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SUBHAS NAGAR

Calcutta Congressmen's Move

The Calcutta Corporation, at its last meeting, decided to erect a marble statue of Subhas Chandra Bose in full military uniform as the Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army on a road island near Curzon Park Esplanade.

The Corporation also decided to ask the Mayor to raise donations for the erection of the statue and to obtain necessary permission from the authorities concerned.

The Corporation postponed consideration of another motion suggesting the re-naming of Calcutta as "Subhasnagar."

The law officer of the Corporation had expressed the opinion that the matter did not fall within the purview of the Calcutta Corporation. Holding this view as "wrong" a Congress councillor suggested that a competent legal authority be consulted on this

PARLIAMENT TO DEBATE INDIAN QUESTION

British Parliamentary circles state that the Ind'a debate in the Commons is expected before the Christmas recess. It is understood that the fixing of a date for the debate is just "a question of fitting it in" among other matters to be considered by the House of Commons.

Labour back-benchers predict that Mr. Winston Churchill personally would lead the Opposition in criticising the Government policy in India.

MR. M. S. ANEY

Mr. M. S. Aney, Government of India's Representative in Ceylon is attending the Meerut Session of the Congress. He expects to return to Colombo in the first week of December.

matter and pending his opinion, consideration of the motion be postponed.

UNIVERSALITY

(BY ANTHONY ELENJIMITTAM)

RELIGION today is growing more and more universal. You cannot possibly stem this tide by the old authoritarian impositions, by dogmatic definitions or conciliar anathematizations. Today there is a new branch of study called comparative study of religions which certainly has done much to break barriers down and build bridges wherever and whenever possible. Today we do not study Christianity or Islam as exclusive walled religions; but as divisions and branch of the Semitic group of religions. Now, even the Semitic or Aryan religions are not studied as exclusive or narrow groups; they are classed and subordinated under a still general and more universal head: religion. It is the nature, origin and growth of religion in general that we study or set as premises before approaching the history or creed of any particular historical religion. The Bible is no more a book fallen from heaven, and if, in some sense, revelation could be accepted or re-stated, even the Bible is but a chapter in the universal revelation of man and mankind. It is only on this common basis we all can meet, and not by tightening more and more our old tensions and rivalries and exclusive claims. 'Our watchword is inclusion, not exclusion,' as was proclaimed by one of the apostles of universalism of the modern age, Swami Vivekananda.

Universalism

Similarly there is universalism, in science and in the modern way of living and feeling. Science has never been a curse it has been and it will ever be a blessing to mankind. It is not science but men who abused science who are responsible for battleships and bomber planes, V1s and V2s; Man is not under the inexorable law of fate, of destiny of *kismet*. Man is a free agent, a free being from the marrow of his bones. Freedom breathes in the air, freedom and not necessity is the motive spring of every conscious force in this life and perhaps in the next. Neither materialistic determinism nor scientific monism can shake this faith in me. It is not a question of proof; liberty is a question of vision, realization and experience. I have seen liberty, I have had a glance at it, a glimpse into the infinity and eternity of freedom, and I know all throughout my life I must strive after and yearn for that infinite ideal—liberty, more liberty, fullest liberty.

What Is Science?

It is the greed, diplomacy, hypocrisy, ignorance, and insolence of many self-styled leaders of peoples and nations that have made science more a curse than a blessing. But science in itself is but a crystal,

clear gift of God and handmaid to religion and philosophy. Now, science has done so much in breaking down barriers and building bridges in many quarters of human life. Science, however shallow its glamour and domain, frees man from many a superstition and many a narrow provincial wall. There may still be a Church of England or a Church of Rome, but there is nothing called a Science of England or Science of Rome. Science is universal, its laws governing supreme everywhere and at all times. The laws in physics, in radiology, telegraphy, thermodynamics and biochemistry in ornithology or orthopaedics, in philology or zoology. It is science that has unified the modern world, bringing peoples and countries together in a way never even dreamt of before. The easy means of communications, the better facilities to study religions and philosophies, the closer and more intimate contact between members of various races and creeds and nationalities have all helped in unifying the world in a way never dared to be thought of before. Narrow nationalism, creedalism and racialism will still struggle for life until they die and a world flung community of nations and peoples be formed. One world, one humanity, one citizenship. 'My nationality' 'my religion,' 'my history,' 'my people' and all the rest of it will be alive, frequent with meaning when built upon this basic and common factor of what is common and central and universal man, and are dead while afloat outside it.

Attainment of Self-Vision

A great step has been made today in breaking off the time-old traditional barriers. I believe that religion or Self-or God realization, or if you like to choose some other name to convey that meaning, is what is most real and deepest in human life and human experience towards which everything else is focused and subordinated. But when we are children we need dolls and toys to play with. Passed childhood, we abandon toys and dolls and face the reality of life in its entire majesty and sacredness. Chickens must break the shell when they are apt to see the daylight and sunshine outside. Symbols and myths may or may not embody some truth or certain aspects of truth. But symbolism and mythology is not for the grown-ups. A pedagogue and an authoritarian guardianship may be needed when we are one with the blind unconscious force of Nature; but when consciousness has dawned and the star of self-vision has risen, there is neither Bible, nor Koran nor Buddha nor Christ for our re-

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SIR PON. RAMANATHAN

UNVEILING OF STATUE TODAY

Ponnambalam Ramanathan, K. C.; C. M. G.; Ceylonese Member, Legislative Council. Erected by public subscription.

