

FROM: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN PAKISTAN

REPEATED: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN INDIA

D. KARACHI 17.10 hours, 6th March, 1953
R. 13.20 hours, 6th " " " "

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No. 405

Addressed to Commonwealth Relations Office
No. 405, repeated to United Kingdom High Commissioner
in New Delhi No. 221.

My immediately preceding telegram. (11)

Following is text of Lahore telegram No. 99
to me. Begins:

Following communique issued by Punjab
Government at 1400 hours 6th March. The Chief Minister
of the Punjab has announced on his own behalf and that
of his Cabinet that his Government is willing to open
immediate negotiations with the council of action of the
"Khatun-i-Nabuwat" movement and has appealed to the
people to help it in maintaining the peace. He assures
the public that the army and police will not adopt
any aggressive measures such as opening fire unless
they have to take resort to such measures to protect
public lives and property.

2. The Provincial Government is also
negotiating with the Central Government. In his capacity
as President of the Provincial Muslim League, Mian
Mumtaz Muhammad Khan Daultana is presenting the demands
of the people of the Punjab to the President of the
Pakistan Muslim League for his immediate attention
because these are the unanimous demands of the nation.
A Minister of the Provincial Government is flying with
the demands to Karachi with the support of the entire
Cabinet and it has been strongly recommended that
Chaudri Zafrullah Khan should be compelled to resign
from the Ministry at once. Ends.

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P.S. to Prime Minister (2)

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Khatun-i-Nabuwat
"Council of the Prophet"
- a factor
in the Islamic faith
see 188, (2275/106)