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PALALY AERODROME FOR CIVILIAN USE

The Tangle About Northern Ports

(By Our Staff Reporter)

Mr. J. L. Kote'awa'a told me that he is having a plan to convert the R. A. F. Aerodrome at Palaly for civilian use. At present Jaffna residents wishing to travel by air to Indian cities have to take off from Colombo, which entails considerable expenditure and wastage of time.

When the Palaly aerodrome is converted for civilian use, planes carrying passengers to and from India will touch there.

Mr. Kotelawala also told me that he is very anxious to open the Northern ports for traffic. But as things are at present, the Government is not in a position to open all of them. They have to select one, and here comes the trouble, said Mr. Kotelawala. "One section of the people want the port of Kayts to be opened first while another section is equally vociferous in demanding the opening of Kankasanturai port. If the demand comes with one voice, there will be no undue delay in opening a port," he said.

"Instead of listening to those divergent views, why cannot the Government take the initiative and open one port?" I asked Mr. Kotelawala.

"That is what we are now considering," replied Mr. Kote'awa'a.

Mr. Kote'awa'a is in Jaffna on official business.

Attitude of Jinnah

"Only a Passing Show to Deceive People"

Mr. Leslie Gunawardane of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India and Ceylon, in the course of an address on 'The Political Situation in India' said that the present attitude of Jinnah was only a passing show to deceive the people. Comrade Gunawardane criticised the Congress attitude of compromise with the British Imperialists. He was certain that in spite of all the outward show of intransigence, Jinnah would ultimately join the Interim Government. Cor.

Symbols for Candidates

According to an Order-in-Council published in a Gazette Extraordinary issued on Thursday last, Parliamentary candidates will be assigned symbols.

The Order-in-Council gives the rules and procedure for elections to Parliament.

VERDICT TODAY

NAZI WAR CRIMINAL TRIAL

Today the Nazi War Criminals arraigned before the International War Crimes Tribunal at Nuremberg will know their fate. Today the Tribunal will render its judgment against each man named in the indictment and against the seven Nazi organisations.

There is already a rumour afloat that Schacht, Von Papen and Von Neurath will be acquitted by the Tribunal. This rumour is based on the prediction of Mr. Owen Cunningham who is the American Attorney defending General Oshima in Japanese War Trial. In his forecast Mr. Cunningham predicts that lenience, if not acquittal would be shown in the cases of Field Marshal Keitel, General Jodl, Admiral Doenitz and Rudolph Hess.

Goering according to Mr. Cunningham is certain to die.

Kerosene Oil Control To Continue

The control on Kerosene oil will last for three months more. It was hoped to lift control on Kerosene oil by the end of September. But as the Department of Medical and Sanitary Services is using large quantities of it for the eradication of Malaria, the Controller of Prices (Misc. Articles) states that control will continue for three months more.

Opium Dealer Fined Rs. 1500

T. Nagendram, of Vannarponnai was convicted and fined Rs. 1500/- by the Jaffna Magistrate Mr. O. L. De Kretser for having unlawfully sold 20 grains of opium and for having in his possession 45 grains of ganja.

The accused admitted 10 previous convictions.

Burma's Magnanimity

Offers Rice to India

It is understood that Major Aung San, Leader of the New Burma National Government has offered the Nehru Government 100,000 tons of rice and requested reciprocal aid in the form of consumer goods which India could spare.

Nehrus' Gesture

Friendly Approach To Ceylon

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Vice-President of the Interim Government, in outlining his foreign policy on Thursday last as Member for External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, said that he proposed to visit Ceylon as soon as possible.

"We have tried, and propose to try our utmost to approach the people of Ceylon in a friendly manner," he declared.

Pandit Nehru also said: "In future we shall have a much larger number of diplomatic representatives abroad and we shall deal with them direct instead of through the British Foreign Office. They will have higher status, and in time will be Ambassadors; Directions and advice to them will go from India."

"The scheme for the formation of an Indian Diplomatic Corps would be placed before the Cabinet soon."

"The kernel of our policy is the ending of colonisation all over Asia, Africa and elsewhere. We welcome the proposed formation of a new Government in Burma under General Aung San, the leader of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League of Burma."

"In practice, the Interim Government recognized the Indonesian Republic. We have 100 per cent sympathy with them. We want them to win through and establish their freedom and we want to help them and support them in every way," said Pandit Nehru.

The Next U. S. President

Will Wallace Oust Truman?

Russian circles are elated at the turn of events in America. The official Soviet view is that President Truman is no more than a die hard imperialist who is aided and abetted in his imperialist designs by the British. They find in the resignation - or rather the dismissal of Commerce Secretary Wallace a trend of events which might actually lead him to the Presidency of the United States.

Berliner Zeitung, the Russian controlled newspaper from Berlin asks: "Will Mr. Wallace be the next President?" and reports that there was a crisis in the American Democratic Party and that "organised labour and progressive citizens" considered it fortunate that Mr. Wallace was now freed of restrictions to campaign for his views and for the Presidency."

There is no Antidote to Atom Bomb

Russia will solve the problem of applying atomic energy to industry before Britain. This was the view expressed by Professor M. L. Oliphant, the British atom scientist. Mr. Oliphant added that he thought America would win the race before either country.

When questioned about anti-atomic devices he declared there was no protection and stated: "antidotes are a delusion."

INDIA IS IN RIGHT EARNEST

Produces Foodstuffs In Abundance

India is girding up her loins to produce foodstuffs in right earnest; and it will not be surprising if India's 1947 harvests exceed the pre-war harvests. This is the opinion of the United States Department of Agriculture. In a report issued last week the U. S. Department of Agriculture states that the world food situation will be partly relieved during the year ahead by the 10 per cent increase in rice production and the largest potato crop since 1942.

The rice crop will be about 6,300,000,000 bushels or nearly 600,000,000 bushels more than last year. The increase will be largely in Asia.