These simple words in English, Sinhalese and Tamil adorn the statue of the late Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan which will be unveiled today in the State Council grounds.

On the other side of the State Council premises facing the Beira Lake stands the statue of his brother, Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam.

Statesman, author, eminent King's Counsel of his day and friend of the Sinhalese community, the late Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan is remembered this day as the champion of the Sinhalese during the 1915 riots.

When Sir Ponnambalam was 28 he was nominated to the Legislative Council to represent his community. Thus was started a career of 57 years of public service that stands unrivalled in the annals of this country.

He continued to represent the Tamil community in the Legislative Council till 1892, when he was appointed Solicitor-General of Ceylon. He was Solicitor-General for four years during which time he acted as Attorney-General three times once under Sir Arthur Havelock and twice under Sir West Ridgway.

In 1905 Sir Ponnambalam retired from the Public Service and went on a lecture tour to America and on his return took a keen

interest in the revival of the Ceylon National Association.

Memorable Speech

During this time Sir Ponnambalam worked vigorously with other leaders to reform the Legislative Council and his motion asking for reforms in the Legislative Council was one of his memorable speeches. He urged on that occasion that the President of the Legislative Council should be elected by the people.

Sir Ponnambalam was made King's Counsel in 1903. a C. M. G. in 1887 and in 1891 he represented Ceylon at the Diamond Jubilee of the late Queen Victoria.

In 1911, when the franchise was granted to educated Ceylonese, Sir Ponnambalam was invited by the Ceylonese, mainly Sinhalese, to represent the Educated Ceylonese in the Legislative Council. He contested the late Sir Marcus Fernando and with the backing of the educated Ceylonese entered the Legislative Council as the first Educated Ceylonese member.

His greatest services to the people of this country were given during the next ten years of his councillorship and during the riots of 1915 he championed the cause of the Sinhalese. Just after the riots he went to England to represent matters on behalf of the Sinhalese.

He was the founder of Ramanathan College and Parameshwara College in Jaffna.

Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan died in Colombo, on November 26th, 1930.



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1946.

SIR PONNAMBALAM
RAMANATHAN

TODAY THE STATUE OF THE late Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan will be unveiled in the State Council premises. This tribute to the greatest Tamil of modern times is somewhat belated, but we are glad nevertheless that the people of Ceylon and their leaders have at last decided to honour the memory of one who, though a Tamil to the core, dedicated himself to the service of his fellow-citizens regardless of race or creed. It was here that Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan showed himself a greater man than many who have followed him. He was a Tamil and a Hindu. His knowledge of the Tamil language and the Hindu religion was profound. Few at this distance of time know that whenever he chose to speak in Tamil from the platform he spoke with a mastery of the mother-tongue which surprised many. To the end of his life he remained a diligent student of the Hindu religion and philosophy. His faith in Hinduism was so great that he devoted the greater part of his wealth to the cause of Hindu education. The two great institutions he founded—Ramanathan College and Parameshvara College—bear eloquent testimony to this faith.

And yet Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan was a great Ceylonese. He was acclaimed as such by all sections of people. There is hardly any community in this island of ours which does not remember with gratitude some service done by this great Tamil for its benefit. At a time when the rights of the people had not received the recognition that is now accorded them, Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan fought for those rights with an exampled courage and ability. He crossed sword with many a Governor, and many a Judge before whom he appeared as an advocate and was made to feel the keen edge of his repartee.

But, Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan belonged to a type that had an instinctive aversion to the mob. His attitude towards democracy was not exactly modern, but that was the fault of his age and his culture. Men like him could not adapt themselves to the new philosophy which has overtaken us, but even in this respect his opinion and advice will be found useful by those who aspire to the leadership of the people. One wonders what he would say to all that is being done now in the name of human freedom and dignity.

SCRAP BOOK

By DIARIST

The first propaganda meeting of the United National Party was held on Saturday before last at the Roxy Theatre, Kurunegala. Mr. D. S. Senanayake took the trouble to explain the composition of his party. He said that it contained members "of all communities and all creeds." How very truthful it would have been had he added: "who had not divorced themselves of their connections with their respective communal organisations." Mr. Senanayake would have us believe that the U. N. P. is entirely devoid of communal taint; it is beyond even Mr. Senanayake's powers of persuasion to convince all and sundry that black is white. At the same meeting Mr. A. Mahadeva went one better than Mr. A. F. Molamure when he claimed to be present at the meeting as a representative of North. Who gave him the mandate to represent the North? Was it that body of a few disgruntled, avaricious and self-important toadies of the North who are themselves a slur on the honour of the Tamils? Mr. Natesan is wise enough not to claim the honour of representing the North. But, according to him, toadyism is the symbol of intelligence.

Would the scarcity of textiles affect the growth of Ceylon's population? Ridiculous as it may seem at first sight cloth scarcity may in all

probability lead to that. The Textile Controller may not allocate extra cloth to brides and bridegrooms—the issue of special clothing coupons to bride-grooms has already been stopped. Brides as well as bridegrooms, no matter to whatever class of society they may belong, attach much importance to wedding clothes. Wedding splendour is something which can never be dissociated from marriages. But to the Textile Controller's mind nuptial splendour is too superficial and finery an artificiality. Even if bridegrooms consent to wed in rags, brides will not. Fastidiousness in clothes is generally inborn in women, and cultivated by men. It needs a lot of telling from the Controller to would-be-brides to make them wed in rags. Mr. Rodrigo could go one step further and convert the people of Ceylon into a nomadic race. Maternity welfare has no place in the life of the nomadic tribes inhabiting the steppes. Too few marriages and too few children will relieve a future government of unnecessary worry, for there will be too few mouths to be fed, and clothed.

