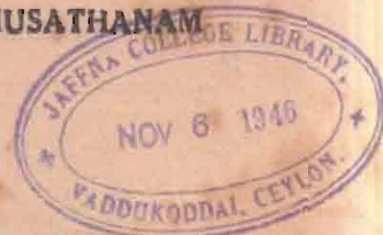


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Home Committee Listens To I. G. P.

FASCISTS ACTIVE

Fascist propaganda leaflets were thrown in several Rome cinemas and a bomb was placed on a window-sill of the Chamber of Deputies last week as Fascists observed the anniversary of the Black Shirt March on Rome 24 years ago, to day.

The police seized several suspected youths and arrested an ex General of the Fascist Militia, charged with attempting to re-organise Fascist cells following his recent release from prison under the amnesty of the Republic.

A Naples dispatch said that bombs, wrapped in black Fascist flags, were found in various parts of the City and that manifestos extolling Fascism were posted in the central streets.

Chinese Talks Fail

The efforts to reconcile the Chinese Government and the communists have completely failed. The communists have flatly rejected the Government proposal to re-submit a list of delegates to the National Assembly before the Government stops aggression against the communists. The communists clarify their determination not to submit the list of delegates to the Assembly or participate in it unless the Government of Chiang-Kai-Shek and the Executive of the Yuan are first re-organised.

America and Atom Bombs

America has now nearly 100 atom bombs—huge aerial torpedoes weighing 9000 tons—according to Chatman Pincher in the Daily Express of London.

9 Millions in Arms!

The Armoured Cavalry, Journal of Washington in a copyrighted article says that the Russian army is the world's largest, with China coming second, Britain third, the United States fourth and Yugoslavia fifth.

The article estimated the Russian army at a strength of three million; China 2,700,000; Britain 1,500,000; United States 1,000,000 and Yugoslavia 800,000 of which ten per cent were women.

The author, Major Hal Stewart, said that the figures were based on a conversation with high army officials.

Questions relating to the 'arrest' of Dr. N. M. Perera during the recent strikes were, it is understood, discussed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of Home Affairs.

After a statement by the Inspector-General of Police, Col. R. R. M. Bacon, the Committee, it is learned, expressed its condemnation of such action being taken without prior reference to the Minister of Home Affairs.

Why Escort Was Insisted On

The Inspector-General's statement was, it is learned, to the effect that Dr. Perera was not actually arrested but his house was searched on a search warrant and Dr. Perera taken to the Police Station for further examination. It was explained that he could have gone to Queen's House that morning for the interview with His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government without Police escort, but owing to the fact that he wanted to take with him certain documents which the Police were interested in the Police were not prepared to let him go without a Police escort.

The Inspector-General was aware the previous night that under a search warrant a search of Dr. Perera's house would be carried out the following morning but was unaware even at 8-30 p. m. the night before the incident took place that Dr. Perera was to go with the deputation on behalf of the strikers to Queen's House.

Ignorant of the Fact

The Police party, it was stated did not know till they arrived at Dr. Perera's house that he was to go with the deputation that morning. In any case the Police officials had no intention of preventing Dr. Perera going to Queen's House that morning as, according to the Police he was neither arrested nor under Police custody. He was only taken for interrogation and he was free to go to Queen's House at the appointed hour, the Executive Committee was told.

It is understood that the Committee severely condemned the official's responsible for this action for not consulting, or even informing, the Minister of Home Affairs of the search of Dr. Perera's house.

The Minister, it was stated, was not aware of what the Police had done until 12 o'clock that morning.

The Executive Committee, it is learned, also strongly condemned the conduct of Messrs. P. N. Brodie and J. L. Waldron, Superintendents of Police, in connection with the whole incident.

Ceylon Tamils Kalaivirthy Sangam—Kuala Lumpur

The "Deepavali" celebrations were held at the above Sangam premises at Imbi Road on 23-10-46 commencing at 6 p. m. The opening item was a lecture on the significance of "Deepavali" by Mr. T. Sivaprakasam (Indian Co-operative Officer, K. Lumpur).

This was followed by a short Play entitled "Murugan Thiruvilaiadal" and the cast was played by some female students of the Music Class.

The scenic background for the classical abode of 'Siva' and 'Subramaniyar' was superb. Interperated in the Play were two dances, one being soot type and the other depicting the classical rhythm in the dance of 'Nadasar' tuned to a song specially composed extolling the ancient glory of 'Palany'.

Background music on the violin and harmonium was rendered by the two Music Lady Teachers of the Sangam and "Miruthangam" by Mr. S. Arulampalam, a member of the Sangam.

The President of the Sangam, Mr. M. Kanagasabai (Headquarters, Medical Dept. K. Lumpur) tendered his sincere thanks to all those who have worked for the success of the performance and the parents of the children who composed the cast for the willingness with which the former sent the children for the rehearsals. The celebrations came to a close at about 9 p. m.—Cor

ARABS NOT BLUFFING

Dr. Khalidi's Warning To U. S.

Dr. Hussein Khalidi, Secretary of the Palestine Arab Committee, said that President Truman's letter to King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia was a "declaration of moral war against the Arab League" and that a "reply should be quick and decisive."

Dr. Khalidi continued, "Arabs should prove once for all to the 'Zionist' President that they are in dead earnest and not bluffing."

"Their retaliation to this latest aggressive and immoral statement of the United States policy must be deeds not words."

