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## COWERING IMPOTENCE

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Dr. Ian Sandeman, Director of Education, is reported to have said at a sports meet at Kalutara recently that leakage of examination papers in Ceylon was due to a lack of public conscience and that such things were due to the slave mentality of the old system of education. This is a great discovery indeed. In England too examination papers do leak out. Is that also due to the slave mentality of the system of education there? But there, such cases are few and far between, because immediate and stringent measures are taken to trace the culprits and punish them. In Ceylon leakage of examination papers is more normal than exceptional. During the last ten years, ever since local authorities began to hold examinations from the J. S. C. up to the Civil Service there has been a consistent scandal; and the Department of Education and the authorities concerned have signally failed, to bring to book even a single culprit. The recent history of public examinations conducted by the Department of Education is a blot on the administration of the country and no member of the State Council too has so far brought the matter up for a debate and secured the appointment of a commission of inquiry.

The Director of Education now gives an abject excuse for the inefficiency and disgraceful administration of the Department over which he presides. To abuse the other side when one's case is weak is said to be a common failing among lawyers but we are surprised that an educationist like Dr. Ian Sandeman entrusted with the noble task of guiding and directing inspectors, teachers and pupils, should resort to shifting the responsibility on others' shoulders and seek shelter under high-falutin. Whatever defect an Englishman may have he has always been respected in the East for that high trait of character which makes him own his mistakes and drawbacks. But here is an instance of hiding one's own defects under a bushel and finding fault with a system of education which was in vogue for over a hundred years—a replica of the system in vogue in England and of which Dr. Sandeman himself is a product. In marked contrast to this quibble is the bland confession made by one of Dr. Sandeman's predecessors Mr. McD. Robison, a few years ago. When the Government's educational administration was criticised at a prize-giving at Ramanathan College in June 1940, Mr. Robison who presided over the meeting said that the educational policy of the Island no longer depended on the Director of Education but that it depended

on the Minister and the Executive Committee of Education, and that his administration was directed to suit that policy. That was the frank admission on the part of a responsible person compelled to play second fiddle to his masters. But Dr. Sandeman cannot legitimately give such an excuse as he does now for the inefficiency of his administration since leakage of examination papers and the burgling of passes and failures in his office are completely under his control and they are not peculiar to countries only where the system of education has produced slave mentality.

Again, what is the wonderful system that Dr. Sandeman has helped his masters to supplant the old one? The main features of the present wonderful system are only the vernacular medium of instruction up to a point, abolition of school fees, gradual roping in of all schools under Government management and slow strangling of denominational schools. Is there anything more? Bifurcation, trifurcation and all such experiments are a lapt to end in mere moonshine since those schemes have been formulated without the guidance of experience or experts' knowledge. Has the learned Doctor ever perused the able memorandum, submitted in 1911, by the late Mr. J. Harward Director of Public Instruction on the history and progress of education in Ceylon since 1920? Has the Doctor read the report of Mr. J. J. R. Bridges, His Majesty's Inspector of Secondary Schools in England, who was sent to Ceylon in 1911 by the Board of Education in England, at the request of the Governor Sir Henry McCallum, to report on the educational reforms necessary for Ceylon? Has the Doctor read the erudite evidence given by Mr. C. Hartley, Principal of the Royal College, in which he strongly condemned, 35 years ago the use of English as the medium of instruction and the undue importance given to Latin and Greek in Ceylon schools? Is Dr. Sandeman aware that only some of the reforms recommended by the educational expert, Mr. Bridges 35 years ago, such as abolition of the external examinations of Cambridge and London, founding a University, institution of local examinations, changes in the methods of inspection, improvements in the staff equipments in the staff, equipment and buildings of schools etc, etc were carried out one by one but such far-reaching reforms recommended by Mr. Bridges as improvement of the salaries of teachers, the level of which he said was a disgrace to the profession in Ceylon then, the arrest of Europeanisation and

## Nehru to Form Government

### Will the League Co-operate?

The political situation of India has taken a turn for the best. Viceroy Wavell, true soldier, he is has refused to accept defeat of his plans for the formation of an interim Government representative of the best elements of the country through the intransigence of Jinnah and his Muslim League. He has requested Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the President of the Indian National Congress, to form an interim Government. Nehru has accepted the invitation.

Pandit Nehru will shortly visit New Delhi to discuss his proposals with the Viceroy and also settle the personnel of the Interim Government.

