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All Jaffna Educational Exhibition?

ITS MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE

(COMMUNICATED)

LIFE in Jaffna, proverbially drab and monotonous, was for ten days at least a round of feast, fun and frolic. The public joined whole heartedly in making full use of the opportunities for a little enjoyment. The organisers can congratulate themselves on drawing a record gate. There was a delightful variety of instruction and amusement thrown in that many who went once, followed up with many more visits. Every section of the exhibition and carnival was well patronised.

What has been the net result of the Exhibition? To answer that question let me begin with a postulate. Every Exhibition and Carnival must be the turning of a new page in the history of progress of Jaffna—progress socially, educationally and industrially. Like bus-travelling, an Exhibition and Carnival is a great leveller. The high and the low, the rich and the poor, the low caste and the high caste, all jostle along in perfect good humour. At the gate, on the merry-go-round, at the stalls, there is no question of rights and dignity. All seem to be one mass of humanity moving along in what seems to be an endless stream.

Some time ago Jaffna was painted rather black in the eyes of the rest of Ceylon. Thali-snatching seemed to have reached the dignity of a high art. People with expensive jewellery trembled at the thought of burglars and highway robbers who used motor cars for quick movement. All Jaffna can congratulate itself on the perfect order, decorum and the absence of even the slightest shade of criminality during the ten days of Exhibition. Where thousands flocked at night there was ample scope for even pick-pockets, yet no one complained of the loss of even a small article. Neither was there a sign of any

sort of rowdyism. Everybody minded his own business. Streams of women and children were wending their way to and from the Exhibition grounds. But no one was molested. Isn't that a compliment to sense of law and order of the Jaffna man? Therefore I say, the more there are exhibitions of this kind the better. It teaches the people some valuable social lessons.

The Educational Section of the exhibition brought home to everybody the fact that the Jaffna school boy was after all not a mere hookworm, a sort of penny in the slot machine, where instead of the pennies you put examination fees and out come certificates. Will our other schools emulate the Hindu College student and put their hand to something practical? And why not a big exhibition of educational models for all Jaffna? Give our youth a chance and they will rise to the occasion. I visualise an exhibition where each big college and school will have its own stalls and exhibit their own handiwork. And what a variety, what scope for originality, perhaps many a boy's career may depend on such an exhibition. Is such an exhibition a dream?

Industrially the exhibition must give a start to some new industry, or encourage some industry that has been neglected or graft a new and vigorous branch on flourishing industries, so that their scope may be widened and deepened. An exhibition is an opportunity for the discovering of germinal ideas which if fostered and developed may mean much towards regenerating our land industrially. It is up to the organisers of exhibition to look on their endeavours as no mere flash in the pan, but get something concrete done to help Jaffna industrially. May I mention a few points which I

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U. S. CANNOT LOOK ON

Mr. Roosevelt Explodes A Myth

ISOLATIONISM WILL NOT PAY

Washington, Sunday.

THE United States is "shocked by the almost incredible stories of what is happening at this moment to the civilian populations of Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France", said Mr. Roosevelt in a broadcast yesterday night. The President made a strong appeal for contributions to the Red Cross "in the name of our common humanity."

Turning to the principal subject of his address—namely, American defence—the President stressed the "futility and the impossibility" of the idea of isolationism in America. He said that, obviously, a defence policy based on that was merely to invite a future attack.

The past two weeks, he declared, had shattered many isolationist illusions. They had lost the illusion that the United States was remote and isolated and, therefore, secure against dangers from which no other land was free.

"In some quarters" the President declared, "with this rude awakening has come a fear bordering on panic. It is said that we are defenceless. It is whispered by some that only by abandoning our freedom our ideals and our way of life can we build our defences adequately and match the strength of aggressors. I have not shared those illusions; I do not share these fears. We are now more realistic, but let us not be calamity-brewers and discount our strength. Let us have done with both fears and illusions."