World production of potatoes is tentatively estimated at 7,283,000,000 bushels or 13 per cent more than last year, but 100,000,000 bushels below the pre-war average. The European crop is estimated at 4,462,000,000 bushels, compared with 3,874,000,000 bushels last year.

National Govt. For Burma

Aung San Vice-President

The first Interim National Government has been formed in Burma. This Government exercise almost the same powers as the Indian Interim Government, and for the first time a Burman will hold the Portfolio of Defence and External Relations.

U. Aung San former guerilla Leader and President of the Anti-Fascist Party, will be the Vice-President of the Interim Government. He will also be the Defence Minister.

All the major political parties in Burma will be represented in the Government which will be composed of 11 members, of whom six will be from Aung San's party.

NOTICE

There will be no issue of the "Hindu Organ" on 4-10-46 on account of the Navarathri Festival.

MANAGER.



Hindu Organ

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1946.

RUSSIA AND PEACE

THE BRITISH FOREIGN Secretary recently laid down one condition for ensuring peace. He said: "There is one kind of war that must stop if we are to get peace. That is the war of nerves that has left some unfortunate countries in a state of disturbance." This war of nerves was started immediately after the surrender of the enemy countries, and it is still going on. In Europe and Asia the position in this respect is very much like what it was before the commencement of the last war. Charges, counter charges, threats, attempts to set up one section of a people against the other—this was the technique which found favour with Hitler, and this is the method by which Stalin hopes to gain we know not what. By the last war Russia has got all that she needs and much more. There is one thing, however, which she will not be permitted to have: the domination of the rest of the world. This is the secret of the American and British attitude towards her. The Anglo-American democracies did not fight the last war merely to substitute one evil for another, and any attempt to take advantage of the unsettled conditions created by the collapse of the enemy nations for the purpose of establishing Russian hegemony is bound to be resisted. Stalin's declaration that he did not anticipate the likelihood of further war was timely, but, as Mr. Bevin said, it is his duty to implement this declaration by bringing Russian diplomacy into line with the imperative requirements of peace.

At the same time, it is the duty of the British Government to get on with its present policy of ensuring to former subject nations the enjoyment of their fundamental human rights. Someone rightly pointed out the other day that any reversion to the old colonial system would mean war. You cannot claim the right to rule other countries however backward these may be without somebody else claiming the same right. This was the tragedy that overtook the world. The expansionist tendencies in Germany and Japan were the direct outcome of the unthinking imperialism that had British colonial policy in its grip. Let us hope, in the interests of world peace, that this is a thing of the past and that British statesmen will do their duty while gazing upon Russia to do hers.

AN APPEAL

Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai
Diamond Jubilee Collection Fund

The Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai, established 58 years ago, will be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee early in 1947. To perform its manifold duties the Sabhai requires a home of its own where *Gurupoojas*, religious classes and lectures and meetings could be held. The Sabhai also requires a library, an office, a shrine room and visitors' quarters. It has been resolved at the last Annual General Meeting of the Sabhai that a home consisting of all the above should be erected at premises near

the Saiva Prakasa Press and the Jaffna Hindu College. Arrangements are being made to purchase about 10 lms. of land at Neeraviady, Vannarponnai East and plans are being prepared to erect the necessary buildings. A sum of Rs. 100,000 would be required to execute the above work. On behalf of the Board of Management of the Sabhai, we appeal to all Hindus to contribute liberally towards this fund. All donations would be thankfully acknowledged in the Hindu Organ and Inthusathanam.

Remittances could be sent to the Hony. Treasurer, Saiva Paripalana Sabhai C/o Hindu Organ, Jaffna.

R. SIVAGURUNATHAR
K. SHANMUGAM

A. V. KULASINGAM
A. ARULAMBALAM

M. MYLVAGANAM

[Members of the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai Diamond Jubilee Collection Sub-Committee on behalf of the Sabhai Board of Management]

Notes and Comments

Leaguer's Mission

Yusuf Abdulla Haroon, President of the Sind Provincial Muslim League has flown from London to Paris to meet M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, to secure the latter's help to raise the Pakistan question in the U. N. O. The action of this Muslim Quisling is bound to provoke some mirth and humour in the otherwise serene and serious Molotov. The latter knows fully well that the Muslim League and its Fuehrer are discarded by all Muslim countries of the world, except perhaps by the Nizam of Hyderabad, who, it is an open secret, for reasons of his own, fills the coffers of the League! Molotov may chuckle, and receive Haroon with outstretched hands: for, any weapon is good for the Soviet Bear to strike the old British lion with in the wordy warfare that is being waged at Paris today.

Water Famine at Kayts

We are glad that our contemporary, the "Catholic Guardian" has drawn the attention of the authorities to the hardships experienced by the inhabitants of Kayts as a result of water famine there. As our contemporary rightly points out, both the Minister of Local Administration and the Member for Kayts in the State Council should be held responsible for this disgraceful state of affairs in this island town. It is not due to the lack of funds that a scheme of regular water supply has not been organised. It is the indifference to the interests of his constituents on the part of the member for this constituency that is the cause of the present sorry state of affairs at Kayts. We are told that Sir Wytialingham Duraiswamy was on several occasions appealed to, to move in this matter. He has not moved. It is now up to the residents of Kayts and elsewhere to agitate and to see that a scheme of pure water supply is inaugurated in the town without any further delay.

Contrast

It is not yet one month since Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and his team of leaders took over the administration of the Interim Government of India, and within this short period, they have made their influence felt in every sphere of public life throughout the length and breadth of India. There is a bloodless and silent revolution going on in that sub-continent of 400 million people. A re-awakening for the better has

set in. A thorough re-orientation in national outlook and economic policy is being hammered out. The food famine is checked, thanks to the dynamic personality and selfless devotion to duty of Babu Rajendra Prasad, the Food Member in Nehru's Cabinet; everything points to a very bright future for India. Contrast this with the disgraceful state of affairs into which the Senanayake Caucus has plunged little Ceylon during their career of 15 long years. This Caucus which is adept only at twisting figures to suit their ends, has driven Ceylon to penury, poverty and starvation. Ceylon cannot lag behind India in the march towards progress. It should advance side by side with it. To enable it to do so, leaders with vision and regard for the welfare of the people should be at the helm of affairs. Messrs. Senanayake, Kotelawala, Bandaranaike and Co. have been tested and found wanting. They should go out: failing which they should be bundled out.