(President Truman in his letter published reiterated support for immediate entry into Palestine of 100,000 Jews and establishment of a Jewish National Home.)

"They should reply in a language which we and this imperialist clique can understand," Dr. Khalidi added.

"Let Arabs begin by severing diplomatic relations with the United States and follow up by organised and determined boycott of everything American including its citizens, trade, oil, institutions and schools."

"It is high time for the Arab League and Arab Governments and Muslim peoples to act quickly."

IMPERIALISM DEAD AND BURIED ASSERTS SMUTS

The Prime Minister of South Africa Field Marshal Smuts speaking in New York on Thursday last asserted that British Imperialism was dead and buried. He said: "British Policy was deliberately renounced and turned its back on Imperialism and in our era has espoused the cause of freedom and emancipation, with the moral and physical forces at its disposal."

"The United Nations itself may perhaps presuppose the establishment of some such constitutional arrangements and may only come to function successfully for universal peace and freedom on such constitutional foundations. The British Commonwealth may be a milestone on the road to that ultimate goal, and a value-pointer towards it."

Field Marshal Smuts related how the Boers fought for independence and how Britain bestowed self-government on them. He said, "It was only the first, but the all-important first step in a progressive policy which led a few years afterwards to the union of all South African colonies, including former republics into a strong Dominion.... The 19th century wave of

World's Greatest Red Baiter

Mr. Henry Wallace, former United States Secretary of Commerce, said in a speech before students of the Macalester College that Mr. Winston Churchill "is the world's greatest red-baiter" and was, in effect, fighting the Russians long before the war ended.

Mr. Wallace also said that the speech by Molotov in the United Nations Assembly on Tuesday was "a fine constructive statement."

Imperialism had finally receded. A far-reaching transformation had been consummated and in the advance to freedom the old British Imperialism had been finally defeated.

"Iraq and Transjordan can tell a similar tale, India, Burma, Malaya and Ceylon may tell it tomorrow.... Consequently, to talk of British Imperialism at this time of the day is really, to use a vulgar expression to bark up the wrong tree. The thing is dead and buried."



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THE NEW JAPAN

DOES THE NEW JAPANESE constitution herald a new Japan? According to the Emperor Hirohito, it does. "This constitution," says the Emperor, "represents a complete revision of the Imperial Constitution and it seeks a basis of national reconstruction in the universal principles of mankind." Naturally doubts have been expressed as to the degree of conviction on which the change from an absolute monarchy to a democracy in accord with the "universal principles of mankind" is based. A change so fundamental as this, wrought almost overnight by the compelling force of a military occupation determined to stamp out the last vestiges of the old Fascist regime, may not be as real as the Imperial rescript would have us believe. There is, however, one trait in the Japanese character which makes the new basis of Japanese Government as real as the despotic Chauvinism which ruined the Japanese people. The Japanese are a highly adaptable race. It would be a mistake to suppose that all that the Japanese are capable of is imitation, pure and simple. Adaptability is something that goes deeper than mere imitation, but the tragedy of modern Japan is that she managed to incorporate in her own civilisation many things which even the West feels today to be a menace to human society. The opportunism of Japanese policy, its obvious lack of principle, its insatiable greed for more power, its determination to exploit the weaker Asiatic races for the greater glory of Japan herself—these are to be found in the depths of human nature regardless of race or country, but it is no exaggeration to say that the Japanese in adapting themselves to so-called modern conditions, succeeded in borrowing a good many imperialistic vices which even today are the bane of the West. If Japan feels honestly and sincerely that these things are not going to pay in the modern world, if she feels that she can play her part in this world to better purpose by ridding herself of these vices, then she may be trusted to make the change as complete and as lasting as it is humanly possible to do.

In other words, the future of Japan depends as much on the Western Powers as it does on herself. If the West is allowed to pursue its present policy, then Japan may slide back into her old ruts,

FOOD POSITION HOPEFUL

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has informed the Ceylon Government that he has ordered the diversion of a flour ship to Ceylon. The cargo is 6,000 tons.

Mr. K. Vaithianathan, Food Commissioner, in a statement says: "The exact date of arrival of this ship is not yet known, but it is likely that it will be here about November 20th. I am confident that the quantity due here will be sufficient to continue the half ration until the programmed ships arrive."

Discussing the Island's rice position, Mr. Vaithianathan says that present arrivals are satisfactory. But he issued a warning that he is unable to predict how long arrivals and stocks would continue to be

satisfactory.

Asked by a Press representative if there was likely to be a last-minute difficulty which might result in the cancellation of the promised increase of one and a half measures of rice, he said: "I am not anticipating a hitch."

"The increased rice ration will be given, as promised earlier, and will continue until the flour position eases. I am not in a position to forecast what will happen after the middle of December."

Referring to subsidiary foodstuffs, he says that a large quantity of pulses had reached Ceylon from the Middle East and Africa during the last two weeks.

Notes and Comments

Way To Peace

According to one source there are between the three major powers, viz. Russia, Britain and America 5½ million soldiers on war footing. Last week, Premier Attlee stated in Parliament that the British forces could not be reduced to 1,100,000 by the end of the year as originally arranged. It is high time for the Nations who are now assembled in Washington to note the inordinately large armies the Big Powers are keeping on a war footing. If the United Nations Organisation does not wish to meet the fate of the League of Nations, it has to chalk out a bold policy of immediate demobilisation and disarmament. Mutual fear and suspicion which are the veritable seeds of war should be scotched now.

