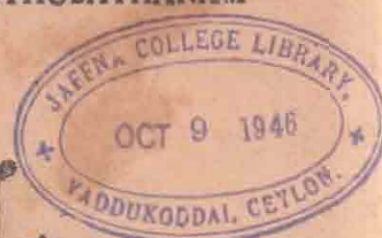


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NO DEMOCRACY IN BRITAIN

Tories Assemble And Harp On Minority Problems

The British Conservative Party that was routed at the last General Elections has assembled to gather new strength. Mr. Winston Churchill attended the conference and made a stirring speech, reports Reuter calling on the British Public to strengthen the Party.

A debate on India was held in the conference on Friday last. Earl Winterton moved a resolution on India. He affirmed that it was the duty of the British Parliament to make sure that in any settlement the rights of the minorities should be effectively safeguarded and the British Mission in India honourably discharged. He said: "There must be no dominant United Congress rule."

Captain Gammons, another Conservative disbarred said: "We are handing power over to men who were prepared to stab us in the back at a time when we and India, and in fact the whole cause of Freedom were in the greatest danger."

Mr. Douglas Reed who was a resident in India for 5 years opposed the resolution and said that the Conservative Party was today hated in India. Defending Lord Wavell and General Auchinleck, he declared: "For the first time in our history we have two great Britons who are trusted by the people of India and who are doing their terrific job grandly. There is nothing wrong with the Congress Party. It stands for Liberty and Democracy."

New Colonial Minister

Premier Attlee has reshuffled his Cabinet. A Minister of Defence with wide powers over the Army Navy and Air force has been created. Mr. A. V. Alexander, at present First Lord of the Admiralty will be the new Minister of Defence.

Mr. George Hall the present Colonial Secretary succeeds Mr. Alexander as First Lord of the Admiralty. Mr. Hall is succeeded as Colonial Secretary by Mr. Arthur Creech Jones.

Indonesian Republic

Negotiations for the peaceful settlement of the Indonesian problems are going on between Indonesian statesmen and Dutch Commissioners especially deputed by the Dutch Government in Holland.

In his opening address at the Conference called to settle the problems, Dr. Van Mook, Governor General of the Dutch East Indies admitted that self Government should be granted to Indonesia.

Gandhiji On Power Politics

Mahatma Gandhi has referred to the modern play of power politics in the world in *Harijan*. Gandhiji writes:

Question: Wherever in the world to-day one casts his eye, there is nothing but violence and power politics to be seen. And this obtains even in democratic countries like England and America. Have you pondered as to what your Ahimsa can do under such circumstances?

Answer: It is true that power politics exists everywhere. But you are very much mistaken if you imagine that true democracy obtains either in America or England. The voice of the people may be said to be God's voice, the voice of the Panchayat. But how can there be the voice of God where the people themselves are the exploiters as England and America are? They live on the coloured races by exploiting them. If the voice of the people is the voice of God, they will be above party. His scales will ever be evenly weighed with truth and non-violence. This statement embraces my reply. My Ahimsa is neither maimed nor weak. It is all-powerful. Where there is Ahimsa there is Truth and Truth is God. How He manifests Himself I cannot say. All I knew is that He is all-pervading and where He is, all is well. There is therefore one law for all. Wherever in the world Truth and Non-violence reign supreme there is peace and bliss. That these exist nowhere shows that they are hidden from man for the time being. But they cannot disappear for ever. That faith must sustain the faithful.

Question: You say that independent India will not fear foreigners who decide to live as Indians. But has this happened in any country? Where nationalism has been predominant will you not admit that a certain amount of racial arrogance will remain? Can even an independent Indian escape from it?

Answer: My faith that we need have no fear is unshakable. I can give strong evidence in support of it but I do not think there is any need here for me to do so. This much only must be remembered that all foreigners will be welcome to stay here, only if they look upon themselves as one with the people India cannot tolerate foreigners who wish to remain here with safeguards for their rights. This would mean that they want to live here as superior persons and such a position must lead to friction. It is inconceivable that the present friction between Britain and India should exist, if India becomes free. There is no freedom for India while the friction subsists.

President Roosevelt Foresaw

Danger of Anti-Soviet Bloc

Elliot Roosevelt son of the late President Roosevelt in his revelations in the Magazine "Look" states that his father foresaw possibilities of a British-sponsored combine against Russia.

He said Roosevelt considered late in 1944 going to England to persuade Britain and the British people to put their hopes for the future in the United Nations - and not just in the British Empire and British ability to get other countries to combine in some sort of bloc against the Soviet Union.

"I asked him if he seriously thought there was some danger of that", Elliott writes.

"It's that we have got to expect. It is that we have got to plan to fight," he answered.

Truman—Attlee Clash

Over Palestine Problems

President Truman immediately after the adjournment of the Palestine Conference has issued a statement demanding "that substantial immigrations" into Palestine should begin at once without waiting for a solution of the Palestine problem as a whole. "Preparations for this movement have already been made by this Government and it is ready to lend its immediate assistance" he said.

It is understood that Mr. Truman's decision to publish his statement was made against the express wish of Mr. C. R. Attlee, British Premier.

CHURCHILL'S RETORT TO JINNAH?

Indian Leader Reveals

Mr. Sudhir Ghosh who acted as a link between the Cabinet Mission and Congress Leaders in India and who went to England three weeks ago as Gandhiji's friend and messenger reveals that Churchill is not in a mood to accommodate Jinnah.

Mr. Ghosh was asked whether he had heard reports of the alleged correspondence between the ex-Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. M. A. Jinnah the Muslim League leader. Mr. Ghosh said, "I have heard it from different sources. All I can find from Mr. Churchill's friends is that Mr. Jinnah did write and appeal to him for help, but the answer Mr. Churchill gave was that he thought it funny that Mr. Jinnah should abuse Englishmen in unrestrained language and then turn to them for help in the same breath. I do not know if that is true. It is what I have been told by Mr. Churchill's associates. We in India however, are not interested in such stories, nor are we much interested in the coming India debate in the House of Commons."