Well-Equipped

Referring to the recent stories about lack of preparedness in the United States, Mr. Roosevelt declared that the United States army and navy today were the "largest, best-equipped and best-trained military establishments in the history of the United States."

The world situation might so change that it might be necessary to re-appraise their programme at any time. In

such a case, he was confident that Congress and the Chief Executive would work in harmony as a team as they were doing today. He would not hesitate at any moment to ask for additional funds when required. The United States was calling on the resources of American manufacturers for all kinds of war materials. He promised that the Government was ready to advance money to provide for the enlargement of factories, the establishment of new factories and the employment of thousands more workers, because it would be unfair to expect manufacturers to do this when there was a "chance that a change in international affairs may stop future orders."

Undiluted Poison

Referring to the "fifth column", Mr. Roosevelt said that spies, saboteurs and traitors must be dealt with vigorously. He declared: "New forces are being unleashed—deliberately-planned propaganda to divide and weaken us in the face of danger as other nations have been weakened before. These dividing forces are undiluted poison. They must not be allowed to spread in the New World as they have in the old."

Mr. Roosevelt concluded by saying that, at this time when the world, including the American hemisphere, was threatened by the forces of destruction, Americans were resolved to build up their armed defences. They would build them to whatever heights the future might require and build them swiftly.

"We shall defend and we shall build a way of life not for America alone, but for all mankind," he declared. "Ours is a high duty, a noble task. Day and night, I pray for the restoration of peace to this mad world of ours. I know that you are praying with me. In common affection for all mankind, your prayers join with mine that God will heal the wounds and the hearts of humanity."

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THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1940.

TEACHERS AND POLITICS

RECENTLY CERTAIN EVENTS which we need not mention here have awakened some measure of public interest in and not a little fuss over the question of teachers' right to take part in politics. Perhaps but for the fact that the position taken up by certain teachers on a particular question was not palatable to a particular section of the people and that certain other circumstances cropped up simultaneously, the foam and froth which the question provoked would not have come to the surface. But be the circumstances that led to the raising of this question what they may, the issue itself is of more than passing interest and is one on which the public should have clear ideas. In our opinion the question of muzzling teachers raises issues that vitally concern democracy, involving as it does the individual's right of free expression of opinion. For the essence of democracy is that every variety of opinion should be given ample scope to expand and capture power by the peaceful method of persuasion. The ends of

democracy are defeated where the majority or the powers that be bear down all opposition by the weight of numbers and cannot tolerate difference of opinion. Hence it is in the democracies of Britain, France and the U.S.A. even communist and Fascist views are tolerated in peaceful times.

Like men of all other professions and trades, teachers should in a true democracy enjoy the full freedom of expressing their views and of influencing public opinion. As men of education and culture, pursuing a comparatively quiet vocation, teachers can bring a certain measure of detachment, idealism and breadth of outlook to bear on the consideration of public questions, as much as, if not better than, men of other walks of life. They have thus a real contribution to make to the public life of the country. In India and the European countries teachers have been the powerhouse of ideas.

But the whole question of the teacher's right of participation in politics hinges on the issue whether he is a Government servant. There is an action in the Negombo Court and we shall soon have the considered judicial ruling on this issue. Without in any way anticipating the decision of the court, we may here bring out the main aspects of the question. The State has not the right of appointment or dismissal of teachers who have no direct relations with the Department except through the manager. The State also cannot be sued by the teacher for wrongful dismissal or non-payment of salaries. The fact that the State in discharge of its responsibilities as regards education feels compelled to take some disciplinary control and supervision and to guarantee uniformity of salary scale and pension, does not make the State the employer. It is this duality of control and authority that misleads people and lends colour to the contention that teachers are Government servants. In England the State does all that is done here towards teachers and even more, and yet nobody raises the question of teachers' participation in politics. A good many teachers are members of Parliament and serve in the Local Government bodies. These facts dispose of the question whether teachers are Government servants. The State not being the employer, teachers are not Government servants, and they should be free to advocate any political opinion and the question of muzzling them does not arise. Those who talk glibly of suppressing their right of freedom of expression forget the fact that we are living in a democracy and that the war is being fought for the safety of democracy.

