex. P. 2310 It is Sharma.

Sd. Illegible,

Sd. R. Milner White,

26-10-29.

× × by *Nimbkar* continued with permission.

I cannot give any form of communist propaganda, I am not really concerned with that in my duties.

It is well known that the communist's activities is directed against the Government,

I conclude that Ram Charan Sharma is conducting communist activities because he collects a band of young men around him and inculcates these teachings against Government.

What I mean by Communist activities is the activities of those who work for the destruction of Government and who rouse the people for revolution.

It won't be communism to try and establish a monarchy in a republican country it will be royalism.

Arabinda Ghose is in Pondicherry. He was a revolutionary in British India and sought refuge in Pondicherry; he is quiet now.

Sd. Illegible,

Sd. R. Milner White,

26-10-1929.

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## P. W. 290

Constable 207 Pelerin Hrogyla Swami, Pondicherry, O. O.

I am a constable in Pondicherry, for the last 16 years. I know Sharma who lives in Pondicherry. I know Mr. Mani Pillai Assistant Commissioner of Police. He sent me with a message to Sharma on 6th February 1924. Sharma was living in Ranga Pillai Street and I took the message there. Sipassi was living with him. I gave the message; Mr. Sipassi came out when I tapped the door and I gave the message to him. He took it and gave me a reply to it. I took the reply to the Assistant Commr. He made an endorsement on it and gave it back to me to be taken to Sharma again. I took it back, and showed it to Sharma. He signed it and returned it and I took it back to the Assistant Commissioner. The paper is Ex. P. 2308. I know the picture P. 2305-it is Sipassi. He was the one who first wrote the slip. I had to shadow Sipassi. I recognise the accused in the dock-points out Ajudhia Prasad-He was staying with Sharma in Villianur (suburb of Pondicherry) and I had to shadow Sharma, I have seen him frequently with Sharma. I saw him first in June 1924. He stayed with Sharma then for 5 or 6 months. I shadowed him. I have seen him again staying with

Sharma in 1926 he stayed about a month.

x x reserved.

Sd. Illegible.

Sd. R. Milner White.

26-10-29-

Ajudhia Prasad states that this witness spoke to him and other accused before he gave his evidence.

Sd. R. Milner White.

26-10-29.

Supplimentary.

x x by Mr. Sinha.

I came about 10 O' clock to court. I was seated in a room outside all the time. It is not usual for accused to sing in our courts, so I came out of curiosity to hear them singing; I went to the road there. I saw all these people singing, and then I went back. I did not talk to any one. I did not get any of the accused identified at the time.

Sd. R. Milner White.

Sd. Illegible.

26-10-29.

Ahmad Khan Chaudhri, O, O,

Supplementary:—My name is Ahmad Khan not Amar Khan.

I was in Bombay in August 1927. attended a meeting at Marwari vidyala on 27th August 1927. It was held to protest against the electrocution of Sacco and Vanzetti. It was held under the auspices of the W. & P. Party Bombay. S. H. Jhabwala presided, Dange, Nimbkar, Mirajkar, also were present. They all spoke. I reported the meeting, and submitted a report embodying the substance of the speeches.

My report is, Ex. P. 2311.

A resolution was passed. It is the same as P. 1352 (1) Pamphlets like Ex. P. 1363 were sold by Nimbkar and Mirajkar at -/1/- anna each.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White.

26-10-29

A. K. Chaudhari.

26-10-29.

# P. W. 291

Haji Syed Abdul Sattar, Inspector of Police,

C. I. D. Madras O. O.

I am an inspector of Police, S. B. Madras. I have been 21 years in the police department, and in the S.B.C.I.D. since Jan 1922 I was a S. I. in the S. B. in 1923, 24, 25, I have had occasion to go to Pondicherry in those years. I went in all three years not continuously there were two Sub-Inspectors and we went in turns. My principal duty was to watch the political suspects. I also had to do interception of letters and proscribed literature etc. I intercepted correspondence of R. C. L. Sharma. The letters were addressed not to him but to his accommodation address R. C. L. Sharma is a refugee and a warrantee of British India. He is a communist. He used to get letters from M N. Roy, Dr. Nair etc. Dr. Nair is Mahomed Ali Sipassi, others from British India used to write to him Singarvslu Shettiar of Madras, and others of Bombay and Calcutta whose names I don't remember. I know Mahomed Ali Sipassi. The photo shown to me (Ex. P. 2305) is Sipassi. I just met him at pondicherry. He was eventually expelled from French India. I was watching him when he was served with a notice of expulsion. I watched him for about 20 days, He was then living with R.C.L. Sharma in Ramga Pillai Street.

I know Ajudhia Prasad in Court. He came to Pondicherry at the beginning of June (1st week) 1924. He lived with R.C.L. Sharma. I used to go to R.C.L. Sharma very often and besides this I reported his arrival (Ajudhia Pd's) for the first time. It was my duty to watch Sharma's movements. Also I was learning Hindi from Sharma. This was in 1923, for about 1½ years. I often used to see him writing; I also saw Ajudhia Prasad writing. I could recognise their writings if I saw them.

The writing in the photo shown me (Ex. P. 2312P.) is Sharma's. That in the photo (Ex. P. 2313 P.) is Ajudhia Prasad's writing.

×.×. by Mr. Sinha. I intercepted letters in Pondicherry itself. The British Government have authority over one British Post Office (and two branches), in Pondicherry. I did not give information about my activities to the Pondicherry authorities; and I got no instructions from the French Police about Sharma and Sippassi.

×.× reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,  
28.10.29.

Sd. Haji Syed Abdul Sattar,  
Inspector S.B.  
Madras.

## P. W. 292

Seth Ali Mahommad, Pondicherry, O.O.

(Now Madras),

I used to live in Pondicherry; I lived there from my childhood except for the last year when I have been in Nagu. I used to live in Ranga Pillai Street in Pondicherry. I was in that house in 1923, 24, 25, I know Ram Chara Lall Sharma; he was my next door neighbour. Mahommad Ali Sipassi visited R.C.L. Sharma. He came there about Jan 1924, and stayed about 1½ months. Sharma introduced him to me and we used to meet one another. The photo (Ex. P. 2305) is of Sipassi. He gave me a photo like that, 5 days before he went. The writing (English) on the back of the photo is Sipassi's. It was written in my presence. It stayed with me till about 1 month ago and then K. B. Abdul Karim took it from me.

The postcard—Ex. P. 2314,—was written by Sipassi both in English and Persian. He sent it to me after his departure, by post.

I could also identify his writing. The photo Ex. P. 2315—is in his writing.

The Urdu letter with the two covers is also in his writing—Ex. P. 2316 and 2316 E (1) and E (2). Sharma also used to visit me, as he lived so close. I used to see him writing. The photo—P. 2310—is one of Sharma. I can identify his writing—Ex. P. 2312 P is in his writing.

I know Ajudhia Prasad accused he stayed with Sharma. I saw him there in 1924 for 3 or 4 months. In June 24 Sharma went to Villianur, some 5 miles away. Ajudhia used to come to my shop.

I know some one of a name like Krishna Swami Iyengar he used to visit Sharma occasionally. He used to come once or twice a month. He was taller than me, sallow complexion, pock marked, and sunken cheeks, age about 40.

x. x. by Mr Sinha. I had no remuneration from the British Government while living there; and I had no connection with the special (secret) police. Sipassi gave me his photo as a remembrance. I gave no information about it to the C.I.D. or Government servants. I know Haji Abdul Satter—he is a friend of mine.

x. x. reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

28.10.29.



## P. W. 293

Balwant Singh, s/o Ganda Singh, Sikh.

Moile Wahiapur, Hoshiarpur. Now Bikaner, O. O.

I have been in Bikaner for two months. I used to live in Kucha Kambohan Amritsar. I was then manager of the Kirti Magazine: it was in both Urdu and Gurmukhi. I was the only manager. I was there for about 1½ years, from Dec. 1927 to August 1929. I get 90/-pay.

My house was searched on 20th March 1929. I was present, I signed the search list. My signature is on it—Ex P. 745—on every page. It was written in my presence, and its entries are correct.

While I was manager I used to go generally to the Kirti office daily. There was an Editor, one or two Asst. Editors, and two managing Directors, and an orderly—no clerks. The managements Directors were Bhag Singh "Canadian" and Sohan Singh "Josh." I recognise Sohan Singh Josh accused. I don't know if they got pay or not. The accounts were kept up by me—I write up the cash book— I know Urdu, Gurmukhi and English. I wrote the cash book, in Gurmukhi and English. Three cash books were recovered from my house in the search—they are Ex. P. 748, 749, 750. They are in the same condition as when taken.

748 is entirely written by me. On P. 2, 10.1.29, there is an entry of payment to Bhag Singh, Sohan Singh, Manzur, and & Chunna Rs 170/-/9 for attendance at the Calcutta W.&P. conference. Manzur is Ferozudin mansur.

On 30-1-29 there is an expenditure of Rs 13/8/- paid to Bengal Party, Calcutta, for a "Call to Action." On P. 3, on 16-2-29, there is an entry of Rs. 1/10/- paid to Sohan Singh for travelling to Lahore, and Rs 2/4/- on 25.2.29, for travelling to Jalandur. These entries are correct.

All the entries in Ex. P. 749 are mine. The entries are correct. On P. 1 Rs 7/2/- was paid to Shaukat Usmani; P. 4 to Sohan Singh Josh, 11-7-28 Rs 2/14/- for tonga hire and railway fare P. 5, 6. 8. 28, to Sohan Singh Rs 15/8/-, and to Ferozuddin, Rs 10/2/- On P. 6 two items for Sohan Singh: P. 7, to Sohan Singh, Rs 12/-, on 16. 10. 28, travelling expenses to Meerut; on P. 8, three payments to Sohan Singh; P. 99 one item to Sohan Singh and also a subscription for young liberation; on P. 10 house rent Rs 19/6/- for Sohan Singh and Bagh Singh.

Ex. P. 750 I have written from P. 24—38 (end). I don't

know who wrote before, not who the manager was before me. My entries are correct.

On P. 24, there is entry of "pay of Sohan Singh for Sept. 1927," Rs 100/-, on 3-10-27.

On P. 25, 1st November, Rs 100/- as pay of Sohan Singh for Oct. 1927. On P. 26, November pay Rs 100/- on 5th Dec. to Sohan Singh. The entries are in my hand, but the payments were made before my time; the entries were made from papers which were given to me to enter. Bag Singh gave me the paper. I do not know where they are now. Sohan Singh used to visit the Kirti office, but I do not know for what purpose there were three offices all close together—Onkar Press, Akali, and Akali te Pardeshi—in the same building.

I don't remember when I wrote the entries—I started writing them up some 15-20 days after my arrival in the office. I came at the end of December 1927. I had no connection with the cash of disbursement; I only made entries at the dictation of the two managing Directors, Sohan Singh and Bhag Singh; Bhag Singh always gave me the papers.

On P. 32, there is an entry of Rs 14/12/- to Sohan Singh for the Kirti conference, Hoshiarpur. Also an entry of Rs 62/2/6 to Sohan Singh and Bhag Singh for Cawnpore conference; and Rs. 30/12/6 to the same two for expenses to and from Delhi.

P. 33, Rs 8/2/- to Shaukat Usmani for Delhi expenses. I was manager, my duties were to write accounts and keep the register of subscribers, and despatch the paper; nothing else.

My pay is included in the lump sum shown against the 'pay and allowances of staff for the month of.....' It begins from 5th Jan. 1928, on P. 27.

Bhag Singh used to get Rs. 50/-.

I got the register from a clerk Karam Singh—it was then entered up to P. 23. I wrote nothing nor corrected any thing from P-1-23, except on P. 21, when I noted that I had checked the previous account. I checked this on 8th Sept. 1927. I had no connection with the paper then. I and Gurbaksh Singh were asked to check the accounts; Gur Baksh Singh also has signed it. We checked from 1-12. 25 to 29. 8. 27; Only one mistake was found—that in one place there was an entry of Rs 30/- instead of Rs 30/6/- according to the voucher. The rest were correct according to the papers. The accounts were regularly kept in accordance with the papers, shown to me. The papers in my hand writing were kept in the ordinary course of business.

On P. 15 there is an entry of Rs 28/6/- for 11 days in Jan 1927; on P. 16, Rs 80/- for pay of February 1927, to Sohan Singh; on P. 17, Rs 80/- March pay of Sohan Singh; P. 18, pay for April 1927, 80/-; P. 19, Rs 80/- for pay of May 1927- P. 20, pay for June Rs 80/- P. 21, July pay, Rs 100/- all to Sohan Singh. Also Rs. 20/4/- for cable to America about release of Sacco and Vanzetti, on 16-8-27. P 22 Rs 100/- pay of Sohan Singh for August. Up to P. 22 every body's pay is shown separately. On p. 24,25,26, the same is the case. From p. 27 onwards the pay and allowance of staff is shown monthly in a lump sum. I cannot describe any of duties performed by Sohan Singh Josh as managing Director. I can't say what he actually did. I some times read the Kirti, sometimes not. I may have read articles by him.

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Sd. R. Milner White,

28-10-29.

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## P. W. 245

( Supplementary ).

Rabendra Nath Gupta, O. O.

I was examined on 30th September in this case. I can identify the photos shown me: they are of Sumendranath Tagore—Ex. P. 2317 (1) & (2). I know him personally. I have known him 3 or 4 years. He is now in Berlin. He left India about the middle of 1927. He was connected with Muzaffar Ahamed's party—I don't know what exact position he held in the W. & P. party.

x x reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

28.10-29.

Sd. Rabindra Nath Gupta

Sub Inspector

S. B.

28.10.

## P. W. 294

S. I. Ajudhia Prasad, D. I. S., Cawnpore, O. O.

I have been in Cawnpore since April 1928. I know the Pratab of Cawnpore, issued from the Pratab Press. The paper comes to our office regularly.

The paper--Ex. P. 2318--is a copy of the Pratab of 30th May 1926. At P. 11--there is an article by Ajudhia Prasad, headed 'Mr. Satya Bakht and Communism (or Socialism--" *Samyak* ")

\* \* reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White

23-10-29.

Col Rahman, O.O.

( continued ).

I know Dange. Documents perporting to be written by him have been constantly submitted to me, and I am thus acquainted with his writing. The following papers bear his signature or writing--P. 395 (1) & (2) (signatures), 545 (8), 97I, 975 ( signature ), 997 ( I also identify Muzaffar Ahmad's signature on a postal receipt form ) and Gopal Basak's on another postal receipt form ), 998, 1001, 1175, ( signature, 1285, 1287, (2) ( initials ), 1287 (3), ( signature ), 1299 ( signature ), 1348 (9), 1348 ( 16 ), 1373 (11) ( initials ) 1373 (13), 1885, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1973.

Similarly I know Jhabwala's writing. The following bear his signature or writings:--P. 1348 (30) (signature), 1355 (1) (signature), 1445 (3), (5), ( signatures ), 1446 ( signature ), 1448 ( signature ), 1449 ( signature ), 1450 ( signature ), 1451 ( signature ), 1454, and 1454A (signatures), 1551 (two signatures on back), 1939 P. Similarly I know Mirajkar's writing. The following bear his writing or signature:--

P. 129, 526 (2) (signature), 526 (30), 548 (2) (signature), 702 (signature), 827 827, (1), 833, 835, 836, (signature) 839, 848 (signature), 850, 855 (signature), 1010, 1017 S ( signatures on each page ), 1109 (signature), 1236 (signature), 1274 (signature). 1287 (1), 1348 (2), 1348 ( 13 ) (rubber signature), 1348 ( 40 ) ( writing by Mirajkar, signature by Thengdi ), 1348 ( 49 ), 1348 ( 50 ), 1350 ( 5 ), 1351 ( page 15 ) (initials) ( but on P. 63 is Nimbkar's signature ), 1351 ( page 66 ) (signature), page 69 ( initials ), page 71 ( initials ) page 78 ( writing and initials ), page 85 (initial), page 90 ( red ink ), page. 91 (signature and sentence), P. 93 ( above red line ), 1352 (2), 1358 (signature in pencil is Jhabwala's: body of writing uncertain), 1373 ( 16 ), 1472 (signature), 1511

( signature ), 1748, 1830 ( signature ), 1946 ( signature ) ( To be continued ).

Sd. B. Milner-White

28-10-29.

Sd. M. A. Rahman

Lt. Col. I. M. S.

28.10.29.

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## P. W. 295

Mujtaba Husain, son of Mohd. Husain, Chief Reader to District Magistrate, Jhansi, O.O.

I have been working as Chief Reader for the last 3 months. I have been in Jhansi Collectorate for 11 years in different capacities. The paper—Ext. P. 2319—bears my initials. It is signed by G. R.D. Walton, Joint Magistrate. He was in charge of the office in 1926, and I was judicial assistant. It was part of my duty to take the declaration forms of presses to the Joint Magistrate. The declaration was written by Ajudhia Prasad on 30th June 1926, in my presence. After having it written I took him to the Joint Magistrate, who had him identified and made him verify the application and then signed it. I identify Ajudhia Prasad—he is the man who signed it.

×× reserved.

(Sd.) R. Milner White.

28-10-29.

(Sd.) Mujtaba Husain.

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## P. W. 296

K. B. S. Abdul Karim, O.O.

I have been in the Police since June 1908. I am Khan Bahadur. I have been in the C.I.D since August 1917. I have been working in this case for a little time: before this I was in the

Madras C.I.D. I was there between 1925 and 1927. In the course of my duties I have had to intercept letters in course of transit through the post. The letter and two envelopes, Ex. 2316 and E(1) and E(2) were obtained by me. I will not say whence I got it (claims previlage, which is objected to by Mr. Sinha).

I was asked to obtain from the Madras office of number of intercepted letters. They are here.

They are as follows:—

P. 2320P	21.2.26.	23.1.26.	Mr. N. Swamy 191, Nilivirasami Chetty St. is the addressee. It has a inner cover addressed to Iyengar. Photo.
2320P.E.(1)			
2320P.E.(2)			

N. Swamy is the cover address of one Mr. Krishna Swami Iyengar, who is known by the public of Madras as a Swarajist, but up to the end of 1927 the C.I.D. knew him as a communist. He has business connections as a silk merchant. He is 5'-8" in height, lean, sunken checks, blakish in appearance, with small pox marks on his face—age between 35—40.

P. 2321	7-3-26	17-2-26	Mr. N. Swamy (as above) on outer enve- lope: inner envelope to Iyengar—signed "Dr. Nair"—Photo.
2321P.E.(1)			
2321P.E. 2)			

The registered cover, containing one M.S. letter and one typed 3-page letter, signed R, were received from the P. M. G. Madras, who had received the correspondence from the D. L. O. Madras. The letter of the Manager D.L.O. Madras to P.M.G. is Ex. P. 2322. (a) The letter of P. M. G. to P. Association to D.I.G., C.I.D., Madras in Ex. P. 2322 (6). The actual letters and cover are Ex. P. 2322(1), 2322(2), 2322E.