Mr. Ghosh added: "It is quite likely that Conservatives will try to make party capital out of India and Mr. Churchill will, no doubt, make a fiery speech and declare that the majority in India have been thrown to the Congress wolf. Mr. Churchill will, no doubt say that power has been handed to what he calls a Caste Hindu Government and, thereby, betray his ignorance. As far as I can judge, British people are not in a mood to take much notice of such rhetoric. The responsibility for solving the India

Dalton Becomes Head of World Bank

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr. Hugh Dalton has been unanimously elected the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Accused Discharged

Sinnakutty Thambirajah of Sandiruppay who was charged before the Jaffna Assizes with the attempted murder of Karthigesu Sinnathamby of the same place was acquitted and discharged by Mr. Justice A. R. H. Onakaratne.

problem has now passed to Indians. It is for Mr. Jinnah to go to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and for Pandit Nehru to go to Mr. Jinnah and settle it among themselves. No amount of rhetoric on the part of the Conservatives is going to give the initiative back to them."

Asked of the chances of Mr. Jinnah agreeing to enter the Nehru Government, Mr. Ghosh said: "I do not know. But speaking theoretically, I do not see what other alternative the Muslim League has except to take its share in the Government."

Mr. Ghosh further said: "It is possible that Mr. Jinnah himself may prefer to be left out of the Government and continue to serve the Muslim community of India as the President of the Muslim League, which owes its present strength to his leadership. But it is not impossible that he may permit his colleagues to fill up the five Muslim seats in the Government."



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PUBLIC SERVANTS AND ELECTIONS

REPORTS CONTINUE TO BE received by us of certain public servants stationed in the Northern Province throwing out hints, veiled and otherwise, in the course of speeches as to the merits of certain candidates for election. We have the names of these officers before us. It is a matter for regret that some of these officers are employed in the Department of Education. We refrain from publishing their names because we feel that the references to candidates in the course of their speeches at Parents' Day celebrations and opening of new schools might have been due to inadvertence, but we feel it our duty to warn them in time that a strict watch will be kept hereafter on their performances on such occasions. That public servants must have their own preferences in regard to candidates is not denied for a moment. It would, however, be a gross abuse of their position to canvass support for their candidates in the manner indicated. Even the Board of Ministers will realise that any such tendency on the part of public officers must be checked with a stern hand. The present condition of the Public Service is bad enough already and it would be obviously undesirable to increase its demoralisation by permitting its members to engage themselves in electioneering. The candidates themselves should understand their duty in this matter better.

We understand that a section of the staff of the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs is to be transferred to Jaffna. The only reason for the move could be the need for the Minister to spend more of his time in Jaffna than is called for by the exigencies of administration. That the need is real and pressing is not denied and particularly so in view of the coming elections. But, the Ministers may well pause to ask themselves what construction the average man and woman will place on a change so unusual. It is certainly not usual for a Minister's staff to follow him wherever he goes on his election campaign. We shall, of course, be glad to hear that the rumour is entirely unfounded. In the meantime, in the absence of any official explanation or denial, the public will be free to draw its own conclusions. We trust, however, that the Board of Ministers will strain every nerve to maintain the traditions of the Public Service in this matter.

The Discharged Prisoners' Aid Association

BY T. MUTTUSAMIPILLAI

The Prevention of Crime has rightly engaged the attention of every Democratic Government for over a century. It was left to the genius of Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845) to conceive the idea of Prison Reforms. She walked where prison governors feared to tread, and her faith won great victories. The wretched prisoners responded to her call; her efforts made Parliament move in prison reform. The whole of Europe listened to her, and prison reform took on a world-wide aspect. The conditions of Prisons in the 19th century were appalling. Prisoners were confined in dungeons which never saw light. They lay on the floor in the dungeons with hardly any fresh air to breathe for days and nights together. Some of the prison officers were corrupt, and they were prevailed upon with bribes to help prisoners enjoy the luxuries of drink and tobacco. In the 20th century, things are comparatively much better, but there is room for improvement. With the progress of civilisation, the prison is being looked upon as a reformatory.

In Ceylon, there are visitors appointed among educated and enlightened public men who visit the prisons and make their reports about existing conditions. There is also the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Association with its head-office in Colombo, functioning through such committees in Colombo, Jaffna, Kandy, Galle, Anuradhapura and Negombo. The principal aim and object of the Association is to render aid to prisoners on their discharge for the purpose of rehabilitating them in life and to see that they are free from want and thereby prevent-

ed from committing crimes. Any financial assistance up to Rs. 100 rendered by the association is treated as an absolute gift; where amounts exceeding Rs. 100 are required and given to discharged prisoners, they (the discharged prisoners) have to return the amounts so advanced which are treated as loans, but every facility is given to the recipients to pay back the amounts in instalments out of their earnings. Besides committee members, who carry on the executive functions of the association, there is need for helpers who are expected to befriended prisoners on their discharge, advise them, and in a way supervise and see that the discharged prisoner does not squander any money advanced by the Association or otherwise abuse the assistance rendered to him.

The Jaffna sub-committee of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Association has been functioning from July, 1944. It has done useful work in finding employment for prisoners on their discharge as compositors in the Printing Press, as labourers or cultivators in State Farms and Private Farms, as cooks, artisans etc. I have been informed that under the auspices of the Jaffna sub-committee a public meeting will be held at The Town Hall tomorrow at 5 p.m. The object of the meeting is to solicit the co-operation and assistance of the public to help the sub-committee in the Discharge of its duties. I have no doubt that the public will not fail in their duty to assist the Jaffna sub-committee by becoming active members of the Sub-committee or helpers.

