

# POLICE RAID COMMUNIST DAILY'S OFFICE

## Manifesto On Moplah Rebellion Seized

— Is Anti-Imperialism A Crime Under  
Congress Ministry?

**E. M. S. Nambudiripad**, member, Central Committee of the Communist Party of India, and Chairman, Editorial Board of *Deshabhimani*, Malayalam daily of the Party, has issued the following statement:

At about 3 p.m. today, a posse of policemen headed by the Dy. Superintendent came and raided our office. They had a warrant for the seizure of our paper dated 20th instant which contained the manifesto of the Communist Party on the Malabar Rebellion which began on August 20, 1921. The warrant also ordered the seizure of all copies of my pamphlet on the rebellion.

The whole of our office was surrounded by armed police who prevented members of our editorial, managerial and printing staffs from coming in and going out of our press.

### **Indecent Language**

I may add that I myself was thus stopped for about five minutes. Our town correspondents were also stopped for about half an hour.

What is most disgraceful of all, very indecent language was used by some constables and the Inspector against several members of our staff including our Sales Manager.

A cartload of news-print being brought from the railway station was also stopped.

I am shocked that such things can happen under a Congress Ministry. I would like to remind Mr. Prakasam and other

Congress Ministers of speeches and writings of Congress leaders themselves glorifying what happened in August and September 1942.

If glorification of August Revolution is patriotism and no incitement, I cannot see how glorification of the anti-imperialist action of the Moplahs can be proceeded against.

### **Against Civil War**

If it is argued that the 1921 rebellion ended as a communal revolt and fratricidal war and hence glorification of that rebellion would mean incitement to civil war, I would point out that a solemn warning against such an unhappy development was running like a red thread throughout the manifesto.

The endeavour of our Party is well known to be towards developing anti-imperialism and mass upsurge towards the final struggle for power and preventing this mass upsurge being turned into a civil war as is threatened by the policies of the Congress and League leaderships.

Anybody who reads the manifesto and my pamphlet can see that it is an appeal to the people to emulate the heroism and anti-imperialism of 1921 as well as a warning against its communal fratricidal war.

I must remind Mr. Prakasam that every honest anti-imperialist in Malabar is proud of the 1921 rebellion and would try to emulate its anti-imperialist spirit and take all precautions against civil war.

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