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[Despatch Abstract.]

SPECHES OF BIPIN CHANDRA PAL.

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With reference to his M. No 1289 dated the 9th December 1910 forwarding for action under section 12 of the Indian Press Act, a copy of the "Speeches of Sirajul Begum Chaudhury Pal" published in 1907, the Inspector General, Police, once & Railways requested to enquire at an early date, in the book stall community, as to considerable sale and whether it is used as a text book in Native Schools and Societies where politics ^{and questions} are discussed.

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From the Criminal Investigation Department, Dated 9th December 1910.

Chief Secretary—

The Bombay Government have in their notification No. 6035 dated 21st October 1910, proscribed the undermentioned book, A copy of the order was reproduced in paragraph 1663 of the Police Gazette Confidential Supplement, (copy attached). "Speeches of Srijut Bepin Chandra Pal, ^{printed} published in English, at the Irish Press, Madras, and published by ~~the~~ Ganesh & Co, Madras."

Submitted

With the recommendation that orders may be issued under Section 12, of the Indian Press Act, of 1910, proscribing the book in the Madras Presidency.

A copy of the book is herewith enclosed, for perusal and favour of return.

*CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
10. DEC. 1910

Received

This question must I presume have been considered before. Please put up pp on the subject.

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Sabancied has so far as can be ascertained from the records, the question of dealing with Pal's Speeches under the Press Act has not come up before.

2. The 1907 in connection with the speech he delivered in Madras, ~~about~~ the question of prosecuting Bipin Chandra Pal for sedition under the Indian Penal Code was considered and the letter on the subject to the Secretary of State is published. The speeches printed as enclosures to this letter are, save for a few verbal changes, the same as those printed in the book. The last speech at "Bande Mataram" which apparently was not delivered is an addition now forced in the enclosures.

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3. In regard to the speeches on 'Swaraj' it was held by the late Advocate General Sir Batley van Nijga, that they "are ~~most~~ distinctively such as are uttered and calculated to bring into hatred" the British Govt "established in British India and to excite "disaffection" towards such Government".

4. In view of the opinion it is perhaps necessary, in the event of action under section 12 of the Press Act being decided upon, to make a fresh reference to the present Advocate General.

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It is true that the Advocate-General, in 1907, advised a prosecution under sec. 124 A of the IPC. But if it is decided to take any action now, it would be advisable, I submit, first to consult the Adv. Gen.¹, since we shd not be justified in using the opinion of a former Adv. Gen., expressed with reference only to sec. 124 A of the IPC, as though it covered also the applicability of sec. 12 of the Press Act.

2. It is however, doubtful whether it would be good policy, at this distance of time, to advertise their speeches by a prosecution under the Press Act. The pamphlet put up is dated 1907, and there is nothing to indicate that a new issue has come out, or that it is in free circulation now.

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I do not like our ~~Govt~~ need take any notice on this Presidency of this edition of B C Pal's speeches. I think the way these men who took rights before had been dictating to the ~~Govt~~ ^{Ministers} the terms on which he used to allow the

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associate with the United States of India
scoured at of much of the Madras
Police when Rajendra Rai was deputed
apparently killed any influence he may
have had ~~over~~ ^{not} moderate men, & made
him impossible as a leader of the extremists.
The speeches are most meager reading
& must have required much greater effort
to make them go down. I don't think there is
likely to be any demand for them in
this Presidency now, they may be ignored.
I notice that all the pamphlets etc. which
the C.I.D. are favoring has now been
published in 1907.

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9-1-11.

R.M.

H.M.

1. I don't quite agree with Mr. Moir that
the speeches are dull. I bought a copy
a couple of years ago, & I thought the
lectures both interesting & dangerous.
That they did immense harm in 1907 is,
I submit, beyond doubt.