Notes and Comments

Agricultural Corps Wants Men

Mr. Ananda Tissa de Alwis, the Propaganda Officer in the Department for Post-War problems, announced through the radio, the other day, that the Agricultural Corps wanted 1000 men more for developing its schemes at Kagama, Bakka-muna etc. We are told by Mr. Alwis that men who really want to work would be taken in and not those who look for cushy and easy jobs. But we ask Mr. Alwis what has happened to the 5000 and odd men who have been already enrolled in this Corps since its inception. If Mr. Alwis will be good enough to look into the records of this Corps, he will find that more than half of the men enrolled have either decamped or obtained their discharge from the Corps; and if reports are true "Sewakas", as the labourers are called in the Corps who could earn their bread anywhere by their hard work have all quitted leaving behind only idlers. As somebody remarked the other day, thieves, gamblers and immoral fellows are remaining in the corps at present. Will Mr. Alwis kindly explain to an inquisitive public why and how such large scale desertions and discharges happen in the Corps. Does not Mr. Alwis know that the Corps is rotten to the very core and that no man with an ounce of industry or perseverance will enter it? The Corps is a useless institution started to satisfy the whims and fancies of certain individuals, who foresaw in its development an army of idlers to "stand to attention" and cry *Jayashree* to those Marshals,

Senathipathis and *Ham thirus* who occasionally grace it with their "August" presence.

War Crimes Trial

The curtain has at last rung down on the Nuremburg Trial. Except three men, all the other accused have been found guilty and sentenced, the majority of them to death. Though the Tribunal which tried these "war criminals" was called international, it was only an assemblage of the victors sitting in judgment over the vanquished; and one of the victorious nations which sat in judgment over the Nazi "criminals" is Soviet Russia, which is now vehement in its opposition to the acquittal of Fritche, Schact and Von Papen. Our memory is not short and it goes back to the fateful days of September 1939, when Stalin embraced, and kissed Ribbentrop after setting his seal on the Russo-German pact which was immediately followed by the Nazi aggression on Poland and the subsequent atrocities there, for which the Nazis have been now found guilty and damned. Events would not have taken the subsequent course, had not Stalin aided and abetted Hitler in his mad pursuit of territorial expansion. Today Stalin is the mighty champion of oppressed peoples, while the fellows whom he encouraged in their career of destruction are condemned to death and servitude. But, we are living in a world where power politics is the rule of the day and where only might is right.

SCRAP BOOK

By DIARIST

Mr. M. L. Wickremasinghe, Mechanical Engineer of the Colombo Municipal Council, and inventor of the electro-magnetic nitrogen fertiliser for the revolutionised cultivation of paddy, has no faith in dreams. He does not dream of a thousand and one schemes depending on one scheme. He believes, unlike our post-war reconstruction planners, only in experiment and observation—quite inexpensive, of course. Here is one man who claims that, by the use of his extraordinary invention, he is able to produce roughly five hundred bushels to the acre. The average yield per acre in Ceylon is in the region of seventeen bushels or so. Mr. Wickremasinghe proposes to produce 2,500,000 bushels of paddy per annum on 250 acres to feed the 400,000 people of Colombo on the present rice ration of one and a half measures of rice a week per head. I do not know what interest our Ministers have evinced in the matter, especially Mr. D. S. Senanayake. Perhaps, the Minister thinks on co-operative lines and already has a co-operative plan up his sleeve. There is no necessity to emphasise the need for an immediate compliance with Mr. Wickremasinghe's demand for 250 acres and Rs. 60,000. I wish Mr. Wickremasinghe all success in his bold and far-reaching enterprise.

Leopards never change their spots. It is unbelievable that our Ministers are singing in a different tune now. The unbelievable, however, has happened. Col. J. L. Kotelawala told the people of Jaffna the other day that the Ministers were the servants of the people. This surprising confession, I think, was not meant exclusively for the Jaffna man's ears. The Colonel has announced this to all. I as one who had felt for the last so many years that we were not only the servants of the Ministers but even their slaves, could not trust my eyes to see in black and white this piece of excellent news. The inhabitants of Ceylon, irrespective of caste, community or creed, have always been regarded by our worthy Ministers as a species of human animals who deserved to be treated with the utmost contempt. Under the guise of an emergency, the executive body wielded despotic powers. The members of the Civil Service performed functions of a quasi-judicial nature. The State, or rather the Ministers, encroached on individual liberty and rights. It regarded itself as the custodian of all commercial ventures. As Lord Hewart observed, this is the New Despotism. Yet, Col. Kotelawala tells us that they are our servants. Are we to swallow this gilded pill just because every hour brings us and them nearer and nearer to Parliamentary elections?

"One of us should make the Supreme Sacrifice and our Government will know what is coming to them". Look out, Col. Bacon, for heavy squalls. The foregoing pious wish was expressed by a policeman to a brother-policeman. I could not help over-hearing their interesting conversation, since it took place in a tram car. "The press backs our demand to be armed; the public wants us to be armed. Why should the Government not do it?" argued policeman No. 1. "Perhaps", answered timidly policeman No. 2 "the Government fears that we may misuse the concession." Policeman No. 1 was speechless with anger. "W-W-What?" he roared; "Cannot trust us with fire-arms, indeed!" he snorted. Policeman No. 2 was effectually reduced to submissive silence. To be armed or not to be

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WANTED A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

PARTY GOVERNMENT A MANOEUVRE SAYS COMMUNIST

"What is wanted in the next Parliament is a National Government representative of all communities and classes which would demand complete Independence and improve the lot of the people; The present manoeuvres to form a Parliamentary Government and an artificial opposition are aimed to sabotage the independence movement in the country" declared Mr. Pieter Keuneman, General Secretary of the Ceylon Communist Party in Kandy last week, in the course of an address at a mass rally of workers and peasants.

He said: "The United National Party's illusionary hope that we could evolve towards freedom by loyally working the Soulbury Constitution was already being disproved by facts. The Swaraj Party was unique in that it was perhaps the only party in the world that did not want to become a Government but only wanted to be an Opposition".

Dr. S. A. Wickremasinghe, who presided, said that if Britishers and Indians could get the vote after six months residence it they were literate and received over Rs. 600 a year, there was no moral reason why the mass of Indian labour in Ceylon should have to have five years' residence, and go through specially complicated processes of proving domicile and permanent settlement. Under the present Ordinance, British and Indian capitalists could get the vote without difficulty but not Indian labour which had contributed to the growth of our national economy.

