

Radha Did Not Renew Gun Licence

Evidence of Official Witness

MADRAS, May 29.

That M. R. Radha, film actor, possessed an unlicensed revolver and he never renewed his licence after it expired on December 31, 1965, was the evidence recorded to-day for the prosecution in the "M.G.R. Shooting Case" before Mr. S. Kuppuswami, Sub-Magistrate, Saidapet.

Three official witnesses were examined to-day by the prosecution and a number of documents and articles were marked as exhibits and material objects, connected with the case. The prosecution closed its evidence, having examined seven witnesses in all and the case has been adjourned to 3 p.m. on June 1, for further proceedings.

Mr. Balashanmugham (P.W.-5), of the Arms Licensing Section of the Police Commissioner's Office, deposed that the revolver licence of M. R. Radha was valid till December 31, 1964, and he was granted extension of time for renewal till March 31, 1965. He produced the revolver and obtained a licence which was valid till the end of 1965. Thereafter he never renewed the licence.

The Commissioner's Office was, however, repeatedly intimating the concerned police officials in this regard. Witness spoke of the

possession of a revolver by Mr. M. G. Ramachandran (P.W.-1) and stated that it was purchased in 1956 and the licence was being renewed periodically and was valid now till December 31, 1967.

Witness identified the two revolvers, comparing the numbers engraved on them with the number found in the licence certificate.

Mr. W. R. Santhanakrishnan (P.W.-6), a clerk in the Sub-Magistrate's office, Saidapet, listed various documents, revolvers, cartridges, clothing of Radha and Mr. M. G. Ramachandran received in the Court. He also gave details about what articles had been requisitioned and sent to the Chemical Examiner and the Forensic Science Laboratory for examination in connection with the case.

Mr. M. Kasinathan, Head Clerk of the Office (P.W.-7) also filed certain other documents and materials relating to the case. Among these were the liquor permit of M. R. Radha, the bullet removed from the person of Mr. M. G. Ramachandran and the two bullets removed from the person of M. R. Radha.