A Good Augury

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the Finance Member in the Indian Interim Government has proved that he was after all an Indian patriot and not a communal fanatic. His pronouncement on the motion he sponsored in the Indian Legislative Assembly that India do continue to be a member of the International Bank and Monetary Fund should gratify every Indian heart. He had justified his claim that he and his party entered the Government to work in complete harmony with the other colleagues. In spite of the communal vituperations Mr. Jinnah occasionally indulged to divide the Hindu from the Muslim, there is much in common between the two great parties. We trust that the spirit of goodwill and mutual respect which have marked the present session of the Indian Assembly will lead ultimately to the harmonising of the superficial differences between the League and the Congress and pave the way for a United Front in which, and in which alone, the ultimate salvation of India lies.

The Roads in Jaffna

The cross-roads and the lanes which are under the administration of the local Urban Council are in a most disgraceful state. They are an eye-sore to the visitor; a veritable trap-hole to the unwary pedestrians in the dark nights and a continuous chain of "dug-outs" to the motorist, the carter and the cyclist. Most of these roads and lanes have not been repaired for years. Our City Fathers and the Chairman, U. C. owe an explanation to the rate-payers for this sorry state of affairs. This is an urgent matter; and we call upon the members and the Chairman to do the needful to maintain these roads and lanes in the manner in which they ought to be kept.

Food Distribution Muddle

We don't grudge the lucky people in the rural areas of the extra ration

of flour they obtained last week when the townsfolk had to forego same. But we have a right to ask the authorities how this anomaly was created. Surely some one in the Food Distribution affairs in Jaffna is bungling matters. This is not the first time such bunglings have come to light. We hope that the Deputy Food Controller in Jaffna will issue a statement as to how this discriminatory distribution of flour happened to be perpetrated.

Lucky Kachcheri Staff!

We are told that the Local Kachcheri Staff and especially the staff connected with the Food Control and Distribution Schemes are a lucky lot. We are informed that many of these officers, in addition to the usual ration of sugar, dhal etc. they obtain from their registered dealers or Co-operative Stores, manager to get extra rations on permits specially issued to them monthly by the competent authority. A letter on this matter was published in this paper a few months ago, and it is still unanswered by those, who in the interest of the public ought to have contradicted the allegations mentioned in the letter in question if they were not true. In the circumstances now prevailing, the non-contradiction of the letter tends to strengthen the belief which has unfortunately grown among the local population, that in the matter of distribution of foodstuffs, the Kachcheri Staff, gets the lion's share. Perhaps the maxim "Charity begins at home" is being scrupulously followed by the powers that be.

Travesty of Truth

Sir Robert Drayton, the Chief Secretary in the course of his reply to the debate on the strikes, said in the State Council that the people were fed as usual during the strike period. The Chief Secretary's assertion is a travesty of truth. In Jaffna, and for that matter, in the whole island, the people had to forego their usual flour and sugar rations, which have not yet been replaced. Did not the Chief Secretary know this? He should have known; and having known it, why he stoops to make such an incorrect statement we are unable to understand for a moment. Was it to show that the Government machinery had not broken down in spite of the strike? But let us hasten to disillusion Sir Robert Drayton. The whole public know how the Government of Mr. Senanayake handled the strike. The Government failed to meet the situation which after all was a minor one when compared to some critical situations which face the administration in other countries. Any number of props like Sir Robert Drayton cannot save the tottering firm of Messrs Senanayake, Kotelawala, Bandaranaike and Co. from certain liquidation in the not distant future.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Soviet economic experts are planning for an average of 100 factories to start operating every month during 1946-50.

L. Amarnath, the famous Indian test cricketer has been offered an engagement to play for Sussex for three years.

The Sri Subramaniaswamy temple at Gintupitiya Street, Colombo was opened for the worship of the depressed classes last week by the Trustees of the temple.

The Ceylon Police Sergeants and Constables Association has forwarded a memorial to His Majesty the King protesting against the ban placed by the Inspector General on the Association.

A Buddhist monk has entered the arena of village politics at the Maha Pattu Village at Agalawatte. The Priest P. Attadasi Thero has submitted his nomination for election as a V. C. member in the area.

There are at present no person detained without trial under the orders of the Central Government in India declared Sardar Patel in the Indian Legislative Assembly on Wednesday last.

A sentence of six months rigorous imprisonment was passed on T.G.C. Samarawickrema who was found guilty of criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 300 in the capacity of the President of the Co-operative Stores Society of Polpogoda in the Southern Province.

General Aung San, Deputy Chairman of Burma's Interim National Government has decided to visit India in November or December. He will meet Pandit Nehru and discuss with him "subjects vital to the interests of both nations".

Remembrance Day

A Press Communique says:- His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has received a telegram from the Secretary of State to the effect that His Majesty the King has approved that the Sunday before 11th November (when the 11th or 12th November does not fall on a Sunday) should be known as Remembrance Sunday and should be regarded as a National Day of remembrance for the Wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45, and that it should be associated with the National observance at the Cenotaph at Whitehall at 11 a.m. and the Two Minutes' Silence.

His Excellency has accordingly decided that Sunday, November 10, 1946, should be observed throughout the Island as a day of remembrance for those who have fallen in those wars and that a two minutes' silence should be observed on that day at 11 a.m.

The Minister for Home Affairs joins with His Excellency in commending to the Ministers and members of all religious and denominations in Ceylon the observance of Sunday, November 10, 1946, as a day of remembrance and the observance of the two minutes' silence of that day at 11 a.m.