The Ceylon Government Railway has made a profit of nearly twenty million rupees last year. But what benefits or amenities have accrued to the public? The travelling public

have been unremittingly burdened with bug-ridden, dirty, and crowded coaches plunged in stygian darkness; systematised robbery (of passengers luggage; and to add to these, lack of punctuality. The public "patronise" the Railway not out of the love it has for the latter as a result of the consideration shown for public comfort and safety, but out of sheer necessity. The restrictions of war-time travel compelled the public to "patronise" the Railway. The same applies to transport of goods. Regular and organised robbery has been, and is, the order of the day. It is understandable if robberies are committed only by those outside the Railway. But robberies to be committed and connived at, by Railway officials is unpardonable. More than half the members of the Railway Staff are masters in the art of thieving without being caught. The older one is in service, the greater crook he is. Well, we are compelled to walk into the spider's parlour. What a government, what a Railway!!

It is with much interest that I read Mr. M. R. M. Jebaratnam's solution of the difficulties of farmers. He believes in co-operative principles as his Minister does. I am not inclined to agree with him that the application of co-operative principles would put an end to the farmer's difficulties. The co-operative movement as it stands today is a hotbed of corruption. Of course, there are one or two instances where the movement has prospered without any evidence of corruption. But such instances are an exception to the rule. As regards Mr. Jebaratnam's suggestion that the present labour shortage could be solved by making every farmer and his family a self-constituted labour unit, it provides a solution to the peasant farmer only. In fact every peasant farmer or cultivator is running his farm on the lines suggested by him. But, it does not at all solve the labour difficulty of farmers cultivating large areas. As long as there are ways and means of giving the labourer easy work and good earnings there is bound to be labour shortage. There is nothing novel about his suggestion that students and teachers should help the farmers during pressing times. In America it is a common thing. But it will take a long time to knock some sense into the heads of students and teachers of Ceylon.

The State Council will soon be asked to sanction a proposal for the appointment of trade representatives to propagandise Ceylon produce in some of the principal cities of the world. It has been reported that the Minister for Industries and Commerce favoured the early appointment of these trade representatives, and that Sir Oliver Goonetilleke endorsed it. It is the fate of the unhappy people of this island to bear the burden resulting from the flights of imagination of our Ministers. Apart from the staple industries such as tea, rubber, plumbago and coconut, which require no trade representatives to give them an advertisement, what are the Ceylon produces that need trade representation? Perhaps, Kalutara hats, ola baskets, cadju-nuts, ebony elephants and curios need trade representation! Already the financial resources of the island are taxed to the utmost, and the future too is uncertain. Where will and when will this squandermania end? At the same time rumour is rife that the creation of these new posts is not the result of ministerial flights of imagination, but specifically meant for the installation of ministers' favourites, who are to go out of office soon, in the lucrative and exalted offices of trade representatives!

Notes and Comments

Lord Wavell

The leopard cannot change his skin, however much he is tamed. British statesmen, wherever and in whatever position they are, cannot shed their imperialist designs. Viceroy Wavell is no exception to this general rule. We are beholden to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who has given vent to his pent-up feelings at a recent meeting of the All-India Congress, when, in an outspoken declaration, he charged the Viceroy with failure to carry on the Interim Government in the spirit in which he had started it. Ever since the entry of Nehru and his colleagues into the Government, Lord Wavell and the British members of the Indian Civil Service have never been happy, and in fact they were alarmed at the speed with which Nehru and his colleagues were sweeping the augural stables of the Central Administration. It was this alarm that made Wavell exert his utmost influence to bring the League into the picture and we are told by Pandit Nehru that the conspiracy has almost succeeded; well may Lord Wavell gloat over this. But the game is up, and India is losing her patience. Either he has to carry on the government in the spirit in which it was started or be prepared to face the avalanche of political turmoil which seems to be inevitable unless better counsels prevail.

The Land Army

And so the Land Army will become a permanent nuisance and a perpetual source of danger to the peace-loving villagers of Ceylon, according to the "edict" of Mr. Senanayake. Although we knew for certain that Mr. Senanayake would make this army a permanent concern, yet we hoped that better sense would prevail among the other members of the Board of Ministers and the members of the Standing Committee A of the State Council to whom the ordinance providing for the establishment of this "army" was referred; time and again the public of Ceylon have clamoured for the immediate disbandment of this corps, which has achieved nothing during its existence of two and a

half years. The corps has become a definite menace to the peace-loving villagers. We are afraid there is something sinister in the inordinate hurry on the part of Mr. Senanayake to have "his army" made permanent, and especially so at a time when the present administration is to meet its end within a very short time. Mr. Senanayake, aided and abetted by his show-boy colleagues in the Board of Ministers, is determined to lead this country to ruin and disaster, and no better example of this could be furnished than this attempt to foist on unwanted Land Army on the people of Ceylon. We know criticism is useless, and nothing better than a cry in the wilderness.