P. 2313P	3-6-26	31-5-26	Mr. N. Swamy etc. as above, containing letter in English, and another in Hin- di: signed "Allah Prakash" Photo.
2313P(1)			
2313(P)(E)			
P. 2315P	17-10-26	29-9-26	N. Swamy etc. with inner cover to Iyen- gar, containing an English letter and Urdu letter signed
2315P(1)			
2315P.E.(1)			
2315P.E.(2)			

			by "Mohamed Ali" .....English letter signed M. A. but in Sipassi's writing. Photo.
P. 2323P. 2323P(1) 2323P.E.(1) 2323P.E.(2)	31-10-26	13-10-26	N. Swamy etc. with inner cover to Iyengar. Typed letter: signed "Fo- reign Bureau", with typed enclo- sure, 'How to or- ganise a workers' party, with correc- tions in Roy's writ- ing—Photo.
P. 2324P 2324P.E.(1) 2324P.E.(2)	19-12-26	1-12-26	Mr. Karman Com- mission Agent with inner cover to Iyen- gar. Karman' is also a cover address from Sipassi but signed with an ini- tial Photo.
P 2325P 2325P.E.(1) 2325P.E.(2)	28-2-27	10-2-27	Mr. Karman, with inner cover to Iyen- gar, from Sipassi.
P 2326P. 2326P.E.	24-2-27	19-2-27	To Karman, in Ghate's writing. Photo.
P 2312P 2312P(1) 2312P.E.(1) 2312P.E.(2)	24-3-27	23-3-27	Addressed in Tamil to Karman, with inner cover to C.K. Sani, with English letter and a cypher enclosure: letter in Sharma's writing Photo.
P 2327P 2327P.E.	19-6-27	2-6-27	To Karman, in Sipassi's writing. Photo.

P 2328P.(1)	19-6-27	14-6-27	To Chakravarti
2328P(2)		16-6-27	(cover address of
2328P.E.			C.K. Iyengar) two
			English (typed)
			letters from "Geor-
			ge" and "Des"
			(Ghate and Spratt)
			Photo.
P. 2329P(1)	29-8-27	15-8-27	To Chakravarti,
2329P(2)		26-8-27	two typed English
2329P.E.(1)			letters, and an
2329P.E.(2)			inner cover "For
			Swami" letters
			from "George" &
			"Des."

I have seen Ajudhia Prasad during this case. Formerly I had seen him visiting C.K. Iyengar in Madras.

Ex. P. 2310 is R.C. Sharma's photo, and P. 2305 is Sipassi's photo.

I also saw Ajudhia Prasad in Pondicherry.

× × reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White

29.10.29.

Sd/. G. Saiyid Abdul Karim.

29-10-29.

P. W. 297

Joti Swarup, Head Assistant, C.I.D. Office, O.O.

I am Head Assistant, to the D.I.G. I know Lester Hutchinson. I have had occasion to see him write. The sentence "Received all items etc" on the paper shown - Ex. P. 2330 - was written by him in my presence. It was written by Hutchinson. I know G. Adhikari. I have seen him write. The portion encircled with red on the paper shown was written by him in my presence - Ex. P. 2331, I saw them both write.

× × by Mr. Sinha. I am on deputation here. My substantive appointment is Assistant in office of D.I.B. I have been in my present office since March. My office is in one room. I have no connection with the room where records are kept.



XX by Nimbkar. My duties are to look after the office—Miscellaneous work. I cannot describe the miscellaneous duties. I file papers: I don't despatch, nor copy nor do shorthand, nor type. I wrote the endorsement on the papers when I took the receipt. The receipt was taken in the afternoon after that I wrote. None ordered me to do so. I don't always make such endorsements.

x x by Sahgal. I work from 10-4. By 'miscellaneous I mean all kinds of work'. I have other work besides filing papers. I have had no instruction in recognising writing, I was not summoned to give evidence. The Prosecuting counsel called me: I did not object. I would not go if any one called me to give evidence. I did not under pressure or regard. I can't say why I obeyed the Prosecuting counsel. I supposed that the Magistrate had called me.

XX by Mirajkar. I don't wear glasses. I have good sight.

XX by Gauri Shankar. When Govt. servants are summoned as witnesses, they are summoned through their superior officers who give permission. Office correspondence goes through me.

XX by Sohan Singh, I file office papers. I can't say what sort. I have 6 or 7 clerks under me.

x x by Dange. I have filed about 500 documents. Papers to be submitted to D.I.G., or sent by him pass through me. No correspondence from the accused sent to the D.I.G. for censorship passes through me. No books passed through me. I don't think any passed through my subordinates. If the D.I.G. wants an exhibited documents I get it for him. I get it from the court inspector. I hand it over to the D.I.G. The D.I.G. himself asks me to get it. I can't say how many such documents I have got for him. It may be more than one. It is not part of my duty, or of my subordinates to see the printing work carried on. No one asks me to decipher words in documents going to the press. I can't say if they are typed in my office.

x x by Joglekar. I never met Hutchinson before he came here. I first knew him when he came to the court: I knew him as a spectator. I sometimes watch proceedings. I have not been on leave. I know most of the accused. No one pointed them out. *re-ex.* I have about 120 files to look after.

Sd/. R. Milner White

29-10-29.

Sd/. Jyoti Sarup

29-10-29.

## P W. 298

Albert George Foster, Detective Inspector, S.B.,

C.I.D., New Scotland Yard O. O.

On 14th Oct. 1925 I was present at a search of No. 1, St. Johnson's Building, Inner Temple. I went there with two warrants, to arrest a man called Campbell and Wintingham. I searched the chambers. I found the document there—Ex. P. 2332 and 2332 (1): also the documents (Thomas Bell to Saklatwala), Ex. P. 2333 (1) and 2333 (2): Thomas Bell was about that time secretary of the Colonial Dept. of the Communist Party of Great Britain. The pencil writing at the bottom of p. 2 of 2333 (1) I believe to be the handwriting of Reginald Bishop, who was at that time acting as secretary to Saklatwala, M.P. for N. Butter sea.

I have an office file here containing certain documents. The letter shown is from Saklatwala to Commissioner of Police,—Ex. P. 2334 I know his writing. Ex. P. 2335 is a receipt given by Saklatwala, which he signed in my presence.

I recognise the photo and signature of Saklatwala on the passport application—Ex. P. 2336. The part marked in blue is in his writing, Ex. P. 1235, 1287 (6), 1960, 1961 are in Saklatwala's handwriting.

The three pages of pencil writing shown to me are in Saklatwala's writing (Marked 1, 2, 3 for identification) (to be proved later as Ex. P. 2383 (1), 2383 (2) 2383 (3) )

The document shown to me is a passport application of Thomas Bell, mentioned above, and the photo is of him—Ex. P. 2337.

I know Albert Inkpin. In 1925 he was general secretary of the C.P.G.B. Since then the official positions have not been shown, but as far as I know he still functions in the same capacity: he works at 16, King Street.

I know Harry Pollitt—he is secretary of National Minority Movement. His photo is on the passport application—Ex. P. 2338.

The National Minority Movement is the communist section of the Trade Union Movement. It is affiliated to the C. P. G. B. and the Communist International. I have heard of the R. I. L. U. The national Minority Movement is affiliated to the R. I. L. U., Harry Pollitt is a member of the Communist Party.

I know H. B. Lovell: he is secretary of the International Class War Prisoners Aid. It is an organization for the defence of

political prisoners and also looks after their dependents. It is connected with claims to be affiliated to the International Red Aid. Lovell is a communist.

On March 6, 1929, I purchased the book shown—Programme of Communist International—Ex. P. 2339—at 16 King Street—This is the General office of C. P. G. B.

I know the man Arthur Evans whose photo is on the passport application—Ex. P. 2340. He is known to me as a communist.

Sd. R. Milner-White

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Sd. A. G. Foster.

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I know William Paul: when I knew him he was Editor (or perhaps Assistant Editor) of the Sunday Worker. The Sunday Worker is a Communist Journal. Paul was a communist. I knew Arthur Macmanns as a member of the Executive Committee of the C. P. G. B. I knew William Rust when he was associated with the young Communist League—it is the organisation of youth attached to the C. P. G. B. & E. C. C. I.

I know Arthur Field, whose photo is shown me on the passport application—Ex. P. 2341. I knew him as a communist and an associate of the Anglo-Ottoman Society.

The paper in Ex. P. 1267 is a copy of the Sunday Worker to which I referred. I recognise the paper shown to me—Ex. P. 2342 as a copy of the Sunday Worker. I don't know the man whose photo is this (Percy Glading).

I know the paper—Ex. P. 1268. It is the Worker's Life the successor of the Worker's weekly. The badge on it is the hammer and sickle which usually figures on communist publications and communist communications from Russia etc. It is a communist paper.

I know the Labour monthly—Ex. P. 1269. It is a communist booklet, publishing articles on Labour from Russia and all over the world. R. Palme Dutt was the editor for a time: I don't know if he still functions as that. I know him as a communist. I know Ex. P. 259—International Press Correspondence—better known as the Imprekar. I believe it is printed in Germany or abroad—not in England. It is circulated in England.

About the time—in fact the same night as the search of No. 1, Dr. Johnson's Building, there were other searches. A good deal of literature, books, papers and journals was taken possession of,

I classified the whole of the property seized at the various addresses. About 9000 copies of Impre Cor were found at 16, King Street.

× × by Bradley. I am living in London. I have been associated with the Special Branch for 11 years, and in the Met. Police 21 years. I have been in Meerut about 10 days. I have done very little—I have been waiting to be called as a witness. I have not been to Garden House every day. The court was suspended for about 5 days after my arrival, and I didn't come then.

I come into contact with all sorts of political parties and individuals and occasionally leaders of the Trade Union Movement of Great Britain. I know Mr. A. S. Cook, not personally but as a miners' leader. I can't say if he is a communist. I know Mr. Alexander Gossip. He is General Secretary of the Furnishing Trade Association. I couldn't say if he is a member of the Communist Party. I know Jack Turner - chairman of the A. E. U. (Amalgamated Engineer's Union). I have heard of S. O. Davies. I have no direct knowledge whether Turner is a member of the Communist Party. I know Cook, Gossip, Turner and Davies to be associated with the National Minority Movement.

I don't know it of personal knowledge but I believe it to be the case that some Trade Unions, T. U. Branches, Trade Councils and Trade Committees are affiliated to the National Minority Movement. I have not been inside a National Minority Movement Conference—I have been outside. I couldn't say whether it is a fact that the Majority of the delegates who attend the conference, are not members of the communist party.

I could give definite evidence that the national Minority Movement is affiliated to the commintern. Harry Pollitt, National Minority Movement General Secretary in 1925, was also a member of the Executive Committee C. P. G. B.

× × by Shaukat Usmani.

I heard that Parliament opened yesterday. It is a matter of common knowledge that the Russian question will be dealt with. I know nothing personally of the investments of the Conservative Party.

The Meerut case was not given prominence in the English papers. I got all my knowledge of the case from the Sunday worker.

The Zinoviev letter was very prominent. I do not know it was proved to be a forgery. I have no knowledge of Scotland yard organizations throughout Europe. We do not organize political murders. I know nothing of the murder of Virowski, in Geneva in 1923.

I know Arcos--All Russian Cooperative Trade Society.

I know it was raided--I was there.

Q. Do you know of any mysterious document found then?

Mr. Sinha objects and Shaukat Usmani withdraws.

I know nothing of the murder of Voykoff. I have not heard of Guyer: I know nothing of him. Nor have I heard of Col. Preston I have not heard of Paul Dykes or Capt. Riley--there is no one of that name in Scotland Yard.

I have never been to U. S. S. R.

I think I have heard the name of Hodfson, but I know very little about him. I know nothing of his knowledge of Russian. I never heard that he organised a secret branch to spy over the Soviet Union. I never read about it.

× × by Mr. G. Desai.

I know the New Leader. I think it is the official organ of the Independent Labour Party. I believe Mr. Heir Hardie founded it and Mr. Ramsay-Mac Donald has been closely connected with it till lately. I couldn't say that the majority of the Labour Party belong to it. I can't say who is editor of the New Leader. I remember that Fenner Brockway is editor. I think Mr. Brailsford was editor before for a little. I believe he was originally a Liberal. He contributed to the Manchester Guardian.

The paper shown to me is a copy of the New Leader, Ex. D. 9 Desai. I do not know Mr. E. M. Foster, contributor on p. 3, I know Nevinson (p. 11) by name one is a writer and one a sculptor painter.

Arthur Field I know: he sometimes contributed to Indian papers. I have seen the Plebs: I don't know who runs it.

I don't know G. P. M. Miller. I don't know of the political opinions of Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Harrabin and Postgat.

I don't know the members of the Plebs League (or Plebs Group). I don't know that the League is Marxist but not communist. I don't read the Plebs and don't know its policy.

I know there is a Parliamentary Labour Club. I know the National Liberal Club. I suppose the Labour Club is for Labour. M. P' S. I know there is a "1924 Club in Gerrard Street. I know very little about it. I can't say which is most exclusive. A large number of members of the Present Cabinet are, I think, members of the 2nd International.

I don't think the present cabinet are against their own people.  
x x by Dange.

The C. P. G. B. is affiliated to the Comintern. In the 1924 elections the party put forward some candidates. One was elected. This was Saklatwala. The House of Commons is a legal body.

I know very little of the workers welfare League. Personally I didn't follow its movements, nor receive reports from my subordinates about it. I couldn't say if it was the agent of the Indian T.U.C. The Labour Party sent a delegation to Russia—twice, I think. I think Purcell, Bob Williams and George Hicks were among it. I haven't read the report nor know if the Labour Research Department published a summary.

I cannot say the exact meaning of the printer's endorsement on the last page of Imprekor. I know it definitely as a communist journal: I know it is promoted & circulated by the communist International. I cannot say by looking at it that it is described as the organ of any particular body.

The publishers of p. 97 are George Allen and Unwin Ltd, St. London. I don't know the firm.

I don't know the International publishers New York, publishers of Ex. P. 864.

I know nothing personally of Martin Lawrence & Co., publishers of Ex. P. 456.

The hammer and sickle is not printed on all Communist publications: nor is every paper that bears it necessarily communist.

I have heard of the East Indian Association in England. I don't know its political tone. I don't know the name of Sir Clement Hindley.

I don't know that we have a list of organizations to be watched at Scotland Yard.

I haven't heard of the E.I. Association as having committed an offence.

I have seen the pioneer produced—Ex. D. by Dange. Sir Basil Thompson was an Assistant Commissioner of police: he retired 3 or 4 years ago.

Q. Was Sir Basil Thompson convicted of an offence. Question was disallowed.

Sir Basil did not attend communist meetings with me. I cannot remember that he said he attended a communist meeting.

I did not hear any questions in the House of Commons about him, and any attack on him.

I know there is a paper Forward of Glasgow but I know little about it. An accusation was made that Sir Basil had forged some issues of Pravda. I don't know where it was made. I know the PRAVDA is a journal published in Russia,

× × *by Nimbkar.*

The C. P. G. B. is a legal body. I think it has about 4000 members. The national Minority Movement is also a legal body. I don't know its membership. Workers Welfare League is also a legal body.

I think there is a national branch of the League against Imperialism in London. It also is a legal body. I know the Labour Research Department. I have known it for 5 or 6 years—probably longer, I believe it publishes Labourer statistics. It is a legal body.

I have attended a May day demonstration (objected to in London. It has altered its character for the last by Nimbkar couple of years: there have been Labour celebrations on that day from the middle of last century.

I don't know Sacco and Vanzetti Day, I have heard of them. I have no knowledge of demonstrations all over England when they were electrocuted. There was one in London—a communist demonstration.

There was a series of communist meetings. Crowds assembled from 200—700.

Communists stand for election to Borough Councils Town Councils and Municipal bodies.

× × *by Mr. Sinha.*

I was in England in 1924. I think Krassin was the Soviet representative at that period. I am not certain of it, was Krassin or Rakovski. The only one I can recall is Krassin. I don't think their official residence then was Chesham Place.

I was in London in November 1924. I know Bernard Shaw by repute. I haven't faintest idea what his political opinions are. I haven't heard that Lord Passfield (formerly Sidney Webb) is a communist—I can't say; nor J. H. Whantley,

I can't remember whether there was a celebration of the establishment of Soviet Republic in a private house in Chesham Place in November 1924. Nor if there was an official celebration. Nor if the three persons named took part in such a celebration.

I believe negotiations for opening up trade between Britain and U. S. S. R. were in progress when I left England. A representative of the U. S. S. R. visited England in this connection.

About 1924 some relations were established. I don't know of any political party opposing the restoration of relations, on terms. I haven't heard of any propaganda against such resumption recently. Some "Hands off Russia" demonstrations were held some years ago. I think I attended some such demonstration—probably 4 or 5 years ago.

I have attended no meeting of the T. U. C. in England, nor the Labour Party Conference.

I have not heard Ramsay Macdonald and Phillip Snowden speaking.

These "Hands off Russia" demonstrations may have been in 1920-21. I don't think Phillip Snowden was connected with them.

There has been a good deal of disarmament propaganda going on for years in all political parties. I cannot say if Ramsay Macdonald and Phillip Snowden were connected with any anti-war propaganda. I was not in England in the war, except for occasional intervals. I was in England in the General elections of 1919, if they were after June 1919. I can't recall details.

My office doesn't receive reports about the T. U. C. of Labour Party Conference. My only information is the papers. We receive reports about the proceedings of organizations which we deem subversive. By 'we' I mean the yard collectively.

I don't know who gives the orders to the Dept. to watch such organizations. I have seen no reports about Hyde Park and Street corner meetings. I can't say if the office deputed people to watch such meetings. Meetings are held. I know this from official reports and from personal observation. There are very seldom any communist meetings in Hyde Park—the Park regulations forbid a collection, Communist, outdoor, meetings are held fairly frequently in London addressed by communist speakers very seldom by the principals of the party, excluding perhaps Saklatwala. Such meetings etc. are sometimes held in Trafalgar Square, they have been going on for some years. So long as these meetings conduct themselves according to the Public Meetings Act they not are interfered with. This applies to any meeting.

I have seen no list of communists in the office. I don't know all the communists. I personally receive no report about the activities of Communist organizations. I have had occasion to collect a few political histories of individuals we don't keep records of.



constitutional politicians. Not all the records pass through me nor do the records of different organizations pass through my hands. I sometimes purchase literature of the organizations. It is not my duty to study the literature. I have made no study of the constitutions of the important political bodies in London. I have no knowledge of the constitution of the 2nd International, or of the T.U.C., or of the I.L.P.I know nothing of the rules of affiliation to the T.U.C. I don't keep in touch officially with T. U. C. I know the communist Party is barred from being affiliated to the T. U. C. and some trades and councils have been disaffiliated, by reason of their association with communist but I don't know the rules under which they can be barred I don't know the constitution.

We get no official report from the T. U. C. nor any return from the organizations affiliated to them I have no personal knowledge of the officials of the T. U. C.

I know of the "right wing" and the "left wing" of the T. U. Movement. There are many who belong to the Left wing. My office keeps of no particular belonging to the left wing unless that particular person has committed an offence. I have some idea of the distinction between members of the right and left wings. I could not say to what wing A. J. Cook belongs, nor Ben Tillett nor J. S. Thomas.

It depends on circumstances whether strikes are legal or illegal. A strike in conformity with the Trade Disputes Act—is legal, I have seen strikes in London.