THE JAFFNA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

(COLOMBO BRANCH)

The Annual Social by the Principal and Mrs. Bunker to the Jaffna College Alumni Association (Colombo Branch) will be held on Saturday, November 9, 1946 at 4.15 p.m. at the Central Y.M.C.A., Colombo. The Rt. Rev. Lakdasa de Mel will be Chief Speaker.—Corr.

THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY

BY A. DOROTHY BARRS.

THE study of mankind in Europe today is impossible without a visit to the war-weary lands; moreover, the peoples who have suffered under the heel of the Nazis have had no time for anything except the licking of their wounds. The new life has not yet burst forth; when it is awakened it will be decades before it is able to flourish, and possibly centuries before it comes to maturity. All the world is taking part in this great awakening; all nations have passed through the dark night of anguish and suffering, but it is with the West in particular that we are concerned at the moment.

What Next?

Is the mind of man awakening from its long sleep? Has man in the mass yet realized the causes of war and its far-reaching consequences? The answer is no. In all countries we read of greed and selfishness actuating men's lives; of cruelty and hatred resulting in murder and lawlessness; of the exploitation of the powerful over the weak; of the black market racketeers everywhere frustrating law and order. Man's greatest discovery, the releasing of atomic energy marks a new era in destructive warfare; and the use of animals for experiments with new lethal weapons is apathetically accepted. We open our morning paper and read of deep suspicions and antagonisms of one nation towards another. In daily life we find men and women with jagged nerves and frayed tempers. The more thoughtful among us ask ourselves if it is possible from such turmoils and strife to build a lasting security, or will it be a repetition of the false peace that followed the first Great War?

Misuse of Power

Humanity has yet to realize that although war apparently starts with governments at cross purposes, it is the clash of ideologies of different nations, the subversive activities of armament combines, cartels, and monopolies which serve vested interests and personal aggrandizement; the misuse of political, financial, and personal power, and the thoughts and actions of ordinary men and women that provide the soil wherein the seed of war is germinated.

Commercialised Cruelty

We are not yet able to see the mote in our own eyes but only in our brother's. One of the greatest difficulties for those who live in the West is to face up to their own weaknesses. How few ask themselves the question: "In what way am I adding to the turmoil and chaos in the world? When the new life expresses itself, more care will be taken to radiate love rather than hate; generosity will take the place of greed; selfishness will be substituted for selfishness; compassion will be extended to all, animals and humans alike, instead of so much cruelty, which is commercialised today; understanding will take the place of exploitation; the powerful will protect the weak; and the life of the community everywhere will be based on the ideals of the great pioneers of the past of 'each for all and all for each.'

No Glorification of the Personality

All this could be possible in the era on the threshold of which

humanity now stands, if men respond to his urge within them. The new life belongs to the spirit, the age which is passing is based on the deification of material wealth and glorification of the personality. Are the men and women of this century destined to achieve such an apparent miracle as the preceding paragraph portrays?

Healthy Signs

There are signs everywhere, in spite of the dark picture outlined at the beginning, that the nations are groping for something different. The forces of evil, having been driven back to some extent with the overcoming of the Axis Powers, will assuredly concentrate their attention on the emotional and thought life of the world. Evil might be said still to be dominant; yet there are indications that the will-to-good grows steadily in every country. The demand for the use of atomic energy for the nations instead of the destruction of civilization is heard on all sides. Man will learn by slow degrees of the potential lessening of poverty, crime, disease, and other evils through its use. It may be by slow processes, too, that he will learn how usefully to occupy his leisure, as this wonderful power locked up within the atom, when released, lessens the labour underground, in transport, factories, workshops, and kitchens which has hitherto been done by men and women by the sweat of their brow. Groups of enlightened persons are working for international cohesion and co-operation in handling of world peace. Perhaps the most encouraging of all signs is slow but sure awakening of the masses towards the need for better conditions, the realization of the responsibility of each person in building the future. We see signs in the young of a readiness to espouse a humanitarian cause, such as kindness to animals and birds, which will eventually lead them to a better understanding of human needs not only in their own countries but everywhere in the world.

The Meaning and Purpose

Today experiences and incidents are speeding up the tempo of many lives and it is not always easy to see the wood for the trees. Those more fortunate ones who are able to stand aside from the rush of life for a few moments and to meditate in silence upon the meaning of things around them, may receive a glimmer of some purpose behind all the upheaval, a plan to which all nations are contributing. Each person and nation is perceived as part of the purpose of life. All persons, races and nations are important since each one brings a strand to the weaving of the pattern.

Immediate Future

To understand the purpose of life; to co-operate with the plan; to awaken powers which are now latent within the mind of man; to use these new powers, the gifts of the spirit, in service, is the work of the immediate future of humanity. These powers, only awakened as yet in the few, transcend the personality and are the threefold aspects of the soul or spiritual ego: Spiritual will or purpose, spiritual vision or intuition, creative activity or inspiration. These are only some of the innate qualities man-

Scrap Book

BY
DIARIST

A grave crisis has passed over.