A CURRENT COMMENTARY

MRS. LALITHA VENKATARAMAN'S MUSIC

S. A. P.

LAST week I made a passing reference to Mrs. Lalitha Venkataraman's first performance but her performance on Tuesday, the 21st inst, was so fine that it deserves a detailed comment. It was one of the best performances that I have listened to so far, and I say this as one who has listened to the masters of Carnatic music like Ariyakudi, Chembai, Chittoor and Musiri. The defect with our Vidwans is that they pay too much attention to technique and in doing so they take away the life from the songs. They do not realise that music is for the song and not vice versa. It is because they do not consider songs as very important that they sing Te'ugu songs to purely Tamil audiences. Their excuse is that there are no good Kirtanams in Tamil and that Tamil is not a musical language.

Mrs. Lalitha Venkataraman has given the lie direct to all these misconceptions. She has shown that the fault is with the Vidwans and not with the language. On Tuesday she sang some of the gems of Tamil devotional literature with grace and feeling. When she sang Kopala Krishna Bharathi's "Vayt-Maraithirukuthe," we felt as if Nandan himself was pleading before us. Again when she sang "Manniar-Thavathinar" in Raganalika, she carried us to ethereal heights.

Revival of Art

It is only cultured individuals like Mrs Lalitha Venkataraman that can bring about an art revival in South India. We must be grateful to our professional artists for having preserved our arts but we cannot expect them to give new life to them. Bengal owes her art revival to the Tagores. In South India too, there are signs of a bright future because Srimathi Rukmani Arundale has founded an art centre called the Ka'a Kshetra where you can find some of the best teachers of music and dancing like Papanasam Sivan and Meenakshisundaram. Instruction is given to children by these teachers under the guidance of Srimathi Rukmani Arundale who is herself an able exponent of Bharatha Natya. This art centre has produced wonderful results during the short period of its existence.

Our School Girls and their Dress

The dress of our girls studying in Christian Colleges came in for a lot of comment from the public last week. Their dress—short frocks and ties—is against all sense of modesty, decency and aesthetics. I do not know why our grown up girls cannot wear the graceful saree or adopt the dress of the Ramanathan College girls.

Dover not Bombed

The British Air Ministry denies the German claim that Dover has been bombed.

Gandhiji Will Not Embarrass Britain

Indias Duty

Bombay, Saturday.

The assertion that he will do nothing wilfully to embarrass Britain is reiterated by Mr. Gandhi, in today's "Harijan," under the caption "Our Duty."

Several correspondents have suggested to him that non-violence demanded that while not giving up in the least its position, Congress should defer all thoughts of civil disobedience for the time being and make a declaration to that effect. This, they say, should be done in view of further ruthless aggression by Nazi Germany and the fact that Britain is hard pressed.

Mr. Gandhi says that while these perhaps reveal the mobility of heart of the correspondents, they show a lack of appreciation of reality in those letters of the fact that India had been dragged into the war by the mere wish of the British Cabinet.

The greatest gesture in its power Congress is already making. It has created no trouble in the country and it has refrained from the pursuance of its own policy.

He adds: "Britain is really damaging her own cause by persistently refusing to examine the Congress position and recognise its justice, and raising false issues. I cannot precipitate civil disobedience, because of outside pressure, even as I won't refrain because of such pressure."

Senior Government Officers Retire

The senior officers of the Government have, it is understood, sent in their papers for retirement.

They are Dr. S. T. Gunasekera, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services; Dr. W. E. de Silva, Assistant Director of Medical Services; and Mr. W. R. J. Mann, Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax.