Dr. Wickremasinghe said that Mr. D. S. Senanayake was very concerned about the Rs 13 million which seven and a half lakhs of Indians sent out of Ceylon every year. But he did not appear to be very concerned that 5,000 odd Europeans in Ceylon sent an average of Rs 20 million a year out of the Island in remittances, that a further Rs 20 million a year was sent out in the form of pensions to retired Civil Servants and that Rs. 119 million a year was sent out of Ceylon as profits by British companies, exclusive of banks and insurance companies.

He added that Pandit Nehru's visit should be made the opportunity for settling the Indian problem.

Only A Warning Say High Officials

Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, Legal Secretary, and Mr. E. R. Sudbury, Parliamentary Elections Commissioner, say that voters who have received post cards informing them that their names have been struck off the voters' list need not be alarmed.

In a joint interview with a Press Representative these two officers explained how these names could have been struck off. Mr. Nihill said: "The post cards the voters received should be considered as a timely warning to them to take steps to see that their names are inserted if they have the necessary qualifications."

MERCHANTS UNITE

Against Rowdy Menace

(By The Hindu Organ Reporter)

"Some of the Constables and especially the temporary constables have corrupted and brought the whole Police Force into disrepute. It is notorious that some of these Constables are the bosom friends of rowdies and it is no uncommon sight in the Grand Bazaar area to see these Constables walking hand in hand with these undesirable elements. The latter taking advantage of this companionship are attempting to frighten the traders and demand tributes from them" observed Mr. M. Balasingham, a merchant of Vannarponnai in the course of his remarks at a meeting of the merchants of the Town area held on Saturday last at the Jaffna Town Hall to consider ways and means to combat the increasing rowdy menace and to safeguard their interests.

More than 500 merchants belonging to various trades attended the meeting. Mr. E. P. Rasiyah presided and Mr. M. Balasingham acted as Secretary pro-tem.

Mr. Rasiyah, in the course of his address, deplored the apathy so far shown by the merchants towards safe-guarding their collective interests and appealed to them to be united through an organisation.

Mr. Balasingham, making the remarks quoted above, drew the attention of the authorities to the ever increasing rowdy menace in the Grand Bazaar Area. "So far" said Mr. Balasingham "We have been waiting passively and expecting the Government to help us against these rowdies who have made it their job to forcibly extract money from the Grand Bazaar Merchants. It is time we stand on our own legs and cry halt to the activities of these undesirable elements. To do it we should organise ourselves through an organisation."

It was unanimously resolved to organise an Association by the name of Jaffna Traders' Welfare Association and the following were elected office bearers:

President Mr. E. P. Rasiyah
Secretary Mr. M. Balasingham
Treasurer: Mr. C. S. K. Namasivayam Chettiar

A strong and influential committee was also elected.

NOTICE

Temporary Clerk

Applications will be received by me up to 12 noon on Monday, October 21, 1946 for a post of Temporary Clerk in this office. Salary Rs 2/- per diem plus war allowance and after six months' satisfactory service Rs 70/- x 6/- x Rs 140/- per mensem.

Educational qualifications: S.S.C. or higher qualification; previous office experience preferred.

D. P. M. Wijeyadora
for D. F. C. Vavuniya
The Kachcheri, 5-10-1946
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CLOTHES IN PLENTY

But Not At Controlled Prices

"Go To The Controller"

—DEALERS

(By Our Staff Reporter)

THE Deepawali Festival is approaching: and the Textile dealers are making hay while the sun shines.

On Friday last I scoured the whole Grand Bazaar area to find out what is actually happening in these Textile Shops. They were all open: There were lots of people inside examining and scrutinising clothes, and arguing with and cajoling the dealers and their salesmen. Most of the almirahs and shelves were all empty of clothes, and one was led to the conclusion that the stocks of clothes—especially couponed cotton ones—were sold out. But that was not so. At the conclusion of arguments and cajolings, if the prospective buyer was able to pocket out the price demanded by the dealer, lo, and behold, rolls of clothes would appear all of a sudden.

The ruling price of Poplin (American) is Rs. 3 to 4/- per yard with coupons, and Rs. 6 to 6-50 without coupons.

Receipts, of course would not be given for the purchases. "Take it or leave it" would be the order of the day.

The dealers are the unquestioned monarchs, in their shops. Impertinent questions like "Is this controlled or regulated price?" should not be asked, "Then go to the Controller" would be the quick retort.

There is a brisk sale going on now with the approach of Deepawali.

There are one or two shops, however where textiles are sold at controlled or regulated prices. But here, the stock position is actually very low.

It is significant that the Price Control Office is in close proximity to these shops.

VACANCIES STOREKEEPERS

Applications are invited for two posts of Storekeepers. The successful applicants will be posted to any of the Supply Stations in the Jaffna District. Applications should be addressed to the Deputy Food Controller, Jaffna and should reach him on or before the 14th October, 1946.

2. The post carries a salary of Rs. 2/- per diem plus war allowance for the first six months and thereafter a salary of Rs. 112/- per mensem plus war allowance in the scale Rs. 70/--140 per mensem. The appointment is temporary and non-pensionable and is liable to termination at short notice. The successful applicants should be prepared to furnish security in Rs. 2500/- cash.

3. Applicants should have passed at least the J. S. C. (English) or an equivalent examination and should be between 25 and 40 years of age. Previous experience in storekeeping will be an additional qualification.

4. Applicants should forward copies of two recent testimonials and mention the names of two referees.

M. SRI KHANTA,
for Deputy Food Controller,
The Kachcheri,
Jaffna, 1-10-46.
(G. 87, 8-10-46)

A GREAT CITIZEN

Minister's Tribute To Late Director

The Minister of Communications and Works Mr. J. L. Kotalawala having decided to name the causeway joining the Peninsula and the mainland between Kerativu and Sangupiddy in memory of the late Mr. S. Mahadeva, Director of Public Works, laid a granite slab at the end of the causeway last week.

The slab bore the inscription:—"Mahadeva Causeway named in memory of the late Mr. S. Mahadeva, M. Inst. C. E., Director of Public Works, to whose ingenuity and engineering skill the country owes this and many other engineering works of importance."

Mr. Kotalawala before leaving the slab said that that causeway was the first public work in Ceylon that had been named after a Ceylon engineer. The late Mr. Mahadeva was one of the greatest citizens of Ceylon.