State Councillors are busy holding an inquest on the strike itself and the circumstances which led to it. Mr. R. E. Jayatilleke the member for Ruanwella, with surgical precision laid open the weak spot of the Ministers' case. Mr. Jayatilleke wanted to know whether the Board of Ministers had surrendered their rights to the Acting Governor. Mr. Senanayake hotly denied it. The public Servants were not under their August tutelage. They were under the custody and guardianship of the Governor and the Chief Secretary. Before the last strike, strikes and strikers had been the concern of Ministers. But as the elections are drawing nearer and nearer, the Ministers are also trying to put as great a distance as possible between themselves and the strikers. It must be admitted that the Ministers' position was unenviable. If the demands of the strikers had been conceded by the Board of Ministers, then it was indeed a magnificent victory for Dr. N. M. Perera and others. If the demands had not been conceded then the possibility of the Ministers being returned at the next elections receded far into the background. The wisest thing to do, therefore, was to thrust the burden on the shoulders of the Acting Governor and the Chief Secretary.

Hitherto most of us have been aware of two men in the one person of Mr. A. Mahadeva, the Minister for Home Affairs and the Member for Jaffna. The first was the Mahadeva who pledged to fight for Tamil rights. The second was the Mahadeva who said that he gave that pledge with "mental reservations". There is also a third Mahadeva who shows a love for totalitarian tactics—a trait which had hitherto lain undiscovered. It is quite possible that closer contact with Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the sole repository of everything dictatorial, has infused sufficient courage into the thumb-sucking Mr. Mahadeva to make him speak of "blood and iron". This was, strange to say, odious to Fuchrer Bandaranaike who is fast changing his colour to suit the march of times. But equally strange was the concern expressed by Mr. D. S. Senanayake over his colleague's suggestion for the employment of Russian methods. Another strange factor is the appearance of a Saviour in the person of the gallant Colonel Kotlawala. "Come unto me ye sinners, and thou shalt receive the fruits of paradise," cried the Colonel. The sinners searched high and low for him, but to no purpose. The virtuous Colonel was unattainable.

What the repentant sinners would have done to him was amply demonstrated in how the unfortunate Mayor was treated. The Mayor was definitely unlucky to bear the slightest semblance to the erring

kind is destined to unfold and consciously use during the coming age.

Through suffering new life is born. The dawn appears on the horizon for all nations. How man will respond to his opportunities can only be told by those who are yet to come.

Colonel. The Mayor paid for the omissions and commissions of others with a broken nose and a damaged ear. The Colonel would have by now learnt the value of a double. Hitler too had his double. And why should not the Colonel? It would save him much trouble; the Colonel would be present at two places at the same time. One could be present at the meetings of the U. N. P. and the other preside at the meetings of the Executive Committee of his Ministry. It had been rumoured before that the Colonel was good at ju-jitsu. If so his double too must be given a good training in the art of pole-axing a repentant sinner who demonstrates his love for him in an unwelcome manner. When the Colonel was in trouble absolving the sense of the workers, a Fairy God-mother in the person of the Acting Governor pulled the chestnuts out of the fire for him. But how long could this Guardian Angel keep loving watch over his seven precious charges?

Trouble in the Jaffna Power House which began practically since its inception has not ended with the transfer of the electrical superintendent. All hoped that the superintendent's transfer would put things right. But unfortunately it appears that he has left behind him a legacy of trouble. The war which had been declared some years ago between the employees of the Electrical Department and the Urban Council is being prosecuted with unrelenting vigour. The test of strength between them even went up to the law courts. The unlawful acts of the Chairman of the Urban Council and the alliance of some of its members with the electrical superintendent resulted in a victory for the electrical employees. Flushed with victory the employees began to turn their noses up at our city fathers. The Power House too expressed its dislike of the Urban Council and its sympathy for the employees by refusing to carry out faithfully its allotted task. Breakdowns were, and are quite a common occurrence.

The Councillors potted; some conspired to get rid of the "source of all trouble"; others to retain his services. Cars went flying hither and thither. The power House too indulged in its own vagaries. But by this time the temper of the public had risen considerably. They demanded the immediate transfer of the electrical superintendent, and the resignation of the Chairman. The game was up. Now it was a question of the city fathers or the electrical superintendent. They put their heads together & with strange unanimity desired from the commissioner of Local Government the immediate transfer of the officer concerned. He was duly transferred, but the troubles have not at all ended. They want the driver of the engine to be transferred. I might here observe that once I recommended the transfer of all the hands of the electrical Department in Jaffna. If the transfers are to be effected one by one, then, till that last man goes, there will be trouble. Old ties cannot be severed easily. The bonds of friendship, some say, cultivated over the bottle, can never easily be broken. The fumes of "fire-water" give added life to them.

A Story of Promises Unfulfilled

Britain on the Horns of a Dilemma

THE Palestine problem is giving Britain the most acute headache. On the one hand the Jews insist that a national home should be founded in the soil of their forefathers, viz. Palestine. While on the other hand the Arabs are equally violent in their opposition to any more entry of Jews there. All the Big Four Powers of the world are interested in the outcome of the Palestinian problem which is now unsuccessfully tackled by Great Britain. The following article should be interesting at this juncture.

Hottest Problems

Palestine, that short narrow strip of land in the Eastern Mediterranean, has become one of the hottest problems of international relations.

What began as an argument between the Jews and Arabs who inhabit it, has been turned into a full-fledged battle of power politics, camouflaged behind emotional motives and political catch-phrases.

For different reasons each of the Big Four—Britain, America, France and Russia—is interested in the future of the Holy Land.

For both the Democrats and Republicans of America Palestine is a foremost election issue. About 1,000,000 Jewish votes may be swung to the side which advocates the case of the Jews more fervently.