Well Timed Advice

Mr. R. P. Sethupillai's stress on the necessity of studying our own literature instead of wasting a lot of money and time on the acquisition of Western education and Western Culture is well timed, and calls for the attention of all educational authorities. Though Ceylon is ahead of India in literacy, it has not advanced in education in the real sense of the word. A system of education whereby the youth of the land scorn everything indigenous has been implanted. Works of Kamban, Kachchiappar, Valluvar and other geniuses of Tamil Nadu, which are a source of inspiration to even Western Scholars, have been pushed to the background in our educational scheme. It is high time our young men are given an education with our ancient literature as the background. We are on the road to self-government, and we should be in a position to understand and appreciate our great heritage.

NO LICENCE

A special meeting of the Jaffna Urban Council was held on Friday last to discuss whether a licence should be given to erect a cinema hall at Chundikuliy.

The Council after hearing the views of the Chairman decided that no licence should be given to erect the said Cinema hall.

SCRAP BOOK

By DIARIST

After all, are we living in the age of democracy? Are we enjoying the fruits of liberty for which millions laid down their lives? I fear it is not so in Ceylon. The age of freedom just dawned on this beautiful isle some years ago, only to be throttled now and then by the iron hand of dictatorship. The tyranny and despotism of the Dark Ages are peeping round the corner. There is no getting away from this fact. One such step in that direction has been taken by the gallant Colonel Kotelawala, and his ilk in their decision not to send any advertisements from the departments under the Ministry of Communications and Works to the "Times of Ceylon", for six months from October 1, 1946. This decision was arrived at unanimously and the reason given was that the newspaper concerned grossly misrepresented and distorted facts. The Colonel amplified it by saying that it has been the habit of that newspaper to do so for the last two years and especially so with regard to the publication of a report on the Hydro-Electric Scheme.

It is the act of a madman to attempt to muzzle any newspaper by imposing a penalty on it. I do not hold a brief for the "Times of Ceylon." The correct procedure that ought to have been adopted by the blundering Colonel was to have given the lie direct to "gross misrepresentation and distortion of facts." The tempting shades of Hitler would not, however, leave him alone.

Theirs' not to reason why
But theirs' that to do and die

So thinks Col. Kotelawala. And to give effect to his wishful thinking he has the backing of a lackey press and a few satellites. No wonder that a certain section of the public is being served with "cooked" news items—the Ministerial version. The Colonel does not propose to play the game; army life had taught him one thing and that is: to ride roughshod over everything to gain one thing. "We will brook no opposition; we brook no criticism." This appears to be their slogan. Well Colonel! The parting of the ways has come. You and your colleagues aim at concrete power, and we wish for true liberty. We do not testify from public platforms as to our own virtues. To rule a misguided band of promoters of "pipe-dream schemes" is one thing, but to rule the press is another.

No time should be lost in laying bare the facts concerning the grandiose schemes of our Ministers. I am very anxious that a probe should be made immediately into the several schemes launched by them. Failure is the keynote of most of these schemes. The pro-pounders of schemes, which were, and are intended to benefit the already heavily burdened public of Ceylon, never trouble themselves about expert opinion. They are the self-styled experts. Their judgment and experience is to be valued not by what they have put on paper but by concrete results. Not only is this Island a place for experimental politics but also a fertile ground for experimental schemes. State farms are established where there are no irrigation facilities. The state produces a bushel of paddy at Rs 30/- and more, but wants the private farmer to sell at Rs. 6/-.

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WORLD PEACE

(BY SWAMI YOGESWARAVANDA)

There cannot be world peace without the unity of all nations and races. And unity demands fellow-feeling, mutual trust, co-operation and equality of rights among the united. Unless all are free, equality of rights has no meaning. Nations may be officially united by political pacts. But true unity requires the cementing force of moral goodness. No world unity is possible unless the nations and races meet on the common ground of equity, truth, and humanity. Rugged nationalism must be rounded off by humanitarianism. The leading nations often declare these to be their guiding principles. Yet they are not found ready to sacrifice their privileged positions for their sake, even though the exigency of the world situation demands it. The reason is, that their love of moral principles is not as strong as their greed for material gain. Their love of power belies their protestations of peace. You cannot make a nation peace-loving by just calling it so. Properly speaking, no nation can be labelled either as peace-loving or war-mongering. History shows peace or war, as a rule, is a matter of policy with the nations. Once President Lincoln said to a friend, 'If we call a fox's tail a leg, how many legs will the fox have?' 'Five,' promptly replied the friend. 'Do you not think the tail will be a leg merely in name?' said Abraham Lincoln.

Mere Jargon

Our moral life cannot be stabilized until we learn to love moral values for their own sake. Moral ineptitude naturally follows from the materialistic outlook on life. As long as material glory is the goal of your life, worldly achievement the standard of your civilization, self and power the measure of progress in your national life, as long as you identify peace with prosperity, happiness with sense-enjoyment, you cannot love knowledge for the sake of knowledge, truth for the sake of truth, God for the sake of God. Your science, your philosophy, your education, your ethics, your religion are bound to be subservient to your material interests. Such being the general condition, what wonder if policy rule the national lives instead of principle, diplomatic expediency manoeuvre international affairs, politicians pose as humanitarians, and their documents and declarations for a better world turn out to be mere jargon.

