







## THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

நெறியைப் படைத்தான் நெருஞ்சில் படைத்தான்,  
நெறியில் வழுவில் நெருஞ்சில் முன்பாயும்,  
நெறியில் வழுவாது இயங்க வல்லார்க்கு,  
நெறியில் நெருஞ்சில் முன்பாய கிளாவே.

He who planned and paved the pathways, He also made thorny creepers grow (on either side). If the wayfarer goes astray deviating from the right path, the thorns will hurt him, not otherwise.



## Hindu Organ

Friday, 6th January, 1978.

## NEW SET-UP—NOVEL APPROACH!

Another year has begun according to the Gregorian Calendar. The beginning of any year, Hindu or non-Hindu, has a common significance — hope that springs eternal in the human breast. Hence the hopefulness of the people for better times. Naturally the bitterness of the past seven years has to be forgotten.

The Ruling Party has begun a very ambitious program of introducing a new set-up in almost every sphere of activity in its bold bid to cleanse the Augean Stables of mismanagement. True there was a clean sweep at the General Election; but can that superiority alone secure the attempt to bring about changes all around?

The budgetary proposals, being very far-reaching in scope and survey, call for the concerted and concentrated attention of the Ministries; the Administrative Departments and above all the common people. There is the instance of the sudden yet inexplicable rise in the price of almost every commodity notwithstanding the reliefs the producers have already received and before the new rationing scheme could become operative. This anomalous situation cannot be explained but by placing the blame squarely on those who deal in the necessities of life. And here is sufficient proof of the existence of aggrandizement at all costs of those in the sphere of business big and small.

The people, therefore, will have to be watchful of the wickedness of anti-national and anti-social elements that never care for the masses. There is also the discredited politician who is waiting for such opportunities as can enable him to mislead the common man.

The year one-thousand and nine-hundred and seventy-eight can bring about a change for the better only if those who need the substituting of prosperity for misery also work for the new order along with the Authorities.

Letter to the Editor

## HOLY KATARAGAMA

Sir,

There appears to be a proposal to build a Cinema Hall within the sacred and ancient city of Kataragama or Kathirkamam or in its neighbourhood. The proposal, if implemented, would gravely damage the serene, peaceful, calm, and religious atmosphere of one of the holiest places of worship in the World. Kataragama has a peculiarly distinctive and tranquil character of its own specially conducive to religious belief, practice, worship, and life, and is inspiring and elevating. The proposal, if carried out, would

## SINHALESE-TAMIL COLLABORATION

[The considered and well reasoned views on the most important question that is before the Tamil-speaking people appearing below have been advanced by one of our senior leaders SHRI S. SIVASUBRAMANIAM of Halftsdorp Street, Colombo, who even in his advancing age keeps himself alive to the need for solving the problem facing us all, in the democratic way.]

The participation by the Members of the T. U. L. F. under the leadership of the Honourable the Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, in the work of the Select Committee of the National State Assembly, appointed to consider amendments to the Constitution of Sri Lanka appears desirable in the interest of the country as well as those of the constituencies represented by the T. U. L. F. Members and of the Tamil speaking people as a whole generally, for the following, among other reasons:

(1) The greater the contact and attempts at joint collaboration between sections of the leadership of the various regions and communities in the country, the better for all concerned; leadership co-operation would lead to nationwide co-operation.

(2) Joint functioning does not necessarily involve agreement on all points; the National State Assembly itself comprises of Members of various races and creeds and of differing political persuasion; in the Committees appointed by the Assembly, it would be fruitful, normal and even essential that such differences of opinion are reflected and discussed and recorded, and whenever possible agreements reached.

(3) The labours of the Select Committee are expected to be embodied in a report which would come up for discussion, consideration and decision in open Assembly. When

be subversive of the ideals one would like to associate with a Dharmishta Society which the Government proposes to establish in Sri Lanka. Theatres, Cinemas, Taverns and other such places of similar amusement are best avoided at this holy place and its neighbourhood. Let us pray that the age long religious and sylvan atmosphere and surroundings of Kataragama from the immemorial past be allowed to remain undisturbed.

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ces in detail why such demand is made.

(8) On the other side while it is said that the Members representing the Government Party and the SLFP have no mandate to agree to the creation of Separate States, there is nothing to prevent them from bearing arguments in favour of such demands and giving their own reasons to the contrary.

(9) Parliamentary and democratic ideals and the foundations for the creation of a Dharmishta Society, definitely warrant such procedure.

(10) It has been said that the Twenty-one (21) questions published by the Select Committee in the relevant questionnaire, only one (1, relates to the Minorities. If that be so, there is nothing to prevent the Members of the Committee, to recommend additions, or variations or alterations and alternatives to the questionnaire. If such recommendations are not accepted, then the time might perhaps sometimes arise to consider the question of continuing membership in the Committee. Even then, subject to protest, membership could continue.

(11) The Tamils are interested and rightly interested not only in their own affairs, status, rights and obligations, but they are and ought to be deeply concerned in affairs relating to the country as a whole and their representatives cannot abdicate from their rights and duties to deal with affairs relating to Sri Lanka and covered by the remaining twenty (20) questions in the questionnaire.

(To be continued)

## Sale of Unredeemed Jewellery

I shall sell by Public Auction the un-redeemed jewellery pawned before 01-07-1976 with Mr. & Mrs. T. S. Kumarasamy of 180, Sir Pon. Ramana-than Road, Thiruvelveli, Jaffna, on Saturday, 21-01-1978, commencing at 9.00 a.m. at the said pawn shop.

S Mahadevan,  
Auctioneer.  
643, K. K. S Road,  
Jaffna.

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கோட்டைக் குடும்பம் குடும்பம் தமிழ்நாடு வாழ்வு  
பார்க்கை உதவுக் கோட்டை நீற்றும் கோட்டை மலை  
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