The Minister also paid a tribute to Mr. C. E. Fonseka, Executive Engineer, Jaffna, under whose supervision the work is being speeded up.

The Causeway, which is the longest in the Island, is 13,500 feet long and is being constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,250,000 inclusive of the cost of ten miles of new roadway.

The late Mr. Mahadeva designed the Causeway, the completion of which is expected by June next year.

OBITUARY

MRS. V. MAHESAN

We regret to record the untimely death of Mrs. V. Ponmani beloved wife of Mr. V. Mahesan Manager, N. V. & Co., Jaffna and daughter of Mr. N. Vaitilingam, proprietor, N. Vaitilingam and Co. Colombo and Jaffna on 1-10-46 at her residence at Navaly, Manipay. The remains were cremated at the Navaly Crematorium, in the presence of large number of friends and relation.

Auction Sale

OF

MOTOR VEHICLES FOR SCRAP at No. 306, V. B. D. TRINCOMALEE (situated off Nilawali Road approx. 5 miles from Trincomalee Town)

On instructions received from the Owners I shall sell by Public Auction on Wednesday, 9th October, 1946, and Thursday, 10th October, 1946 at 9 a. m. each day.

The following vehicles for scrap:—Chevrolet & Ford 3 Ton Civilian Type lorries, 15 Cwt. & 8 Cwt. Chevrolet & Ford Station wagons, Humber Car, Dodge & Bedford 3 Ton & 15 Cwt. lorries, Portable lighting sets, Trailers, Salvage Scrap Metal comprising M. T. Parts, Metal scrap, & other assorted mixed scrap.

NO PERMITS REQUIRED. On view on the 8th inst. between 9 a. m. & 5 p. m.

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VEDANTA MOOLA SARAM OR THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

(Continued from our issue of 1-10 46)

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XII. THE ATHARVA SIRA UPANISHAD (Contd.)

The praises of the Lord are continued into the third section: Om! Thy beginning (foot) is Bhuh, middle (body) Bhuvah and head (top) Svah. Om! O Goal of humanity, Thou art many-formed. Thou Brahman art One (Sivam), Two (Sivam and Sakti) and Three (Brahma, Vishnu and Rudran)...sruties 42 & 43).—Cf. Devaram:

ஒருருவாயினை, மாணுகார்த்த
சுரம்பலாய், ஒருவிண்முதல் பூதலம்
ஒன்றிய விரிசுடர் உம்பர்கள் பிறவும்
படைத்த ஆளித்து அழியா மும்மூர்த்திக னாயினை

Of One Form (Sivam) art Thou, of Nature Two (Sivam and Sakti) at the dawn of the Great Creation, Three-shaped (Brahma, Vishnu and Rudran) to create, preserve and dissolve the world beginning with the vast Akasam; the central luminaries with expanding rays, the heavens beyond and the rest (of the Universe)...

...Thou art the zenith and the nadir, tranquility and prosperity, oblations and otherwise, yes and no, gift and greed, deed and non-deed. Thou art different (from the world) and not different (from it). Thou art the final refuge of all (sruti 43).—These hymns of praise of the Lord (including those in the previous section) clearly bring out the fact that God is by pervasion one with the world, both animate and inanimate, and at the same time that He is different from it intrinsically, and that He is also the motive power behind it, the உலகொலாமிதி வேளும் உடனுமாய் of Siddhiyar as we said earlier, He is all the world, He is different from it, He is in association with it.

We drank the Soma Juice (we realised Soma as being Sivam with Uma) and attained the Deathless (Sivam, Amritam). We saw the Light and knew the Devas. What injuries indeed can (our) enemies do us or what pain can they give us, who have nothing to receive or reject? (sruti 44).—The ideas conveyed by this Sruti are echoed and re-echoed in such lines as the following from the Tamil:

வேயுறு தோளி பங்கன் விடம் உண்ட கண்டன்

..... என் உளமே புகுந்த அத்தலை,

..... சனி பாம்பிரண்டு முடனே

ஆசுறு கல்லகல்ல அவை கல்லகல்ல அடியார் அகர்க்குமிகவே. (Devaram)

As He whose Partner is the Lady with bamboo-like shoulders, blue-throated by reason of eating poison,...has entered my heart, the planets...Saturn, Rahu, Kethu, &c,—they are all faultless good, very good, yea, they are good, very good indeed to those who are His slaves (like me),

கொலாவரி வேங்கை அதனும், குலவே முலங்கு பொற்றேரும்,

..... மலைமகள் கைக்கொண்ட மார்பும், ...

..... உடையா ரொருவர் தமர் நாம்

அஞ்சுவது யாதொன்று மில்லை, அஞ்ச வருவதுமில்லை (ibid)

We are the kin of One who is possessed of the tiger skin, the bright shining ear stud (female ornament), the heart won by the Mountain Lady, &c,—there is nothing we are afraid of, yea, nothing can frighten us

வானம் துளங்கிலென், மண்கம்ப மாடிலென், மால்வையாயும்

நானம் துளங்கித் தலைதடுமாறிலென், தண்கடலும்

நீணம் படிவென், விரிசுடர் வீழிலென், வேலை நஞ்சுண்டு

உணம் ஒன்றிலா ஒருவனுக்காட்பட்ட உத்தமர்க்கே (ibid)

What if the heavens shake or the earth quake? What if the huge mountains lose their equilibrium and fall upside down or the cool ocean dry up? What if the radiating luminaries fall down (from the sky)?—What do all these matter to saints, the slaves of One who drank the poison floating in the ocean without any untoward results?

