

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 186.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922, Ordinance No. 5 of 1922, on the 31st day of March, 1927.

Prohibition and Regulation of Meetings and Processions.

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by order published in the Gazette, to prohibit the holding of any meeting which, in his opinion, is likely to be conducted in a seditious or disorderly manner, or at or during which, in his opinion, seditious or disorderly utterances are likely to be made or seditious or disorderly matter is likely to be exhibited or used, or at or during which a general strike is likely to be advocated or promoted.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by order published in the Gazette, to prohibit the holding of any meeting whatsoever at any specified place or places on any specified date or dates, or to prohibit the holding of any meeting whatsoever except between specified hours, either generally or at any specified place or places.

3. Except under and in accordance with a permit in writing from the Secretary for Chinese Affairs no meeting whatsoever shall be held on board any vessel (not being or having the status of a ship of war), or on any pier or wharf whether public or private.

4. No person shall take part in any meeting prohibited under Regulation 1 or Regulation 2 or by Regulation 3.

5. No person shall without lawful authority or excuse be present at any meeting prohibited under Regulation 1 or Regulation 2 or by Regulation 3.

6.—(1) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by order published in the Gazette, to prescribe any condition whatsoever which he may think fit in connexion with any meeting.

(2) No person who takes part in or is present at any such meeting shall contravene any such condition.

(3) No person shall take part in any meeting at or in connexion with which any such condition has been or is being contravened.

(4) No person shall without lawful authority or excuse be present at any meeting at or in connexion with which any such condition has been or is being contravened.

7.—(1) In any case in which he may consider that the urgency of the occasion so requires it shall be lawful for the Governor, without consulting the Executive Council and without publication of the order in the Gazette, to make any order which might have been made by the Governor in Council under Regulation 1, 2 or 6, or to prohibit the continuance of any meeting already begun.

(2) Any such order may be proved in any legal proceedings by the production of a certificate under the hand of the Colonial Secretary, and judicial notice shall be taken of such signature on such certificate.

8. It shall be lawful for any police officer to use any force, and to effect any entry or boarding, which may appear to be reasonably necessary for the purpose of preventing the holding of any meeting prohibited under or by these regulations, or for the purpose of dispersing any meeting prohibited under or by these regulations, or for the purpose of dispersing any meeting at or in connexion with which any condition prescribed under Regulation 6 or 7 has been or is being contravened, and also to search any premises entered or vessel boarded, and to seize any thing which may appear to be evidence of any offence.

9. In these regulations,

- (a) "Meeting" includes every assembly, gathering, celebration, service and ceremony, whether open to the public or not, and every procession.
- (b) "Seditious matter" has the same meaning as in the Seditious Publications Ordinance, 1914, and "seditious utterances" means utterances which if reduced to writing would be seditious matter.

10. The regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922, and published in the gazette of the 11th March, 1927, are rescinded.

NOTE:—These regulations are in substitution for the regulations published in the gazette of the 11th March, 1927. Regulations 2 and 6 are new and Regulation 7 (1) has been altered. There are also some minor changes.

No. 187.

Rule made by the Governor in Council under section 16 of the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance, 1901, Ordinance No. 14 of 1901, on the 31st day of March, 1927.

The rule made by the Governor in Council under section 16 of the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance, 1901, and set forth on page 284 of the Regulations of Hong Kong, 1844-1925, under the heading "Making, etc., of certain fireworks." is hereby amended by the substitution of the words "sulphur, saltpetre, aluminium and potassium perchlorate, or which have in any single container thereof more than 10 grains of any explosive mixture in which potassium perchlorate is an ingredient" for the words "sulphur and saltpetre" in the last line of the said rule.

No. 188.

Order made by the Governor in Council on the 31st March, 1927, under the Regulations relating to the Prevention of Disorder which were published in the Gazette of the 28th January, 1927, as Notification No. 39.

The K'iu Kong Kung T'un Tsung Ui (會總團工港僑: General Labour Association of Hong Kong), which also describes itself as The Federation of Chinese Labour Union of Hong Kong, is hereby proscribed.

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Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
31st March, 1927.