I remember the railway strikes about 1919-20 I don't remember any strikes in 1919. I was holding my present office then. It was not my duty to collect information about the strikes, but only about any disorders which might ensue I can't tell the number of men engaged in this strike, in the miners' strike of 1920. It was a partial strike. J. H. Thomas in 1919 was a member of the N. U. R. strike.

A. S. Cook was a member of the Miners Federation at the time of the strike.

In 1926 there was a general strike. In other words, organized labour withdraw their services. I was in London then. It was called by the General Council of the T. U. C. J. H. Thomas was at that time a member of the General Council, and Mr. Beven of the Transport Workers, Mr. A. B. Swailes of the A. E. U., Mr. A. T. Cook, Bentillett,—but not as far as I know, Mr. Clynes—at any rate I can't recall him as a member then.

J. H. Thomas is now a member of the Cabinet. So also was he before 1926.

During the 1926 strike there were numerous strikers meetings held all over London: marches were banned by the police. Hooligans taking advantage of the situation had occasional clashes with the police.

There was no agitation on the part of the public against the strikers. I know of no public meeting where the strikers were denounced. I can remember no speeches against them. I didn't hear the expressions "Red", or Bolsheviks" or "Moscow agents" used about the strikers. There was some natural resentment as people were put to a lot of inconvenience.

There was picketing then. It is one of the common features of strikes in England. I haven't seen strikers carrying flags: I haven't seen any strikers demonstrations. You might find a flag or a Union Barua—I saw no flags—red, yellow, or black—at a strikers' meeting. Nor have I heard any songs sung there. The strike lasted 6 or 7 days. The leaders were not prosecuted: no one was prosecuted for merely starting or taking part in the strike.

I remember the Police strike in London, in 1908, but I was not in England then.

I knew a committee called "Hand off Russia committee. I haven't heard of it for 6 or 7 years.

I have heard of the Council of Action under the T. U. C.

I know of no resolution to have a general strike if war were declared against Russia. I have no recollection of one, I don't remember the Congress. I don't read all the publications of the Labour Research Department, I read a good many of the national Minority Movement, I have a very little knowledge of the Labour Reserach Dept. or of the Workers Welfare League. I know something of the National Minority Movement.

I don't know the constitution of the London Research Dept. I believe Sidney Webb and Mr. Webb were connected with it.

Some communists were candidates for Parliament at the last election—none got in.

One communist stayed a number the whole of the last Parliament.

If the Labour Rearch Dept. conforms with the law it must be registered.

I can't remember Brailsford being a member of a delegation to Russia. I don't know him as a communist.

I don't know Philip Price M. P. I know Price the journalist by repate.

I know Maxton as a public man. I don't know him as a communist. I don't know him as associated with the League against Imperialism. I don't regard Mr. Lansbury as a communist.

The papers I was asked to bring are those which have been put in as exhibits. I was summoned by name.

I gave evidence in trial of Inkpin and others.

x x by Mr. Hutchinson by permission. I don't remember a Labour Party Conference at Liverpool in 1925. It was decided at one Congress to expel all communists but I don't know if that was the one.

I think a good number of communists are members of the Labour Party today, but not openly as communists. It is part of the communist policy to place members in the Party for disruption purposes.

I have seen the Labour Year Book, but have not read it carefully. I don't remember it for 1925. I know Ellu Wilkinson, Sidney Webb, Wheatly were elected to Parliament as Labour members on a Labour Party ticket.

I don't know Hicks, Purcell, Tillet, Swailes, Citrine, as communists.

I know Soho. I know the Boulague Restaurant. I know nothing of a meeting there in 1925 to organise the Sunday Worker. I don't know who were present—whether the above named were present or not—probably they were.

I don't remember a protest by Miss Wilkinson in Parliament about it, I know Sir William Joynson Hicks as Home Secretary.

The Sunday Worker is a communist journal, is subsidised by the E. C. C. I. which dictates its policy. I haven't seen any denial of this in the paper.

*re-ex.* Q. Are you in a position to give other facts in support of your statement that the National Minority Movement is affiliated to the comintern? A. Yes.

There was no truth, as far as my knowledge is concerned in the accusation that Sir Basil Thompson forged certain issues of the Pravda.

There are no illegal political bodies in England. Each organisation is dealt with on its merits. If the organisation or a member of it commits an offence, he is dealt with as an individual or individuals, and not as a member of a political organisation.

It is possible for a body to be a legal body and yet be one which is "deemed subversive".

My reference to "term" in connection with the resumption of trade with Russia, means that as far I know some political bodies demand an acknowledgement of liabilities and payment of debts as a prior condition and also all parties, I think, demand the cessation of propaganda before relations are resumed.

I was backwards and forwards in England during the War—I was in France and other places.

The communists I have mentioned are those whom I consider the 'principal communists' in my answer to about street corner meetings.

A. J. Cook has been in the political arena for some years: he is a trade union official and remains so. The general strike was terminated by the General Council calling it off.

Q. In connection with the General strike, assume that the Imprekor speaks of Thomas as the "official and traitor" and "Thomas the Judas". From your knowledge of Thomas activities in that strike, can you give any explanation of the terms used?

(Objected to by Mr. Sinha: allowed as apparently the cross examination referred to makes suggestions as to the attitude of Mr. Thomas to the strike and therefore the prosecution is entitled to clear up the question of his exact attitude.)

A. Yes.

Mr. Thomas and the other members of the General Council stopped the strike, and that is why they were absued.

Q. Have you ever seen a red flag at any meeting? (Question disallowed as not arising for cross-examination).

The case against Inkpin was against 12 persons—Inkpin, Tom Bell, T. Wintingham, E. Cant, Arthur Macmanas, William Gallagher, Page Arnot, J. R. Cambell, Walter Harfington, and 3 others, for seditious conspiracy and breach of the Meeting Act. Harry Pollitt was also an accused. All these were members of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party—William Rust was another: and J. T. Murphy.

Sd. R. Milner-White.

30-10-29.

Sd. A. G. Foster

Detective Inspector.

C. I. D. London

## P. W. 299

Nurulla S/O Haji Sayid Hayat Pasha, S. Canara, (at present  
Madras), O O

I am a barrister and advocate of the High Court, Madras. I have met Chattopadhyaya. It is the man shown in the photo produced. Ext. P. 2343. I met him in Berlin, in 1925. I know Abdul Quddus. We were school mates and class mates and I knew he had been to Germany & wanted to find out where he was. In that connection I came into contact with Chattopadhyaya, as I heard he had helped him very much to earn his living when Quddus first went to Berlin. I was taken to see Chattopadhyaya. A Sikh ex-prisoner took me there. He said he was busy and asked me to leave my address. Two days later I had a short note from him, asking me to lunch with him at the restaurant. I went, and he gave me his Berlin address, saying that he was not in Germany at present but his letters would be forwarded. I saw him again two or three times casually. I have also seen writings of his in 1928. At the end of Sept. 1928, or beginning of October 1928, Abdul Quddus surprised me by coming to see me in Madras with all his baggage, and he stayed with me. I told him I had made enquiries about him. He said he had heard from Chattopadhyaya about me, and talked a lot about him, and showed me several letters of his. I recognised the signature as the same.

I have been shown several signatures purporting to be Chattopadhyaya's—

Namely P. 2211, 1998, and 1998 (1), (2), (3), 2030, 2014, 1866, 1852, 1805, 1804, 1680, 1655, 1652 (B), 1651, 1649, 1647, 1646, 1645, 1644, 1633, 1610, 1503, 1348, (29), 1348 (27), 1348 (23). They appear to be signed by Chattopadhyaya.

The signature on Ext. P. 2344 is also Chattopadhyaya's.

x. x. *By Mr. Sinha.* I returned from Europe early in 1928. I was called to the Bar in my absence in 1928. I went to Europe in 1924. I had graduated first in India. I belonged to 'the middle Temple. I was there for 3 years and 4 months. I was not a lawyer before I went to England. I went to study for education and for the Bar. I get a loan from a society in Bambay-Mahomedan Educational Society. I believe Mr. Sharif Bewaji Kauji is the President-it was he who was president when I went. I joined the middle Temple in April 1925.

I only visited the continent once, excluding my journey back to India.

My "stipend" (i. e. loan) was paid monthly in sums between £18 and 25. I think the Trust helps all those who apply and show that they need the money for the purpose.

I also got money from my brother in my last year, and also for expenses of joining the Bar. I lived in Leeds, except for my visits to London to eat my dinners and my exams.

In Leeds I was studying for the M.E.D. for 3 years, at the University of Leeds. I had to pay a lump sum at the beginning but no periodical payments to the University. Up to July 1925 I stayed in the Hostel. I had a monthly bill of about £ 8.

In 1925, I went to France, Germany (Berlin and other places) and Switzerland. I spent 2 months in my tour, I was interested in educational institutions.

Abdul Quddus went to Europe before me. I had met last in India in 1920. He went about 1921. I sometimes had letters from him occasionally asking for money.

I had other friends in France and Germany besides Quddus. I don't think any were from Madras. I met other Indian students in Berlin. I stayed there about 2 weeks. I asked 2 or 3 persons whom I knew there - Mr. Ishaq, Abdul Hamid, Shahidi - about Quddus. They said they couldn't tell me much as his movements were very confidential, but Chattopadhyaya could tell me. They had seen him in Berlin. I met Abdul Hamid later in London in 1927. The rest I haven't seen since and I don't know where they are. I visited the University in Berlin.

I used to see a lot of Indian or Afghan students, especially at that restaurant.

I didn't join the University. The only thing I joined was the international course (2-weeks) of Dr. Alfred Zimmern at Geneva.

I was in Berlin in August.

I didn't have occasion to go to the office of British Consul in Berlin.

I had all my papers with me.

I was not connected with anyone in the India office. I visited the Indian Students Association in Gower St. and Cromwell Road.

I have no personal knowledge that Indian students in London act as spies and informers. I shouldn't be surprised if needy students get financial help from agencies who wish to employ them as spies etc., I never had need to have recourse to such agencies. I kept the Trust informed of my movements in England etc. as well as of my educational progress, because I wanted the money to reach me.

I had heard of Chattopadhyaya before I went to Berlin but I had not met him nor been interested in him. I was told in Berlin that he was generally good so students in distress. I didn't need any help myself except this information.

I had no reason to be dissatisfied or angry with him; infact I was grateful to him.

I have not got the chit which he sent me. I never preserved it-I don't know when I lost it. I don't think I kept it long; I cannot say how long.

Other friends invited me to Berlin.

I have not kept in touch with Chattopadhyaya since I left Berlin, nor carried on any correspondence with him. I didn't meet Quddus in Berlin or on the Continent.

Quddus was in Madras in Oct. 1928; I don't know since then. He stayed with me for 3 days. He left me saying he was going to Lucknow. He told me why he had come to India, but he did not keep me informed of his movements. He promised to write but did not. I don't know if he was a spy or informer.

I had no need to talk to people about meeting Chattopadhyaya. Two months ago I talked about it to another man-a police officer.

× × *Reserved.*

re- Ex I got my degree at Leeds University-Master of Education. I have no information as to whether Govt. or any other organised body employ spies.

I was able to live alright on £ 18-25 a month. My information about Chattopadhyayas' goodness to students was got in Berlin.

I had my information about Chattopadhyaya before I went to Berlin from other Indian students.

( Sd:) R. Millner-White

1-11-29

(Sd) Syed Nurullah

## P. W. 300

Cecil Scutchey, Detective Sergeant, Scotland Yard, O. O.

I have been 17 years at Scotland Yard. I was in London on duty in October 1925. Certain members of the communist party were arrested then, and there was a search of the communist Head quarters, 16, King Street. I and other officers examined the documents found there.

I recognise the document—Ex. P. 2345—dated 24th Feb. 1925—from Agit. Prop. Eici to Agit, Prop. C. P. G. B. (criticism on "Communist Review"). It was among the documents found there.

So was the document—Ex. P. 2346—15th July 1925, from C. P. Dutt to Albert Inkpin.

Also the documents—Ex. P. 2347 (1) and 2347 (2)—from Ralph Fox, to 'Dear Comrade,' written from "Communist International" address.

I do not recognise the photo shown me (Douglas Parsons). I know of a Douglas Parsons. I took steps to get his marriage certificate: it is Ex. P. 2348. I also got a copy of the birth certificate of his wife—Ex. P. 2349. I also got a copy of the supplement to London Gazette dated 24-2-28, given on P. 1411 the names of partners in Samuel Montagu and Co.—Ex. P. 2350.

Douglas Parsons was a candidate in March 1928 to the West Minister Board of Guardians. The poster produced—Ex. P. 2351—is an Election poster. He stood in the Communist interests.

I know the 'workers Life.' It is an organ of the communist party of Great Britain. The copy produced of 30-3-28—Ex. P. 2352—is a copy of the workers life,

I know the Sunday Worker—it is also a communist paper. The number for 20-2-27, produced is a copy of the Sunday Workers which I got—Ex. P. 2353.

I also got the copy of the Sunday Worker of 30-6-29, produced—Ex. P. 2354. (in which Douglas Parsons is described as General Manager, S. W.)

I also got a copy dated June 16 1929, (given similar description of Douglas Parsons)—Ex. P. 2355. I know C. P. Dutt. He is a member of C. P. G. B. I recognise his photo or the passport application—Ex. P. 2356.

I have heard of the body called the National Minority. Its



headquarters are at 38, Great Ormond Street. The offices of the London District Communist Party were, and I believe still are, at 38, Great Ormond Street.

*Mr. Sinha objects.*

I have never seen George Allison, but I have heard of him. About 12 months ago I submitted a report to my superior officers that George Allison had left London Docks surreptitiously on a Russian boat, for Russia.

I know L. C. MacLlònie. She is a member of the Young Communists League: This is the British section of the Young Communists International.

I know the International Press correspondent—it is usually known as the Imprekor. It appears to be the organ of the Communist International from the articles which appear in it. I have read it from time to time. I have never found any article in it except communist literature. Ex. 1132 and 1204 are copies of this paper. (To be continued on 4th November.)

Sd. R. Milner White,

Sd. Cecil Scutchey,

1-11-29.

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Sd. R. Milner white

4-11-29.

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## P. W. 301

Harry Norwood, Detective Inspector 1st class,

New Scotland Yard, O. O.

I have been connected with Scotland Yard 22 years. In Oct. 1925 I was in London and attending to my duties. I remember a search of the Nat. Minority movement, 38, Great Ormond Street. I had orders for the arrest of the communists. I arrested two men there, Harry Pollitt and William Rust. Harry Pollitt is Secy. of the Nat. Minority movement, whose office is at 38, Great Ormond Street. He was also a member of the Executive of the C. P. G. B. (shown P. 2338)—this is a photo of Pollitt.

I seized some documents there. Among them was:—

Ex. P. 2357. List of Associate members  
in Cambridge including P.  
Spratt, Downing College )

The Nat. Minority movement is the British section of the  
Red International of Labour Unions.

Other people were arrested on that day and property was  
seized. I got receipts for property handed back to them from  
some of the people—i. e. Harry Pollitt, Thomas Bell, Page Arnot.

Ex. P. 2358 is a receipt from Harry Pollitt, signed in my  
presence and witnessed by me. Ex. P. 2359 is a receipt signed by  
Thomas Bell in my presence. He was at that time a member of  
the executive of the C. P. G. B. and still is a member, I believe.  
The photo on passport application Ex. P. 2360 is Thomas Bell.  
Ex. P. 2361 is a receipt by R. Page Arnot, and was signed in my  
presence. The R. stands for Robert. Page Arnot was then,  
I believe, a member of the executive of the C. P. G. B. and as far as  
I know continued to belong to the party.

The Exhibit numbers on these three documents are those  
given at their Trial at Bow Street and subsequently old Bailey.

I recognise the booklets—Ex. 2362, 2363 they came from 38  
Great Ormond Street; there was 49 copies of "What the young  
communist league stands for and 9 copies of "Resolutions of the  
2nd National Conference. These were got from the office of the  
Young Communist League, which is in the same building. 16,  
King Street is the H. Q. of the C. P. G. B. The London District  
office of the C. P. was at 38, Great Ormond Street at that time.

I know 16, King Street, I purchased the three books shown  
me at the Worker's Bookshop at that place. They are:—

P. 2364. 9th Congress of C. P. G. B.  
P. 2365: Between the 5th and the 6th  
World Congresses.  
P. 2366: Communist Party Training.

I also obtained the book shown to me finding it at the search  
of the office of Nat. Minority movement—Ex. P. 2367, Tasks  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.

I know the Sunday Worker. It is an organ of the C.P.G.B.  
I have heard of William Paul. He was the editor of the Sunday  
Worker formerly.

I know the Publication—Ex. P. 1576 it is the Imprecor.  
It is a representative of the Communist International. I have read  
it from time to time.

Q. Have you ever found in any article except communism.  
A. I have never found any thing except Communist propaganda.

Most papers have advertisements in them. I have never found any in Imprecor.

(To be continued on the 4th ) Sd. R, Milner White,

Sd. Harry Norwood. 1-11-29.

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I also detained the Report of the 5th Annual Conference of the National Minority Movement—Ex. P. 2368.

The books—Report of 4th Congress of RILU published for the Rilu by Nat. Minority Movement in 1928—was procured by my orders—Ex. P. 2369.

(To be continued).

Sd. R. Milner White,

x. x. reserved. 2-11-29.

Sd. R. Milner White.

4-11-29.

Sd. Harry Norwood.

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## P. W. 302

Charles William Renshaw, Detective Sergeant, Scotland Yard, O. O.

I have been connected with Scotland Yard about 19 years. In Oct. 1925 I was in London and on duty. I took part in the search of 16, King Street on 14th Oct. 1925. I was in charge of the search. A large number of documents was taken possession of. Steps were taken to keep a record of visit as to the premises during the search. I have heard the name of Philip Spratt, in connection with this search. A person giving that name called at the premises during the search in the evening of Oct. 14th. He gave his address as 80, Waller Road, S. E.

Among documents found on that occasion were :—

P. 2370. Note book containing shorthand notes. I transcribed part of it. No. 30 in the Blue Book (communist documents, 1926) is a correct transcript of it.

- P. 2371. (Document 36 in Blue book) Letter from Saklatwala to Political Bureau.
- P. 2372 (1) (Documents 37 and 38 in blue book).  
2372 (2) Brown to Nimphy.
- E. H. Brown was the British representative at the Communist International.
- P. 2373. Office copy of original letter found at Dr. Johnson's Buildings by Detective Inspector Foster—P. 2333.
- P. 2374. No. 41 of Blue Book unsigned to Dear Comrade.  
P. 2375. (No. 42 of Blue Book) Report by R. W. Rolson with regard to Colonial Conference held at Amsterdam.
- Rolson was then one of the organizers of the Communist Party.
- P. 2376. (No. 44 of Blue Book) From Dombal, Etc. to  
2376 (1) G. Lansbury, M. P. enclosing letter from Hrestintern.
- P. 2377. (No. 45, 46 of Blue Book) Letter from Macmanus  
2377 (1) and J. R. Campbell to colonial and Agit Prop, with report on colonial activities.
- P. 2378. (No. 48 in Blue Book) From Dombal, Orlor etc.  
to Com. Mac-Manus with copy to Saklatwala.
- P. 2379 Found in closed envelope, which I opened. Two  
& 2379 (1) letters from M. N. Roy one to C. P. Dutt,  
& 2379E and the other to Dear Clemens.
- P. 2380 (1) These letters from M. N. Roy 3rd July in M. S.:  
2380 (2) 26th July. Signed Rechard, 21st July 1925,  
2380 (3) signed Richard; last two typed and addressed to Colonial commission.
- P. 2381. Poster addressed to British Workers and Colonial Workers.
- P. 2382 (1)P. Photo stat copy of a letter, the original of which  
2382 (2)P. was returned to the Communist party, Inspector Mr. Bride made the copy. Page Arnot to Dear comrade dated 24th June 1925; with copy of letter from Gen. Secy. to Colonial Dept. of 20th July.
- P. 2383 P. Photo stat copies of various M. S. documents I

don't remember finding this, but the enclosures or the back show that they passed through the examination staff as having been found there (16, King Street) four sheets, apparently concerning Gladings correspondence from India.