The Constituent Assembly

Mr. Jinnah has decided once more to boycott the Constituent Assembly which is scheduled to meet on December 9. His decision is not going to deter the nationalist elements in the country from participating in it in full strength. However, we are not prepared to treat the Muslim League's decision seriously, for we are too familiar with this man's frequent somersaults; and the world will not be surprised if within a fortnight or at the most a month, the Quade Azam comes out with another statement revoking his earlier decision and announcing the entry of his Leaguers into the Constituent Assembly. In the present circumstances, with the League abstaining from the Assembly, what is Britain going to do? Great Britain is bound in honour to interpret this announcement of Jinnah as a conclusive demonstration of the League's resolve to non-co-operate in the Cabinet Mission's plans; hence, it would be clearly incompatible with the off-repeated policy of the British Cabinet to allow the League to remain in the Interim Government. The British Cabinet and its representative in India, if they are really sincere in their avowals, should take a firm stand in the matter and ask the Leaguers to quit the Interim Government forthwith if they are not prepared to participate in the Constituent Assembly.

CLOTH FROM JAPAN

Ceylon Appeals to Colonial Secretary

CEYLON hopes to get cloth from Japan. In the decade preceding the war most of the cotton goods imported to Ceylon came from Japan.

The authorities here have now asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies to exert all his influence with the American administration in Japan to get an allocation for Ceylon.

Mr. Edmund Rodrigo Textile Controller, in the course of an interview to a newspaper representative stated: "We are making an effort to get cloth from Japan and all we can do is to place our case before the authorities in London.

"I am unable to say whether our application will meet with success. We are living in hope."

The Executive Committee of Labour, Industry and Commerce does not want a special "textile ambassador" stationed in America to look after Ceylon's interests.

Mr. Rajah Hewavitane, Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce, states that this work could well be done by the trade representative who is likely to be sent to the United States of America very soon.

The textile authorities, it is understood, put forward the proposal for the appointment of a special representative at Washington because they were alarmed over the dwindling cloth imports in Ceylon.

Col. Bacon to Quit ?

Home Ministry Wants Ceylonese Civil Servant

The Ministry of Home Affairs on Friday last discussed a proposal to appoint a new Inspector-General of Police to replace Colonel R. R. M. Bacon.

Several members were in favour of the appointment to this post a senior Ceylonese Civil Servant who is now Government Agent of a province.

They also suggested that two retired senior Police officials should be recalled to reorganise the Force.

For three and a half hours the Ministry debated the suggestion that Colonel Bacon and two superintendents, Mr. J. A. Waldron and Mr. P. E. Brodie, should be relieved of their posts.

Once again no final recommendation was made, but there is a likelihood that a definite decision will be made tomorrow and communicated to the Acting Governor.

Indo-Ceylon Relations

Peaceful Solution Possible Says Congress President

Acharya Kripalani, Congress President, delivering the Presidential address at the fifty fourth Congress session, at Meerut, referred to the Indian labour problem in Ceylon and said:

"It is unthinkable that a peaceful solution of the question cannot be found, since Ceylon and India have a common destiny."

He said: "Ceylon took Buddhism from India. Geographically, culturally and traditionally it is united with India which it can aptly claim as its mother country. The northern part of Ceylon—Jaffna is hardly distinguishable from the motherland."

"For some time past there has been an unfortunate movement to oust the Indian labour population from Ceylon on the ground that they cannot claim citizenship rights there and at the same time regard themselves as Indian nationals. As in South Africa, Indian labour was in the first instance induced to go to Ceylon to serve the latter's economy. Ceylon and India have been good neighbours all along and Congress is determined to maintain and develop these relations."

"In March, 1946, the Congress Working Committee deputed Messrs. Aryanayakam and G. Ramchandran to meet the Ceylon Ministers and discuss with them the vexed question of Indian labour. They succeeded in clearing some ground. It was proposed to send Pandit Nehru and Mr. Rajagopalachari to further carry on the negotiations. But owing to pressing engagements they could not proceed there."

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"DIRECT ACTION" BY U. C's

Abandoned at the Instance of Sir Oliver

Urban Councils, which had threatened "direct action" if no immediate steps were taken by the Central Government to give them a grant towards the payment of temporary allowances to their employees were on Saturday last given an assurance by the Financial Secretary, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, that he would at least obtain a special warrant for this purpose before the end of the year.

Chairmen of Urban Councils met the Financial Secretary and the Minister of Local Administration, Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, in the latter's office and argued their case in favour of a block vote for the payment of the special allowances recommended by the Local Government Services Commission for their employees.

The assurance of the Financial Secretary was accepted by the Councils; Jaffna was, however not represented in the Conference.

Mr. Ponnampalam Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council stated to a Press reporter that he was not in favour of holding out threats of strike to solve the financial relationship between local bodies and the Central Government. Mr. Ponnampalam suggested that the question should be considered from a practical point of view, and said that the Jaffna Council always advocated for greater allocation of revenue to local bodies. He further added, "I believe in co-operation and I hope the Minister of Local Administration will allocate more revenue to local bodies before the State Council is dissolved."

India Ceylon stands in danger of being swallowed up in the global strategy of the big imperialist powers."

A BOGUS PHILOSOPHER!

South African European Exposes Smuts

A crowded reception given by the India League of America in honour of the Indian delegation to the United Nations and a mass meeting of the Negroes held under the auspices of the Council of African Affairs were two functions at which Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit and her colleagues figured prominently during the last week end. The Negro audience, which assembled in one of New York's biggest Negro churches, heard Mrs. Pandit declare, "We cannot afford to let the United Nations fail. There is nothing to take its place. What is wanted is a speedy implementation of the promises and fine phrases contained in its Charter."