Sound Philosophy of Life

For a solid foundation of world peace a change of outlook on life is imperative. Moral character depends very much on the nature of the ideal pursued. To make moral life secure the worldly attitude must be replaced by the spiritual. But this is a point many do not see. That the peace structure requires a sound moral basis they acknowledge. At the same time they think we can attain the full measure of moral strength and purity though worldly glory, power, and possessions remain as the chief pursuits of our lives. They do not notice how far our moral stature is stunted by our very attitude to life. So they fail to rea-

lize that it is the worldly outlook on life that cramps the moral stamina of the nations as much as of the individuals, and thereby undermines the foundation of world peace and paves the way to more wars. Some are of the opinion that the only solution to world peace is training human minds by education. But education will not help much in this respect as long as the basic attitude to life remains the same. There cannot be a sound system of education without a sound philosophy of life.

Cause of Complications

The greed of power, wealth, and territories creates ever new complications in the political, economic, and social life of men. Imperialism, totalitarianism, socialism, militarism, nationalism, and even economic insufficiency are not the primary causes of war. They originate from the greed rooted in the worldly outlook on life. They are the symptoms of the disease, not diseases in themselves. Usually prosperous nations wage wars of aggression on economic grounds against poor peoples. Efforts for securing permanent peace simply by military, political and econo-

GOD

We may not understand God. But God understands our minds all right. Therefore it does not matter how we worship Him. What is meant is that the same Reality is behind all the forms, whether you worship it as Surya, Ganesha, or Vishnu. Call it by any name, it matters little.—*Sir Radh: Krishnan.*

mic readjustments will be like the treatment of symptoms without care to eradicate the cause of the disease and therefore cannot produce desired effects.

They Seek World Through God

Perhaps you will say, 'How is it that people have a materialistic outlook on life? Are they not mostly religious? Do they not believe in God, soul, and heaven? Do they not pray to God and worship Him? See how many temples and churches and mosques there are all over the world!' Perhaps most people are religious, but not in the true sense, caring more for secular interests than for spiritual values. They may believe in God, pray to Him and worship Him, yet not seek God for God's sake. They seek the world through God! This is the general tendency. This however does not mean that there are not truly religious persons in the world. There are. But their number is comparatively small. Some time ago a religious preacher after talking about the kingdom of heaven for over fifty years of his life said to his audience, 'I do not want to go to heaven, I want the kingdom of heaven to come down on the earth. I want to live here.' The truth is this sense-perceived world was more real to him than the unseen heaven. So he was

Sir Oliver Flies Back Washington Talks Over

Sir Oliver Goonetilleke has flown from Washington to London on Wednesday last. While at Washington, he has been discussing arrangements for rubber buying with American Officials, and will resume talks with British Officials in London.

Negotiations have not been completed yet. An announcement is expected to be made shortly.

Audit Report Published

The report of the Auditor General for 1944-1945 has been issued as a sessional paper. It bears the statement that it has been published on the authority of the State Council.

afraid to lose this world for the sake of heaven.

Moralist's Role

On the other hand, there have been great moralists who did not believe in God, yet cannot be called strictly materialistic. For they had greater faith in moral life than in sense life. They realized the importance of moral virtues so much so that they were ready to sacrifice material values for their sake. Some of them believed in a Moral Law or Order governing the universe, which was to them a higher reality than this sense-world. So their moral development could not be blocked by their worldly pursuits. But such cases are not common. Generally moral life develops with the deepening of faith in spiritual realities.

Why We Are Worldly

What makes men worldly? It is the body idea. We forget the spiritual self and think of ourselves wholly or primarily as physical beings. So we become attached to the body. We rely on sense perception, which makes the material universe real to us. To take good care of the body as well as to satisfy the craving of the senses becomes the main concern of life. We set value on anything that gives physical satisfaction some way or other. This creates attachment to the sense world. Attachment is bondage. Because of this we cannot take an impersonal view of things; we lose control over ourselves; our reason fails, will breaks down, fears and worries overtake us; pride, greed, anger, hatred, jealousy, and so forth rule in us.

Selfishness Makes Moral Cripples

The more we identify ourselves with the body, the more selfish we become. Selfishness makes moral cripples of us. It propagates vices. Because of the body idea we claim as our own anything that has connection with the body; such as work and its result, property, family, friends, society, country, race, nation, and so on. Only a few can sacrifice their individual interests for the sake of family, society, nation, or race. Even then their moral nature does not necessarily develop, because in most cases their ego gets inflated. The social, racial or national ego often binds men as much as the individual ego, or even more. Oftener than not it makes them daredevils. In the name of the nation, race, or community men even revel in the perpetration of such atrocities as they would not dare to commit for their personal interests.

World Federation of Trade Unions

ASSURES SUPPORT TO
C. T. U. F.

The following message has been sent to the Fifth Annual Sessions of the Ceylon Trade Union Federation by M. Louis Saillant, on behalf of the World Federation of Trade Unions, to which the C. T. U. F. is affiliated.

"On behalf of the World Federation of Trade Unions, I send the annual sessions of your organisation all our sympathies and our most sincere good wishes for the success of your efforts.

"We are confident that your Sessions will give the workers of your country the necessary leadership for the improvement of their welfare and of all their conditions of life.

"The World Federation of Trade Unions, which organises over 80 million workers from every country in the world, assures you of its solidarity and support. It is confident that your efforts at liberation in conjunction with similar efforts throughout the entire world, will enable all men to enjoy the Democracy and Social Justice they desire.

"In the name of the World Federation of Trade Unions I send you our fraternal greetings."

Pensioners Demand More

A memorial has been submitted to the Government by the Ceylon Pensioners' Provident Society requesting that pensions be enhanced by an increase similar to that which has been given recently to Government servants, namely 40 percent.

The Pensioners are also asking for 2 years' arrears of war allowance which they contend, is due to them as they were paid the war allowance two years after it was given to the Government Servants.

Flour at Last?

The flour position is brightening up and Food Director Alvapillai announces that a flour ship has been diverted from Australia to Ceylon and is expected here on Thursday the 3rd instant. It is not known however, how much of flour the ship is bringing to Ceylon. Another 11,000 tons of flour are expected to arrive in Colombo on October 6.