I know the man whose photo is shown to me Ex. P. 2384. It is of Percy Glading. I have seen him frequently attending meetings of the Communist Party. The photo in P. 2342 is of the same man. I know of no other P. Glading in the Communist Party.

P. 2385. Letter of Sept. 25th (1925) from M. N. Roy to political Bureau, E. P. G. B.

P. 2386. Letter (M. S.) R. Page Arnot to Albert Inkpin.

I know very little about the Labour Research Department.

P. 2387 (1)P. Photo stat copies of three letters—Jan. 8, 24'; Jan.  
2387 (2)P. 14th 24'; and 10th July 25'.  
2387 (3)P.

I don't know C. P. Dutt personally.

P. 2388 (1) Three letters from Saklatwala (handwriting already proved by Inspector Foster)  
2388 (2)  
2388 (3)

P. 2389 P(1) Photo copies of reports of Ewan Thomas and  
2389 (2). P. Grham. Pollard.  
2389 (3). P.  
2389 (4). P.

P. 2390. Letter from Arttem Field to Dear Bishop.

P. 2391 (1) Photo stat copies of letters etc., 2nd June. 1925,  
2391 P (2) Thomas (from Merton College): Memo from  
2391 P (3) Stephenson of 1st June 1925 :—3rd June  
2391 P (4) Graham Pollard to Dear Comrade : 4th June  
2391 P (5) from Colonial Dept. to Saklatwala 8th  
2391 P (6) June from Colonial Dept. to Stephenson and  
Thomas : 8th June Colonial Dept. to Graham  
Pollard.

P. 2392 P. Photo stat copies—from N. P. Upadhyaya to Mac Mans.

I know Upadhyaya. I have had occasion to search him in the street. He organizes the Indian Seamen and addresses meetings on their behalf. I have seen him regularly attending meetings of Communists. I was in London on May Day 1925. I saw the pro-

cession. The statement in the letter (P.2393) about Upadhyaya's activities at May Day is there.

The Indian Seamen's Union is run by Upadhyaya: the meeting which founded the Union was held under the auspices of the Minority movement.

The men named in P. 2379 (1)—i. e. Bhat, Vermani, Nandi, and Upadhyaya, were all present at the meeting I have referred to.

- P. 2394P(1) Photo stat copies of letters 27th Feb. 1925.  
2394P(2) Gen. Secy. to R. Palme Dutt: 16-3-25, from  
2394P(3) H. P. 25, Gen. Secy. to R. P. Dutt.  
2394P(4)

I know nothing about Ruttbone.

Maloney

I know a lady called (Mellonie). I have seen her attending the Communist Party offices, and I have also seen her at a Hyde park May Day Meeting, 1929, when she addressed the meeting.

- P. 2395. Theses and statutes of 2nd Congress of 3rd International.  
P. 2396. Decisions of 3rd Congress. (Resolutions and  
P. 2398. theses of 4th Congress); Programme of Com.  
International adopted at 5th Congress.  
P. 2399. Statutes and Rules C. P. G. B. (Oct. 1922.)

These last five Exhibits bear Exhibit numbers on them. These are the Exhibit numbers of the trial of the Communist leaders in 1925.

- P. 2400. Resolutions of 7th Congress.

Of books Ex. 2396, 2400, many copies were found. I could give the exact number by referring to my list of P. 2395 only one copy was found.

I know the Imprecor; 900 or 9000 copies were found at 16, King Street. (Looking at his list, says 9000).

Ex. P. 1594 is one copy. The only place in London where it is on sale as far as I know, is 16, King Street.

(To be continued on 4th.)

(Sd.) R. Milner White,

2-11-25.

C. W. Renshaw.

*Continued O. O.*

I know Tom Man. I have known him over 16 years and have attended many meetings which he has addressed on behalf of the communist party. He openly declares that he is a communist and a revolutionary and he is the most active and tireless propagandist in the Communist Party that I know.

x x reserved.

(Sd.) R. Milner White,

4-11-29.

(Sd.) C. W. Renshaw.

*Note for record.*

When the witnesses Nos. 300, 301, were examined, Mr. Bradley was permitted to sit by Mr. Sinha to instruct him. Subsequently it was decided that cross examination of these witnesses should take place to-day. Mr. Sinha now wishes me to place on record the fact Mr. Bradley is unable to give instructions for cross examinations until he himself has received proper instructions from his London solicitors. No other of Mr. Sinha's clients is in a position to give instructions on matters occurring in England or anywhere outside India. Consequently Mr. Sinha expresses his inability to cross examine at the present time.

Mr. Chakaravarty wishes to reserve his cross-examination till the sessions Court.

This can be placed on record,

(Sd.) R. Milner-White,

4-11-29.

Public Prosecutor also wishes me to record that the cross examination was originally postponed in order to give Mr. Desai's counsel time to arrive from Bombay, and also because Mr. Chakaravarty was absent. It was proper to give them an opportunity of cross examination and on Mr. Sinha's suggestion that it would mean a duplication of work, in the event of his cross examining, if the cross examination was taken up in two parts, the whole of the cross examination was postponed, for to-day.

(Sd.) R. Milner-White.

4-11-29.

## P. W. 303

*Henry Burgess, Photographer at the G. P. O., OO.*

I am a photographer employed at the General Post Office of London. On instructions I photograph letters and documents intercepted in the post. There are two rooms - one upstairs and one downstairs. I live in the lower room, and am in charge of that department. There is a small lift which drops down from the upper room to the lower room, and the letters are dropped down to me on it. I keep a register of the letters which come down to me and are photographed. When the letter arrives, it is opened and registered, then replaced in the lift and sent back. Mr. Booth is in charge of the upper department.

The register is kept by me, as an official record of the office. The photo shown me is a photo of a letter, the original of which was photographed by me. There should be an entry in my register in respect of it. I have here a certified copy of the entry in the register - M.517.K. M.517 is the number allotted to the letter in serial order, and it is the initial of the man who sent it down the lift. The next figure is the number of the pieces which go out; the next is the size of the photograph; No. 4 is life size; No. 7 means that it is smaller. Then follow the date the letter was received and then the date when the copy goes out. Then comes name of addressee, and finally the number of pieces when the letter was received. As regards pieces, the envelope counts as one piece. If a page is written on both sides it makes TWO pieces, as it makes two photographs. The entry 'pieces out' is the last entry made, when the copies are checked.

The serial number is written on small cards and photographed on top of the letter, if there isn't room we put it down below.

M 517 K consists of an envelope, a letter from 'Alf' to 'Dear J,' and an enclosure envelope "To Clemens" and in that a letter to "C. D." from S. V. G. The original letter is dated 9-8-28, and the enclosed letter, 10. 7. 28. This is Ext. P-2401P, P. 1, and P. 2, and P. 240 P(E)1. and E. 2.

The certified copy of the register relating to it is P. 2401R.

P. 2402R is the entry in the register relating N. 157E of a letter P. 2402P.

There was an envelope, the photo of which appears to be lost; the name of addressee was taken from the envelope. The letter is addressed to Dear John from Alf, and is dated 21. 8. 28.

Similarly I give below the register entries of the letters shown to me:—



B. 612 B.	2403R 2403P 2403P. E.	R. S. Nimbkar to secy: Mun- workers U.S.S R.
F. 748 F.	2404R 2404P 2404P. E	Albert Inkpin to Mr. Bradley dated 25-4-29.
N. 755 B.	2405R 2405P 2405. P. E.	From Ben to his people about his salary.
C. 634 K.	2406R 2406P 2406P. E.	ditto.
H. 513 A.	2407R 2407P 2407P. E.	To C. P. Dutt (said to be in writing of Ajodhia Pd.) posted 22nd July 1927, Man- chester.
M. 273 K.	2408R 2408P 2408P. E.	S. V. Ghate to Dutt - see P. 2401 P(1).
T. 901 A.	2409R 2409P 2409P. E.	P C. Joshi to R. Palme Dutt, dated 5. 11. 28.
R. 218 E.	2410R. 2410P. 2410P (1) 2409P E.	Jhabwala to Potter Wilson W. W. L. Secy, enclosing copy of letter to secy, C. C. Textile workers U. S. S. R.
W. 337 F.	2411R 2411P 2411P(1) 2411P(2) 2411PE.	To Potter Wilson WWL from Bradley enclosing article on Bombay mill strike, and re- port on deputation to mill owners.
T. 63 B.	2412R 2412P 2412P E.	Bradley to Potter Wilson (postmarked 27th. October 28) about termination of Textile strike.
A. 247 F	P 2413 R. P 2413 P P 2413 P(1) P 2413 P(2) P 2413 P E.	Bradley to Potter Wilson dt. 12. 1. 29, enclosing reports on A. I. T. O. C. & A. I. R. F.
X. 808 K.	P 2414 R "	Bradley to Potter Wilson of

	P 2314 P P 2414 P E.	14-1-29.
A. 687 F.	P 2415 R P 2415 P P 2415 P E	Bradley to Potter Wilson of 19-1-29.
A. 671 A	P 2416 B P 2416 P P 2416 P(1), (2) P 2416P(3)(4)(5) P 2416 P. E.	Bradley to Potter Wilson dated 18-1-29, enclosing reports on A. I. T. U. C. & A. I. R. F. mëetings, etc.
B 644 B	P 2417 R P 2417 P P 2417 P(1) P 2417 P E.	Bradley to Potter Wilson dated 2. 2. 29. about the strike enclosing article "T. U. C. and the communists."
M. 85 A	P 2418 R P 2418 P P 2418 P E.	Mirajkar to Pollitt of 12. 8. 27. (Number trimmed off in photo).
T. 116 B	P 2419 R P 2419 P P 2419 P.E.	P. Spratt to Dear Robin (R. Page Arnott on envelope) dated 22. 10. 28, dealing with activities of Bengal party in strikes, etc.
T. 522 A	P 2420 R P 2420 P P 2420 P.E.	D. K. Goswami to Gen. Secy. National Minority movement dated 1. 11. 28.
P. 193 A	P 2421 R P 2421 P P 2421 P E.	'Jim' to Com. Glyn Evans (apparently from Khardikar, which is to be proved later).

Ext. P 2391 P etc were photographed by me. I produce the entry in the register - P 2391 R. These did not come down in the lift, but were sent to me. I understood they had been seized and were sent to me to be photographed:

Major Phillips is an officer in the Intelligence Dept.

x x - Reserved.

(Sd). R. Milner-White.

4. 11. 29.

(Sd). Henry Burgess.

## P. W. 304

Frederick Bosworth Booth. O. O.

I am employed in G. P. O. London. I have been 36 years there. In the war I got a Commission and ended with the rank of Captain. There is a section which deals with the interception of letters. The photographing is done in the lower room. I am in charge of the upstairs room. Letters to be intercepted are opened, sent down for photography, returned to my section, resealed, and put in course of post to be delivered to addressees. The photostats made are sent out to various departments. Letters are sent down either by me or by another officer. The officer sending them down checks the contents when they return. Between the opening of the letter and the photographing, none but a responsible officer of the section would deal with it. Mr. Burgess is in charge of the lower room.

I had been through the photostat copies of the letters produced by Mr. Burgess yesterday before giving evidence. I have seen Ext. P. 2421 P. I am satisfied that they are photostats of letters which have passed through my section.

I know the procedure of sending money from England. The applicant makes out a 9 A form. He hands this to the counter clerk in the P. O. with the money for the M. O. and the telegram; the counter clerk prepares a telegram on form A; this form is sent to the Central Telegraph Office London. There a some what similar form is prepared; the only difference is that the amount is given in code, and an international number is given, and that telegram is sent to its destination; which would be the administration of posts (post office) of the particular country, £ 40 is the limit which can be sent at one time. If a man wants to send £80, he would have to make out a duplicate form—i. e. two for £40. The document shown me is 1) the 9 A form (brown) (2) the next (green) is the A form and (3) the white form is the one for which the message is sent; but sometimes the message is sent direct from the A form (referring to P. 2422). I obtained the various forms produced from the various offices in England. They are:—

P. 2422 (1) (2) (3)      Bradley to Bradley: £40, 12. 3. 1929  
original altered from £80 to £40.

P. 2423 (1) (2) (3)      ditto — Bearing message "from  
mother—wire receipt League,"

Any one can add a short message  
to the addressee to be added to the  
telegraphic message.

- P. 2424 (1) (2) (3) } Originally made out for £70; altered  
to £40, and another M. O. for £30  
P. 2425 (1) (2) (3) } made out. L. C. Bradley to B. F.  
Bradley, of 21. 12. 27.
- P. 2426 (1) (2) (3) } Originally made out for £80; this  
P. 2427 (1) (2) (3) } was made into two M. O's dated  
14. 3. 28, from L. C. Bradley to B.  
F. Bradley—"Wire receipt im-  
mediately".
- P. 2428 (1) (2) (3) Dated 12th June 1928, Bradley to  
Bradley "Towards sending delegate  
'Len", for £40.
- P. 2429 (1) (2) (3) } £50, altered to £40 and another  
P. 2430 (1) (2) (3) } for £10—"Merry Christmas—more by  
letter", of 15th. Dec. 27: Page Aront  
to Spratt.
- P. 2431 (1) (2) (3) "For representative (Manchester  
Conference-Robin"—R. P. Arnot to  
Spratt, £40, dated 12th. June 1928.

I got also two original forms of telegrams from A. Inkpin,  
King street, to Bell, Mokhavaia, both dated 28th. August 1928.

- P. 2432 (1) "Urgent you request responsible  
authorities instruct shipping accept  
Allison passage Leningrad without  
viza."
- P. 2432 (2) "Imperative Brain return meeting  
sept. 9th. stop. Tell Clements Des-  
monds friend Fred writing despera-  
tely, we can do nothing Albert.

I also got the original of a Telegram sent by Field to  
Barucha—Ext. P. 2433.

Also the following originals:—

- P. 2434 C. P., King Street to National Con-  
gress, Wellington Street Calcutta  
of 21st. Dec. 1928.
- P. 2435 C. P. King Street to Muzaffar  
Ahmed, of 21st. Dec. 1928.
- P. 2436 S. Saklatwala, 161 King Street, to  
Joshi, secy. T. U. C., dated 20.  
Dec. 1928.
- P. 2437 Dated 15th. Dec. 1928 from Potter

Wilson to workers & peasants Party.  
Asylum Lane Calcutta.

× × Reserved.

(Sd:) R. Milner-White

5. 11. 29.

(Sd:) F. B. Booth.

5. 11. 29.

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## P. W. 305

Oliver John Hubbart, O. O.

I am senior examiner in the Passport office, London. I have been in the Passport office since 1921. When an applicant applies for a passport, the regulations require him to sign his name. Regular applications must bear the true signatures of the applicant. The applications are filed in our office. I have brought out a number of such applications. Ext. P. 2336 to 2341 inclusive came from our records in the Passport office. Thus 2336 bears the signature of Shapurjee Sakhlatawala, and so with Field (2337), Glyn Evans (2338], etc.

Each bears a photograph. This should be the photo of the applicant.

Ext. P. 2356 (C. P. Dutt) is produced from my records: so is Ext. P. 2360.

So is Ext. P. 2438 (Hugh Ponsonby Reynolds Rathbone 1923) P2439 (Henry Graham Pollard, Jesus College, Oxford, 1922; P. 2440 (Douglas John Frederick Parsons 1922; P. 2441 Harry Pollitt, 1927); P. 2442 (Philip Spratt, 25-10-26). With Spartt's application there came a letter purporting to be from Birrell and Garnett-P. 2443.

When a new passport is issued, we always want to see the old passport, and claim the right to keep it if we wish; in some cases we allow the applicant to retain the old passport, after we have seen it. If we do keep the old passport it is kept in the office with the new application.

I know what the various signs and marks on the passport indicate.

I have two old passports of Mr. Bell: I produce them from my records-it is the same Thoms Bell as of P, 2360. One of these passports is numbered 349988 issued on April 6, 1923. On p. 19 there is a Russian visa given in London on 7th May 1926.

The visa has a hammer and sickle. The frontier stamp shows that he entered Russia on 13th June 1926. On p. 25 there is a Russian visa given in Moscow on 29th June 1926 for return: there is another stamp, on the same page, dated 30th June 1926, of Moscow.

There is another soviet visa, given in London (apparently 12th Nov. 1926), on p. 26; and there is a frontier stamp dated 20th November 1926. On p. 30 there is the return visa given in Moscow on 29th Nov. 1926: the frontier stamp is, I think, 19th December. This passport is Ext. P. 2444. On 5th April 1927, there is an application for a fresh passport, and passport No. 437486 was issued to him on 19th April 1927. Ext. P. 2445. On p. 7 there is a Russian visa, given I think in London on 22nd April 1927. Frontier stamp dated 1st May 1927: return visa given at Moscow (P. 10) on 27th May 1927 and frontier stamp seems to be 3rd June 1927.

On p. 12 there is a Soviet visa given in Berlin, apparently on 9th May, 1928 (p. 12) frontier stamp, 11th May 1928, On P. 14 there is a soviet visa give in Moscow on Sept. 4th 1928, used on 7th Setp. 1298 according to the frontier stamp.

On p. 16, there is a soviet visa given in Berlin on October 9th 1928; frontier stamp (on opposite page) Oct. 11th 1928; p. 18 return visa in Moscow on June 11, 1929, frontier stamp Jan. 14th 1929.

According to visas on p. 22 and 23 he was in Moscow from Feb, 7th to May 3rd 1929.

I produce an old passport of Clemens Palme Dutt dated 21 Dec. 1921. When he surrendered this he applied for a fresh one: this application (dated 3rd May 1929) is Ext. P, 2447. With it he sent a letter Ext P, 2448, and produced the passport (old) Ext. P, 2446. In reply to his letter we informed him that the application was receiving attention, and ultimately a passport was issued: he called in person at our office to receive the new passport, and wrote a receipt in my presence and signed it in my presence-Ext P. 2449.

I satisfied myself that the man who called was the man whose passport was being surrendered: I compared his appearance with the photographs.

Regarding Ext. P. 2446, p. 16, there is a German visa given in Moscow on 4th June 1926, and a frontier stamp for crossing the E. frontier of Germany on 11th June 1926. It also appears from the passport that he was in Russia in July 1928 see p. 30 (Lithuanian

visa); p. 31 (Latvian visa); p. 32 (Polish visa given in Moscow). There is no Polish frontier stamp for coming out of Russia; he must have come by a soviet ship.