Dr. Gunasekera joined the Medical Department in 1904, and after serving in several outstation hospitals, was appointed Superintendent of the Anti-Malaria Campaign, Kurunegala in 1911 and was sent to Talaimannar in 1913. For a period from 1917 he served in the Adchylostomiasis Campaign. In 1935 he became Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and in 1936 became the first Ceylonese head of the Medical Department.

Dr. W. E. de Silva has served the Medical Department for 35 years. Before he came to the head office he was Medical Superintendent of the General Hospital, Colombo. In 1933 he acted for the head of the Department.

Mr. Mann was in 1925 Assistant Architect of the P. W. D., appointed by the Secretary of State. He went over to the Income Tax Department in 1932 as an Assessor.

REBATE ON JAFFNA TOBACCO

Rs. 65 Per Candy

ONLY FOR CURRENT YEAR

Registrar's Investigations Into Malayalam Market Conditions

THE rebate of Rs. 65 per candy allowed by the Travancore Government on Jaffna Tobacco, it is now learned, is not a permanent one but only a temporary concession till the end of the current Malabar year.

This is revealed by a telegram received from their Travancore Agents by the Jaffna Malayalam Co-operative Tobacco Sale Society.

At a Public Meeting of the members of the Jaffna Malayalam Co-operative Tobacco Sales Society Ltd, representative traders and others interested in the Jaffna-Malayalam Tobacco trade, held at the Jaffna Central College Hall on Tuesday the 28th inst. at 5 p.m. the chief speaker was Mr. G. de Soya, the Acting Registrar of Co-operative Societies, who spoke about his investigations into the Travancore market for Jaffna tobacco.

[Full report of his speech will appear in our next issue]

Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam who presided referred to the telegram sent by Mr. Appadurai, Proctor, and read out the following telegram which his society had received from the Quilon Agents:

"Referring our 18th letter Government promised 65 rebate duty per candy from today provided present full stock approximating 1400 candies is cleared within current Malabar year."

Continuing Mr Rajaratnam said, "in view of our agent's telegram it would be difficult for me to construe the rebate as being of a permanent nature. But I hope that as Mr. Appadurai has communicated to me the rebate would be for all times."

The two things that struck Mr. de Soya during his very thorough investigation recently into conditions of the Jaffna Tobacco market in Travancore are:—

(1) "That the demand for Jaffna Tobacco is not dying and will not die for many more years to come.

(2) "And that at no time have we got even the low profit we were actually entitled to. Why we have not been able to get it is entirely due to the malpractices of the merchants at Travancore."

THE JAFFNA ORIENTAL STUDIES SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna Oriental Studies Society will be held on Saturday, June 25th 1946 at 3 p.m. at the Jaffna Hindu College

Mr. L. Mc-D. Bobison, Director of Education and Ex-Officio President of the Society, will preside.

Reception to Swami Madhavanandaji

The Objects of the Ramakrishna Mission

Batticaloa, Sunday.

A civic reception was accorded on Friday at the Lakshmi Hall, Batticaloa, to Swami Madhavanandaji, the General Secretary of the Ramakrishna Mission in India and abroad, on his first visit to Batticaloa, by the Chairman and Members of the Batticaloa Urban Council.

Mr. N. S. Rasiah, Chairman of the Batticaloa U. C., read an address on behalf of the Members of the Council and residents of Batticaloa.

The Swami, in reply, said that he was deeply moved by the warm reception accorded to him. He was aware that they were honouring the Order to which he belonged and not him personally.

The Ramakrishna Mission was working for bringing about an understanding and fellowship among the different religions of the world. The people of Ceylon were intimately bound up with the people of India in culture and civilisation. The present strained feelings between the two countries was only a passing phase.

The work of the Ramakrishna Mission in Batticaloa had progressed because of the support and co-operation of the people and he hoped that they would continue to extend to the Mission their support.

Another reception, by the Batticaloa public, was accorded to the Swami at the Vivekananda Hall.