India's fight for independence is really for the independence of all those who are suppressed, she said. "A free India will be a powerful India fighting against all the injustices which are preventing the people of the world from living together in harmony. It is with this aim and this policy that India is represented at the United Nations."

The meeting was called to protest against the proposed annexation of South-West Africa and to express its support of India's complaint against the Union Government's policies, said the Chairman, Dr. Yergan, Executive Director of the Council of African Affairs, who, while paying a tribute to the work of the Indian delegation, said that American Negroes were glad to acknowledge the leadership of India in relation to the rights of

the African peoples.

"Bogus Democrat"

A strong indictment of the Premier of the Union Government was made by Senator H. M. Basner, one of the leading South African European opponents of the colour bar, who denounced Field Marshal Smuts as a bogus democrat and a bogus philosopher. "As a warrior he loves his trade so much that, if we follow him, we shall have some more wars, which might end humanity."

The same note was struck by Mr. Frank Anthony (of India) who, after referring to South Africa as a "spiritual successor of Nazi Germany," asserted that if the United Nations failed to meet Field Marshal Smuts' challenge "there will be such a tremendous upsurge of feeling throughout India that we shall be compelled to take our own measures according to our own strength."

S. African Consulate to be Picketed
In order to bring home to the Union Government the attitude of American Negroes, the Council of African Affairs is arranging mass picketing outside the South African Consulate in Fifth Avenue, New York, next week.

MRS. PANDIT TO RETURN TO INDIA

It is learned that Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, leader of the Indian Delegation to U. N. O., will leave U. S. A. for India in the first week of December.

PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT WAR!

SENSATIONAL REPORT FROM U. S.

THE attitude of Russia is causing a 'arm in British and American circles, reports the American News-week.

The British, however, located just off a Europe that may soon be Russian-dominated, face a strategic nightmare as compared with the United States. That was one of the subjects of the largest staff conferences the British Army has ever held, which ended recently at Camberley, seat of the British Staff College,

In Next War

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, presided. Afterward he left for Canada and will proceed to Washington for conferences; Russia will probably be the chief topic. A British source saw the prospect this way:

"In the next war, nothing but an act of God can stop the Russians from rolling across Europe to the Atlantic shores. That will leave Britain an American Atlantic outpost, along with Iceland and the Azores. Gibraltar may hold, but

three days' bombings will knock out Cyprus and Malta, which means that the Mediterranean is gone.

"The British life-line will be cut in more places than the Mediterranean for Iran and Egypt are already gone as military bases Iraq is slipping, and the Palestine base—if we keep it—will be unstable.

To Canada?

"Churchill, last time, expressed a horrible prospect which we are having to face again. Britain may go down and the government be forced to withdraw to Canada to carry on the fight.

"On the Pacific side, your General Marshal knows best how uncertain China's position will be. We can provide outposts—Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand; you have the island bases off Japan. But India which furnished two-thirds of our troops in the Middle East and in South-East Asia in this war, is done as a source of manpower. That's the picture and Montgomery wants to know our view."

RESETTLEMENT A FARCE

War time jobs with Peace time prospects—a myth

THE Ceylon Legion of Ex-Servicemen has decided to take "direct action" to secure their demands for work or a dole. A Council of Action, formed for this purpose, met last week to draft "final resolutions" to the Acting Governor, the Board of Ministers, the Chief Secretary, the Minister for Home Affairs and the Commissioner of Labour.

One of the demands by the Council is that the schemes set forth in the booklet issued to them called "Resettlement Pamphlet" should be implemented. Many ex-servicemen complained that they have not been reinstated by their employers as was promised before they joined the Services. Some disabled ex-servicemen recommended for financial help, they say, have not yet received assistance.

According to the Council of Action, there is as yet no proper provision for educational facilities, no fulfilment of the Government's promises of "war-time jobs with peace-time prospects," and very little hope of future redress, unless "direct action" is resorted to.

Grand Bazaar Market Leased for Rs. 16,895

The Jaffna Urban Council has accepted the following tenders received for lease of markets and gala and bus stand rents for 1947

	Rs.	Cts
Grand Bazaar vegetable market: Mr. T. M. Sivapathasun-tharam for	16,895	00
Grand Bazaar Gala and Bus Stand Mr. M. Tharmalingam for	7,357	00
Grand Bazaar Fish Market Mr. V. Perampalam	4,021	00
Small Bazaar Fish Market	2,566	00
Sengunthar Market	3,620	00
Chiviatheru Market	200	75
Thaddatheru Market	51	00
Muthirai Santhai	210	00
Colombothurai Market	36	50
Navanthurai Market	427	00
Total	35,384	25

General Election Preparation

The plans for the change over to the new Constitution, it is now confidently stated, will work according to schedule—dissolution of the State Council at the end of March, elections in June and opening of the new Parliament early in July.

The printing of the preliminary

SALE OF TODDY RENTS (1-1-47 TO 30-6-47)

Vavuniya District

The sale of the rents of the undermentioned Toddy Taverns for the period 1st January 1947 to 30th June 1947 will be held on the respective dates and places shown against each tavern.

2. Prospective tenderers are referred to the full notice published in Government Gazette No. 9634 dated 22-11-46, for further particulars.

The Kacheheri,
Vavuniya, 11-11-46.