Ayurvedic Commission

Col. Sir R. N. Chopra of Kashmir who was invited to be the Chairman of the Ayurvedic Commission is unable to come to Ceylon owing to his wife's illness. Kaviraj Manendralal Das Gupta Principal of the Calcutta Ayurvedic College is now appointed the Chairman of the Commission.

"Three Uncontrollable Horses!"

Moscow Radio on Thursday last for the first time used the Russian expression for the "Big Three"—Big Troika. "Troika" is a team of three horses harnessed abreast. Their control demands considerable skill.

Letters to the Editor

The Jaffna Peninsula Lagoon Scheme

SIR,

According to official Report the object of the above scheme is to prevent salt water getting in to lagoon from the sea and thereby changing the salt water lagoons into fresh water lagoons in order:

(a) to prevent damage to marginal lands which are now sown with paddy;

(b) to enable the cultivation of lands between high water level and the low water level which is now impregnated with salt; and

(c) to have a reservoir of rain water.

(a) is the immediate result aimed at (b) in due course (after some years) when saltiness has been removed by the progressive leaching action of incoming rain water and (c) is a remote affair. Even at a distant date no real irrigation storage is contemplated; the cultivator must continue to grow his paddy with direct rain fall "as the scheme is not designed with a view of providing him with tanks which in fact are almost impossible in country as flat as the Peninsula". When natural irrigation through channels as from a tank becomes an impossibility, "Etalari" or lift irrigation must be practiced. There is hardly any difference economically between lift irrigation and irrigation from well which is not deep. It is also stated in the report when (c) becomes an accomplished fact part of areas in (a) and (b) would become flooded and the benefits of the scheme would then only apply to land above the level to which water is stored.

The above is the laudable scheme proposed to be undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs. 650,000—(?) to appreciably enhance food production in the peninsula to tide over the present food crisis. There is hardly anything positive in this scheme. On the other hand its possible adverse effects ought to make the authorities decide up this scheme leisurely in normal times after further practical trials and experiments progressively in stages ascertaining in the meantime the theory of acceleration of flood conditions, the possibility of anopheles mosquito-breeding in reclaimed fresh water areas, the extent to which the salt industry would be affected and so on.

The dry climate and the salubrious atmosphere brought about by the sea around and the salt water lagoons intervening bestow on the Peninsula the enviable healthy conditions. In the conversion of the salt water lagoons into fresh water lagoons, if steps are not taken to avoid the possible existence of marshy grounds and silt in the marginal areas, there would arise the positive danger of mosquito breeding and the consequent prevalence of malaria. The truism that if health is lost, wealth is lost applies to individual and society.

The Pooneryn causeway is a great boon to the Jaffna cultivator, it will facilitate the opening up and cultivation of extensive areas in the Pooneryn district. The Karachchi scheme should go forward much more steadily to ameliorate the conditions of the Jaffna cultivator; its steady advancement is held up owing to (a) paucity of labour (b) inadequate storage capacity of the

COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS

Mr. E. R. Sudbury Appointed

Mr. E. R. Sudbury has been appointed as Commissioner of Parliamentary elections under the Ceylon (Parliamentary Elections) Order in Council.

The Registering Officers and Assistants in most cases are Government Agents and Assistant Government Agents, while revising Officers and Assistants will be District Judges and Additional District Judges.

The Registrar General will be the Registering officer for the Colombo North, Colombo Central, Colombo South and Wellawatte and Galkissa electoral districts.

tank to aid the cultivator in dry season (c) low price of paddy payable under the internal purchase scheme and (d) absence of healthy conditions.

After six years of "much talked of" gigantic activities of the Agricultural Ministry we are today in a worse condition than we were in 1939 as regards our food supply. Every week passes in great suspense and anxiety! Starvation is staring at us; cost of living is going up higher and higher month after month. Labour is scarce; wages above abnormal. Is there no solution? Politicians are against the contented and happy living of the masses. Until food production is really increased and masses are able to feed themselves well, misery will rule the country notwithstanding all glossy constitutional upshots. Tens of thousands of acres under irrigation schemes are available for food cultivation in the Eastern, Northern and North Central Provinces. The Ceylon Tamil and Muslim labour is hardly enough to open up and cultivate the available areas. Indian pioneer labourers and colonists are required in thousands to open up and cultivate a good portion of the available lands in Eastern and Northern Provinces. The surplus labour available in the Low-country Sinhalese Provinces can migrate and open up vast areas available in the North Central Province and occupy them.

If it were not for the immigrant pioneer labour from India, where would be the economic prosperity brought about by tea, rubber and coconut plantations? If we are grateful to our mother India, all our food problems will be solved easily and quickly. Leaders' false prestige, individualism and communalism stand on the way and the masses are starving.

Even a dozen "influence" seeking schemes like the Jaffna Peninsula Lagoon Scheme cannot satisfy the poor hungry man. Well considered and practical schemes required urgently for the amelioration of the condition of the masses are the ones that ought to engage the eager attention of genuine leaders and politicians. How many of them have we in Ceylon?

S. R. SATHASEEVAN

Seewawasa,
Kaithady,
20th September 1946.

VEDANTA MOOLA SARAM OR THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

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XII. THE ATHARVA SIRA UPANISHAD (Contd.)