Mr. K. Kanagasaby, who presided, read an address to which the Swami replied.

A reception was also accorded to the Swami by the Members of the Shivananda Reading Room, Koddalimurai.

Reception in Jaffna

At a public meeting held on the 27th inst. at the Vaidyeshwara Vidyalaya, it was decided to accord a public reception to Srimatee Swami Madhavanandaji Maharaj on Monday 3rd June, at 5.30 p.m. at the Vaidyeshwara Vidyalaya and a Reception Committee with Dr. S. Subramaniam as Chairman and Madalar C. Canapathipillai and Mr. S. Ambikupakan as Joint Secretaries was appointed to make the necessary arrangements

King Leopold Surrenders

British and French Fighting Alone

Paris, Tuesday.

BROADCASTING to the nation today, M. Paul Reynaud, the Premier of France, announced that King Leopold of the Belgians had given up the fight against Germany.

M. Reynaud said that the Belgian monarch had taken this step in the teeth of opposition on the part of the Belgian Cabinet which had counselled King Leopold not to lay down his arms.

M. Reynaud said, according to Reuter: "I must announce to the French people the grave event which occurred during the night. Frenchmen can no longer count upon the support of the Belgian army. Since four this morning, the British and French armies alone have been opposing the enemy in the north. You know what the situation was following the breach in our line on May 14th. The German army has forced its way between our army which has thus found itself split into two groups—one in the north and the other in the south."

BIGGER WAR EFFORT

Orders for Equipping Indians

Simla, Saturday.

"Orders have been issued to implement plans, for raising and equipping forces of Indians to the maximum capacity in order to meet any new dangers to India which may develop in the near future," announces a communique.

These preparations, the communique makes clear, are in addition to those which India has already made both for her local and her external defence.

Land forces to be raised include mechanised forces, infantry, signals, engineers, medical and motor transport units, other ancillary units to serve and maintain new formations.

India will also continue to expand her productive capacity to the maximum extent possible for war materials and manufactured products for use in India and overseas in connexion with the war.

Die Before Yielding, Says Bernard Shaw

London, Monday.

The Emergency Powers Act was the subject of the following comment by the famous author, George Bernard Shaw:

"In the two and a half hours, this country did what Russia has not yet done in twenty years.

"When Germany made it move to conquer the world, someone had to bell the cat. We took on the job, and now, for one or both of us, the hour has come.

"We are in a very tight corner; but what can we do? We can either practically surrender, or we can die in the last ditch. I think we should be in the last ditch."

COASTAL PORTS INTACT

ATTACKS REPULSED

FIERCE FIGHTING ALL DAY

Paris, Monday.

According to military circles here, French troops are firmly holding the ports of Calais, Dunkirk, Ostend and Zeebrugge. Fierce battles have been raging all day on either side of Valenciennes where the Germans launched two strong attacks on Sunday morning.

No indication of the final outcome of these battles can as yet be given, but it was reported late on Sunday afternoon that the French troops had repulsed all the German attacks and had inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

At other points on the front, the Germans failed to break through the positions of the Allied armies in the north either on the River Lys, in the region of Courtrai or in the West.

PEACE OR WAR?

Decision Soon

Rome, Sunday.

The question of peace or war for Italy remains the paramount preoccupation of everyone in Rome.

Signor Ansaldo, editor of Count Ciano's newspaper, "Il Telegrafo", concluded his weekly broadcast today by saying: "For every blow Hitler strikes against the Allies we shall strike a corresponding blow in our natural sphere of action in the Mediterranean."

Signor Mussolini today conferred with Marshal Graziani, the General in charge of Mobilization and the Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer. He also saw the heads of armaments factories regarding faster and more extensive production.

The American Consul today strongly advised Americans to leave Malta for the United States at the earliest possible moment.

Hungary Makes Ready For Italy's Entry

Budapest, Sunday.