LIST OF TAVERNS REFERRED TO:

No.	Division.	Local area within which the tavern is sited.	Date and time of Closing of tenders.	Place Circuit
1.	Maritime Pattu	Vadduvakallu	3.12.46 10 a.m.	Bangalew Mullaitivu.
2.	do.	Puthumatalam	do. 10-15 a.m.	do.
4.	do.	Puthukudirippu	do. 10-30 a.m.	do.
5.	do.	Vattapalai	do. 10-45 a.m.	do.
7.	do.	Chilawatte	do. 11-00 a.m.	do.
8.	Vavuniya North	Kachchilamadu	do. 12-15 a.m.	do.
11.	Vavuniya Sanitary Board Town	Within the S. B. limits of Vavuniya	28-11-46 10 a.m.	Kacheheri Vavuniya.

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Bikku to Drop Death Fast

Brahmachari Samaradivakara will end his fast today. He began his fast 16 days ago, declaring his intention to "fast to death because of the unseemly behaviour of certain bhikkus in taking part in politics." Several high priests visited him in Polonnaruwa on Thursday night, urging him to break his fast. They assured him that action was being taken by them and that the matter of bhikkus taking part in politics would be raised in the State Council by Mr. R. E. Jayatilleke. He was finally persuaded to break his fast, but obtained permission to continue it until today "for a private reason."

NOTICE

The Government Agent, Northern Province Jaffna will receive tenders up to 12 noon on Tuesday, December, 17, 1946 for the construction of a regulator at 1/3 "Van" Culvert on the Nelliyan Kaluvan Road for Ponnalaikulam Spill Channel in Tholpuram. Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the G. A., N. P. on a deposit of Rs. 25/- for each form. Further particulars can be had from him.

M. SRIKHANTA,
for Govt. Agent, N. P.
The Kacheheri,
Jaffna, 18th November, 1946.
(C. 118. 26.)

NOTICE

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electoral registers which is being done partly locally and partly in England, is now going apace and it is stated that quicker progress is being made than was anticipated.

Similarly very satisfactory progress has been made with regard to the preparatory work for the administrative changes which will have to be effected for the operation of the new Constitution.

VEDANTA MOOLA SARAM

OR

THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

(Continued from our issue of 19-11-46)

XXXIX

XIII. THE CHANDOGYA UPANISHAD (Contd.)

The next section (III) deals with the meditation of the Udgitham with reference to the deities: Let a man meditate on the Udgitham as that which shines (the Sun). When the Sun rises it sings as the Udgatri (the performer of the Udgitha sacrifice) for all creatures. When he rises he destroys the dread of darkness. He becomes the destroyer of the dread of darkness who knows this. Verily this (breath) and that (the sun) are alike. This is warm and that is warm. This they call *svara* (sound) and that they call *pratyasvara* (reflected sound). Therefore let the Udgitham be meditated upon as this (breath) and that (the sun). Then let the Udgitham be meditated upon as Vyaman. Up-breathing (or out-breathing) is Pranana. Down-breathing (or in-breathing) is Apanana. The junction of Pranana and Apanana is Vyana (back-breathing or holding in of the breath), and this Vyana is speech. Therefore it is, when one neither breathes out nor breathes in, that he utters speech. Speech is Rik. Therefore when one utters a Rik verse he neither breathes in nor breathes out. Rik is Saman; hence when one sings a Sama hymn he neither breathes in nor breathes out. Saman is Udgitham, hence when one sings the Udgitham (Aum) he neither breathes in nor breathes out. Moreover, other actions too which require (the use of) strength, such as the kindling of fire by friction, running a race or the stringing of a strong bow, are performed without breathing in or breathing out. Therefore is the Udgitham meditated on as Vyana (Sruties 1 to 5).—More sruties follow in similar strain, the three syllables of the Udgitham being identified, respectively, with breath, speech and food; then with heaven, the sky and the earth; with the sun, air and fire; and with the Sama-Vedam, Yajur Vedam and Rik-Vedam; and it is said that to him who, thus knowing, adores (meditates on) the syllables of the Udgitham, the Vedam itself yields its milk, and the adorer obtains plenty of food and the power to consume the same. The adorer is then instructed to meditate on the Upasaranas, i. e., the objects which are worthy of meditation; he should reflect on the Saman with which he is going to praise, on the Rik in which the Saman occurs, on the sages by whom they were heard, on the Devas praised by those hymns, on the metre and the tune in which and the quarter facing which he is going to sing, and the section concludes: Lastly, having approached the Atman (Paramatman or God) by meditation, let one sing the hymn of praise reflecting on what he wishes without excitement (avoiding all mistakes in pronunciation, &c). Quickly will his wishes be then gratified, for which he sang his hymns of praise, yea, for which he sang his hymns of praise (Srutie 12).—We have quoted from and summarised this section without making comments of our own, in order to let the reader have a general idea of the line of thought and meditation adopted in the Upanishad. It will be noticed that the functions ascribed here to the vital airs Vyana and Apanana respectively are somewhat different from those ordinarily associated with them. The vital air that is generally coupled with the faculty of speech is Udana while Vyana is mentioned in connection with the digestive organs and Apanana with the excretory organs. The Atman in the concluding Sruti clearly refers to Paramatman or God and not to Jivatman or the soul.

The fourth section starts praising the Aum in words practically identical with the opening words of the Upanishad and then proceeds to dwell on the need to recite the sacrificial hymns with particular emphasis on the Aum: As fishermen detect fish in water, so did Death detect them (the Devas) in the Rik, Yajus and Saman (sacrifices). Knowing this, the Devas rose therefrom and entered the *Svara*, i. e., they meditated on the Aum (sruti 3).—This means that, though the Vedic rituals are good in their own way, one should not confine himself exclusively to them (as did the Rishis of the Tarukavanam), as their results are impermanent (and even injurious sometimes), but rise higher and proceed to meditation on the Aum (and all that it implies).

