REGULATIONS, DATED 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SUB-SECTION (3) OF SECTION ONE OF THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES (SPECIAL POWERS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

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WHEREAS by virtue of the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, there are in force certain Regulations for peace and order in Northern Ireland being—

(*a*) Regulations contained in the Schedule to that Act, and

(*b*) Regulations made by the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland pursuant to powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section one of the said Act

(which Regulations where contained in the Schedule or made as aforesaid are hereinafter referred to as the "principal Regulations"):

AND WHEREAS the said Minister is empowered by the said sub-section (3) to make Regulations for making further provision for the preservation of the peace and maintenance of order and any Regulations so made shall, subject to the provisions of the said Act, have effect and be in force in like manner as Regulations contained in the Schedule to that Act:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that further provision for the preservation of the peace and maintenance of order should be made:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE GEORGE B. HANNA, Q.C., M.P., MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the said sub-section, do hereby make the following Regulation:—

1. At the end of Regulation 7 of the principal Regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation:—

"8.—(1) If it appears to the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland that the publication or continued publication or distribution of any newspaper, periodical, book, circular or other printed matter is prejudicial to or likely to be prejudicial to the preservation of the peace and the maintenance of order in Northern Ireland the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland may by order prohibit for any specified period the publication and distribution of any such newspaper, periodical, book, circular or other printed matter.

(2) If any person shall, within such specified period, print, publish, circulate or distribute or be in any way concerned in the printing, publication, circulation or distribution of, or have in his possession, without lawful authority or excuse, any newspaper, periodical, book, circular or other printed matter the publication and distribution of which has been prohibited under this regulation, he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.