The Hungarian Minister in Moscow has been officially notified by the Soviet Foreign Ministry that the Soviet will, in any case, respect Hungarian neutrality.

Menemen were called up in Hungary over the week-end in order, it is understood, to prepare the country for the possible entry of Italy into the war. It is pointed out that this initiates a period of emergency, but that no anxiety need be felt over the reported Russian troop movements in Galicia.

Calais Remains in Allied Hands

London.

The German claims that Calais is in German hands are declared in authoritative circles in London to be without foundation. It is added that, as has been emphasised from both British and French sources, Calais remains in the possession of the Allies.

Education Reform

Committee's Questionnaire

The Special Committee appointed to investigate the question of educational reform has issued the following questionnaire to teachers' associations and managers.

What do you think should be the aims and general features of a system of education suited to Ceylon? What are the more patent defects and drawbacks of the existing system of education from the social, educational and economic points of view?

Should all schools be owned and controlled by the State? If not what degree of control should be exercised by the State over non-Government schools? Should non-Government schools be aided from public funds? If so, to what extent?

Should schools continue to be divided into English and Vernacular schools or should they be divided according to their curriculum and not according to their media of instruction?

Should primary schools be separate from post-primary schools? Should there be separate infants' schools? Should there be one type of post-primary school with various sides, or should there be different types of post-primary schools?

Are you in favour of post-primary schools?

Are you in favour of post-primary education for all, or should post-primary education be restricted? If the latter, what should be the basis of restriction? Are you satisfied with the present provision for vocational education.

Curricula

What should be the particular aims and the curricula of primary schools? Is there anything wrong with the present curricula? What should be the particular aims and the curricula of post-primary schools? Is there anything wrong with the present curricula? How far should crafts form the basis for framing the curricula? How far should curricula be adapted so as to include training for future employment.

What should be the medium of instruction in the different types of schools and what should be the place of English in these schools? Should both Sinhalese and Tamil be made compulsory in post-primary schools? If so, to what extent?

What are the defects of the present system of examinations? What remedies do you suggest?

Do you suggest any changes in the existing system of recruitment, certification and training of teachers?

Should the salary of a teacher depend upon the type of school to which he is attached, the post which he holds in that school, and/or upon his qualification? Should teachers form an educational service with graded posts?

Are any changes necessary in the present rules in regard to the appointment, payment, dismissal and disciplinary control of teachers in Assisted Schools.

Are there any objections to the present system of inspection of schools? If so, what remedies do you suggest? What provision should Government make for the promotion of educational experiments and research?

FAREWELL TO EXCISE INSPECTOR

(From our own Correspondent)

Point Pedro, Monday.

On the eve of Mr. Van Buren's transfer from Point Pedro to Gampola the cricket team of Hartley College showed its appreciation of his services to the eleven in the form of by a cricket match and a social. The match between the Hartley eleven and Mr. H. Van Buren's Team was played at the Hartley grounds and ended in a draw in favour of Mr. Van Buren's Team.

At the Social that followed glowing tributes were paid to the guest by the Captain of the cricket eleven, Mas. E. Veluppillai, and by the Cricket Master, Mr. P.W.J. Muttiyah. The occasion was availed of by Mr. Advocate N. Sivagnanasundaram, President of the Point Pedro Sports Club, to bid farewell to their departing cricket captain. The Principal Mr. Thamotheram, traced a connection between Mr. H. Van Buren, an old Wesleyite, and the sister institution, Hartley, to whom he rendered invaluable service at the beginning of their cricket career.

Mr. Van Buren in reply said that the school needed another playground for the activities of the second eleven. He pointed out that the supreme duty of a college was not to produce scholars but sportsmen.

Chavakachcheri Resthouse to Remain

The Acting Commissioner of Local Government has informed the Thenmaradachchy Mahajana Sangam that the Executive Committee of Local Administration had decided that the Chavakachcheri Resthouse should be retained.