The Upanishad, which had hitherto described the Aum as the Udgitham, makes mention of the name Pranavam in the fifth section for the first time: The Udgitham is the Pranavam, the Pranavam is the Udgitham; and as the Udgitham is the Sun, so is the Pranavam, for it (the Sun) moves resounding (pronouncing) Aum (Srutie 1).—Pranavam as we said before is the name usually given to the Aum in the Rig-Vedam, &c, while Udgitham is the name preferred by the Sama-Vedam to which our Upanishad is attached.

(To be continued)

NOTICE

The Government Agent, Northern Province, Jaffna will receive tenders up to 12 noon on Tuesday, December 17, 1946 for improving the existing flood regulator at Theenikirai in Iddaikurachchi (Varani). Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the G. A., N. P. on a deposit of Rs. 25/- for each form. Further particulars can be had from him.

M. SRIKHANTA,
for Govt. Agent, N. P.
The Kacheheri,
Jaffna, 18th November, 1946.
(G. 114. 26.)

Australian Industrial Mission

The Australian Industrial Mission which is at present touring India will be arriving in Colombo tomorrow by plane.

The Mission will have a crowded programme of visits to mills and factories during their brief stay in the Island. Their discussions with private bodies will be confined to visits to the Chamber of Commerce and the Low-Country Products Association.

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ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 620.

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Sara wathy wife of Nagalingam Arirbalingam of Vannarponnai West Jaffna.

Deceased Nagalingam Arirbalingam of Vannarponnai West, Jaffna. Petitioner Vs.

Minor 1. Arirbalingam Shriharan of Vannarponnai 2. Thambi Sivarajah, Apothecary, Sanatorium, Kankesanthurai Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai, District Judge of Jaffna on the 17th day of October 1946 in the presence of Messrs Saravanamuttu & Nadarajah Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 2nd October 1946 having been read.

It is ordered and decreed that the 2nd respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor 1st Respondent and that the Petitioner is entitled to have Letters of Administration over the estate of the abovenamed deceased Saraswathy and that the same be issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or any other person or persons shall on or before the 14th day of November, 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 3rd day of October 1946
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

Time to show cause extended to 11-12-1946.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.
(O. 108, 26 & 29)

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M. SRIKHANTA
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Jaffna, 8th November, 1946
(G. 103, 12-11 to 11-12)

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ligion, but we become ourselves our light and refuge, our island and our strength, our Bible and our everything. Nature is mother, she is earth she is necessity. Consciousness is life it is heaven, it is freedom.

World Citizenship

But I am not so childish. Utopian or unexperienced as to suggest that an idle monotonous uniformity is going to come in the religious and political world. God forbid! I would prefer war and violence German racialism and British hypocrisy to such an idle static conception of uniformity. Not uniformity, but unity in diversity is the law of nature. However that be, I am firmly convinced that today we are in a better environment than were our forefathers of centuries ago to make the ideal of world citizenship possible and practical. Today we have got better tools and finer implements to break through the walls and cut through the shells to reach and see the very kernel of religion of Man. Religion of the Christians and religion of Hindus, religion of Catholics and religion of Protestants religion of poets and religion of philosophers have life only when built upon and nurtured by the religion of Man; worthless and lifeless when planted outside this garden, the religion of the integral. Universal Man

The Ideal and the Real

When I am telling you this ideal I am painfully conscious of the gulf that exists between the ideal and the real. The unconscious forces of history are threatening to degrade and degenerate this downtrodden, fear-hunted and authority-ridden humanity. The jaws of hell are wide open—forgive me for using these symbolic and mythological expressions to convey what I mean—to swallow up this death stricken and prison-closed mankind. Perhaps this humanity will perish and die as in the epoch of Atlantis or that of the deluge. Science foretells his doom, as of this planet man inhabits, Atom Bomb has brought us nearer that prophecy. But in these agonising and soul-sickening and heart-rending signs and omens it is worthwhile to grasp on something more real on something really conscious, on something really grand and sublime. Is not the idea of a world citizenship based upon world culture, world science and world vision of today, one among the avenues leading man and mankind to that land of dreams, to that island of peace and bliss, to that oasis of grandness and divinity? Has our consciousness, our conscience and reflected experience anything to answer to this question? Perhaps the heart of man and his conscience will give him an adequate answer.

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OBITUARY

Mr N. Visuvalingam

The death occurred on Wednesday morning the 6th instant of the late Mr. N. Visuvalingam, Malayan Pensioner and Proprietary Planter, Ma'lakam at his residence and the remains were cremated at the Mallakam Crematorium the same afternoon.

The late Mr. Visuvalingam was 69 years old. The chief mourners are Mrs. Visuvalingam (widow), Messrs. Cumaraswamy, Sabaratnam, Namasivaya and Cugathason (sons) and Mrs. Ratnavel and Miss T. Visuvalingam daughters.

Mr. Visuvalingam was the younger brother of Mr. N. Appasipillai Esq. Shroff Imperial Bank Rangoon and the late Mr. N. Eliatamby J. P., M. C. H. of Taipang and son-in-law of the late Mr. S. Sabapathipillai Notary Public Chunnakam.

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ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 588.