Adoration. Yea, adoration unto That Great Consumer and Devourer (of the universe), who with His immense Light illumines the subtle syllable (Aum) which is the friend of all the worlds and which has Prajapati (Brahma) as its presiding Deity,...All the Devas are in the heart. The Pranas (bodily faculties) are established in the heart Thou (God) art even dwelling in the heart. Thou doest transcend the three states of consciousness (waking, dreaming and sleeping indicated, respectively, by the three letters of the Aum) (sruties 45 & 46).—In other words, the Supreme Lord is the Turyam (தூரியம்) or Chaturtham, (சதுர்த்தம்) the Fourth, who transcends the First Three. Vide verses 7 and 12 of the Mandukya Upanishad (which we have already studied) and our notes therein

The Upanishad continues to speak of the sacred Om and the different names by which it is known, and (in the next section) explains why it is called Om (ஓம், rising upwards leading to higher regions), Pranaxam (பிரணவம், worshipping, praising, resounding, creating), Sarva Vyapi (சர்வவிபாயி, all-pervading like oil in oil seed), Anantam (அனந்தம், infinite) Taram (தாரம், that which enables one to cross over death, &c), Sukshumam (சூக்ஷமம், subtle), Suklam (சுகிலம், white, that which depresses and exhausts the passions), Vaidyutam (வைத்தியுதம், shining, that which illumines like lightning), and Para Brahman (பரம்பிரமம், Supreme of supremes). Explanations follow as to why the Para Brahman is called Ekan. (எகன், The One, not many), Rudran (உருத்திரன், He who is swift to bestow Grace on worshippers), Isanan (இசானன், Ruler), Bhagavan (பகவான், Lord), Mahesvaran (மகேஸ்வரன், the great Devourer who creates, preserves and destroys the world) and Maitra Devaa (மகாதேவன், the Highly Brilliant One), And in this connection we find some memorial verses quoted, one of which reads as follows: There is one Rudran only and He is inseparable (from the world). He rules over all these worlds possessed of Ruling and Creative Powers (Isani, சசானி, &c) and dwells within every man. Having

Letters to the Editor

"HUNTERS, WHOSE GAME IS MAN"

SIR,—From a detached point of view the Soulbury Constitution has been imposed on us. It has started to work wonders in trying to split the ranks and files of the leaders as well as the common masses. The tension is slowly getting momentum. Although it is a constitution by compromise to all intents and purposes, yet it is fraught with grave doubts. It assumes much in the hearts of the would be leaders.

There is no provision in it against the imposition of tyranny and the most ingenious imitation of the English political methods very often fail in the East. We are hurriedly unprovising parties to work the constitution thus exhibiting the habit of imitators who invariably put the cart before the horse. One inherent weakness in the constitution is that it assumes the existence of clear-cut parties when there are none. National planning on an island wide basis is a pre-requisite of parties. Transition period is no excuse to close the ranks to form an all-party conference and draw a short or long term plan.

In the nature of things independent candidates are bound to appear like mushrooms because it is by the plan that the minds of the masses can be swayed to any side. Gondalism and Mooliganism will do it very effectively. It is the few articulate leaders that are national in their outlook but not the mass of electors because they have never been trained to be so. The masses will therefore remain to be communal in outlook for the next half-a-century at the least and this is made capital of by the few who are in the know. The discipline of the masses in tune with any national programme as is prevalent in India is conspicuous by its absence in Ceylon. Money and influence will play its usual part in the polling.

Our reforms have come too soon for us to grasp its full significance. They will not bring peace and happiness to the entire people of Ceylon. Our ultimate aim should be as that of the Indian National Congress to get rid of the appalling poverty of the masses and to ensure national self-sufficiency by raising the standards greatly and by giving opportunities of growth, thus arousing an enormous amount of latent talent and capacity. No party should be formed with the sole object of returning the same group of candidates that once tasted of power or rather if such group forms a party with a set programme it must remain behind the scene and send the growing generation to work the constitution with an open mind. The desires of man increase with his acquisitions. Office is sought in Ceylon not for service but for power. The country stands to benefit if the old yield place to the new. It is feared that the old will manipulate the mechanism of majority rule in such a way as to achieve its object provided of course there is no defection on the part of opportunist members. Independent candidates stand a good chance of winning in the next elections. Title holders especially

should be hounded out and forced to resign their titles in order to be free from selfish motives. Fifth columnists must be pointed out to the masses whose ignorance of current politics is good fodder for certain aspirants

No party in Ceylon is free from communal bias at the moment. After undergoing party initiation and discipline it may be different. By no combination or permutation of parties can you change the majority rule of the Sinhales which is bound to last till eternity although adherents of party may assume desirable things that are not there present. There is no regulation under the sun to regulate the hearts of a people and to make them vibrate otherwise than they do. That a certain section of the Sinhales will always command the majority with a sprinkling of a few scapegoats from other communities is patent and cannot be avoided—a fact tacitly assumed in the Soulbury report. It is a bugbear of any national policy so to say. The working of the present constitution is sponsored by those who have lost sight of the ideal for which we worked for more than a decade. If not why not ask Mr. Perera, for an experiment, to contest the Jaffna seat and Mr Kandiah to contest the Colombo seat? The result will give the lie direct to the so called nationalists. Practice of politics and its theory are poles asunder.

To put up with the changing world needs as much wisdom as to control it. There is a vast army of electors whom neither canvasser nor caucus has ever yet cajoled or bullied into a polling booth; news papers may scold; platforms may shake; whatever circulars can do may be done; all that placards can tell may be told, but the fact remains that one third of every constituency in the realm shares "Narcotic indifference" and stays away. In no government power can be abused long. Mankind will not bear it. We have come to such a pass in Ceylon politics. There is a remedy in human nature against tyranny that will keep us safe under every form of government.

To avoid pang, throes, and bickerings, in the ushering in of the new constitution any ideal plan would be to expect of all parties to form themselves into two groups each: leftists and rightists. The best talents to be fairly distributed in the parties so as to back up their own candidates for the Parliament. Lest the whole arena smack of selfishness let the high command of the parties enforce every successful candidate to resign from the working committee forthwith so as to keep up a sustained policy and party discipline. Then each party becomes responsible for the education of the masses to use the franchise intelligently. Otherwise we have no control over the candidates we return. Hitherto the returned members have had their own freedom to act in any way they like. That should not be. By the same breath as we send a candidate we must call him back for disciplinary action as and when our rights are betrayed.