Auction Sale

D. C. J. 5440

Vythiampillai Celesteruppillai of Sellalal

Vs.

1. Mariappillai Theyonaspillai and wife
2. Mariasaverriappillai both of Sellalal

PROPERTIES

1. All that piece of land situated at Sellalal in the parish of Pandateruppi called Noochythalvu in extent 10 Lms. V. C. with palmyras and vadavies and bounded on the East by the property of Soosana wife of Anthonypillai North by bylane, West by the property of Anaspillai wife of Sabastampillai and South by the property of Soosappillai Sinner and shareholders. The whole hereof.

2. All that piece of land situated as aforesaid called Unthavahay in extent 3 Lms. V. C. with cultivated plants and share of well situated on the western side of the lane and way and water course and bounded on the East by the property of Arokiyam widow of Sevathir, North and West by lane and South by the property of Anthonypillai Soosappillai. The whole hereof.

In terms of the commission issued to me by the District Court of Jaffna in Case No. 5440 D. C. J. I shall sell the above properties by public auction on Thursday the 20th June 1940 at about 4 p.m. at the spot.

N. KANDIAH
Commissioner

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All-Ceylon Industrial Rally & Carnival

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noticed in my daily visit to the Exhibition. I have already brought to the notice of my readers the beautiful piece of furniture made out of palmyra wood.

This piece of furniture made to suit modern tastes in furnishing can be improved to start a flourishing industry. With the rise in the price of sugar why should we not all use jaggery? But the jaggery as it is now made and sold is far from clean or hygienic. Why should we make the jaggery in tiny open baskets easily exposed to dust and flies? Why not packet the jaggery in carton or paper? I saw a stall where jaggery was sold in packets. The wrapping was good, though it could be improved immensely. The price was prohibitive. Here is a chance for a co-operative society. The Coconut Board Stall was selling bottled coconut treacle at 40 cents a bottle. I tasted the treacle and found it really good. It is an excellent substitute for golden syrup. Here is another fine cottage industry. I am sure palmyra treacle will be much better than coconut treacle. I am emphasizing palmyra products because it is the only tree that will grow in dry Jaffna without the least care and it is "the tree with a thousand gifts in its hand so wide and free." The number of palmyra trees in Jaffna are close on four or five millions. What use do we make of this tree and its products industrially?

These are a few random thoughts on the exhibition and its lessons. It would be a great service to the country, if others recorded their reactions in the columns of this paper. Then it will be possible to evolve some very useful suggestions to improve the industrial growth and development of the country.

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA (Held at Point Pedro)

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 117/P. T.

In the matter of the estate of Arumugam Sabapathy of Karanavai North. Deceased.

Sivacolundu widow of Sabapathy of Karanavai North.

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Sarasvati daughter of Arumugam Sabapathy of do.
2. Arumugam Kidnapillai of do.

Respondents.

This matter coming for disposal before E. V. R. Samarawickirama, Esquire, Additional District Judge, Jaffna, on the 4th day of March, 1940 in the presence of Mr. C. Krishnappillai, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner abovenamed the petition and affidavit of petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner abovenamed be appointed as administratrix of the estate of the late Arumugam Sabapathy of Karanavai North as widow of the deceased, that letters of Administration be issued to her unless the respondents or any other person shall appear before this Court on or before the 5th day of April 1940 to shew cause if any to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

S. RODRIGO,
Addl. District Judge
This 9th day of March 1940.

Extended for 7-6-40.
Intld. S. R.
A. D. J.
(O. S. 30th & 3-6-40)

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA (Held at Point Pedro)

No. 122 P. T.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Mariappillai wife of Philip-pupillai of Karaveddy North. Deceased.

Ambrospillai Philippupillai of Karaveddy North

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Philippupillai Joseph Rasana-yagam
2. Philippupillai Joseph Chelva-nayagam-both of Karaveddy North
3. Anthonipillai Alesupillai of Karaveddy West

Respondents.