I produce an old passport dated 12th May 1923 which was issued to Rathbone and surrendered when he applied for a new passport in 1928. It is Ext, 2450.

From this passport it appears that the passport was renewed in Moscow by the British Mission on June 1, 1927, (page 8), Page 14 bears a Russian Exit visa given in Moscow on 29th September 1927; frontier stamp, 3rd October 1927.

Page 19 bears Soviet visa given in Berlin on Oct, 20, 1927. Russia entered on 22nd Oct. 1927.

Page 22 bears Russian exit visa given in Moscow on 16th December 1927; used for leaving Russia on 21st December 1927.

Ext. 2338 shows that Harry Pollitt asked for a passport in 1921; and there is another application on 7th. July 1922. I produce a surrendered passport of 7th. July 1922-Ext. P. 2451.

Ext. P. 2344 (1) shows that he applied for another passport on 9th. Nov. 1927. I produce a passport dated 9th. Nov. 27. Ext. P. 2452. That was surrendered when he applied for another passport on 12th. June 1929.

Looking at Ext. P. 2451, I find on p. 28 a Soviet visa given in Berlin on Oct. 14. 1927. The frontier stamp shows that he entered Russia on Oct. 15th.

On page 30 there is a Soviet visa given in Moscow on Oct. 17th 1927; frontier stamp is dated Oct. 20th.

Looking at Ext. P. 2452, page 8 bears soviet visa given in Berlin on Nov. 11. 1927. Frontier stamp Nov. 12th. 1927 (entry to Russia). On page 12 is Soviet exit visa given in Moscow Dec. 6. 1927- frontier stamp (Exit) Dec. 13. 1927. On page 17 there is a Soviet visa given in Paris on May 26. 1928; frontier stamp (entry) May 30, 1928. Page 20, Soviet exit visa in Moscow is dated June 1st. 1928; frontier stamp (exit) is 5th, June 1928. Page 22 bears Soviet visa given in Berlin on Nov. 26. 1928 - frontier stamp (entry) is dated Nov. 27. 1928. On page 24 there is a Soviet exit visa given at Moscow on Dec. 14. 1928; frontier stamp (exit) is dated Dec. 19. 1928. On page 26 there is a Soviet visa given at Berlin on Feb. 9. 1929. frontier stamp (entry) is Feb. 11th. 1929. On page 28 there is a soviet exit visa given at Moscow on Feb. 12. 1929; frontier stamp (exit) is dated Feb. 14. 1929.

On p. 27, there is another Soviet exit visa given at Moscow on March 26. 1922; frontier stamp (exit) is March 28. 1929.

Application Ext. P. 2439 of Graham Pollard was got from my office. He afterwards sent an application for renewal with a letter on Birrell & Garnett's paper dated 12th. June 1928. Ext. P. 2453 (1) & (2).

The passport mentioned in P. 2453 (1) must be the passport issued in pursuance of Ext. P 2439.

I know Mr. Saklatwala by photograph. About August 1927 (some time in the summer) he was informed by the foreign office that his passport was not valid for India.

The document produced Ext. P. 2454 P. is a photo of the right top hand coner of an application form (like Ext. P 2441) in respect of a passport which has been issued. This portion of the passport is required by law to be signed by the applicant.

x x Reserved.

(Sd.) R. Milner-White.

5.11.29.

(Sd.) O. J. Hubbart.

P. W. 306

William Mc. Bride, O. O.

I am Detective Inspector, New Scotland Yard, I am the official photographer employed in the C. I. D., New Scotland yard. I have been 29½ years in the service, 20 years as official photographer at Scotland yard. I have been asked to photograph a large number of documents in the course of my official duties. On 16th Nov. 1925 I was asked to photograph a large number, I made two photographic reproductions of them all from the originals. After photrpraphing them the originals were returned to the special Branch. I could recognise those which I took: Among them were P. 2382 P (1) and (2), P. 2392 P (1) 2394 P (1)-(4) P. 2389 P.(1)-(4), P. 2387 P. (1)-(3), P. 2391 P (1)-(6).

By ct. I can recognise the photos I have taken by seeing the figures on them: most were written by me and some by my assistants.

(Note P. 2391 P (1)-(6) were first identified by the witness, but it then transpired that these had already been identified by Mr.



Burfess, P. W. 303, as having been taken by him. Defence council ask me to record that the documents were actually seen by him.

Sd. R. Milner White,

5. 11. 29.

Sd. William. Mc. Bride.

O. J. Hubbart, O. O. (supplementary)

I have a file regarding Saklatwala and his passport. It contains a letter- Ex. P. 2455-from Saklatwala, dated Berlin, 20th August 1928.

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Sd. R. Milner White

5. 11. 29.

Sd. O. J. Hubbart.

O. J. Hubbart, O. O., (Supplementary)

I produce from my records the following records relating to R. Page Anot

An old passport of 1919 Ex. P. 2462 (1)

An application for passport dated 11 Jan. 1922. Ex. P. 2462 (2)

A letter dated 18th Jan 1922 P. 2462 (3)

An application for passport dated 10th Jan. 1928 P. 2462 (4)

Two applications for endorsement dated 19th May 1921 and 14th

Aug. 1922. P. 2462 (6)

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Sd. R. Milner White,

8. 11. 29.

Sd. O. J. Hubbart.

## P W. 307

R. Stott, Government Examiner of Questioned

Documents, O. O.

I have been in this department since 1920, part of the time as second in command and the rest as incharge of the department. I have had extensive experience of Examination of documents and hand writing.

I have been asked to examine a number of documents in the case.

I have examined documents Nos, P, 2305, 2307 (a) 2308, 2315 2320, 2321, 2324, 2325, 2327. I have formed the opinion that the person who wrote Ex. 2305, 2307 (a) excluding the encircled parts (b) and 2308, also wrote P. 2321, 2325, 2327 2324, 2315 and the red enclosed portion on P. 2320: that is, all were written by the same person, (Note Sipassi).

I have seen document P. 2319. I have also seen P. 2313 and 2407. I am of opinion that the person who wrote the blue ink writing on P. 2319 also wrote 2313 and 2407, (Note: Ajudhia Prasad).

I have seen P. 2447. The writer of this is in my opinion (the enclosed portion) the same as the writer of 2448 and 2449. I am of opinion also that Nos, 345, 1012, 1348 (34) 2063, P were written by the same person as the one who wrote 2447 2448, and 2449. (Note) C. P. Dutt

It is possible to trace typewritten documents as having been written on the same typewriter.

I have compared the typewriting of 2448 with the typewriting of other documents—namely, 526, (43) 1007, 1008, 1859; in my opinion the last four documents were written on the same machine. I have also examined the typewriting of 1348 (34) and 345 and 377: these also were typed, in my opinion, on the same machine, and the three sets of documents mentioned above were all typed on the same machine (Note C. P. Dutt). I have seen documents 1961, 2335 (signed in red) 2336 (signed in blue) and 2455 in my opinion they were all written by one and the same person (Note:— Saklatwala)

I have seen the signatures on 2299, S 1 (marked for identification) 2303 S (Majid's signature) and compared them with the signature on 5:6 (24) in my opinion all four were written by the same person. (Note. M. A. Majid).

I have have seen 2290, and also the writing marked S. 2. for identification): they were in my opinion written by the same person I have also examined the writing in note book P 1261 where my office stamp is found encircled in blue in my opinion these parts

of P 1261 were written by the person who wrote the other two documents mentioned above (Note M. S. Desai).

I have seen P 2280 and 2281. They were written by the same person. I also examined 420 (signed in blue), 1011, 1228 (signature) 1252 (Signature 1295, 1296, 1297, 1300, 1303, 1305, 1309 1310, 2326, 2186 these also were written in my opinion by the person who wrote 2280, and 2281 (S. V. Ghate).

I have seen Ex.P 1885,2303 & (Dange's signature) 2304 (Dange's) and two documents marked S 3 and S 4 (for identification) in my opinion they are written by the same person. I have also seen the initials at the end of 1287 (2) and the signature at the end of 1287 (3) in my opinion they are both by the same person, and by the same man who wrote the other documents. S. A. Dange.

I have seen Ex P 1645, 1647, 1649, 2344 signatures either "Chatto" or "Chattopadhyaya" I am of opinion that all four signatures were written by the same person Note: Chattopadhyaya

I have seen Ex, P 77 and 1469. I think they were written by the same person Donald Campbell.

I have seen Ex P 1950, 2439, signed in blue, 2453 (1) top, 2453 (2) In my opinion the signatures on these documents were by the same person. Note Graham Pollard

I have seen the signature on 2163 and 2043 they are written by the same person as the signatures on P 2286 and 2303, 2304 Nimbkar's signatures.

Note R, S: Nimbkar

I have seen the documents 2289, 2331, 2303 S and 2304 S G. Adhikari signatures and the documents marked S. 5 for identification.

In my opinion they are all in the same man's writing, G. Adhikari I have also seen Ex. P. 1170 1171, 1172 and 1173: these also were in my opinion written by the same person as those mentioned before G. Adhikari

I have seen the signature of "Lakshman Rao Kadam" on 2303 S with the three signatures on 1350 (8) I am of opinion that all these signatures were written by the same person. Note L. R. Kadam.

I have seen documents P 2279, 2303 and 2304 Bradley's signatures. I am of opinion that these were written by the same person and that the same person also wrote P. 650 and 1348 (46) below red line on the last page. Note. B. F. Bradley.

I have seen No. P. 2274 and 2273 English writing I am of opinion that they are in the same writing also the signatures of G. Basak on 2303 and 2304. I have also seen documents P, 254, 255 391, 549, [19], & 549 [21], In my opinion these also were written by the same person who wrote those mentioned above (G. Basak)  
(To be continued,)

Sd. R. Milner White,

6. 11. 29.

Sd. R. Stott.

6. 11. 29.

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## P. W. 308

Dattatraya Kseho Kelkar, Panchgani, Satara, O. O.

I am a teacher in the Hindu High School, Panchgani. I have been there for about 5 years, I know a man called Anant Bhaskar Kardihar- he was a teacher there-about 1923 and 1924. I recognise the photo shown me: it is a photo of Kardikar. The writing on the passport application is like Mr. Kardikar's- Ext P 2456- Mr, Kardikar went away from India- I think, early last year since he has been away I have had letters from him from London and from Berlin. I didn't keep any of the letters, I think I got a letter as that shown to me Ext. 1457 P. It is similar to Mr. Kardikar's writing, but I am not used to photographic representations.

The writing in the lettter Ext P. 1281- is like Mr. Kardikars both front and back.

Recognising photographic writing is difficult to me: as I have never seen it before: I can't form any definite opinion on Ext P 2421 P. I can recognise my own writing in the photo shown to me especially the signature: I am not sure about the body of the letter, but it looks rather like mine- Ext P 2458 P

x x Reserved.

Sd. R. Milner White,

6. 11. 29.

Sd. D. K. Kelkar,

## P. W. 309

R. K. Karanth Santa Cruz, accountant, Bombay, O.O.

I know Mr. Ghate—he is the only one of the accused I know. I have seen Mr. Jhabwala, but I do not know him—I have never spoken to him.

I am still living at "Gladhurst", Santa Cruz. I have been there about 4 years. I have been in Santa Cruz 6 or 7 years and can't remember when I shifted to Gladhurst. Ghate has been my class mate since Dec. 1906 or Jan. 1907. Anybody wanting to write to me lately would address his letter to R. K. Karant, Gladhurst Santa Cruz. I have had a large number of letters addressed like that. Some of them being opened have been found to be intended for Ghate. Mr. Ghate was out of employment some time and when he had no residence he asked me to receive letters for him which would be addressed to me—that is, he didn't give me any instructions, but merely asked that any letters intended for him should be handed over, I did so. I can't say how many received thus—the maximum would be 4 or 5. I can't remember the particulars of the letters. I once remember opening one intended for Ghate. I opened the inner one by mistake and found it was in a language I did not understand. It was in English. I can read English ordinarily. It looked like a clergymen's letter: there was a reference to church in it. After that I asked Mr. Ghate not to use my address any more.

Q. Do you understand what is meant by 'cover address'?

A. No.

Q. What I mean by a cover address is having letter addressed to one man but under the name and address of another: do you understand that?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you understand that up to that time Mr. Ghate had been using you as a cover address?

A. I had not suspected it before, but when I opened this letter I realised it. On one or two of the letters there was an address to Mr. Ghate c/o me.

I had some letters which were addressed to me but on being opened had covers addressed to Ghate. Others were addressed to Ghate c/o me.

I asked Mr. Ghate to stop this practice after I had inadvertently opened one of the inner letters and read it. I came to Meerut yesterday. I sent in an application to see Mr. Jhabwala.

×× *By Nimbkar.* After Mr. Ghate's arrest I was called by  
K. B. Pettigar, Dep. Police Commr. Bombay.

*Re. Ex.* This was probably about two months ago.

(Sd:) R. Milner White.

6.11.29.

(Sd:) R. K. Karant.

## P. W. 310

Kunj Behari Roy, Head Assistant to Bengali  
Translator to Bengal Government, Bengal O.O.

I have been acting as Translator to Government of Bengal about  
25 years. I was given some Bengali documents and journals to  
be translated into English. The translations I have made are  
correct translations of the originals. I produce the translations as  
follows:—

Ex.	P. 11 T is translation of	P. 11.
P 16 T		P 16
P 49 T		P 49 (extracts)
P 53 T	is a comparison of	P 53 (= P 52)
P 72(1) T	.....translation of	P 72(1)
P 76 T		P 76
P 82 T		P 82
P 107 T		P 107
P 108 T		P 108
P 110 T		P 110
P 119 T		P 119
P 121 T		P 121
P 127 T		P 127
P 229 T		P 229

P 232 T	P 232
P 234 T is a comparison of	P 234
P 238 T is a translation of	P 238 (Extracts)
P 241 T	P 241
P 250 T	P 250
P 251 T	P 251
P 253 T	P 253
P 256 T	P 256
P 257 T	P 257
P 258 T	P 258
P 267 T is traslation of	P 267
P 268 T	P 268
P 269 T	P 269
P 270 T	P 270
P 271 T	P 271
P 272 T	P 272
P 273 T	P 273
P 274 T	P 274
P 324 T	P 324
P 355 T	P 355
P 357 T	P 357
P 358 T	P 358
P 366 T comparison of	P 366 (=P 324)
P 368 T	P 368 (=P 232)
P 369 T translation of	P 369 (extract)
P 370 T	P 370 (extract)
P 371 T	P 371 (Extract)
P 373 T	P 373
P 398 T	P 398
P 415 (7)	P 415 (7)
P 416 (12) T	P 416 (12)

P 422 T	P 422
P 440 T	P 440
P 494 T	P 494
P 513 T	P 513 (= P 370)
P 519 T	P 519 (extracts)
P 520 T	P 520
P 529 T	P 529 (= 543)
P 537 T	P 537
P 543 T	P 543 (portion)
P 549 T (6)	P 549 (= 553)
P 553 T	P 553
P 566 T	P 566
P 573 T comparison of	P 573 (= P 234)
P 576 T is translation of	P 576 (extract)
P 577 T	P 577 (= 619)
P 593 T	P 593 (extracts)
P 595 T	P 595 (= 324)
P 600 T	P 600
P 607 T	P 607 (= 52)
P 618 T has been checked by me with P 618	
P 619 T is a translation of P 619	
P 620 T	P 620 (621)
P 621 T	P 621
P 622 T	P 622
P 625 T	P 625
P 626 T	P 626
P 627 T	P 627
P 628 T	P 628
P 629 T	P 629
P 630 T	P 630
P 634 T	P 634



P 680 T	P 680 (extract)
P 681 T	P 681
P 682 T	P 682
P 683 T	P 683 (234)
P 684 T	P 684
P 687 T	P 687 (= 234)
P 688 T	P 688
P 689 T	P 689
P 691 T	P 691
P 692 T	P 692 (part of 519)
P 693 T	P 693
P 694 T	P 694
P 1414 (b) T	P 1414(b)
P 1865(1) T	P 1865
P 1892 T	P 1892
P 1893 (1),(2),(3),T is a translation of P1893 (1)(2)(3)	
P 1991 S. T	P 1991S
P 1996 T	P 1996
P 2008 T	P 2008 P
P 2118 T	P 2118 C
P 2022 T	P 2022 C
P 2023 T	P 2023 P&P.E.(P=423)
P 2026 T	P 2026 C
P 2027 T	P 2027 C
P 2028 T	P 2028 P
P 2029 T	P 2029C
P 2032 T	P 2032P
P 2033 T	P 2033P
P 2035 T	P 2035P
P 2038 T	P 2038P
P 2048 T	P 2048C

P 2056 T	P 2056P
P 2059 T	P 2059P
P 2060 T	P 2060P(Bengali protion)
P 2062 T	P 2062P
P 2098 T	P 2098P
P 2120 T	P 2120P
P 2125 T	P 2125 C
P 2130 T	P 2130 P
P 2142 T	P 2143 P
P 2161 T	P 2161P(Bengali portion)
P 2168 T	P 2168 P
P 2256 T	P 2256 P
P 2264 (1) & (2)	P 2264 (1) & (2)
P 2265	P 2265

I also have translated a speech delivered by R. R. Mitra on 20th Jan. 1929. My translation is Ex. P. 2459 T.

All the corrections on the copies produced are by me. In case of documents of which there are Bengali and English versions, I have compared them and if they correspond, I have said so : if they do not correspond, I have translated the variant passages.

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Sd. R. Milner White

7-11-29.

Sd. Kunja Behari Roy

7-11-29.

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P. W. 311

Solaman Ezekiel, Senior Translator, Office of Oriental Translator to Government Bombay O. O.,

I have been in the service 22 years. I have been here for

some time and seen some documents which I have translated from the original. I have translated them correctly to the best of my ability. I produce my translations:—

Ex. No.

✓ P 492 T	translated from	P 492	
✓ P 777 T		P 777	
✓ P 786 T		P 786	
✓ P 787 T		P 787	
✓ P 790 T		P 790	
✓ P 791 T		P 791	
✓ P 792 T		P 792	
✓ P 797 T		P 797	
✓ P 802 T		P 802	
✓ P 810 T		P 810	
✓ P 829 T		P 829	
✓ P 863 T		P 863	(=492)
✓ P 876 T		P 876	
✓ P 926 T		P 926	
✓ P 928 T		P 928	
✓ P 929 T		P 926	
✓ P 930 T		P 930	
✓ P 931 T		P 931	(=792)
✓ P 938 T		P 938	
✓ P 939 T		P 939	
✓ P 940 T		P 940	
✓ P 941 T		P 941	
✓ P 949 T		P 949	
✓ P 951 T		P 951	
✓ P 953 T		P 953	
✓ P 954 T		P 954	
✓ P 958 T		P 958	
✓ P 960 T		P 960	
✓ P 961 T		P 961	
✓ P 662 T		P 962	
✓ P 966 T		P 966	
✓ P 967 T		P 967	
✓ P 972 T		P 972	
✓ P 973 T		P 973	
✓ P 985 T		P 985	

P 986 T	P 986
P 989 T	P 989
✓ P 1002 T	P 1002
✓ P 1016 T	P 1016
✓ P 1019 T	P 1019
✓ P 1107 T	P 1107
P 1261 T	P 1261
P 1263 T	P 1263
✓ P 1351 T	P 1351
✓ P 1353 T	P 1353
✓ P 1373 (10) T	P 1373 (10)
✓ P 1373 (17) T	P 1373 (17)
P 1375 T	P 1375
R 1440 T	P 1440
✓ P 1462 T	P 1462
✓ P 1463 T	P 1463
✓ P 1464 T	P 1464
✓ P 1465 T	P 1465
✓ P 1480 T	P 1480
✓ P 1481 T	P 1481
✓ P 1482 T	P 1482
✓ P 1483 T	P 1483
✓ P 1484 T	P 1484
✓ P 1485 T	P 1485
✓ P 1575 (7) T	P 1575 (7)
P 1744 T	P 1744

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Sd/- R. Milner White

7. 11. 29.

