

THE NARAYANPUR INCIDENT

Babu and Manju were a bit disappointed with the way students were marching.

What was the reason?

Answer:

Babu and Manju were a little bit disappointed because the march ended peacefully. There were no slogans, no shouting, and no violence.

What had the police expected about the way of protest? How did the student leaders manage the protest?

Answer:

The police had expected the protest to be



violent. Had the protest been violent, the police would have had the reason to beat up the students and haul them to jail. But the students knew that they had to accomplish a lot by being outside the jail, so they surprised the police by being totally peaceful and not giving the police any chance to arrest them. Thus we see that the student leaders manage the crisis beautifully by turning the tables on the police.

What was there in the 'mysterious parcel'?



What suspicion did the police have about that?

Answer:

There was a cyclostyling machine in the mysterious parcel. The police suspected that copies of Mahatma's speech were being made for circulation using the machine. They also suspected that some people were hiding there.

Why had Patil, the sub-inspector, come to Mohan's house? Who believed him? What was the result?

OR

How was the visit of Patil, the sub-inspector, helpful to Mohan's family?



Answer:

Patil, the sub-inspector, had come to Mohan's house to help them because he cared for his old classmate whom he considered his friend. Amma believed him and smuggled out the cyclostyling machine with him. Suman also left the place as the police doubted that the teacher's family had people hiding in the house. It was fortunate for the family that Amma believed Patil and did as he instructed them to do because the same night, the police raided the house. Their raid turned out to be useless because of the timely help of Patil.

How has the writer expressed the



patriotism of the following characters:

(a) Mohan

Answer: Mohan risked his and his family's life, hiding a cyclostyling machine in the house. Even when the policeman approached, he lied to his face and denied having kept the cyclostyling machine.

(b) Manju

Answer: Manju was the younger sibling of Mohan who hero-worshipped her brother and wanted to help him in any way. So when Mohan asks her to go to bed, she looks crestfallen. Mohan, realising that she wants to help asks her to sit at the hall and pass on information from Babu who was



guarding the door.

(c) Mother

Answer: Mother who was wiser than Mohan trusted the policeman who was friends with her husband in school. So, she risked handing him over the cyclostyling machine, knowing that he could very well be spying on them.

(d) Babu

Answer: Babu, although not a college student was eager to attend his older



brother, Mohan's procession to the collector's office. At home, when his brother asked him to guard the door, he waited attentively and watched if anyone suspicious approached.

(e) Suman

Answer: A young girl, who is active in the freedom struggle, along with Mohan. Taking a risk against the Britishers, helping Mohan to cyclostyle Mahatma Gandhi's speech to reach it to the public.



(f) Patil

Answer: A Sub-Inspector in the British police, but a good friend of Mohan's father. Helps the family by warning them about the search that is going to take place. He also helps them to hide the cyclostyling machine and saves the entire family from the British police.