After feasting their eyes with the Godly Sight of the Lord for a time, the Devas lost sight of Him and began to meditate on and praise him with uplifted hands. The second section of the Upanishad contains a number of short but melodious and heart-stirring hymns of exquisite beauty (sruties 8 to 41), which even when rendered in prose in a foreign tongue have a ring and melody all their own, so much so that they tend to arrest the attention of the hearers and focus their minds in God: Om! He who is Rudran and Bhagavan (Lord), Bhuh, Bhuvah, and Suvah, He is Prahma. Adoration, Yea, adoration unto him.....He who is Vishnu is verily the Lord Adoration, Yea, adoration unto Him. He who is Mahesvaran is verily the Lord. Adoration, Yea, adoration unto him. He who is Uma is verily the Lord Adoration, Yea, adoration unto Him. He who is Vinayagan is verily the Lord. Adoration, Yea, adoration unto Him.—and so on, in similar strain with the words Skandan Indran, Agni, Bhuh, Bhuvah, Suvah, Mahah, Jana, Tapah, Satyam, Earth, Water, Fire, Air, Akas, Sun, Moon, Stars, Planets, Pranan, Kalam, Yauran, Mrityu, Amritam, the past, the present and the future, Visvam, the Whole, All and Truth being thrown in.

The nine Deities Rudran, Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesvaran, Uma, Vinayagan, Skandan, Indran and Agni mentioned in the earlier verses are some of the principal manifestations of God, though no particular order of priority is intended. The next seven names Bhuh, Bhuvah, Suvah, Mahah, Jana, Tapah and Satyam refer to the seven worlds. The next five, earth, water, fire, air and Akas are the grossest Tatwas (or elements). The four that follow are the luminaries of the sky, the Sun and Moon being single ones and the Stars and Planets group of luminaries. Then follow Pranan (life), Kalam (time), Yaman (the Regent of Death), Mrityu (Death), Amritam (Deathlessness), the divisions of time (past, present and future), Visvam (the world), the whole (universe) and all (everything) and finally Truth. And all these are declared to be but different aspects, manifestations or symbols of the one nameless and formless God. These hymns vividly portray the all-embracing nature of God, the எல்லா உலகமும் ஆளும் தீயே (all the worlds art Thou, &c. of the Devaram, and at the same time show how cosmopolitan the Upanishads are in their outlook. These hymns remind us particularly of the Holy Praise Hymn (போற்றித் திரு அகவல்) of the Tiruvachakam, and hosts of other verses in the Devaram, Tiruvachakam &c. such as the following:

செவனெய்த் தீயேயும்கூடத் திருமாலாகித்
செழுஞ்சுடராய்த் தீயாகி நீருமாகிப்
புவனெய்த் புவனங்க ளனைத்தமாகிப்
பொன்னெய்த் மணியாகி முத்தமாகிப்
பவனெய்த் பவனங்க ளனைத்தமாகிப்
பசுவேறித் தீரிவான்றிப் பவனெய்தென்ற
தவனெய்த் தலைவனாகி காடந்தனைநி
சாராதே சாவகாள் போக்தினேனை. (Devaram)

He who is Sivan, Brahma and Vishnu, the lovely Moon, fire, water, earth, and all the worlds, gold, gem and pearl, the air and all the upper worlds, the peerless Self-existent One who rides the bull, the Ascetic of Thalyalankadu—without worshipping Him, alas! did I vainly pass my days.

மாலாகி காண்முடனெய்த் மாபுகமாய்
மருக்கமாய் அருக்கமாய் மகிழ்வமாகிப்
பாலாகி எண்ணிசைக்கும் எல்லையாகிப்
பரப்பாகிப் பரலோகம் தானேயாகிப்
பூலோக புவலோக சுவலோகமாய்ப்
பூசுக்கமாய்ப் புரணன் தானேயாகி
வலாதன எல்லாம் எல்லிப்பாலும்
எழுஞ்சுடராய் எம்மடிக்கள் கின்றவாதே. (ibid)

As Vishnu and Brahma, as the great elements, as distress, dread and delight, as quarters and the end of the quarters eight, as space expansive and the upper worlds, as Bhuh, Bhuvah and Suvah worlds, as Bhutas and the Ancient One, the Architect of everything (possible and) impossible, the Rising Splendour, Oh! wonder of wonders, how our Lord appeared!

ஊனெய்த் உயிரானெய்த் உடலானெய்த் உலகானெய்த்
வானெய்த் நிலானெய்த் கடலானெய்த் மலையானெய்த்
தேவர்பெண்ணைத் தென்பால வெண்ணெய் கல்லூர் அருட்திறையுள்
ஆனெய்துணைக் கானாய்தினி அல்லென் எனலாமே. (ibid)

The flesh Thou art, the life, the body and the world, the sky, the earth, the sea and the hill, Oh! Thou Dweller in Arutturai in Tiru Vennai Nallur situated on the southern bank of the river Pennai full of (flowers fragrant with) honey. After becoming Thy slave, how can I say that I am not so?

ஆரொருவர் உன்ருவார் உன்சுந்தன்களை
அவ்வருவாய் கிற்கின்ற அருள்..... (ibid)

Whoever meditates (on God), in their hearts the Gracious One appears in that form (in which He was meditated).

யாதொரு தெய்வம் கொண்டார் அததெய்வ மாகி யாக்தே
மாதொரு யாகனார் தாம் வருவர்..... (Siddhiyar)

Whatever God you worship, as such would the Lord whose Half is the Gracious Lady appear...

எவ்வெவர் தம்மையேனும் யாவரேனினும் போற்றித்
அவ்வவர் இடமாக்கொண்டே அவர்க்கு அருந்தருவாய்...

(Kanda Puranam)

Whomsoever one may worship, in such guise doest Thou (appear and) bestow grace on the worshipper...

(To be continued)

Study Your Own Literature

Says Tamil Professor

Mr R. P. Sethupillai, Lecturer in Tamil at Madras University, in the course of a lecture delivered at Saiva Mangalar Kuzhambam, Colombo, under the auspices of the Wellawatte Tamil Kuzhambam in celebration of Kavi Chakravarty Kambar Day, stressed the necessity of studying "our own literature instead of wasting a lot of money and time on the acquisition of Western education and Western culture."

He pointed out that Ceylon was part and parcel of India and that both countries should shake off their bonds of slavery. Once India became free, Ceylon was bound to be given her independence.

At the evening session Mr Sethupillai spoke on "Sitadevi and her imprisonment."