Sd/- S. Ezekiel

7-11-29.

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P. W. 312

Sardar Sher Sing, Gurmukhi Translator to Government of Punjab, O.O.

I have been here for some time and have seen some of the exhibits which have been given to me for translation. I have translated them correctly to the best of my knowledge and ability. I produce the translations and have satisfied myself that the numbers of exhibits entered on them are correct. The translations are:

P 451 T	from	P 451;	P 1408 T	from	P 1408
P 549 (2) T	„	P 549 (2)	P 1879 (1) T	„	P 1879 (1)
P 748 T	„	P 748	P 1904 T	„	P 1904
P 749 T	„	P 749	P 1905 T	„	P 1905
P 750 T	„	P 750	P 1906 T	„	P 1906
P 889 T	„	P 889	P 1912 T	„	P 1912
P 1393 T	„	P 1393	P 1910 T	„	P 1910
P 1405 T	„	P 1405	P 1911 T	„	P 1911

P 746 T—translation of 39 articles from the full set of Kirt (also included in P. 911 and 918), which is Ex. P 746.

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Sd. R. Milner White.

Sd. Sher Singh

7-11-29.

B. A.

7-11-29.

## P. W. 313

Murid Husain, Translator to Government of Punjab, O.O.

I have been in service about 5 years. I was given some exhibits to translate. I translated them correctly to the best of my knowledge and ability. I have satisfied myself that the numbers shown on the translations correspond to the numbers of the exhibits translated. I produce my translations:—

P. 172T	from	P. 172
183T		183
184T		184
187T		187
188T		188

189T	189
192T	192
205T	205
206T	206
207T	207
301T	302
303T	303
1586T	1586
322T	322
344T	344
375T	375
399T	399
428(12)T	428(12)
497T	497(10)
548(10)T	548
699T	699
700T	700
701T	701
710T	710
725T	725
738T	738
741T	741
742T	742 (substantially the same as P. 418)
747T	P. 747 (Kirti) (extracts). (March 1929 edi- tion publishes letter from Communist International of 2-12-28 which is Ex.P. 334(2) ).
	The Kirti of the same month publi- shes an open letter to Independence of India League, Ben- gal which is the same as Ex. P. 2254.
754T	754
763T	763
768T	768

771T	771
883T	883
909T	909
917T	917
1087T	1087
1088T	1088
1090T	1090
1091T	1091
1092T	1092
1101T	1101
1403T	1403
1407T	1407
1439T	1439
1559T	1559
1560T	1560
1643T	1643
1688T	1688
1879(2)T	1879(2)
1879(3)T	1879(3)
1881T	1881
1882T	1882
1884(1)T	1884(1)
1884(2)T	1884(2)

Ex. P. 1989 is substantially a translation in Urdu of the Bengali document—P 1991 S. I saw the English translation of P 1991S and compared it with the urdu of P 1989: they were substantially the same.

1902T	from	P. 1902
1903T		1903
1908T		1908
1913T		1913
1914T		1914
1934T		1934
1937T		1937
1938T		1938

P 1993 is a m.s. of 1993 (1) which is printed: both these are substantially translations of the Hindi document P 367, already translated by the Hindi Translator.

2121T from 2121P (= 2315P(1))  
2168'17T 2168(1)  
2314T 2314  
x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White

7-11-29.

Sd/- Morid Husain.

Urdu Translator.

Lt.-Col. A. Rah man I.M.S., (continued) O.O.

Some time ago a letter came addressed to Dange, etc., the letter which is now without envelope was the one which was in it: I opened the letter and read it, and handed it over to the Additional District Magistrate, the signature, "M.N. Roy" was on it—Ex.P 2460 S.

I produced the Jail Register. It is a rule that when a prisoner (or under trial) is admitted to jail, his thumb impression is taken in the register. The Register is Ex P 2461. There is no departure from this rule. The entry relating to Ajudhia Prasad was made in Col. O'Neil's time.

I know S.V. Ghate: his writing has been habitually submitted to me, and I am acquainted with it. In my opinion he wrote Ex P 416 (4), 420 (signature) 421 and 421E, 449, 467(5) (looks like it), 468'2, 474 (signature) and 474E, 480 (excluding bottom portion, which is Usmani's writing) and 48cE, 482, 488, 549 (20) (written portion). In 782 the signature of Muzaffar Ahmad, Nimbkar and Ghate I recognise.

P 821 (signature), 823, 825, 1011; 1139 (signature,) 1228 (signature), 1252 (signature) 1284 (name on front page. I am not sure of the entry on 17th January), 1287 (16,, 1289 (first four pages), 1290, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1300, 1303, 1305, 1309, 1310, 1313 (signature) 1316 (encircled portion), 1323 (reverse), 1329 (initials), 1342, 1343.

I know the writings similarly of Thengdi, Jhabwala, Joglekar, Nimbkar, Mirajkar. I recognise the initials and signature on p. 1 of Thengdi, Ghate and Mirajkar on Ex P. 1344, I don't think it is Jhabwala's and I can't say as to the rest. On p. 2 I recognise Thengdi's signature.



*See After P.W. 319*  
(To be continued).

Sd/- R. Milner White

7-11-29.

M.A. Rahman

Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,

7-11-29.

R. Stott, G.E. of Q.D., O.O (continued).

Seeing P. 2361 (2) and (3), these three were in my opinion written by the same person. I have also had photos of P 2386 and 2431 [1] [blue encircled part] and have examined them, and am of opinion that the two letter were written by the person who wrote the three former (note R. Page Annot.)

I have seen signatures purporting to be P.C. Joshi's on 2303S and S.6 (marked for identification); also P 2294 P and 2295P and I am of opinion that they were written and signed by the same person. I have also examined P 126 and 526 (8), and am of opinion that these two documents were written by the same person who wrote the first four. (Note P.C. Joshi).

I have seen the signature "Mirajkar" in S. 6 and also P 2285 P [signature and writing]; and am of opinion that they were written by the same person. I have also seen other signatures which in my opinion were written by the same person. I have also seen P 1010, 1287 (1) [excluding the portion below the signature]; 1358, 1348 [17], [the parts of 1348 [17] on the sides marked [1] & [3] and the part which bears my office stamp marked 1348 [14]. I am of opinion that these letters four exhibits were written by the person who wrote the first two. ]Note S.S. Mirajkar)

I have seen P 2271 P, and have taken them as written by the same person and am of that opinion. I have also seen P 1628 P, and am of opinion that this was written by the person who wrote the former. Note K.L. Ghosh.

I have seen P 2284 P, and have examined it [excluding the vernacular signature] and also P 1124, and am of opinion that these two were written by the same person. [Note K.N. Joglekar].

I have seen the signature "Shaukat Usmani" on P 2303.S & also on S 6 and other signatures. I have also seen Ex P 2287P and the red encircled part on S. 7 [marked for identification]. I have taken these as written by the same person and am of that opinion. I have also seen the blue pencil writing on P 995 and the document 1287 [5]

(excluding top portion), the signature on P 1574, am of opinion that the writing specified in the last three documents is that of the person who wrote the first mentioned documents. (Note Shaukat Usmani).

I have examined P 2282 P, and the part signed in red on S 8 marked for identification). I am of opinion that these are written by the same person. I have also examined P 1939P [heading, body writing and signature on telegram], and am of opinion that it was written by the person who wrote the first mentioned batch. (Note S.H. Jhabwala).

As regards "Mirajkar's documents, I have also seen, I think, the documents marked [for identification] S 9 and S, 10 but I have not got the photo here: I think I could find them in my office.

I have examined the red-encircled part in Ex P 2456, the second of the two letters (addressed to Kishakaka) in P 2457 and also P 2421 P. I am of opinion that all these four were written by the same person. [Note—Kardikar].

I have examined P 378 and P 2392: I am of opinion that they were both written by the same person. [Note—Upadhyaya].

I have seen the signatures on Ex P 1138, 1256, 1512, 1868, 1888, 1897, 2092, 2253, 2254, 2385, 2339 and 2379[1], 2380[1], 2460 S, and enclosure to 2344, in my opinion all these were signed by the same person. [Note—M.N. Roy].

I have examined also the typewriting in Ex P 1256, 2512, 1676, 1888, 1898[1], 1899, 2253 [and its carbon copy, 2254], 2092, 377[1]. It is my opinion that all these exhibits were typed on the same typewriter.

I have also seen the writing on 2380 [1] and the blue encircled writing on 2320 P and am of opinion that they were both written by the same person, [Note—M.N. Roy].

I remember having seen Ex P. 1859 before the present case began. I saw it in the office of Mr. Jacobs, who was Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bombay. I was asked by him to examine the more or less invisible ink writing on it, with a view to finding out what was written in this invisible ink. This I was asked to do without the use of chemicals. I was further asked by Mr. Jacob to suggest certain chemicals which would make the invisible writing clear and which would show if there was further invisible writing on the document which was not visible to the eye. I made these

suggestions and left the document with Mr. Jacob.

x x reserved.

Sd/- R. Milner White

8-11-29,

Sd/- R. Statt

8-11-29.

C. W. Renshaw (Supplementary) O. O.

I recognise the newspaper: it is a paper on sale at the Communist Book Shop. It is a Sunday Worker of 17th June 1928. There is a group photo in it, five men. Among them I know Nat. Watkins Tom Mann Harry Pollitt and Wal. Harrington—that is, all but the middle one.

I have already spoken of Tom Mann Harry Pollitt I know as connected with the National Minority Movement, and so is Nat. Watkins Harrington is also known as a communist, I have attended many meetings at which all these four have spoken. Harry Pollitt and Wal Harrington were among those who were tried in 1925.

This copy is Ex P. 2463.

I also recognise the two copies Ex. P. 2464 and 2465—as copies of the Sunday Worker for 29th Jan. 1928, and 24th Feb. 1929.

I also recognise the papers shown to me as copies of the Workers Life in Ex. Dec. 7, 1928, and Jan. 28th. 1927 Ex. P. 2466 and P 2467.

This is the official organ of the Communist Party.

I also recognise the paper—The Worker of Jan. 4th 1929—Ex. P. 2468.

It is the official organ of the National Minority Movement.

X X reserved.

(Sd). R. Milner White

8-11-29.

Sd. C. W. Renshaw.

# P. W. 314

*M. Ali Mohammad, Urdu Translator to High Court,  
Allahabad. O. O.*

I come here on 24th September to translate documents, and I have made translations of certain exhibits. I have brought my translations: they are correct. I produce them as follows :—

Ex. P.	731 T	from	P. 731
	1883 (1) T		P. 1883(1)
	1883 (2) T		P. 1883(2)
	1883 (3) T		P. 1883(3)
	2108 T		P. 1108
	1930 (a) T		1930(a)
	1930 (1) (b) T		1930(1) (b)
	1930 (2)(a) T		1930(2) (a)
	1930 (2) (b) T		1930(2) (b)
	1907 T		1907
	2205 T		2205
	2105 T		2105
	2103 T		2103
	2104 T		2104
	1932 T		1932
	1935 T		1935
	910 T		910
	888 T		888
	1929 (1) T		1929 (1)
	1927 T		1927
	2107 T		2107
	2106 T		2106
	1926 (1) T		1926 (1)
	890(1) & (2) (T)		890(1) & (2)
	1936 T		1936
	1928 (1) T		1928 (1)
	2109 T		2109
	1925 T		1925
	1931 T		1931
	1933 T		1933
	726 T		726 (Extract from Kirti)
	762 T		762

2316T from 2316

In addition to this I have translated some speeches as follows:—  
Ex. P. 2469 T by R. R. Mitra on 19th Jan. 1929.

P. 2470 T by D. K. Goswami on 19th Jan 1929

P 2471 T by Muzaffar Ahmad on 20th Jan. 1929.

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Sd. R. Milner White

8-11-29

Sd. Ali Mohammed

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## P. W. 213 COTD.

Abdul Lais Mahomed, Reporter O. O. (Supplementary)

I was present at a meeting on the Maidan on 19th Jan 1929. I took shorthand notes of the second speech of R. R. Mitra and the speech of D. K. Goswami. The correct transcription of the speech of R. R. Mitra is Ex. P. 2469.

Ex P 2470 is a correct transcription of the speech made by D. K. Goswami.

The meeting was in connection with boycott of the Simon Commission.

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Sd. Abdul Lais Mohammad.

8-11-29

## P. W. 236 CTD.

Abdul Wadud, Reporter, O. O. (Supplementary.)

I was present at a meeting held at Mirzapur Park on 20th Jan. 1929. It was to celebrate Lenin's 5th anniversary. Muzaffar Ahmad made a speech in Urdu. I took shorthand notes of his speech. My transcript is Ex P 2471. It is correct.

x x reserved

Sd. R. Milner White

8-11-29

Sd. Md. Abdul Wadud.

8-11-29

## P. W. 315

*R. S. Jitendra Mahan Mitter, Govt. Reporter to Govt. Bengal, O. O.*

I am English reporter to Govt. of Bengal. I attended a meeting at Mirzapur Park on 20th Jan. 1929—it was a Lenin anniversary. I took notes of a speech made by P. Spratt in English. I transcribed it. My transcription is Ex. P. 2472. It is correct.

x x reserved.

Sd/ R. Milner White

8/11/29.

Read and found correct.

Sd/ J.M. Mitter.

8/11/29.

P. W.

*N. H. Dey, Reporter, O. O. (Supplementary).*

I was present at a meeting at Mirzapur Park on 20th Jan. 1929, to celebrate the 5th anniversary of Lenin's death. I took down some portion of the speech of R. R. Mitra—the first part.

I transcribed it : my transcription is Ex: P. 2459. It is correct.

× × reserved.

Sd/. R. Milner White

8/11/29

Sd/. N. H. De

8/11/29. .

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## P. W. 316

*S. I. Gulab Singh, Finger Print Expert, F. P. B., Allahabad, O. O.*

I have been working as a finger print expert since 1914.

I have examined the thumb impression shown to me-Ex. P. 2232 (1), 2230 (1), 2461 (1), and photos Ex. P. 2473 2473 (1).

The mark in 2230 (1) is blurred. The rest are identical. The blurred one is of the same type and formation as the others, but it is impossible to see minute details.

× × by Sehgal. I learnt at the Finger Print Bureau Allahabad. Each print has ridge characteristics, and if they are identical the identification is certain. There are deltas, beginnings, ends, and islands--these are ridge characteristics. I don't know palmistfy. I couldn't tell whether thumb print-say one made from a soap dye-was a forged one or not, unless I got a genuine one for comparison. Unless I take a print or have it taken in my presence, I could not say whether a print is from a left thumb or a right thumb, or a dye, etc. I was not taught the special marks of a special finger or toe; I was only taught how to recognise the marks. I consider my knowledge perfect.

× × reserved.

Sd/. R. Milner White

8/11/29.

Sd/. Gulab Singu

8/11/29.

## P.W. 317

*Panchanand Mukherjee, Security Clerk to Thos. Cook & Son,  
Calcutta, O. O.*

I am employed by Thos. Cook and Sons, Calcutta, since 1918.

When money is sent through us to some one in India, advices or telegrams are first sent to us. We subsequently get a confirmation of the telegraphic advice. When we get the notice from the London Office, we at once advise the parts. When he comes to take the money, we get a receipt from him. Unless he proves his identity, as far as I know, he won't be paid. I produce from my office the relevant documents relating to a payment of £. 200 to one P. Spratt.

- Ex. P. 2474 . . . . . Decoded telegram of 3rd May 1928-£. 200 in Traveller's Cheques to be paid to Philip Spratt C/o Kishori Lal Ghosh Certified copy.
- P. 2474 (1) . . . . . Confirmation letter, Showing remitter's name as Hugo Ruthbone.
- P. 2474 (2) . . . . . Letter of advice, dated 5th May, to Mr. Spratt (original).
- P. 2474 (3) . . . . . Receipt by Mr. Spratt, who was identified by his British passport.

x x reserved.

Sd/ B. Milner White,

9/11/29.

Sd/ P. Mukherjee

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## P. W. 318

B. Gya Prasad, Prosecuting Inspector, Meerut, O. O.

I have been acting as court clerk in the trial. I know the accused. Some of them have written things in my presence.



The following are the details :-

S. 1	Ex. P. 2475	written by	M. A. Majid.
S. 2	P 2476		M. G. Desai.
S. 3	P 2477		S. A. Dange.
S. 4	P 2478		S. A. Dange.
S. 5	P 2479		G. Adhikari.
S. 7	P 2480		Shaukat Usmani.
S. 8	P 2481		S. H. Jhabwala.
S. 9	P 2482		S. S. Mirajkar.
S. 10	P 2483		S. S. Mirajkar.

Q. While you have been working here in court, has there been any occasion on which any of the accused made a request to the magistrate in respect of a letter from M. N. Roy.

A. Yes on a particular day Mr. Dange and Mr. Shaukat Usmani made this request.

Q. Afterwards was any letter corresponding to that description produce.

A. Yes-one was produced and exhibited and marked probably Ex. P 2460S. It was shown by the magistrate to Mr. Sinha who showed it to the accused. On that day I saw it. The case was postponed for some time-about half an hour-while they saw it.

x x by Dange. I was called by the court to give evidence. The documents were with me : they were sent for and then marked 'for identification' by the court. The court did not give any instructions. I know they were marked because I was present in court then. The taking of signatures on these papers was required by the practice and procedure of the court.

The Roy letter was first mentioned by Dange. I don't remember the date : it was one or two days before the prosecution filed a statement about it. Mr. Usmani also mentioned the letter that day. I can't remember the actual words used. I am sure Usmani joined with Dange in the request. I don't remember any one else joining in.

I have not read the application which Mr. Khairat Nabi presented I am not sure whether Dange and Usmani were mentioned in it. I have not seen the magistrate's order on it.

x x by Nimbkar. I took over charge on 6th or 7th May 1929. I am court officer in charge of records. Before that I was P. I. at Jhansi. I was attached then to the police service of the U. P.

When petitions are given to the magistrate, orders are passed. These documents are eventually kept with the court

clerk. I suppose he files them. These documents were with me as they were marked for identification. On each of them there is an order by the magistrate 'File', except on P 2475 and 2478 on P 2478 there is the order but it is unsigned: on P 2475 there is no order "File", but the docket signed by the magistrate is there. On the day of hearing, the papers were produced by the court clerk, when the handwriting expert was giving evidence, and then being marked were given to me as I am in charge of exhibits.

*Re. Ex.* The request in which Dange and Usmani was that there was a letter from M. N. Roy addressed to them, and it should be handed over to them.