Russia sees in the Jewish-Arab struggle an opportunity to establish a comfortable political foothold in the Arab World. She seeks to jeopardise British influence in the Middle East by supporting extreme Arab nationalism, although during the war she advocated the Jewish cause against the "reactionary, Fascist Arab landlords."

Power Politics

France still resents the way the British helped Arabs to oust her from Syria and Lebanon. For her the Middle East is almost as important a base as it is for the British. The direct air route to Indo-China traverses the Arab countries; the French branch of the Iraq oil pipeline ends in Lebanese Tripoli. An Arab nationalist victory in Palestine would end French hopes of returning to her pre-war bases.

For Britain, control of the Middle East is vital. If she loses it, air routes to India, Malaya and Australia, and the oil of Iraq and Iran are lost as well. As Haushofer, apostle of Nazi geopolitics, said, Britain and the British Commonwealth can be finished off in one place only—in the Middle East.

Palestine, the country which interests each of the Big Four so much is 10, 50 square miles in area.

Palestine has a population of about 1,600,000, of whom 990,000 are Moslem Arabs; 126,000 Christians and about 500,000 Jews.

The agriculture of Palestine is on two levels. That of the Arabs is backward. Jews, with modern methods, have arrested erosion, conquered malaria, and greatly increased the arable area. About 15,000,000 cases of citrus fruits were exported from Palestine before the war.

Birth Jewish Nationalism

Before 1914 Palestine was a san-

jak (sub-province) of the Turkish Empire, which fought with Germany against the Allies in World War I. In 1918 Lord Allenby, the British Commander, wrested Palestine from the Turks.

Since 1920 Palestine has been a British mandate.

The idea of establishing a Jewish national home in Palestine arose at the end of the last century.

The idea of Jewish nationalism—called Zionism—was born, not of a sudden outburst of religious or racial fervour, but of sheer despair following repeated massacres of Jews.

It was the idea of black-bearded mild-mannered, middle-aged Theodore Herzl, a Viennese journalist, to give a country to the persecuted Jews. His first adherents came from Russia and Rumania, where persecution was most rampant.

Herzl died in 1905, and did not see the development of Zionism, which has become the most important but also the most controversial issue of world Jewry. Before Hitler came to power and organised his Jewish massacres, fewer than 2,000,000 of the world's 16,000,000 Jews belonged to the Zionist movement.

Most of the others condemned any separation from their fellow Britishers, Frenchmen, Americans, or Australians on mere racial or religious grounds.

But Nazism and the horrible massacres of more than two-thirds of European Jewry swung the few hundreds of thousands of Jews who escaped Hitler's lethal chambers fanatically behind the idea of a national home.

Outside Europe, Jews who had lost relatives in the ghetto massacres, and who feared, wherever they were, that it might happen to them, also supported Zionism.

A clamour arose from Jews all over the world that Britain should fulfil her promise of 1917 of setting up that national home where they could find refuge from persecution.

Weizmann's Service

When in 1916 the distinguished Jewish-British scientist, Chaim Weizmann, synthesised acetone, a substance necessary in producing smokeless powder, he enabled the Allies to continue World War I. For this service Lloyd George recommended that he be given any honour he wished.

"There is only one thing I want," said Weizmann, "a national home for my people."

In November, 1917, the British Foreign Secretary, Arthur Balfour, wrote a letter to Lord Rothschild, Chairman of the British Zionist Federation, in which he promised the establishment of this Jewish National Home in Palestine.

The Jews interpreted this as a promise for an independent Jewish State, and although the British Government refused to accept this interpretation as early as 1922, the Zionists have never ceased to press for it.

The issue became even more complicated when it turned out

THE SMOKING EVIL

In his weekly "letter box" in the *Harijan* Mahatma Gandhi answers the following questions:

Q. While you have all along written very strongly in favour of prohibition, you have not spoken either often enough or with equal emphasis in the matter of smoking. This evil is increasing with alarming rapidity and even children are increasingly getting addicted to it. The crores that are literally burnt by smoking could be so well utilized in wise ways in our poor land.

A. The taunt is true but not new. The reason for want of equal emphasis is to be sought in the fact that smoking has attained alarming respectability. When a vice reaches that state it becomes difficult to eradicate. This admission does not mean that we should not agitate for abatement of the nuisance. How to do so and when is the ques-

tion. I am sorry to have to confess my inability to answer it.

THE CURSE OF DOWRY

Q. The demand for dowries in the marriage market is growing. None is immune from this injustice. The richer the parent of the prospective bridegroom, the heavier is the demand of the dowry. The problem, now is such that many marriageable girls cannot be married and the state of their parents can better be imagined than described. Popular Governments should help to check the evil through the law.

A. It is a curious phenomenon the questioner notices. Education not only does not improve the situation but makes it worse. The affected class has to wake up before the curse destroys the class which in its terrible weakness shamelessly betakes to it. Let them ceaselessly and restlessly agitate. I know no other way.

Indian Rope Trick

BRITISH MAGICIANS' CHALLENGE

A large sum of money awaits anyone who can perform the "Indian rope trick" to the satisfaction of the British National Association of Magical Societies.

Five-hundred members of the Association and of the British Branch of International Brotherhood of Magicians are to give performances in a number of towns, the proceeds of which are to go to charity. "But" said the Secretary of the National Association, Tony Branson, "I am sure, the Association would raise no objection to handing over all the money to anyone who can do the Indian rope trick." If some one does accept the challenge he will be judged by "the Magic Circle" the largest body of "expert" magicians in the Association and will be required to throw a rope 13 feet or 14 feet in the air where it must remain motionless, send a boy to the top of the rope followed by the magician, who hacks him to pieces with a knife; after the pieces have fallen to the ground they should be gathered together and placed in a basket and, when the lid is raised, the boy must step out alive and well.