K. E. Ramalingam

Manipay, 16 9-46

created all the worlds, He protects (them) and rolls them up at the end of Time (destroys them) (sruti 60)—This verse is found repeated almost verbatim in the Swetasvatara Upanishad (III-2)

(To be continued)

Govt. Prepares For Emergency

Precautions in Readiness

In order that the Government may not be caught unprepared in the event of an emergency arising out of the prevailing bank clerks' strike immediate action is, it is learned, being taken to make the uninterrupted maintenance of the supply and distribution of food in all parts of the island the first concern of the authorities.

With this object in view, Mr. R. S. V. Poulter, the Food Commissioner (Control and Distribution), has taken steps to collect information regarding the number of Ceylonese ex-Servicemen who would be prepared to assist the Department in maintaining the internal food distribution system.

The men to whom an appeal is being made are asked to appreciate the fact that the assistance they would be called upon to give will be in the nature of a national service which, if it were not undertaken in a possible emergency, might leave people living in the provinces without means of obtaining their supplies of essential foodstuffs.

A list is being compiled in advance of demobilised soldiers who are prepared to help the Food Control Department in case they are required to do so. Those to whom the appeal is made are asked to inform the authorities if they are agreeable to the wages and risk allowances offered by the Government or whether they would prefer to volunteer their services free in the interests of the country.

Government Returns To Politeness

On the order of the Officer Administering the Government departments are to revert to the old form of address in correspondence with members of the public.

They have to begin a letter with "Sir" and end with "I am, Sir, your obedient servant."

This form of address was given up in April, 1942. In inter-departmental correspondence, however, the present procedure is to be continued.

Verdict At Last!

Most Nazi Leaders To Die

The Nuremberg Trial has ended and here is the verdict awarded by the International War Crimes Tribunal.

Goering—to die by hanging.
Hess—imprisonment for life.
Ribbentrop—to die by hanging.
Keitel—to die by hanging.
Kaltenbrunner—death by hanging.
Rosenberg—death by hanging.
Frank—death by hanging.
Frick—death by hanging.
Streicher—death by hanging.
Funk—imprisonment for life.
Raler—imprisonment for life.
Doenitz—ten years imprisonment.
Schirach—twenty years' imprisonment.
Sauckel—death by hanging. (ment)
Jodl—death by hanging.
Seyss-Inquart—death by hanging.
Speer—twenty years' imprisonment.
Von Neurath—fifteen years' imprisonment.

Bormann (in absence) death by hanging

Schact, Von Papen and Fritche were found not guilty and discharged

It is learned that some of the condemned men may appeal against the sentences.

Three Appeal

Hess, Streicher and Frank have filed appeals for clemency against their sentences.

Palestine Conference Adjourned

NO AGREEMENT SO FAR

The Palestine Conference in London has adjourned until after the meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on October 23

It is generally admitted that the results of the talks so far have been negligible, but both sides insist that the conference has not broken down. However at no stage has there been any real negotiation. The British have learnt, contrary to many forecasts that the Arab delegates stood firm and united on the Arab League's policy.

Govt. Employees Too

The All Ceylon Government employees Federation, it is learned has sent out a questionnaire to would-be candidates. This organisation is pledged to defy Mr. Senanayake and all his works. The questionnaire warns unattached politicians to give a pledge that if they are returned at the polls as independent candidates they will not support the Senanayake caucus.

Flour Ration Will Be Restored

Says Food Director

Food Director K. Alvapillai hopes to restore the Householders' flour ration from the week beginning October 13th. To make possible the restoration of the flour ration which was withdrawn 3 weeks ago, the Government is diverting a flour shipment from Malaya.

M. P's Need No English!

Provision has been made in the Standing Orders of Ceylon's House of Representatives under the Soulbury Constitution to enable any member to address the House in Sinhalese or Tamil with the consent of the Speaker. It is however laid down that the normal business of the House shall be conducted in English. The speeches of members will be recorded in Hansard in the language in which they are spoken.

SCRAP BOOK

(Continued from page 2)

armed is the question. If the Supreme Sacrifice were performed, the problem would be solved. But who is to make that particular sacrifice and what is the step that is going to be taken by the policemen? That heavily taxed weapon, strike?

Lunatics are at large. Strange as it may seem, Mr. C. T. Lorage's still stranger desire has been fulfilled, owing to the militant attitude of the attendants at the Lunatic Asylum. The orders of the superintending medical authorities that attendants should go in relays for their noon meal were openly flouted. The attendants in a body marched out for their lunch, and the inmates of the hospital were quite free to walk out. What is more, some of those inmates who are still at large are classed as criminally insane. In this land of no rule and order, in this land where conventions and propriety never matter, one does not know what may happen tomorrow. What would happen, one wonders, if a similar situation arose in the prisons. In addition to the criminally insane who are at large the land will be flooded with those "criminally sound." We must be prepared for every contingency. In Sri Lanka strange things do happen.

SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT?

Has Jinnah Climbed Down

The Nawab of Bhopal is determined to bring about a settlement between the Congress and the League, and from reports coming out from India there is strong reason to be optimistic. It is understood that Jinnah has climbed down much, and that there was a meeting between the latter and Pundit Nehru on Saturday last. What has transpired in the interview is a secret but observers point out that a settlement between both parties is in sight.

The High Command of the All India Muslim League met yesterday at New Delhi, and it is freely expressed that Mr. Jinnah will join the Interim Government thus breaking the deadlock.

Senanayake will be Contested!

Mr D. S. Senanayake who many believe would never be contested in his Mirigama Seat, will be contested by a Sama Samajist. The candidate selected is a man of the gogama caste.

GREECE IS MONARCHY NOW

King George of Greece has returned to Greece. He has now formed a Government exclusively of Monarchists.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The next Conference of the International Labour Organisation will, it is learned, be held in New Delhi.

M. Ignaz Mosiaki, President of the Polish Republic at the time of the German invasion died, on Wednesday last.

The French National Assembly has decided in favour of death penalty for food cornerers and Black marketeers.

Ceylon's Revenue from October 1, 1945 to August 31, 1946 exceeded expenditure by 99,319,455 according to a Treasury Statement.

Nearly 300,000 apples arrived in Colombo on Friday last from Australia. This consignment has been imported by private traders.

Col. R. J. F. Mendis, officer commanding the Ceylon Cadet Battalion has been appointed to act as Commandant of the Ceylon Defence Force.