In the matter of the last will and testament of the late Thiageswary wife of Nagalingam Subramaniam of Charavanai in the Parish of Kayts Deceased.

Nagalingam Subramaniam of Charavanai, Kayts now of Buildig B'anh, P. W. D. Colombo Vs. Petitioner.

1. Vallipuram Somasundaram and 2. wife Maheswary both of Sriyampai, Kayts now of Sengal-near Pillaiyar koviyadi in Chidambaram, South India. 3. Sella-thamby Kandasamy and 4. wife Eprthy both of Manduvivu 5. Senthambay Thiagarajah and 6. wife Logeswary both of Manduvivu. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. P. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 22nd day of August 1946 in the presence of Mr. N. T. Sivagnanam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the Affidavit of the Petitioner dated 27th August 1946 having been read.

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament of above-named deceased dated 29th September 1944 and filed of record in this case, be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the Respondents or any other person interested shall on or before the 23rd day of October 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further declared that 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 Respondents or any other person interested shall on or before the 23rd day of October 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 22nd day of August 1946
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge.

23-10-1946
Time to show cause extended till 27-11-1946

Inld R. R. S.
D. J.
(O. 101, 22, & 26)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 445

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Arumuzam Kanapathipillai of Moolai.

Deceased. Thangamuttu widow of S. Narajah of Moolai Vs. Petitioner.

1. Kanapathipillai Saravanamuttu of Vaddukkottai, 2. Kanapathipillai Sabapathipillai of Malayan Treasury Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S., 3. Dr. Kanapathipillai Ramalingam of Johore, 4. Kanapathipillai Eilathambay of Vaddukottai, 5. Murugesu Nadarajah and wife 6. Nageswari both of Vaddukottai, 7. Subramaniam Ratnasabapathy, Clerk Engineer's Office, Municipality, Singapore, 8. Subramaniam Kumarasamy of Wellawatta, Minor 9. Subramaniam Nadarajah of Govt. Hospital Hinguragoda Respondents.

The 9th respondent is a minor appearing by his guardian ad litem the 4th respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before S. S. J. Goonesekera Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 21st day of August, 1946 in the presence of Mr. M. Kathiravelu Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner and that of the witnesses to the said Last Will having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor the 9th Respondent for the purpose of representing him and watching his interest in the matter of this Testamentary proceedings and that the Petitioner is entitled to have probate of the Last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased and the same be issued to her accordingly unless the respondents or any others shall on or before the 9th day of November, 1946 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 21st day of August, 1946.
Sgd. S. S. J. Goonesekera,
District Judge.

Time to show cause extended to 17th December 1946
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.
(O. 99, 26 & 29)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 617

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Sivasubramanian Sivasithamparanathan of Vannarponnai East Deceased.

Visaladchy widow of Kandiah of Vannarponnai East Petitioner Vs.

Sabapathipillai Arunachalam of Koppay, Jaffna Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 1st day of October 1946 in the presence of Messrs Saravanamuttu and Nadarajah Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 27th September 1946 having been read;

It is ordered that the abovenamed petitioner is entitled to have letters of administration over the estate of the abovenamed deceased Sivasubramanian Sivasithamparanathan and the same be issued to her accordingly unless the respondents or others shall on or before the 13th day of November 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 1st day of October 1946.
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

Time to show cause extended to 11-12-1946
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.
(O. 102, 26 & 29)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 615

In the matter of the estate of Pakiaretnam wife of Thambypillai Rajaretnam late of Vaddukoddai East Deceased
Thambypillai Rajaretnam of Vaddukoddai East Petitioner.

and
1. Annapoorani daughter of Thambypillai Rajaretnam of Vaddukoddai East and
2. W. Ponnambalam Sinnadurai of the Attorney General's Office Colombo Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr., District Judge on the 24th day of October 1946 in the presence of Mr S. Kardiah Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the Petition and affidavit of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the 2nd Respondent abovenamed be appointed Guardian ad-litem over the 1st Respondent abovenamed for the purpose of these testamentary proceedings and that the Petitioner abovenamed



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be granted Letters of Administration over the Estate of the deceased abovenamed unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons shall appear before this Court on or before the 28th day of November 1946 and show sufficient cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of this Court.

This 24th day of October 1946.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

(O. 97, 22 & 26)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 627

In the matter of the Joint Last Will and Testament of the late Paramanathar Muthiahpillai and wife Annappillai of Vaddukodai West. Paramanathar Muthiahpillai of do Deceased.

Muthiahpillai Sangarappillai of Vaddukodai West Vs. Petitioner.

1. Muthiahpillai Ponnudurai of Karainagar 2. Muthiahpillai Kumaramayy of Vaddukodai West
3. Muthiahpillai Veluppillai of do
4. Muthiahpillai Nadarajah of do
5. Annappillai widow of Paramanathar Muthiahpillai of do Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna on 22nd day of October 1946 in the presence of Mr. S. Kardasamy proctor on the part

of the petitioner and the affidavits of the petitioner, Notary and witnesses dated 30th September 1946 and 6th October 1946 respectively having been read.

It is ordered that the Last Will of the said deceased and his wife Annappillai the 5th Respondent dated 30th June 1946 and attested by S. Kardasamy Notary Public under No. 1867 be and the same is hereby declared proved and that the said 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 said Respondents or any other person shall appear before this court on the 27th day of November 1946 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

The 22nd day of October 1946

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai

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(O. 96, 22 & 26.)

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