### League Position

What the reactions of the Leaguers to this latest development will be, it is early to say it will take some time for League reactions to crystallise. In the meantime prominent Leaguers express anxiety as to how Congress will deal with the question of parity. Informed quarters believe that the first step that the Congress will take after assuming office will be to make a direct approach to the League for their fullest co-operation.

### Personnel of Government

It is learnt that Pandit Nehru, when he meets the Viceroy will submit two lists of names one inclusive of Leaguers and the other excluding them. The League will be invited to join the Interim Government and a reasonable time will be given for them to decide. If, however, the League is unable to accept the invitation the other list, namely the one excluding them will take effect. There, however, will be no delay in the formation of the Interim Government pending the receipt of the decision of the League.

denationalisation of the people and the effective prevention of unhealthy rivalry among denominational schools were not attended to during the last 35 years. Has Dr. Sandeman ever addressed himself to such questions of fundamental importance as the above and helped the country to root out the slave mentality he has observed to exist? We can understand the Inspector-General of Police appealing year after year for co-operation from the public and exercise of public conscience after he has honestly done all in his power to detect and suppress crimes. But for Dr. Sandeman to sit with folded hands and attribute the faults of his administration to want of public conscience in the country betrays more of his own mental defects than those of our country.

## Symbol of a New Era, Says Law Society President

The fact that the Chief Justice had been chosen to Administer the Government, was a sign and symbol of the new era that was dawning, said Mr. S. J. C. Kadirgamar, President of the Law Society of Ceylon, in proposing the toast of the Officer Administering the Government of Ceylon at the Annual Meeting Lunch of the Society held at the G. O. H. last Saturday.

Covers were laid for one hundred members. The President, presided. The Chief Guests were Mr. C. Nagalingam, Attorney General Dr. S. F. Chellappah, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and Lt. Col. R. R. M. Bacon, Inspector-general of Police.

Mr. S. R. Ameresekera in a thoughtful speech proposed the toast of the New Attorney General. In replying to the toast Mr. Nagalingam took the opportunity to thank his Proctor friends who had helped him to get a foothold on the first rung of the ladder.

Mr. E. G. Jonklaas proposed the toast of Lt. Col. Bacon. In replying in a 'co-operative' and appreciative speech proposed the toast of the Law Society of Ceylon. The President in reply said that one of the objectives the Law Society had in mind was co-operation with the Police Department in its endeavours to prevent and suppress crime. The crime record of Ceylon, particularly of homicide was appalling.

Earlier the third annual general meeting of the Society was held at the Colombo District Court. There were present about 100 members representing Matara, Galle, Balapitiya Kalutara, Panadura, Colombo, Kandy, Ranapura, Avisawa, Kegalle, Gampola, Hatton, Matale, Trincomalee, Jaffna and Point Pedro.

The chief item on the Agenda was a statement by the President regarding the Bill Incorporating the Society now in the hands of Mr. Suranta de Fonseka, M. S. C., Panadura, nominated by the Council of the Law Society to introduce and pilot it through the State Council. The President made a comprehensive survey of the position up to date explaining the delays and difficulties due to the drafting of the Bill, various interviews with the Legal Secretary, Chief Justice, Financial Secretary, Ministers, etc., War conditions, constitutional changes, urgent State matters, Salaries Scheme, etc. and the financial implications of the Bill in view of Section 57 sub-section (i) of the Ceylon Government Manual of Procedure. The present delay was due to the absence of the Financial Secretary. The President hoped that on the return of the Financial Secretary the final touches would be put on and the 'prior approval'

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THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

HIS EXCELLENCY THE VICE-roy has invited the President of the Indian National Congress to form an Interim Government. Pandit Nehru has accepted the invitation and has requested Mr. Jinnah to co-operate. In the course of a statement to the Press Pandit Nehru says: 'It is our desire to have as representative a Provisional National Government as possible, so that we might unitedly face the problems that confront our country. We would welcome the co-operation of the Muslim League in forming a Coalition Government and I am therefore writing to Mr. Jinnah on this subject'.

It is to be hoped that the Muslim League will even at this eleventh hour accept the hand of friendship and co-operation extended by the President of the Indian National Congress. In requesting the co-operation of the Muslim League, Pandit Nehru has ignored the League's repudiation of the Cabinet Delegation's plan and its threat of direct action. The Congress can afford to be generous without being weak, states manlike without snatching at power under any circumstances. At the same time, it is the duty of the Muslim League to realise that the present opportunity for co-operation may not recur and that it is offered by an opponent possessing an overwhelming majority in the councils of the country. It is true that Mr. Jinnah has not succeeded in securing all that he wanted. The award of the Cabinet Delegation has not given him Pakistan but it has broadened the basis and scope of provincial autonomy almost to the detriment of a strong central Government. Common prudence demands that the award should be accepted and that the Muslim League should co-operate with the National Congress in solving the many problems confronting India as a whole.