Farewell to Apothecary

A farewell was accorded on Wednesday last to Mr. R.S. Poo-logasingam, apothecary-in-charge Manipal Central Dispensary, on the eve of his transfer from the area.

The public meeting was presided over by Mr. C. Thiagarajah, Chairman, V.C.,

An address was read by Mr. S. Muttukumarasamy, Secretary of the Farewell Organising Committee. Messrs. S. H. Perinpanayagam, Advocate, Mr. R. N. Sinniah, retired Maniagar and others spoke on the many good qualities of Mr. Poo-logasingam, (Cor)

India-Burma Envoys

The Government of India have appointed Dr. M. A. Rauf as their representative in Burma. He is expected to proceed to Burma shortly and take charge of his office, the Burma government have selected U. Myin Thien, at present, Chief Judge of the City Court, Rangoon as the Government of Burma's representative in India. U. Myin Thien is the first Burman to represent his country in India.

A Gesture of Friendship

M. Molotov's demand at the U.N.O. for immediate and complete independence for India has created jubilation in the ranks of the Indian Delegates at the U.N.O. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, leader of the Indian Delegation declared: "I consider this as a gesture of friendship. We welcome Russia's words regarding India."

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INDIAN NEWS FRONT

Gandhiji at Calcutta

Mahatma Gandhi is now in East Bengal touring the affected areas. Before starting for East Bengal Gandhiji met the Governor of Bengal, Sir Frederick Burrows, and discussed with him the situation for about two hours. Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy the Bengal Premier also saw Gandhiji at Calcutta and appraised him of the situation from his point of view. Besides Gandhiji, Viceroy Wavell also arrived at Calcutta on Thursday last.

Reclamation of Converts

His Holiness Goswami Shri Krishna Jivanji Maharaj of Mota Mandir declares that Hindus forcibly converted by Muslims in East Bengal can be taken back into Hinduism after a simple religious ceremony.

His Holiness made this declaration at a Press Conference at Bombay a few hours before leaving for Calcutta to aid in relief and reconversion work in the troubled areas of Bengal.

The administration of Panchagavya—comprising the five elements of the cow—by a high priest to forcibly-converted Hindus, said His Holiness, could restore the convert to his original full-standing in the Hindu community.

Leaguers Charged

Prominent Muslim League members—Maulavi Abdul Hamid, Deputy Leader of the Assam Muslim League Parliamentary Party, and Member of the Constituent Assembly, Mr. Ajmal Ali Choudhury, Member of the All-India Muslim League Council; Mr. Abdul Hafiz, a League Leader; Mr. Muhamad Os, a leading merchant, and eight others—appeared before Mr. P. N. Das, the Additional Magistrate of Sylhet, on charges of rioting and theft, which were alleged to have been committed on August 16, in connection with the "Direct Action Day" observance at Sylhet. The case was adjourned.

To Study Bengal Situation

Four members of the Indian Interim Government, Pandit Nehru, Sardar Patel, Liaquat Ali Khan, and Abdul Rab Nishtar, have flown to Calcutta, it is understood to discuss on the spot the present happenings in Bengal and to examine the needs of the situation from the point of view of the general communal problem in the country. It is learned that they met the Viceroy, the Bengal Premier and other representatives of the Government of Bengal besides Mr. Gandhi.

Atomic Research

The question of instituting atomic research in India was mooted in the Assembly last week. Replying to Mr. K. C. Neogy, Mr. B. K. Gokhale, Secretary of Works, Mines and Power, said that at the instance of the Board of Scientific and Industrial Research, atomic research has been established under the chairmanship of Professor H. J. Bhabha. It was also proposed to establish a special unit for such investigations under the geological survey of India.

India & World Bank

The Indian Legislative Assembly held its session last week. The most important item discussed was a motion by Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Finance member that India do continue to be a member of the International Bank and the World Monetary Fund. The motion was carried.

Harijans and Islam

There is a possibility of India's scheduled castes aligning themselves with the Muslim community if they do not receive separate represent-

ation in the new Indian Government according to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, leader of the scheduled castes, now in London. Dr. Ambedkar was commenting to Reuter upon a report from Toronto that Mr. Ameen Tareen an Indian student at Toronto University and a former Lahore journalist stating that Dr. Ambedkar had advised his people to embrace Islam if they failed to obtain satisfaction. "I have not given advice to that effect", Dr. Ambedkar said, "But that situation may arise. Many of my people in India are seriously considering this question. We hope that the Congress and Mr. Gandhi will see the light and agree to give untouchables political independence from the Hindus."

Legislation Against Dowry

A proposal is under the consideration of the Government of Madras to bring in legislation as early as possible to prevent dowry. The idea is also to limit the total value of the presents to the bride by the bridegroom's parents and to the bridegroom by the bride's parents to Rs. 2000.

No More Governors

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President and Minister of External Affairs in the Indian Interim Government, in reply to a short notice question in the Central Assembly last week, said that with the coming of independence there was no necessity for Governors. He added that the Governors were appointed by the King but insisted that the Government of India should be consulted and that their views should carry weight. To the question whether the Government was aware of the general feeling in the country that for any future appointments of Governors, Indians should be chosen instead of imposing foreigners on the country Pandit Nehru replied: "I am not sure that the Government agrees with the views put forward by the Hon. Member. We want to do away with Governors, not replace them with others of their type whatever their skin may be."