The proceedings concluded with a few remarks by Swami Vipulananda, Professor of Tamil at the Ceylon University, who presided in the evening.

Post Masters Strike For One Hour

Over 150 Postmasters of the General Post Office and the General Telegraph Office ceased work on Tuesday morning and marched to the Postmaster General's Office to protest against the eleventh hour amendment to the salary conversion tables which have put them three increments below those Officers of the Postal Clerical Service who are on a par with them as regards salaries.

As the Postmaster General was out of Colombo the Assistant Postmaster-General is said to have taken up the case and on the assurance of his sympathy the officers are said to have decided to resume work for the present.

SCRAP BOOK

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scrappings. But who pays for these blunders and experiments? Undoubtedly it is the tax-payer.

To use Mr. W. Dahanayake's own words, he himself is guilty of trying to fasten "a piece of cruel deception on a long-suffering people." In the midst of his peregrinations in the contaminated atmosphere of the State Council Chambers, Mr. Dahanayake observed that no steps had been taken to solve the problem of well-over 100,000 able-bodied, unemployed men and women. I for one believe that Mr. Dahanayake's vision is very broad indeed, but I never expected him to allow his broad vision to stray away from surer grounds. He counts 100,000 able-bodied men and women to be unemployed. It is too fantastic to believe that it is so. However, I can suggest to Mr. Dahanayake a way out of the difficulty. He would have, of course, heard of Mr. D. S. Senanayake's Peasant (Pleasant?) Colonisation Schemes. As long as Mr. Dahanayake is not against the dictum of going back to the land, could he not persuade them to go or brow-beat them into going, back to the land? That will, indeed save a lot of trouble for himself in his quest of work for the workless, the workless themselves and Mr. Senanayake by planting peasant colonisation schemes all over the Island. Here is undoubtedly a good opportunity for both, Mr. Senanayake and Mr. Dahanayake, to agree at least once in their life-time.

INDIAN NEWS FRONT

What Next

Jinnah has had two interviews with Viceroy Wavell. After the last interview the Viceroy had a talk with Pandit Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi. It is understood that they discussed the talks that the Viceroy had with Mr. Jinnah. So far there is no indication that Mr. Jinnah will join the Interim Government. The main points of the controversy include the Vice-Presidency of the Cabinet, and the question whether cabinet decisions will be on the basis of a majority vote or maximum agreement. So far these points remain unsolved. There is a suggestion for a joint conference. But Congress circles declare that if such a conference is needed it could only be held on the same basis as the one which Pandit Nehru had with Jinnah on the eve of the formation of the Interim Government. This means that it should be held between Congress and League spokesmen and the Viceroy has no place in it.

Constituent Assembly

Work in connection with the Constituent Assembly is proceeding according to plan. Sir B. N. Rau Constitutional Adviser to the Government of India, who has been placed in charge of the Constituent Assembly Secretariat, is understood to be engaged at present in drafting the rules of procedure for regulating the deliberations of the Constituent Assembly. Besides collecting material about the procedure which has been followed in the case of such deliberative bodies in other countries. Sir B. N. Rau is stated to be proceeding with the business in consultation with the leaders of the political parties.

Linguistic Provinces

There is a move for the Indian Provinces to be redistributed on a linguistic basis. With a view to evolve a common policy and procedure with regard to the raising of this subject in the Constituent Assembly, and securing its approval for the principle of redistribution of provinces on a linguistic basis, Mr. Shankar Rao Deo has issued a circular to the Presidents of the Provincial Congress Committees and members of the Constituent Assembly intimating them that it is proposed to convene a conference about two or three days prior to the first session of the Constituent Assembly.

Soviet—Only Hope

Abdulla Haroon, President of the Sind Provincial Muslim League is to meet M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, in Paris to seek Soviet support for Pakistan. Haroon stated to a press representative in London before his departure to Paris that if the Soviet Union does not back the Muslim League the Muslims will stand alone against the "American backed Indian National Congress—British alliance. Haroon further said: "In the name of the Muslims of India, I hope Russia will help us to achieve our goal of Pakistan, for Britain is hand-in-glove with Congress, and the Americans support Congress because of the skilful propaganda put across in the United States." Mr. Haroon said that the request to M. Molotov to support Pakistan at the Paris Conference and at the next United Nations Session, was the first step and the second would be the sending of a delegation by the Muslim League to Moscow.

Leader of Upper House

Dr. Rajendra Prasad who is in charge of Food etc in the Interim Government, will be the Leader of the House in the Council of State

(Upper House), the autumn session of which will begin on November 7. Two other members of the Cabinet who will sit in the Council are Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Member and Mr. C. H. Bhabha Commerce Member. The Defence Department has hitherto been represented in the Upper House by the C-in-C, who, it is recalled, bade farewell to the Council last session in anticipation of the New Defence Member taking his place there.

Nawab to the Rescue

The Nawab of Bhopal, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, met Mahatma Gandhi on Saturday last. It is understood that the Nawab will be seeing Mr. M. A. Jinnah too. Mr. M. A. Jinnah had another interview with the Viceroy at 7 p.m. on Saturday last. The interview lasted 45 minutes. Mr. Jinnah declined to say whether and when he would meet the Viceroy again. He appealed to the Press not to speculate on the talks he had with the Viceroy. The interview is the third in the present series. A fourth meeting is regarded as possible.

Newspapers Protest

Calcutta Newspapers have decided to suspend publication from today as a protest against the latest orders of the Bengal Government with reference to publication of news relating to communal riots in Bengal. The Government has promulgated an order banning publication printing and distribution of news relating to communal riots in Bengal which are "likely to provoke one section of people against another section."

Master Tara Singh Speaks Out

"I promise Khan Abdul Qayum Khan a fairly hot reception in the Punjab for his invading army," said Master Tara Singh, the veteran Akali spokesman, in a rejoinder to the recent speech of Khan Abdul Qayum Khan, the Frontier Muslim League Leader.