The conciliatory attitude of the President of the Indian National Congress affords a valuable lesson to all of us in Ceylon. It is never too late to offer once more the hand of friendship to our opponents in the faith that unity is the one thing needed in Ceylon at the present moment to solve the problems common to the people of this island. It is never too late to let truth, however hard and unpleasant it may be, to

shape our policies, as long as our sole aim is the peace and happiness of our people.

### MACHINE Vs ANIMAL POWER

The Minister of Agriculture and Lands will do well to study the speech of Mr. W. Mathewson, Agricultural Engineer, at a recent meeting of the Central Board of Agriculture. Mr. Mathewson has stated very clearly the difficulties of tractor cultivation in Ceylon. The difficulties are many but one of them has been mentioned by Mr. Mathewson, namely, the inexperience of our agricultural officers and tractor operators. The tractor is a delicate machine and it is only a machine-minded rural population that can profit by it. Besides, we agree with Mr. Mathewson that the big tractor is not likely to be of much use in Ceylon. The small tractor, however, may be used where labour and animal power are scarce. Cultivation done by animal draught is certainly precise and therefore superior to mechanical cultivation, and we are glad to find that Mr. Mathewson appreciates this. We trust that in the light of these facts the Department of Agriculture will proceed very cautiously in the matter of tractor cultivation.

### THE "TIMES" AND THE TAMILS

In its issue of the 13th instant the "Times of Ceylon" has much advice to offer to the Tamils on the subject of communal parties. There is one thing, however, which the "Times" may take for granted, and that is the determination of the Tamil people not to be led astray by the opinions of our contemporary. Not so very long ago the "Times" became almost hysterical over the question of balanced representation—a question on which we expressed ourselves with great reserve in these columns. Incidentally, the "Times" did much to keep the Tamils and the Singhalese divided. Now that the Tamil Congress movement is fast becoming a mass movement whose one aim is responsive and honourable co-operation with the Singhalese people, the "Times" is getting restive once more. The "Times" is evidently unable to digest the fact that the Tamil Congress has given its support to the cause of Ceylon's independence unconditionally. With regard to communal organisations and the place of minority representatives in the next Parliament, we would refer the "Times" to the recommendation of the Soulbury Commission that the Leader of the House, in forming his Cabinet, should consult the elected members of minority groups in Parliament. The Tamils know their business very well and do not require any more advice. They have had enough of it in the past.

### Five Vice-Presidents For U. N. P!

The United National Party has decided to have 5 Vice-Presidents to "eliminate unhealthy rivalry" at a meeting of the Party held in the State-Council Buildings on Wednesday last. It is reliably learnt that the following were elected the first five Vice-presidents: Messrs. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, J. L. Kotelawela, A. Mahadeva, George E. de Silva, and T. B. Jayah.

### NEHRU WRITES TO JINNAH

Pandit Nehru has written to Jinnah requesting his co-operation in the formation of an interim Government. It is learnt that a personal meeting between the presidents of the Congress and the Muslim League will depend on Mr. Jinnah's reply. Pandit Nehru has now left for Bombay.

## Unity Within And Co-operation Without Will Not Perpetuate Communal Rancour

"The main object of the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress is unity within and co-operation without", said Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayagam, Advocate speaking at a public meeting held at the Sittankerney Pillayar Temple, Changanai, under the auspices of the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress. Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, M. S. C., presided.

Mr. Chelvanayagam said that the Tamil Congress has now begun on a clean slate. It was not their intention to carry on the communal campaign or to perpetuate communal rancour either, as it was then called. "We have started afresh with an open mind. We have completely buried the past. It is our sincere intention to serve to the best of our ability the Tamils in particular and the people of Ceylon in general."

"Not only do we intend to work the new constitution in the true spirit of co-operation, to purify the political and public life of this country, but also to work hand in hand with every community for the cultural, social, moral and economic upliftment of the people of this little Island", he added.

Messrs. A. V. Kulasingham, G. G. Ponnambalam, R. Sivagurunather, K. Chelvadurai and S. Senathirajah addressed the large gathering.