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A STORY OF PROMISES UNFULFILLED

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that two years before the Balfour declaration, in 1915, the British Government had also promised complete territorial independence to all Arab countries—including Palestine—in the event of their co-operation against the Turks.

Arabic anti-Jewish disturbances began in 1921, were repeated in 1929, 1933, 1936 and 1938. From 1933 onward they were encouraged and financed by Italy and Germany.

First Opposition

The first opposition to Jewish immigration arose among the feudal Arab landowners.

Some of them saw the stone deserts they had sold to the Jews being turned into rich farmlands, yielding good crops. They claimed they had been despoiled by the Jews.

Others feared that the inevitable social changes that go with a higher standard of living would end their hold on the fellahin (peasants).

Helped by the growing spirit of Arab nationalism, they organised themselves into armed bands to stop Jewish immigration lest a Jewish majority should outnumber the Arabs and to get back "the land of their fathers."

Most Jews in Palestine belong to or support the Zionist Organisation. Important political groups are the Labour Party, known as Poalim, the Right Wing Revisionists, founded by Vladimir Jabotinsky, who are against any policy of moderation, and the religious faction, the Agudath Israel.

Jewish Agency

Jewish affairs in Palestine are administered by the so-called Jewish Agency. It has considerable powers. Not only does it carry on all Jewish negotiations with the Palestine Government, it also controls very largely the work of colonisation and settlement. During the war, the Jewish Agency helped to rally all Jewish forces in Palestine on the side of the Allies.

The agency has under its control Haganah (defence), the Jewish army trained during the war by the British to repel an Axis invasion. It has a force of about 80,000 men. The picked corps of Haganah is Palmach, which watches the conduct of rank and file. It is a kind of S. S. within the Jewish army.

Extreme organisations are the Hatzohar (New Zionist Organisation) which wants the whole of Palestine, plus Transjordan, for the Jews. Its armed guard of about 7000 men is called Irgun Zvai Leumi (National Military Organisation).

The Stern gang is a fanatical brotherhood of between 500 to 600. It is a terrorist band which carries out wholesale murders and outrages. It is outlawed by the Jewish Agency.

Since the end of World War I the Jewish population has increased by 400,000, but, in the same period, better working conditions and higher wages have attracted 500,000 Arabs from Transjordan, Iraq, Syria and other Arabic countries to Palestine.

Jewish immigration to Palestine was a steady 5000 a year until 1933, when Hitlerism in Germany compelled many Jews to seek a new home. In that year it rose to 9553, but it jumped to 42,359 in 1934 and 61,854 in 1935, not counting a substantial number of illegal immigrants.

British Opposition

In 1939 a British White Paper stopped legal Jewish immigration

HEAVY RAIN AT JAFFNA

Jaffna had eight inches and a half of rain during the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. on Saturday last. Most of the low-lying lands in the peninsula were flooded.

MATRIMONIAL

Sivagurunathan—

Maheswari Ammal

The marriage of Mr. S. Sivagurunathan B. A. of the tutorial staff of Sivananda Vidyalayam, Batticaloa and second son of ST. M. P. Sithamparnatha Chettiar of Vannarpannai with Sow. Maheswari Ammal the only daughter of Mr. C. T. Coomaraswamy Proctor S. C. of Nallur, Jaffna was solemnised according to Hindu rites in the early hours of Friday last in the presence of a large number of friends and relations.

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I Mankayarkarasy Ammal, alias, Mrs. M. T. Lingam, of 80, Suburban Road, Ahlone, Rangoon, do hereby revoke the Power of Attorney given by me to Mr. Ratnasingham Duraisingam of Point Pedro on the 9th day of April 1946.

MANKAYARKARASI AMMAL

alias

MRS. M. T. LINGAM,

(Mis. 218, 5, 8, 11 & 15)

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by making it subject to Arab approval.

During the war about 45,000 refugees were admitted to Palestine, but since Germany's surrender the British forces have tried to enforce the White Paper, and have tightened the control on illegal immigration.

Criticism of British policy in Palestine has come mainly from the United States. A joint British-American committee of inquiry was set up at the beginning of this year. Its findings were published on May 1.

The report suggested the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine. But the British Government feels that such a number of Jewish immigrants would set the Arab world ablaze.

Mr. Attlee asked President Truman for armed help to prevent trouble in the Middle East. The President refused this help, but emphasised his determination of pressing the immediate admission of the 100,000 Jews.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 606
In the matter of the intestate estate
of the late Nallammah wife of
Kanapathippillai Subramaniam of
Changanai West Deceased.
Kanapathippillai Subramaniam of
Changanai West, Petitioner
Vs.

Minor 1. Subramaniam Krishnamoorthy of Changanai West by his guardian 2. Thillalampalam Visuvalingam of Changanai West

Respondents.
This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr., District Judge, Jaffna on the 13th day of September 1946 in the presence of Mr. T. Sangarappillai Proctor for petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read
It is ordered that the abovenamed

2nd respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minor 1st respondent for the purpose of protecting his interests and of representing him in these Testamentary proceedings and that letters of administration to the estate of the said deceased be issued to the petitioner as her lawful husband unless the said respondents or any other person shall appear before this Court on the 31st day of October 1946 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 13th day of September 1946.
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

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