Master Tara Singh, in his statement said: "Khan Abdul Qayum is reported to have said that if Pakistan was not conceded, it would be established by force, and that Muslims might claim the whole of India for Muslim rule. The Khan may be assured that that is the only way of establishing Pakistan because the demand cannot be based on moral grounds and its establishment by agreement is unthinkable. While I cannot speak for the Hindus, who have been offered the bigger portion under the threat that they may lose all, I can say that the Sikhs will not submit to Muslim rule or Hindu rule. If the Sikhs lose the Punjab, they lose all. In the case of the Sikhs, it is like saying to them: 'Cut your own throat with your kirpan, otherwise I will shoot you.' My reply is: 'I shall not die without a struggle.' I promise Khan Abdul Qayum a fairly hot reception in the Punjab for his invading army."

Master Tara Singh further said: "Nobody must expect me to remain indifferent when some Muslim gentlemen are trying to deprive the Sikhs of their religious emblem, the kirpan. In view of the present tense atmosphere. I appeal to my countrymen, especially the Muslim Leaguers, to carry on the controversy without holding out threats, which will certainly not advance their cause: I repeat once again that the Sikhs will not submit to Muslim rule or Hindu rule."

Burma Rice for Ceylon

Food Director Alvapillai reveals that a shipment of 7000 tons of Burma rice is expected shortly in Ceylon.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Egyptian Cabinet has resigned on Saturday last.

A suspected case of cholera has been detected near Talawa. The authorities are taking all precautions.

Dr. I. R. Sockarno, President of Indonesian Republic will lead the Indonesian delegation at the coming negotiations with the Dutch Commission General.

The death occurred on Thursday last of Mr. E. R. Thambimuttu a former member of the State Council, and previously of the old Legislative Council.

Both the Colombo Bank Managers and the Bank Clerks' Union have agreed to submit their dispute to a conciliation Board under the Industrial Disputes Ordinance.

There has been a 34.8 percent decline in the resident European population of the island since 1921 according to a census statement published by the Ceylon Government.

A meeting of more than 10,000 Indians in Johannesburg (South Africa) resolved on Sunday last to continue the present resistance struggle until the legislation against Indians is repealed.

Post Masters all over Ceylon have decided not to accept their arrears of pay till "disparities in their pay had been removed or a guarantee was given to them by the authorities to that effect within 15 days."

NEHRU'S ENVOY SAW MOLOTOV

PRAISE FOR SOVIET

In the race between the Muslim League envoy Yusuf Abdulla Haroon and Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon Pandit Nehru's envoy to interview M. Molotov in Paris, Mr. Krishna Menon has won! He saw the Soviet Foreign Commissar and before leaving for London he stated to a Press Representative: "My talks with M. Molotov were carried out in the most friendly atmosphere, and I met sympathy and understanding for India from everyone at the Russian Embassy."

Mr. Menon will make a full report of his conversation with M. Molotov to Pandit Nehru.

Colombo Municipality Over-staffed

The Colombo Municipal Council is overstaffed. This is the consensus of opinion among members of the Council. Therefore, the appointment of a commission to report on the Cadre of the council will, it is learned, be considered at the earliest opportunity. It is believed that the strength of the service could be reduced by about 25 percent by a proper distribution of work.

Leftists Unite

Negotiations between the Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India and the Lanka Sama Samaja Party have resulted in the unification of the L. S. S. P. with the Ceylon Unit of the B. L. P. I. The unified organisation will function with the name Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India (Ceylon Unit) for the present.

This unification brings to an end the split which began in 1945, after the Party leaders came out of prison.

Near East & Middle East —A Temptation

A senior member of the U.S. State Department, in the course of a statement, said that the United States' principal objective in the Middle East was the prevention of rivalries which might possibly result in a third world war. He further said: "until all countries of the Near and Middle East are politically and economically sound, they will continue to present a temptation to powers outside the area."

Free Midday Meals

A special warrant for Rs. 150,000 has been issued to meet the additional cost of free midday meals to meet the additional cost of free midday meals to school children. The increase in the expenditure is attributed to the large number of additional schools which has come under the free feeding scheme and to the increase in the number of pupils. The sum originally voted for the current year was Rs. 5,750,000.

AUCTION SALE

With reference to the advertisement which appeared in the Hindu Organ of 10.9.46, re the sale by auction of the Nadduporal Apiviruthi Co's land at Murasumoddi on Saturday the 12th of October 1946, please note that the time of the sale is 11 a.m.

N. KANDAIAH,
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(Mis. 139, 1)

Ceylon Government Railway NOTICE

The Railway Level Crossing at 10 miles 76 chains 29 links—Matale Line will be closed to vehicular traffic from 12 midnight to 4.0 a. m. on 6-10-46 for effecting repairs.

During the period of closure traffic will be assisted over the crossing.
J. E. S. BODGER,
Actg. General Manager.
3rd September, 1946.
(G. 75, 1-10-46)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 498

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Arulampalam Kulathungar of Tellippalai East Deceased.

Kulathungar Kathiraiandy of Tellippalai East Vs Petitioner
1. Kulathungar Malaiandy 2
Kulathungar Palaniandy 3.
Kulathungar Pitchandy 4. Mailvaganam Dharmapalan and wife 5.
Vallinsayagayal of Tellippalai East 6. Thillaiamalam Kandarathnam and wife 7. Manikkam of Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S. 8. Gnanavally widow of Kulathungar of Tellippalai East Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 12th day of June 1946 in the presence of Mr. M. Sithamparanathan Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner, Notary and the 2nd named witness and the petition of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 8th respondent be appointed Guardian-*ad-litem* over the minor the 2nd and 3rd respondents for all the purposes of this action and that the Last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased dated 6th November 1944 and attested by M. Sithamparanathan Notary Public under No. 573 be declared proved and that Probate be issued to the petitioner unless the said respondents or any other person shall appear before this court on the 30th day of July 1946 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

The 12th day of June 1946

(Sgd) R. R. Selvadurai
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