Muhandiram M. Krishner proposed a vote of thanks.

### TAMIL CONGRESS NOT ONE MAN'S SHOW

"The All-Ceylon Tamil Congress is neither a one man's show nor an organisation established for the benefit of any individual," said Mr. T. Muttusamypillai, Crown Advocate, speaking at a public meeting held at the Hindu College Hall, Kokuvil, last Wednesday during the Congress Week.

Mr. C. Muttuvelu, J. P. presided.

Continuing Mr. Muttusamypillai said that as far as he saw the policy of the Congress was correct. But to err is human. If the Tamils felt that the policy of the Congress was wrong, it was their duty to enter the Congress and enunciate it afresh.

"The inherent dangers of sectionalism and individualism, especially in relation to the Tamils, cannot be underrated. It is a pity that some mushroom politicians are advocating such a course of action. I need not tell you what the result will be. The strength of the Tamils as a political unit indispensable for the successful working of the new constitution will be lost for ever. Let us not be branded as a race without any character or principle pandering only to the desires of individuals" he added.

"I appeal to you not to follow a path that will of necessity lead to the political disintegration of the Tamils. Let us tread the path of progress, co-operation and goodwill as a strong political unit acting through an organisation. The only organisation for the Tamils is the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress. You will never regret that you have given your help to it," he concluded.

The other speakers were Messrs. S. J. V. Chelvanayagam, A. V. Kulasingham, Thiccam C. Chelliah, S. S. K. Varl Arasan, M. P. V. Ponnudurai and G. G. Ponnambalam. Mr. P. Navaratnam, Teacher, proposed a vote of thanks.

Office-bearers were elected for the newly founded branch of the Congress for Kokuvil.

### Wells Dead

Mr. H. G. Wells the world famous British author died at the age of 79 on Tuesday last. It was he who foretold the atomic bomb in 1904 in his book "The World at Free."

## HANDS OFF CHINA!

WILL THE SOVIET MARCH IN?

America has decided to cease interest in China. This is the purport of the declaration made last Sunday by General George Marshall and Mr. John Stuart. If and when America withdraws from this country of perpetual quarrels and squabbles for power politics, what will the results be? There are two factions in the country today. One is the Communist party and the other is the Government party headed by Marshall Chiang-Kai-Shek. So far, the Americans have been helping the Chinese National Government for no other reason than the fact that their (the Government's) antagonists are communists. To prevent the Soviet from making its influence felt in the far East, the Americans have been so far helping Chiang-Kai-Shek to a very large extent with men, money and materials. It is no secret that if not for the American help the Government of Chiang-Kai-Shek would have been swept away long ago.

With the withdrawal of America from the scene, what will be the inevitable result? Will the Soviet too consider China a "hopeless proposition" and decide not to interfere in her internal affairs or will it march in. If it marches in, the inevitable result will be a China under the shackles of communism to the detriment of the neighbouring countries.

### Vivekananda Society, Colombo

A public lecture on 'The Philosophy of Manickavasaga Swamigal' under the auspices of the Vivekananda Society by its President Mr. N. Nadarajah, K. C., Advocate, at the Saiva Mangaiyar Kalagam Hall, Wellawatte will be delivered at 5-30 p. m. on Sunday, the 18th instant.

Mr. M. S. Aney, Representative of the Government of India in Ceylon will be preside on the occasion.—Cor.

### TENDER NOTICE

G. A., N. P., will receive tenders up to 12 noon on

(1) Tuesday, 3 September 1946 for the service of weighing out salt to traders at Chiviyateru and Tondaimanar Salt Stores for the period 1-10-46 to 30-9-47.

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M. Ponnambalam,  
for G. A., N. P.  
Jaffna, 30 July 1946  
(G. 53 16)

**Symbol of a New Era**

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of the Board of Ministers essential under the Section of the Manual of Procedure quoted above secured for the Bill's immediate introduction. Meanwhile the Legal Secretary had directed the scrutiny of the Bill by the Legal Draftsman at this stage as a special concession to save time. The meeting expressed satisfaction with, and approval of, the work accomplished so far by the President and the Council.

The President next touched on various points in the Annual Report and Accounts printed and circulated among the 913 Members of the Society. He complimented the members of the Council who had attended meetings held during 195 particularly the outstation members who had come from distant stations to attend meetings at great personal inconvenience and expense. They were the strong granite pillars of the Society, enthusiastic, thoughtful, responsible, altruistic men who were determined to put the Society on a strong basis to make it a power in the land for the good of the profession and of the public which it advises, protects and defends.