2. The C.I.D. give no information
as to whether the sale of the speeches
is now going on, a point upon which
it seems obvious that Govt. should be
informed. It is not next to proscribe

the speeches merely because the P. G. Govt have done so. One would think it unlikely that there is much sale now-a-days, but if there is any appreciable sale I am inclined to think it wld be well to issue a notice under sec. 12 of the act.

3. I doubt whether ref. to the Adygar is need in view of Sir Sharbagam Aiyangar's opinion in 1907.

AJF
11-1-11.

^{Now P. C. & S. S. J.}
The orders to consulting to H. P. 8th have been put up - to be given to him later action under ^{§ 15} 13 & 14. without taking advice, but before taking ~~a decision~~ under 12 we must I think consult our legal opinion - whether to feel that we committed an H. P. 3 years ago is enough I cannot tell under H. P. 12 to orders -

This book is & known widey read.
Mr. H. G. M. told me a few days ago that he had reason to know that it was read by young men at the Theosophical Seminary & discussed - infact a copy of the book was left in a boat some of the girls house party were staying on the Adyar by a theodite, who said he was a

Student of it, & attended discussions on it.
 But if every body has got his book
 already & there is now not much sale of
 it from m. it is perhaps well to leave it
 alone - on the other hand if it is used as
 a text book at Native Schools &
 Societies where Politics are discussed, it
 would be well perhaps to take action.

Ask to C. D. to find out about this
 & next time to papers are submitted
 put up to presidents & orders on hi's
 Master piece - It is of course in
 many ways a more mischievous
 book than other nine Seminars.
 This exceedingly clever -

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 CHIEF SECRETARY
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
 14 JAN 1911

This may, I submit, go to C.D. officials
 D) Put up an O.M. pending *2nd*
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From the Criminal Investigation Department, Dated 2nd March 1911.

Chief Secretary—

The book entitled "Speeches of Srijut

Bepin Chandra Pal" does not command any considerable
sale in Madras at present, as it did during 1908 & 1909.

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2-3-11

It is not used as a text book in Native Schools nor
is it read in Societies where political questions
are discussed. However, some of the students in
Madras read the book in their homes. In the Kistna
District, the book was translated into Telugu by the
Masulipatam political agitators, in 1907, Muthuri
Krishna Rao or Setu Srinivasa Rao, & published &
sold by the Kistna Swadeshi Press. Last year, Setu
Srinivasa Rao opened a new press known as the
"Setu Press" and all these books were taken from
the Swadeshi Press and sold at the Setu Press. Though
no copies are being sold in Masulipatam now,
most of the local agitators and their sympathisers
have the book. In Palghat, a bookseller stocked
copies & sold them last year, chiefly to school-
boys. It is reported that his stock has run out,
the last book having been sold 9 months ago.

The Central Book Depôt, Madura, is believed
to have kept the book, but no copies are available
there now.

Submitted with reference to No. 7915/10-1

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Judicial (Confidential) dated 19th January 1911.

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C.I.D.'s reply to our reference dated 18-1-11 regarding the Speeches of Beccus Charles Pab
is subjoined for orders.

2. Para 8 of the letter of Govt of India 2032,
(G.O. 491 dated 1-6-10) (Copy) dated 1-3-1910 contains the orders as
to reference to the Advocate General

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In the circumstances, submitted
that no action need be taken.

Sir

- D) In view of the facts reported by the
C.G.D. it seems hardly advisable
to call attention to the pamphlet now,
by an order under R.Pres.Rgt.
2) The paper called for by the Hon'ble
Member as put up. T.M
13-3-11

H.M.

The matter may be
left alone & the later
no action 81 be taken
in
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dated 9-12-10

No 7915-1 dated 19-1-11 to the D.I.G. W.H.C.I.D.R.P.
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[C. No 1569] Note from the D.I.G. W.H.C.I.D.R.P. M. no 210
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ORDER No. 521, dated 20. 3. 1911.

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To the D.I.G. W.H.C.I.D.R.P.
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