Twelve have been successful in the final examination for the admission of Advocates and ten in the final examination for the admission of proctors.

About 5 lakhs of rupees worth of Gems and Jewellery are stated to have been stolen from Messrs Abdul Gaffon's Gem Store, Colombo last week.

The Jaffna Town Co-operative Dispensary, the first of its kind in Jaffna was declared open by Dr. S. Subramaniam retired Provincial Surgeon. The dispensary is housed in Main Street.

Mr. S. B. Yatawara, Assistant Registrar Co-operative Societies, Western Division, will succeed Mr. W. Mollegode as Agricultural Officer Propaganda of the Department of Agriculture.

LUNATICS ROAM ABOUT

While Angoda Guards Go For Meals

More than 50 lunatics—some of a very dangerous type—have escaped from the Mental Hospital at Angoda, and are roaming about the countryside. This is a result of 600 attendants of the Mental Hospital walking out in a body for each meal since October 1, leaving the inmates to their own devices.

The chief reason for this attitude of the attendants is that under the new salary scheme they will not be provided with free meals. Under the new scheme, the new entrant attendant receives a basic salary of Rs. 49 plus allowances which raises the total to Rs. 113-90.

The Government decided to levy a charge of Rs. 12 a month per head for four meals a day. The attendants are demanding that meals should not be charged for. They have now flouted all authority and they go out for meals at any time leaving the patients and inmates alone and totally unattended.

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services has decided to take strong measures against these overseers. Already 23 overseers and 17 attendants have been interdicted. But the situation remains unchanged.

Merchant Demands Damage from Bus Company

Mr. S. Ganesharatnam, a merchant of Pandaitharippu has sued the Northern Omnibus Company for the recovery of Rs. 25,000 as damages sustained by him as a result of an accident while travelling in one of the buses of the Company. In his evidence, Mr. Ganesharatnam stated that his prospects of marriage and his expectation of life had been considerably reduced as a result of severe burns he sustained in the accident.

The Bus Company in their answer denied that the accident was due to any negligence or incompetence of the driver.

After hearing the evidence of five witnesses, the Jaffna District Judge has postponed further hearing for October 28.

Milk Control to End

All milk foods will be decontrolled at the end of November and the Milk Foods Department at Layards Road, Havelock Town will close on November 30.

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The Jaffna Urban Council NOTICE

Tenders are hereby invited for the lease of the undermentioned Markets, Gala and Bus-stand for one year beginning from 1st January 1947.

Tenders for the first and sixth leases are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon a deposit of Rs. 500/- for each form at this Office. In the case of the 2nd, 3rd and the 4th, a deposit of Rs. 250/- will be required; in the case of the other five a deposit of Rs. 50/- will be required. In the case of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th Leases a further sum of Rs. 150/- should be deposited as cost of stamps and Notarial fees for the purpose of entering into a Notarial Bond in order that tender forms may be issued.

Tenders must be in sealed envelopes marked "Tender for lease of markets, etc." on the left hand top corner of the envelope and addressed to the Chairman, Urban Council, Jaffna, and should reach this Office not later than 12 Noon on Friday 25th October, 1946.

Separate Offers must be made for the different leases

The tenderer selected by the Council will be required to deposit within three days of such selection and of the tendered amount.

The balance amount to cover up the full tendered amount in respect of the 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th leases, should be paid on or before 1st Dec, 1946. The Tenderer selected in respect of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th leases, should enter into a Notarial Bond paying stamps and notarial fees in addition to Rs. 150 - already deposited on or before 1-2-46.

The balance amount to be paid in eight equal instalments on or before the 15th of each month the first of such payment to be made on or before the 15th January 1947 subject to the conditions of lease, copies of which are posted at this Office.

Should he fail to make the deposits and enter into the Notarial Bond as stated above his deposit will be forfeited and the rent will be resold.

The Council reserves to itself the right to reject any or all the tenders without any question.

Any further information can be obtained from the Secretary

There will be no reduction in the rate of rents obtaining at present in the markets. The Chairman has power to allocate specified places inside the Market premises for different kinds of trades, and the Renter and sub-lessees are bound by the the decision of the Chairman.

Markets Referred to:

1. Grand Bazaar surrounded by Roads (excluding the tin sheds and the space of land between the road and the entire tin sheds) and the sherbet stalls and Bookstalls are excluded.

2. The Fish market near Grand Bazaar (including Pannaiturai where

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 553

In the matter of the last will and testament of the late Moothathamby Senathirajah of Irupalai

Deceased.
Mailvaganam Retnasingam of Irupalai
Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Retnasingam Thamby of Irupalai, 2. Sathasivam Suntharam of do Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. P. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge Jaffna on the 21st day of June 1946 in the presence of Mr. W. Selvadurai Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the abovenamed petitioner dated 17 March 1946 having been read.

It is ordered that the will of Moothathamby Senathirajah deceased dated 8th June 1942 and numbered 63 attested by W. Selvadurai Notary Public be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the respondents or others shall on or before the 2nd day of August 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the said 2nd respondent be appointed guardian of the estate of the said deceased and that the said Mailvaganam Retnasingam the petitioner is the executor named in the said will and that he is entitled to have probate of the same issued to him accordingly unless the respondent or others shall on or before the 2nd day of August 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 21st day of June 1946.

Sgd R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

Time to show cause is extended to 13-9-46.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge.

Time to show cause is extended to 11-10-46.

Sgd R. R. Selvadurai
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fish is sold)

3. Small Bazaar (excluding all meat stalls)

4. The Sengunthar market (inclusive of the two rooms)

5. The Chiviatu Market including Passayoor Beach where Fish is sold (excluding the room)

6. Grand Bazaar Gala including the Bus-stand at Grand Bazaar.

7. The Thaddatheru Santhai (excluding the Junction of Sivapragasam Road with Carpenters Lane where Vegetable and Fish are sold) and the western portion of Thaddatheru market in extent 2 lachams leased out to Mr. K. Thillaiyampalam is excluded.

8. The Muthirai Santhai.

9. The Colombutturai Market.

10. The Navanturai Market.

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