







## THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

நடவு நில்லாது இவ்வுலகம் சரின்து  
கெடுகின்றது எம்பெருமான் என்ன, ஈசன்,  
நடவுள அங்கி அதற்கிய, நீபோய்  
முக்கிய வையத்து முன் இரு என்றுனே.

When (the Devas got alarmed and prayed to the Lord) saying that the world was losing its balance and heading for destruction by swaying (to the North), the Lord called Agastiyar, who performed his austerities standing in the middle of the fire, and ordered him to go and remain in the (southern part of the) world which was rising fast.



# Hindu Organ

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# WEATHERING THE WILD STORM

The cloudiness and the cyclonic conditions that prevailed in society seem to have ceased for the present. The people have weathered the storm in the only way open to them by suffering all the time.

Before anyone can begin to analyse the situation and study the causes and effects of a sudden explosion in social morality, the supreme need of the present is to take immediate steps to rehabilitate the refugees. It is no easy task to make the large numbers of persons who have sought shelter in the North from the pursuit of danger elsewhere find, in a hurry, comfort and consolation in the various camps of hospitality. Loss of life is a matter that is beyond the comprehension of humans. But the injuries inflicted on unarmed people require the most expeditious and expert attention.

Then there is the damage to property and other earthly possessions that are the only means of sustenance. Think of the commercial establishments which have been reduced to ashes. Ponder over the economic ruin of people who had built up a living by the sweat of their brows. Even if the rabble were on the rampage, the Government must bear the responsibility for the destruction of property. It is this aspect of the problem that has to be looked into as a preliminary step in the solving of the difficulties of the evacuees. An accurate survey of the lossess has to be prepared and scrutinized by competent authorities w th the assist-  
ance of the representatives of the people.

The next step is the more important one—the means to make amends for the losses. This is a big issue—nevertheless of immediate concern. The planning of the future for those who have been forcibly displaced or induced to leave their homes by force of threatening circumstances has to be done with keen insight into existing conditions. For this purpose there should be collaboration of the administrative authorities with the people's representatives at every turn.

# Seminar on Spiritual Heritage and Contemporary Living

The Chinmaya Mission, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and some other leading organizations propose to jointly organise a Seminar on October 21, 22, & 23, 1977, in Bombay. The subject of the Seminar will be "Our Spiritual Heritage and Contemporary Living."

Many religious and spiritual leaders, philosophers and thinkers, industrialists and labour leaders, educationists and journalists will be participating in the Seminar which will make a genuine effort of identifying the problem areas and suggest remedial measures.

# Centenary of a Celebrated Ceylonese

## **Dr. A. K. Coomaraswamy—Distinguished Scholar and Author**

In commencing a series of articles on the significance of the occasion of the Centenary of a literary genius, the scion of a distinguished family of letters in our Island — Dr. Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy of revered memory, we reproduce in this issue a review by Whitall N. Perry, of the Life and Writings of Sir Muttu Coomaraswamy, the equally reputed father of Dr. A K Coomaraswamy written by S. Durai Raja Singam of Malaysia — a fervent admirer and enterprising biographer of Dr. A. K. Coomaraswamy.

"With interminable slowness the corteg threaded its way through the Ceylonese dawn, the team of horses—drawing a pagoda-shaped catafalque festooned with banners—periodically having to halt while fresh stretches of the white cotton cloth were unrolled before their path. In the wake filed a stream of people — many holding flags aloft—including high government officials and European and Asian notables. The three-mile carpeted procession from a Colombo residence took two hours to the Hindu Cremation ground, where once arrived, it made three circuits around a pyre composed of cart-loads of precious sandal-wood, upon which the coffin was then placed, and the pyre ignited with ghee to the accompaniment of pipe and tom-tom. And thus on the fifth of May, 1879, were the last earthly honours performed on behalf of the deceased by his skillful translator into English of Tamil, Hindu and Pali Buddhist texts, but who through an extraordinary destiny was to become the first Hindu to be admitted to the English bar, at Lincoln's Inn—a man intimate with Lord Palmerston, Benjamin Disraeli, Richard Monckton Milnes, and Benjamin Jowett, and ordained to be knighted by Queen Victoria. It was at the height of this career that he was cut off—by Bright's disease—at the age of forty-five, four years after his marriage to Elizabeth Clay Beebe of an old English family in Kent, and less than two years after the birth of his celebrated son Asanda Coomaraswamy (it had also been his fate to lose his own father before turning three.) Both wife and child were in England at the time he died—the very day he was expected to sail again for that country.

Sir Muttu was descended from an aristocratic family whose name derives from Skanda Kumara being the appellation given to Kartikeya—the God o

As this needs continued follow-up action the Seminary would attempt to set up Standing Committees to take follow-up action. This was presented during the fourth session. An open house discussion on the recommendations and formation of the Standing Committee.

The inaugural function of the Seminar is to be held on the evening of October 21, which happens to be Vijayadasami Day and will give an overall view of the Seminar Theme. The business sessions will be held on the next two days.

On the 22nd the first session will be on "Our Spiritual Heritage and Family Life." The second session will be on Contem-  
tion, Shri M. S. Nagarajan, Convener of the Seminar, may be contacted. He is the Director, Amphetamine Ltd., Poona 411, 926.

வாச்சுகிக் கூடுது பெய்த கலைனான்கு கருத்து மன்றம்  
Carols முறை அரசு செய்த குறைவினா துயிர்கள் வாழு  
தான்மூற மற்றும் சொல்ல நற்றுவம் வேண்டி மல்க  
பேசுவதோடு சுருந்து விளக்குகிற ஒரு முறையும்।

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