At an interview a deputation from the Council of the Society had with the Leader of the House Mr. D. S. Senanayake said that the Law Society was a great instrument of self government and the results flowing from its organization and work were beneficial not only to the Profession but to the country at large and expressed gratification that the Society had been established.

Like the University of Ceylon the Law Society has come one hundred years too late. But it has arrived.

The following were elected Office-bearers: President: Mr. S. J. C. Kadirgamar; Vice-Presidents: Mr. H. de S. Kularatne, Mr. G. T. Hale, Mr. E. M. Karunaratne and Mr. E. G. Jonklaas

A council of sixty members was also elected.



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R. A. Wijeyekoon,  
for Director of Public Works,  
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G. 56, 16

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[Mis. 248, 15-3-46 to 14-4-47.]

**Agricultural Policy  
Denounced!**

**Ruanwela Member  
Speaks Out**

The Budget debate was opened in the State Council on Tuesday last with a scathing denunciation of the Agricultural policy of Mr. Senanayake by Mr. R. E. Jayatileke member for Ruanwela. Mr. Jayatileke condemned the hush-hush policy adopted by Mr. Senanayake and said that the country should be told the truth as to what was actually happening here. He said: "The villagers must be told clearly what their duties are. Essential foodstuffs should be produced in the country in sufficient quantities. If the people did not co-operate, it was up to the Government to see that they did. The first essential step towards that end was to pay an economic rate to the paddy cultivator. If sufficient food was not forthcoming with the alarming state to which mal-nutrition had risen, with the rising death rate and the infantile mortality rate, there would be no people in the country in a few years to enjoy the Swaraj for which they all hoped for."

**NOTICE**

**Change of Ration from 12.8.46.**

The ration table to be followed from 12-8-46 (9th week of rationing of the 6th series) until further intimation will be as follows:

Class	Rice or Paddy Meas.	Wheat Flour Lbs.	Wheat or Kurakkan Meas.
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Child	3/4	3/4	3/4
Ordinary	1	1	1
Worker	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2

When wheat is not available kurakkan will be issued in place of wheat. If kurakkan is also not available no other substitute will be issued in its place. The former arrangements whereby flour was issued in place of wheat or kurakkan when these were not available is hereby cancelled.

M. SRIKHANTA,  
For Deputy Food Controller,  
Jaffna.

The Kachcheri,  
Jaffna, 13th August, 1946.  
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[Mis. 137, 2-8 to 31-7-47]

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 541.

In the matter of the In-estate Estate of the late Philippau Anthony of Mathagal Deceased.

1. Swanthan Soosai and wife
2. Theresia both of Mathagal

Vs. Petitioner.

Anny Annal widow of Seivadthy Phi'ippau of Mathagal

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on the 27th day of March 1946 in the presence of Mr. S. Sabaratnam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit and Petition of the Petitioner dated 9th and 27th day of March 1946 respectively having been read.

It is ordered that the Petitioner be declared entitled to the grant of letters of administration in respect of the above-named deceased and that letters of administration be granted to them accordingly unless the above named respondents or any other person shall on or before the 30th day of May 1946 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 27th day of March 1946.

(Sgd) R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge.

30-5-46, Order Nisi extended for 18th July 1946.

(Sgd) R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge.

18-7-46 Order Nisi extended for 22-8-46 (Sgd) R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge.

(O. 55, 16 & 20)

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[Mis. 105, 9-7 to 9-10-46]

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 220

In the matter of the Estate of the late Robinsonnan wife of Sinnathamby Vallipuram Ayadurai of Alaveddy. Deceased.

Chel'appa Saravanasu tu of Alaveddy Vs. Petitioner.

1. Aiyadurai Yogasundaram,
2. Aiyadurai Sivasubramaniam,
3. Kosa Devi, daughter of Aiyadurai and minors appearing by their Guardian-ad-litem,
4. Chellammah widow of Chel'appa of Alaveddy
5. Sinnathamby Vallipuram Aiyadurai of Kosiande.

THIS matter of the petition of the Petitioner coming on for disposal before F. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 13th day of March 1946 in the presence of Mr. M. R. Karlasingham, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the Petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem of the said minors and that Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said deceased be issued to the Petitioner unless the Respondents or any other person shall appear on or before the 17th day of April 1946 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 13th day of March 1946

R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge.

Time to show cause extended till 21-8-46

K. R. S.

D. J.

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