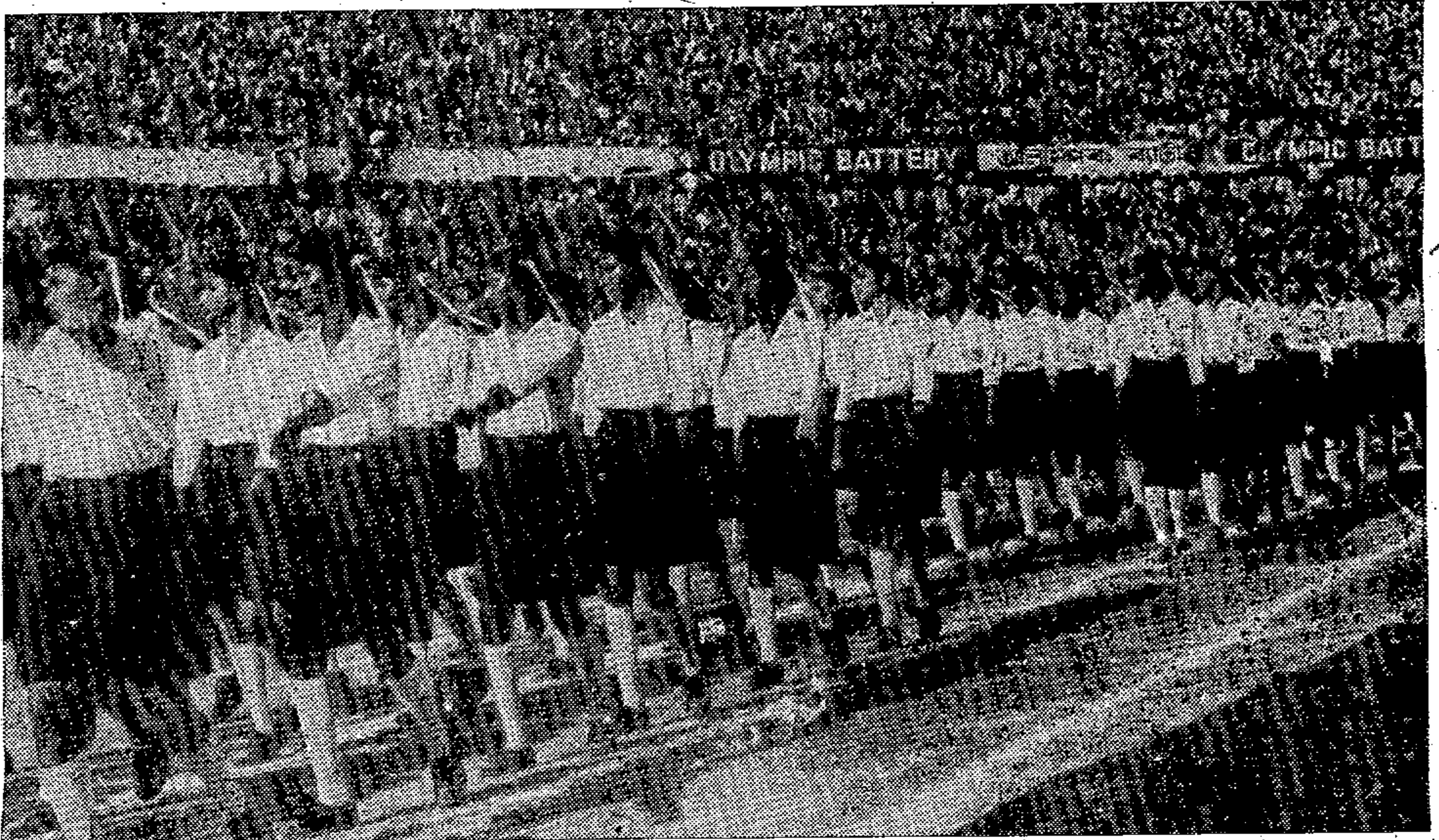


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Faulty SSC question papers

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Physical exercise goes hand in hand with studies.

Like the previous years, this year too SSC question papers have been leaked out and replaced by "KHA" set.

It is reported that the 2nd paper of General Science of Comilla Board had been leaked out and it was openly sold at Feni for Taka 50 a photostat copy. In Dhaka Board too, the students were given KHA set instead of KA but why the reason is not known. Speculations run that it must have been leaked. How are question papers leaked? Prior to '71 such leakage was unthinkable but today it is common to find question papers being leaked. At times the set is changed at other times the same set is given.

We know that as the Boards of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education do not have their own printing presses the SSC question papers are printed at the Govt Security Press. Either the question paper is

leaked off from there, or when it is being packeted at the Board office or from the examination centre. Sometimes the question setters and moderators also are known to be involved in this process too complicating matters. But unfortunately nothing has been done to arrest the culprits and bring them to book.

This year the SSC question paper of General Science of Dhaka Board was full of errors. The "GHA" section of question six was not from the book. The question was regarding electrical induction but unfortunately this chapter has not been touched in the books of class IX or X of first paper of General Science. According to a news item the Controller of Examinations has categorically said that the chapter on electrical induction is very much in the SSC syllabus although it is not in the textbook. He has put the blame on the

Text Book Board for printing such incomplete books and said the present book should immediately be withdrawn from the market.

In the same question paper, the question of Section GA, No 9/GA was about the definition of Magnetic Oxide. But no such chemical as magnetic oxide exists by itself. The Controller of Examinations of Dhaka Board has said that Ferroso Ferric Oxide is Magnetic Oxide. Dr Syed Zakir Haider of DU's Chemistry Dept has said that Magnetic Oxide is a general term. Besides Ferroso Ferric Oxide, many other oxides are classed as Magnetized Oxide. More specifically a group of special oxides are known as magnetic oxide. In the text book of general science for class nine and ten there is no mention of Magnetic Oxide but the examiner had set the question.

This faulty question paper

has given rise to many question. Surely, the Text Book Board does not print books with incomplete syllabus. We do not expect the question setters to set the questions without consulting the book on the basis of syllabus only and vice versa. In the case of the question on Magnetic Oxide what did the moderators do? How is it that no one saw the mistake and it went to the press? A good number of students did not answer this question. Who shall be responsible for their not doing so and losing marks?

It is time that the Board authorities should look into this matter and see that neither question papers are leaked off nor faulty papers given to the students. The way things are, it is only normal to assume that the Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education are taking their jobs too lightly and playing with the fate of the students.