Sd. R. Milner White,

Sd. Gaya Prasad.

9-11-29.

*Note.*

Mr. Sinha has objected to this witness evidence on two grounds:— (1) the witness is a court official and therefore is in a special position of trust perhaps-privileged position and cannot give evidence about what happened in his presence. I can see no force in this argument. He can give evidence on facts, just as (to use Mr. Sinha's own example) I could be called in subsequent proceedings to give evidence as to anything which happened in my presence

(2) In particular, the evidence about the "Roy letter" is inadmissible for two reasons (a) the petition was addressed to me and therefore the P. I's evidence is not the "best" evidence: and (b) I had ordered that the prosecution should only use the signature of the letter.

As regards (a) in my opinion the test as the "best" evidence is not to whom the remark was addressed, but who heard it: anyone who heard it is as good a witness as I could be as to what was said, or to the fact that something was said. As regards (b) my order if referred only to the letter itself and not to circumstances connected with it. The order specifically said that the prosecution could not use *the contents* of the letter: there was nothing about the antecedent circumstances and I see no harm in proving them if they are worth anything. I therefore over rule all the objections.

Sd. R. Milner White

9-11-1929

## P. W. 319

J.S. Fordham Joint Magistrate, Allahabad, O.O.

I was educated at Downing College Cambridge. I was up from 1922-1926. There was an undergraduate named Spratt there at the same time. I don't remember his initial. As far as I remember he was up from 1922-25. There was only one man of the name of Spratt at the College when I was there. I can recognise him again. I also recognise the photo in Ex. P. 2442.

XX by *Mr. Chakarvarti*.

There were about 160 students in the college at that time. We don't have classes. We had lectures and one college Tutor. I can't remember the number of lecturers. Lecturers come from various colleges to lecture according to our subjects. My subject was history. I don't remember Spratt's subject. The Tutor used to give us "Esceats". I sat for 3 examinations. I can't say how many Spratt sat for. I last saw him at the College, and since then not till to-day.

XX by *Mr. Sinha*. I am Joint Magistrate, Allahabad. I came out in December 1926. I have been in Bareilly, Moradabad and Allahabad. I have not been on deputation under the Government of India.

Before I came here I read the Press reports. I had other sources of information about the case. I heard Mr. Langford Jame's description of the accused singing the Red Flag. He came to Allahabad in connection with this case. I have talked to lots of people about the case. I knew nothing about any one in the case except Spratt.

I was not prominent in the social life of the University, the Union, or Games.

There are a few contemporaries of mine at Cambridge who are now in India—half a dozen or less. There is Husain (J.M. of Agra), and Desai J.M. of Fyzabad).

Spratt was an acquaintance.

xx by *Dange*. I was in England in 1926. I was there when the General Strike took place. Cambridge undergraduates went to help Govt. to break the strike: some helped to run the transport. I don't know if any other paper but the Daily Herald was published then. I can't say how many men from the College helped the Government. We had discussions about the strike. The general opinion was against the strike: I was one of the majority.

xx by *Joglekar*. I have studied law: I am not a barrister. I

have had no legal qualification except the knowledge derived from books and a year's probation at Cambridge.

re-Ex. I got a 1st in History.

I played Association football, hockey and cricket-college colony in all three and University Trial Colony in "Soccer".

Sd. R. Milner White,

Sd. J.S. Fordham,

9-11-29.

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Lt. Col. A. Rahman, O.O. (continued).

I recognise Spratt's signature on Ex. P. 2474(3)

I consider that the signatures and writings on the following exhibits are by Ghate: 1348(7).

On P. 1348 (18) I can recognise the signatures of Jhabwala, Mirajkar, Ghate, Nimbkar, Thengdi, and Dange and Joglekar.

P. 1348(24) looks like Dange's writing.

The signature on 1348 (32) is Ghate's.

I can recognise the signatures of Dange, Muzaffar Ahmad, Ghate, Mirajkar, Joglekar, Spratt, Jhabwala, Nimbkar on Ex. P. 1348(41): the handwriting looks like Dange's.

I recognise Joglekar, Thengdi, Ghate, Nimbkar and Mirajkar's signatures on P. 1355(7) (a).

I recognise the signatures of Ghate, Joglekar, Mirajkar and Thengdi on Ex. P. 1373(7).

P. 1470 is in Ghate's writing.

On P.A, C, of 1494 is Spratt's writing—page D, Ghate's E, Thengdi's. The signature P. 1602P is Ghate's: and it is his writing on P. 1901 P and 2047P, and 2082 & 2090 (signature), 2127P, 2128P, 2137P 2157P (excluding last portion, which looks like Shaukat Usmani's), 2186, 2187, 2188. In 1344, I recognise Thengdi's signature on p. 3, Joglekar's on p. 5, on p. 9, Ghate's writing, on p. 10 and 11, Ghate's writing and also on p. 13; on p. 20 Thengdi's signature, and on p. 21, Ghate's writing; on p. 35 Nimbkar's signature, Dange's on p. 40 and 43: Nimbkar's on p. 47: Thengdi's on p. 49: Jhabwala's and Ghate's on p. 53: Mirajkar's on p. 58, Nimbkar's on p. 58: Nimbkar's on p. 65 Jhabwala's on p. 69: Joglekar's on p. 78: Nimbkar's on p. 83 and 89: Ghate's on p. 90 Nimbkar's on 93, Ghate's on p. 103, and Nimbkar's on p. 110. Thengdi's on p. 112 and 117, Dange's on p. 119, Joglekar's, on p. 122, Ghate's on p. 130, and Joglekar's: Nimbkar on p. 137, and 139: Ghate on p. 140, Thengdi on p. 144 and 145: Nimbkar on p. 148, 156, Dange's signature on p. 160. Joglekar's on p. 162 and 165.

The writing on P. 2326 is Ghate's. The signature on 2403P is Nimbkar's; 2405P is Bradley's writing, so is 2406P. Ghate's signature is on 2408P. 2409P is in Joshi's writing: 2410P bears two signatures of Jhabwala, on 2411P (1) and (2) Bradley's writing, and signatures; 2412P is in Bradley's writing, so is 2413P, 2414P, 2415P, 2416P, 2417P; 2418P is in Mirajkar's writing; and 2419P in Spratt's writing; on 2420P is Goswami's signature:

Joglekar's writing is on 547(2) (signature), 547(3) (signature), 1348(10a) 1348(12) (signature), 1509; 2046P 2078P (signatures);

Nimbkar's writing and signatures are on 771(signature) 780(signature); On 837 I recognise the signatures of Ghate, Nimbkar, Joglekar, Mirajkar, Thengdi, and Thengdi's again at the end. Nimbkar's signature is on 1348(6), 1348(26) (initial), 1348(33) (initials), 1348(42) (initials), 1508, 1740, 1741 (signature and writing), 1743, 1765, 1770 (writing and signature), 1774, 1777, 1796, 2163 (writing and signature). Desai's signature is on 523(4).

No. 337 is in Usmani's writing, so is 957, 996(signature), 1564(signature on first page), 1565(writing), 1771(with corrections in green ink by Bradley), 1895, 2138P.

I recognise the signatures of Spratt, Bradley, Shaikat Usmani, Goswami, Muzaffar Ahmad, Basak, Thengdi Ghosh, Chakravarti, Mitra, Ghate, Jhabwala, Mirajkar, Adhikari, Desai, M.A. Majid, in Ex. P. 2484.

I am uncertain of the signatures and writing on P. 1345. 1348(5) (encircled portion: I recognise Muzaffar Ahmad's signature) and 1373(1).

(To be continued.)

*See After N.W. 320*

Sd. R. Milner White,

9-11-29.

Sd. M.A. Bahman,

Lt. Col. L.M.S.,

9-11-29.

#### ORDER.

Messrs Joglekar and Nimbkar say that they are going to appeal against my order of to-day, and ask for an adjournment relying on S. 443 (3). I do not think an adjournment is necessary; it cannot be compulsory, because my finding is that the chapter does not apply, and therefore the sub-section quoted also does not apply.

As a matter of fact I shall be glad to give any reasonable facility to appeal. Copies have to be got, and until they are got nothing can be done. I am prepared to give an adjournment on Tuesday evening—i. e. from Wednesday, 13th. onwards; but I wish to make it clear that I do so not because I consider it compulsory but because there is in my opinion sufficient time for the preparation of appeal if the adjournment is granted then, and there is no advantage gained by adjourning earlier.

Sd. R. Milner White,

9-11 29.

P. W. 320

R. A. Horton, D. I. G., Police, O. O.

I am D. I. G. of Police in the U. P. I signed and filed the two petitions of complaint in this case. The ones shown me of 15th March 1929 and 11th June 1929—Ex. P. 2485 and 2486. I obtained the sanction of the Government to these complaints. I know the signature of Mr. Haig, Secretary to Government of India: It is off the sanction, Ex. P. 2485 (1). I got the sanction for the second complaint: I know Mr. J. A. Woodhead's signature: the signatures on the second sanction—Ex. P. 2486 (1) are his.

In the course of my inspection of various documents I have come across documents bearing figures, either alone or in the middle of M. S. S. I have taken steps to decipher the meaning. P. 2312 P (1) was seen by me. All the numerical cyphers referred are worked on poems to be found in Palgrave's Golden Treasury. P. 2312 P (1) is worked on "After Blenheim". For instance "1/12, 1/11" means that you take the 12th letter of the 1st line and then the 11th letter of the first line, and in this case they give the letters R. E, the first letter of the word "received". The translation in full is P. 2312 (1) T, which I file.

Ex. P. 1829 (1)—annexure to letter of 5th March 1927—is in two parts. The part above the line on the first page is worked out on "After Blenheim". This says "Code IL Penseroso". I then went to "IL Penseroso" and found that it gave an intelligible meaning to the rest. The translation of it is Ex. P. 1829 (1) T.

I believe "Qatim" to be a brother of Muzaffar Ahmad. "Victor" is Fazl Ilahi.

Ex. P. 1671P (letter to 'Dear Mac' and signed 'Len' posted by Bradley. There is cypher in two places: it is based on the same poem Gray's Elegy. It is worked the wrong way round: i. e., 6-11 instead of meaning the 6th letter of the 1st line, means the 1st letter of the 6th line.

In the body of the letter the cypher meaning R. K. Karant, Gladhurst Santa Cruz, Bombay. The postscript means "Report follows".

translation is Ex. 1671T.

P. 1009 (draft in Spratt's writing of 4th Dec. 1927) There is some cypher in it, which is based on "Sally in our Alley", and this means "N. S. Mudkatti, Post Superintendents office, Sewri Bombay 15." I have discovered that there is same one of that name in that office. Translation is P. 1009T. Ex.P. 674 has some cypher in the body of letter. To decipher this you apply Gray's Elegy (right way round).

This then means "Karantt"-Ex.P. 674T.

The phrase "descending on a concert performer" refers to the arrest of Ahid Ali lascar bearing a letter addressed to Karantt, with interior envelopes for Ghate, and other 'Jack' (Ex.P.1696).

I have found also many names referred to in documents which are obviously wrong names. I have found that it is a simple transposition cypher-l-c the consonants are put on one consonant in the alphabet, and the vowels are similarly advanced-e.g. *Cunfa* becomes *Dange*. It appears that the last consonant of the 1st syllable is not transposed but remains the same. I have not found any instance in which you go Back. The letter H seems to remain. I take Ex.P. 2321. "Big Friend" in this refers to M N Roy, and the letter referred to is P. 2320. In P. 1859, "David" means "George Allison alias "Donald Campbell": "Baker" is Saklatwala: he is thus referred to also as "Baker" in Ed.P.2329, 2328p (2), 1008, 1009 and 2402. "Ewan" is Iyengar of Madras by the transposition Cypher. "Dandee" means "Madras", 'Rhug' is "Shah" by transposition. "Victor" is Fazal Ilahi. The "Y-M-C-A. Conference" is the "Communist Party Conference". I have found "Y-M-C-A." used for the Communist Party in other letters (E-G-P 1829, 2328, 1012, 1009).

In P 1829, 'Tel' is Victor, i-e. Fazl Ilahi: "Methodist Church" means "Workers and Peasants Party", So 'Methodism' in P 1859 means the same: , the phrase in that letter is explained by the contest Y. M. means the old Communist Party. "Des" or "Desmond," means Spratt. 'Universities convocation means Trade Union Congress. To same name is used in P 2328, 1008,2329P (1), 2186 and 674. "J" in that letter (1829) is Joglekar. 'University men is "Trade Union men Father Ambrose" in my opinion is not.Spratt, and there is no evidence about the man whom I think it is. David, 'indisposition' was that he was in jail.

Taking P. 1007, I consider the writer to be C. P. Dutt. The "Old friends" are communists. "M. S. S" means money. "F. H." means Ghate, and the phrase means that Ghate knows some one in the Columbo who could send some money. Short M.S. means a small sum: and "news" means "money" in the same connexion; so also in the invisible ink portion, "Hamid" means Ajudhia

Prasad. In P. 2328 P (2) (letter of 14th June 1927 from Des to Dear Douglas) "Douglas" is C. P. Dutt. I have found him referred to as C. P. Dutt, C. P. D. C., J., Joe, John, Douglas, Brother; 'Methodist Policy' means the policy regarding the W. & P. Party. Zagar is Begar Begar Bugarhota. 'Church work' is not proceeding very happily", possibly means work in the National Congress. 'Hig' is Joglekar. "Huz" is Jhabwala "Lar" is Mirajkar; "Shauce" is Thengdi. The phrase "you should receive some sort of M. S. by the end of August ask Baker about it: it should not be sent direct by me or Aml". "M. S. S." again means "money". My interpretation is that "you should send some money by the end of August: ask Saklatwala about it: it should not be sent directly to me or Ambrose". Cunfa is Dange The Welsh Church affair refers to Madras and the infiltration of the Communists in to the National Congress.

In Ex. P. 1012, "M. S. S." again means money. Y. M. C. A. is Communist Party, i. e. "I hear that the C. P. do not send you money direct." 'Methodist organ' means an A. I. newspaper representing the W. & P. Party. The Engineer who was going to Glasgow to assist the University is Bradley who was going to Bombay to assist the conspiracy through the Trade Unions. The letter complains that insufficient distinction is made between the W. & P. P. (Methodists) and C. P. (Y. M. C. A): Musa is Ajudhia Prasad, who is also referred to on occasion as "the boy" 'God's messenger' and 'Hamid',

In Ex. P. 1008, the signature again is C. P. Dutt's. The letter is the answer to Ex. P. 2328 P (2): Rumba is Sanbamurti and 'Zharoga' is Bharucha. The "University man" refers to B. F. Bradly.

In Ex. P. 2329 (15th Aug. 1927), Fhusa is Ghate. 'University' is Trade Union. E. K. N. means I. L. P. Kujpus means Lajpat (Rai) "Bhum" is Chaman Lal "Lozzie" is Muzaffar Ahma: Lujec is Majid. Methodist organization is workers and Peasants Party, and Young Christians Association refers to Naujawan Bharat Sabha. "Victors" escapade refers to Fazl Ilhai's arrest and trial, 'Muslim' should be 'Malsim', which is Nelson. "The Bible" is The Masses of India. 'Jhum' is Khan. 'Jerse' is Kirti, which means Sohan Singh Josh. "Book" means funds. Full particulars as to how to send means particulars as to how the money would be sent: then "if the money has not been sent, it should be sent by Saklatwala"; "or of course it can be sent to me as heretofore". Then "I desire that the money sent should be increased by one third" I have found the same use of printing terms in P. 1009. 'Musa' again is Ajudhia Prasad.

I take P. 1011 and 1010. In 1011 (Ghate to Sp., dated 22-8-27) 'the boy' is Ajudhia Prasad who had arrived on the Elysia. The same man is 'the boy' in P. 2329: in which also 'George' is Ghate.



In P. 1010, God's messenger has come from brother' means 'Ajudhia Prasad has come from C. P. Dutt'. In P. 1009, Musa means Ajudhia Prasad. 'Ler' is Mirajkar.

This is a draft letter in Spratt's writing: the writing between the lines, in my opinion, was intended to be put in between the lines in invisible ink. 'Photograph' means "invisible ink writing". 'M. S. S.' means *money*. Phuse is Ghate. "You said I should send 200 words to Baker" means "You said I should receive abouts £. 200 from Saklatwala". Zafar means Begarhotta.- when you get to the end or the alphabet you go back to the beginning. "Actual sending" means "actual receiving." After "resolve itself into" the writer originally added "in all": then he crossed out "in all" and added "a total space of about", then he crossed out those words and wrote what now appears "a total of nearly £. 200 a month". This, and what is placed below is explained by what I said above about the meaning of "space" and printing terms. In that Exhibit also P-2329) there is reference to an increase of 1/3, while here it is put as an increase of 33 1/3 %.

On the margin of the 2nd page there Upaday is crossed out, Nuddx, which means "Paddy". At the end of the margin writing in 2nd page, it was originally written "50 for C. P. office in ample": this 'C. P.' was crossed out and "Y. M. C. A." was substituted on top. I had an enlarged photo made of it which I produce-P. 1009 P (1).

In P. 1686 (the letter addressed to Karantt, Ghate and Jack), Arthur is Allison. "Salvation Army" is the Communist Party, and the "Theosophical Society" is the Trade Union Congress George had two friends visiting the letter means that King George had two friends Purcell and Hallsworth to attend the T. U. C. "Mr. Roberts" is India. "Manchester leadership" means the leadership in the revolution in Moscow'. The 'Brahmins' are 'Workers' and "priests" are leaders.

Mr. B. I think, is Mr. Fenner Brockway. The following sentence that Mr. Nelson thinks that the future constitution of India is very different from that of the Communist international ("my publishers"), "The artists" are Communists. "Declarations of the Brahmins of Bombay" means the report of the W. & P. P. of Bombay.

The "two religious bodies" must be the W. & P. Party and the Communist Party.

In P. 674, 3rd paragraph "the New York meeting" means the meeting in Moscow. Thardekuq is Khardikar. "The social service League" means 'Trade Unions'. 'New York' is Moscow. "Carbons" means 'money'. "Cotton shipments etc" means "with regard to the money sent by Moscow for the cotton strike, I do not understand

how it got into Joshi's hands". 'Des' is Spratt. 'The Young Fellows is August' means the meeting of the Young Communists International held at Moscow in August 1928. Imprecor reports this meeting held in Moscow.

'Partrick' is Upadhyaya.

In P. 2431 (Telegram of 12 June 1928 from Page Arnot), Manchester representative means a representative at the 6th Conference of the C. I. at Moscow held in July and August 1928.

In P. 526 (43), "Young fellows are to meet in Manchester in August" means the young communists international referred to above.

In P. 2002 C. from J to Dear Phillip, Manchester is Moscow, Rhende is Shafiq and Ukerbug is Ali Shah.

In P. 2189 (telegram from John to Spratt).

"Orin" is Usmani, and 'Massel' is 'Nassim': Manchester as usual is, Moscow.

In P. 2401 (9th Aug. 1928, from Alg to Dear J is Elyn Evans to C. P. Dutt) "the cards" means Kardikar, who had helped him in arranging the newspaper cuttings, and he was arranging to send him over as soon as possible as possible.

In P. 2402, 'Fred' is Bradley. 'Cards' again is Kardikar: Baker is Saklatwala.

In P. 2419, 'Joe' is C. P. Dutt. The Kardikar mentioned is the one I have referred to above in connection with "cards".

In P. 526 (42) of 3-1-29, Manchester is Moscow and the meaning of the sentence is that printed copies are not available yet of the thesis on the colonial question presented at the meeting of the Communist International.

In P. 1174 (draft of letter found with Adhikari), my theory is that the letter is addressed to M. N. Roy. This is based on the opening sentence which refers to certain newspapers articles, which were in fact written by M. N. Roy. "He" is Usmani in the phrase "he and another man from over there". The statement about feudal chieftains is ascribed to Usmani in the minutes book of the Bombay W. & P. Party (P. 1344, printed page 110). "Over there" is Moscow. The Urdu paper is the Payam Mazdur edited by Usmani. The "small man" is A. C. Nambiar.

(Mr. Langford James asks a question about "Sikandar" and "Shaukat"—on Mr. Sinha's objection the question was withdrawn).

I have come across the name Sikandar. I heard Mr. Usmani say "Alexander I". Sikandar means Alexander in Urdu. Alexander I was known in India as Sikandar and also as Sikandar Shaukat.

(Sd.) R. A. Horton.

(Sd.) R. Milner White,

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Col. A. Rahman, O. O.—(continued).

Mr. Sehgal objects to this procedure, which was agreed on in Court in his presence. When Mr. Ansari, the Court clerk, and Mr. Mitter were present, I examined the documents on which my opinion was asked, and have made a list of the documents which I have recognised.

(Sd.) R. Milner White.

As regards Thengdi, I recognise his signature on Ex. P. 803, 805, 806, 807, 811, 813, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 822, 824, 826, 830, 852, 853, 857, 861, 862, 863, 865, 866, 1348 (3), 1348 (4), 1348 (8), 1348 (19), 1354 (6), 1355 (4), 1371, 1471, 1510, 1851 P, and his writing as well on P. 797, 798, 866, 810, 813, 866, 1348 (19), in red ink, 1371, 1851 P.

As regards Chakravarti, I recognise his signature on 614, 615, 353, 354, 283 (page 5—Chakravarti, Banerjee, Goswami :

page 7, Chakravarti and Banerjee,

page 9, Goswami : p. 11, Banerjee

page 13, Goswami, Banerjee, Chakravarti), and his writing on P. 284, (looks like it).

I recognise R. R. Mitra's signatures on P. 83, 95, and his writing on P. 83, 95, 118 (looks like it), 120.

I recognise Basak's signatures on P. 147 (Goswami, Chakravarti and Basak), 230, 261, 204, 415 (12), 416 (11), 469, 470, 471, 475, 526, (19), 526 (23), 549 (19), 1257, 2016 P, 2159 P, 2165 P : and his writing on P. 254 (looks like his writing): so do 255, 260, 261, 262 : 404, 415 (12), 416 (11), 469, 470, 471, 475, 426 (14) (looks like it), 526 (19), 526 (3), 549 (19), 549 (21) .looks like it, 1257, 2016P. 2159 P. 2165 P. are in his writing.

I recognise Banerjee's two signatures on P. 358. I recognise Kadam's signatures on 289 (two signatures) 328, 1350 (1), 1350 (8), 1629 P (three signatures), 1630 P (three signatures), 1631 P (three signatures), 2015P, 2073 P, 1110, and his writing on 328, 1350 (1), 1350 (8), 2015 P 1110.

I recognise S. S. Josh's signature on 419, 485, 549 (18) 609, 883, 1085, 1392, 1637, 1639, 1640, 1642 P, 2052 P, 2053 P 2079 P: his writing on 1637. Also his signatures on 2151 P, 2164 P, 1234, 1638.

I recognise M. A. Majid's signatures on P, 526 (24), 526 (28), 526 (47), 699, 781, (signatures of Majid, Ghate, Joglekar, Nimbkar), 1287 (4), 2153 P.

I recognise Sehgal's signatures on P. 765, 1467.

Shamsul Huda's signatures shown to me on 387, and 489 are not his usual signatures.

I recognise Muzaffar Ahmad's signatures on P, 70, 73, 144, 203, 211, 212, 213, 279, 304, 316, 317, 341, 343, 415 (3) 415 (6) (a), 416 (2), 447 (1), 447 (2), 447 (12), 450 : and his writing on P. 70, 73, 316, 317, 324E, 415 (3), 415 (6) (a), and 450 : 526 (12) both writings and signature, and 526 (26) : 704 (on last page) 955 (signature), 1096 P. (signature), 1097 P (signature), 1100 P (both), 1129 (both), In 1130 (both). 114 (both) 1141 (both), 1232 (both), 1302 (signature), 1335 (both), 1336 (signature), 1346 (both) 1348 (22) (signature), 1348 (35) (writing), 1348 (36) (both) 1414, 1474 (signature), 1611 P (both), 1618 P (both), 1612 P (signature), 1654 P (both), 1767 (signature), 1768 (signature), 1769 (signature), 1798 P (signature), 1799 P (both), 1846 (both), 1836 P (both), 1837 P (signature), 1849 P (both), 1850 (signature), 1859 (both), 1963 (both), 1964, (both), 1969 (both), 1970 (signature), 2054 (both), 2084 (both), 2088 and 2091 (signatures), 2093 (signature), 2145 (1) (both), 2156P (both), 2196 (both).

I can't say about 1128E.

Court. There were about 2 documents about which I said it was not the usual signature, but I can't remember if there were others which were shown to me but I could not identify. Those which I could identify I have mentioned : I have no note of any numbers which I failed to identify.

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(Sd.) M. A. Rahman,

Lt.-Col. I. M. S.

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Col. Rahman O. O. (continued).

I have seen the paper marked S (6), bearing the signatures of 23 accused. I recognise all except No. 11 (Ajudhia Prasad), but am not certain about No. 12 (Gauri Shankar). This paper is

marked Ex. P. 2493.

x x By Mr. SINHA.

Letters of undertrials are submitted to me under art. 548, Jail Manual (U. P.), 1927. Letters can be examined by me, or by the Jailor, or other officer deputed by me. There should be no unnecessary delay according to the rule: this was followed as far possible.

I can't give the exact number of letters purporting to be written by each of the accused which have been submitted to me since I have been in charge—nor even the approximate number—there are so many.

There are about 250 undertrials in the jail, or including convicts etc. there are about 850 on the average. The English letters are mostly submitted to me when I visit the jail, but some times urgent letter or telegrams are sent to my bungalow.

I have never before this given my opinion as to handwriting in any court of law. I have not studied the science of distinguishing between hand writings. My opinion has been formed as a lay man—that is, not as an expert.

I spend on an average 2 hours at a time when I visit the jail in the morning: sometimes I have been there even four hours, and sometimes I have gone in the afternoon as well.

I have spent as little as 5 or 10 minutes and as much as half an hour, in disposing of the papers. All the letters are collected by the Deputy Jailor and put before me in the morning. The accused are not there: very occasionally they have personally given me letters, mostly telegrams.

I have never had occasion to inquire whether a particular letter purporting to be written by a particular accused was really written by him.

I am more or less in the position of a guardian to the prisoners in the jail. Letters are submitted to me under the rules—they pass through me because there is a rule: I can not say whether the prisoners are willing to submit them or not.

No warning is given to any undertrial prisoner as far as I know that the letters may be used in evidence against them.

I don't think there is any departmental rule which prevents a jail official taking a confession from an undertrial prisoner. I am not aware if any procedure is laid down if a prisoner wishes to confess: very often it is done before a magistrate.

Admission or confession of an undertrial prisoner is not as a rule the concern of the jail authorities.

With regrdd to the Roy letter P. 2460. I did not hand it over to the District Magistrate at once. There were some court holidays and the Magistrate was away, and I did not want to post it; so I kept it in my pocket and gave it to him 3 or 4 days later when I had the opportunity.

The Jailor gave me the letter: I can not say whether he got it by post or in any other way.

The date on the back of the envelope is 13/10. My experience of the ordinary post is that an envelope bears two postal seals, one of the office of despatch and one of the office of receipt. Letters if posted in London on the mail day take about 10 days, to get to Meerut by Air Mail and 17 days by ordinary mail. There is nothing in the address to show that it ought to be taken to the jail.

Some time back Gandhi came to see the accused in jail. He interviewed them in my presence. None of them showed him any disrespect in my presence.

Re-Examination. I do not know at all the reason why the letter came to the jail. There is an endorsement on the back. "Garden House ke marfat Jailor sahib ko taqsim hogi.". The court was opened 3 or 4 days after I got the letter.

The first thing I heard about giving evidence as to writing was the order I got from the Court.

(Sd.) R. Milner White.

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(Sd.) M. A. Rahman

Lt. Col. I. M. S.,

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Prosecution case closed.

(Sd.) R. Milner White.

12-11-29.

## Order.

Col. Rahman, Superintendent of the Jail, has been called as a witness to depose as to the handwriting on certain documents as compared with such handwriting as he may know of the accused. He has attended on various occasions and has examined each document shown to him while giving evidence. This has made his evidence extremely slow and with a view to save the time of the Court it was suggested today in open court that he should examine the documents in question before further evidence and make his own notes so that he could give his opinion without delays. Counsel for the defence raised no objection to this procedure, and deputed one of their number to watch the examination. The examination was consequently carried out in the presence of the Court Inspector (in charge of the exhibits) Mr. Ansari (for the defence), and Mr. Mitter (for the prosecution), For facility of work it was carried out in my retiring room.

When Col. Rahman came to give evidence Kedar Nath Sahgal accused, who is not represented, objected that he had not agreed to this procedure and raised a formal objection which was recorded. He now asks further that his objection to the evidence based on this examination should be recorded and orders passed. His point is that he did not hear the proposal, never agreed to it and did not know that it was going on. Other accused presumably undefended, appeared to join him in his objection, I have no hesitation in overruling the objection. In the first place the procedure is one which has the sanction of custom in many cases, particularly in the case of handwriting experts, thumb print experts, etc., and has been adopted before in this case without objection. In the second place the arrangement was made in open court and no objection was raised at the time. If the accused was not listening to what was going on, he is not entitled to object later, And thirdly no prejudice of any kind is caused to the accused. The examination was carried out under strict supervision: the presence of a defence counsel ensured that no attempt could be made to coach the witness. There is no substance whatever in the the objection,

Mr. Ansari also stated that the witness was unable to express an opinion on some of the documents shown him. Mr. Ansari made a list of such numbers. The witness' notes contained the numbers of only those exhibits the writing or signatures of which he could recognise definitely.

I am asked to record this fact, while = I do not think that it is of any importance, I have no hesitation in accepting Mr. Ansari's statement and recording it here.

Sd. R. Milner White

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R. A. Horton. O. O. (continued).

In P. 2186 telegram University means Trade Union; and in 2432 (2) "Clements" is Clements Palme Dutt, & "Desmond" is Spratt and "Fred" is Bradley.

I have been able to get corroboration of the fact that M. N. Roy was in China in 1927. There is a photo of him in "Chinese Correspondence" got from the Intelligence Bureau; taken in Hankow and there are two articles by him and a speech- the publication is Ex. P. 2487.

I have made inquiries as to the allegation that Robert Page Arnot is also called *Robin*. In the Labour who's who for 1924 he is given as *Robert Page Arnot*; in the 1927 edition he is given as *Robin Page Arnot*; and the descriptions show that they refer to the same man. I produce a copy of the Indian Daily Telegraph Lucknow of 16th Jan. 1929. I recognise it as a copy of the paper-Ex. P. 2488.

I have prepared a list of papers and publications forbidden to enter India under the Sea Customs Act, with the relevant notifications. I produce it- Ex. P. 2489.

I have also prepared a list of literature proscribed under sec. 99. A. C. P. C. I produce it Ex. P. 2490.

I know the paper, International Press Correspondence. I produce a bundle of it made up from copies intercepted and sent to the Bureau. The bundle is Ex. P. 2491.

× × by Mr. Chakravarti. I am quite sure that every member of the Soviet Government in Russia is a member of the Russian Communist Party bound by its decrees and therefore by the decrees of the Communist International.

In so far as the Soviet Government of Russia is a Government by the Communist Party of Russia and therefore bound by the decrees of the Comintern, it is pledged to overthrow the sovereignty of H. M. the King.

I began inquiries with regard to the subject matter of this case at the end of September last year. I have not kept a diary. I understand that the investigation finished when the case began before Mr Milner White. My impression is that technically "investigation" finishes when the Magistrate begins to record evidence.

I took no statement of any witness examined in this case. I made the investigation under the orders of a Magistrate—Mr. Edey. His order is dated 13th March 1929. The search and arrest warrant were applied for on the 15th March. There was a written order of Mr. Edey concerning the despatch of the documents found in the searches to Meerut. It was given some time



round about 25th March. I don't know if there is a separate file, in addition to the judicial file—I have several files, of course. The order in question about documents is in a box which I have got.

Before the documents were brought to Garden House they were kept in the Reserve Police lines, and some in Mr. Edye's bungalow. He did not like the smell of them, so he had them removed. I don't know who the R. I. was in charge of the lines.

× × by *Mr. Sinha*. The documents were brought direct to Mr. Edye—some he kept and some he sent to the R. I. My office, had nothing to do with them at that stage. Neither I nor any one under me received any of them when they came. Mr. Martin was R. I. (on being reminded by Counsel). Mr. Bhargava is my Camp Clerk, Stenographer and directly under me. The receipt which is page No. 8A of the file was given by him. It bears out what I said, that the papers went to Mr. Edye who kept the keys. When he passed an order for examination of the documents, he sent on the keys to me, and my camp clerk acknowledged receipt. Between the date when investigation was ordered by the District Magistrate and the date when the investigation finished my inquiries included an analysis and examination of the documents seized in the search. An order was passed by Mr. Edye to continue the investigation. There was a definite order by him permitting me to examine the seized documents. It was the order which I said was in the box. I now see that it must have been about the 23rd March. I can't remember the precise wording, nor what the number of the section was under which it purported to be passed. As far as I remember I asked the District Magistrate to give me formal permission to continue in respect of material found in searches the investigation which he had ordered on March 13th. The order of the 13th was passed in consequence of my written application. This was before filing the petition of complaint. I filed the complaint on the 15th, and on the 16th I filed another application (p. 5 A of the file). In that I referred to information received. I don't remember from whom it was received.

Between the middle of March and the middle of June, all the articles seized were here in Meerut.

My inquiries from September last year into the subject matter of the case were done under the orders of the Government of India. I received orders about the end of September. I had completed my inquiries as to the facts of the complaint before I filed the complaint. I came across Mr. Hutchinson's name before the middle of March. Inquiries were made regularly about his activities. I collected facts about the Trade Unions in the country only in so far as they concerned attempts by the Communists to capture them or the purposes of this conspiracy. In the course of

my inquiries I don't remember coming across instances when Unions in Bombay and Calcutta were helped by the Trade Union, Congress of England, it is quite likely but I would have paid no attention to such a fact as it was obviously not communist money. I can not deny the statement that they did receive such help. I can't remember.

I made inquiries about money received from Communist sources, and so did my officers.

I can't say whether I found out that the C. P. G. B. sent a sum of money to N. M. Joshi for the Gujrat Flood Relief Fund. I have some recollection of it, in October 1927.

I seem to have some recollection of the allegation that the A. R. Trade Unions (Central Council) sent \$ 5000 to the relief of the Kharagpur (B. N. Ry.) strikes in October, November 1929—sent to N. M. Joshi and Mr. Giri.

I do not remember any contributions in 1923 and 1925. I remember the 1928 occasion Mr. Joshi got the money in connection with the Textile Strike.

I have no recollection of the sum of £ 200 or £ 250 sent by the British Trade Union Congress to the Lilloah Strikers in June or July 1928. Nor do I recollect any fact about contributions from Amsterdam. I do not remember the payment of a sum of about Rs. 20,000 sent by Tom Shaw for the Bombay General Strike in 1928.

I received help now and again in decoding the cyphers, particularly from Mr. Langsford James: The discovery of the keys was due to me and those who assisted me. No body else gave me the key.

It is not my case that the Government of Russia and the Communist international are substantially the same thing: but I agree generally with Mr. Langsford James statement (opening speech, p. 4) that the Government of Russia and the C. I. have exactly the same objective, exactly the same plan of action, and are dominated by exactly the same set of people—it must not be taken too literally of course. I do not charge the Government of Russian with plotting to overthrow the Government of His Majesty—that is what I charge the Communist International with.

As regards the quotation given in last para Mr. Langsford James speech on the 12th ("The point that I make is this. Nobody can have the slightest doubt as far as I can see that these people in Moscow, whether the Government of Russia or the Comintern, have deliberately plotted, etc., etc."), I do not agree

with it as it stands. If the word "in" is put in before the "the Government of Russia" and "the Comintern", I do agree.

My case is that the Russia is governed by the Communist Party which is a section of the Communist International; therefore indirectly the Communist International has some share in the Government of Russia.

The first three paras of my complaint are a direct attack on the Communist International. It is not indirectly an attack on the Government of Russia, because Government of Russia is concerned mainly with governing Russia. Therefore when the Comintern seeks to govern the rest of the world it works through other channels.

× × *by Mr. Kirtikar.* I do not know if on Mr. Desai's return from England he served first on the staff of the Bombay chronicle and after that on the staff of the Indian National Herald. I know nothing to the contrary.

× × reserved.

Re Examination. In order to gain knowledge on the point of the connection between the Government of Russia and the Comintern, I have studied many volumes of the *Imprecon*, and such books as Trotsky on Stalin, as have come to notice in my inquiry in connection with this case. I have studied most of the books exhibited in the case, and also Jawahar Lal Nehru's book on Soviet Russia. I am relying partly on that, as Mr. Jawahar Lal Nehru has a reputation for telling the truth. I have not yet been to Russia.

Q. Apart from going to Russia have you taken all reasonable steps to acquaint yourself with the subject?

A. Yes, I hope so.

One of the passages in Jawahar Lal Nehru's book on which I have relied is the one on P. 47 and over—Ex. P. 2492.

(Mr. Sinha objects that while the book can be tendered as having been referred to as a source of opinion, it is not possible to refer to any particular passage in it until it has been properly proved. I hold that the book can be tendered for the limited purpose shown, and that the witness can legitimately be asked to indicate the passage on which he may have based his opinion, and similarly he could be asked, I think, why he (for instance) attached no weight to another, contrary, passage in it. But of course no fact alleged in the book has by itself any evidentiary value until the author himself is called, or book is properly proved in any legal manner, or established as a standard work of reference, Rules accordingly.)

Sd. R. Milner White.

(12-11-29).

I found that the facts given in this passage were correct according to my other inquiries.

As regards Mr. Edge's orders, there was an order of the 13th to investigate. There was also an order to continue investigation, and another to examine the documents: but I can not remember whether these last two orders were contained in one order or in two separate orders.

Sd. R. Milner White.

12-11-29.

Court. As regards my statement about Sikandar and Mr. Usmani all I heard Mr. Usmani say was "Alexandar I." The rest is my own statement, and not his.

Sd. R. Milner White.

12-11-29.

Sd. R. A. Horton.

12-11-29.

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