This action coming on for disposal before E. V. R. Samarawickirama Esquire, Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 25th day of April 1940 in the presence of Mr. C. Krishnappillai Proctor on the part of petitioner and the Petition and affidavit of the Petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 1st and 2nd Respondents for the purpose of representing and defending them in the Testamentary proceedings instituted by the Petitioner and that the Petitioner as husband of the deceased be entitled to take out Letters of Administration and that Letters of Administration be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person shall appear before this court on or before the 16th day of May 1940 and shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 8th day of May 1940.

Sgd. Simon Rodrigo
Addl. District Judge

Extended for 6-6-40.

Intld. S. R.

A. D. J.

(O. S. 30 & 3-6-40)

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

(held at Point Pedro)

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 88 P. T.

In the matter of the estate of the late Kathirgamar Subramaniam of Alvai South. Deceased.

Parupathippillai widow of Kathirgamar Subramaniam of Alvai South. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Subramaniam Pararajasingam of do—presently of No. 13 Market Boutique, Kalmunai
2. Subramaniam Sabaratnam of Alvai South
3. Veluppillai Ramalingam of do

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before Simon Rodrigo Esquire Additional District Judge of Jaffna on the 8th day of December 1939 in the presence of Mr. C. Krishnappillai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner abovenamed and the petition and affidavit of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner abovenamed be appointed as Administratrix of the estate of the late Kathirgamar Subramaniam as widow of the deceased, that Letters of Administration be issued to her unless the respondents or any other person shall appear before this Court on the 12th day of January 1940 and shew cause if any to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

14th December 1939

Sgd. S. Rodrigo
Addl. District Judge.

13-1-40

Extended and reissued for 1-2-40

Intld. S. R.

A. D. J.

23-5-40.

Extended and Reissued for 26-6-40.

Intld. S. R.

A. D. J.

(O. S. 30th & 3-6-40)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Jaffna Municipality In 1944

State Council Turns Down Minister's Bill

Sir,—At last evening's meeting of the Ceylon State Council the Bill introduced by the Minister for Local Administration for extending the life of the existing Urban Council in Jaffna by one year without an election was defeated in its second reading by a large majority. It was decided to hold the statutory triennial elections for the Jaffna Urban Council in the latter part of 1940 as usual. The introduction of a Municipality into Jaffna was tentatively fixed for 1944.

I request that you would announce this to the Rate-payers through your paper in today's issue.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
R. SIVAGURUNATHAN
President, Rate-payers' Central
Association.

Jaffna, 30th May 1940.

Town Manners

Sir,—In your issue of the 20th inst. the "Man About Town" displayed his colossal ignorance of the villages in speaking of a Y. M. H. A. that was started seven years ago in Manipay which in his imagination had become metamorphosed into a Youth League which celebrated its Seventh Anniversary by a meeting held recently. He has also invented prominent men who must have probably supplied him with false informations.

If he refers to the meeting reported on page 4 of your paper of the 20th inst. I can only state that all his informations are incorrect and that he is at liberty to examine the minutes book of the Young Men's Association under whose auspices the meeting was held.

Yours truly,
Honorary Secretary, Y. M.
Association, Manipay.

Manipay
22-5-40

Process Serving

Sir,—The system of serving summons in this country is open to abuse, especially among the illiterate villagers. The fiscal peon or the minor headman takes the summons in duplicate to the defendants and hands over the original. The duplicate is sent to the courts duly certified as served.

No signature, thumb impression or whatever proof is obtained for delivery of summons. I personally had the misfortune to come across a case where a fiscal peon certified to the effect that the summons was duly served. The alleged defendant did not turn up to the Court on the appointed date because he knows nothing about the summons. What happened? The magistrate issued warrant and the unfortunate man was arrested, handcuffed and paraded in the street to the delight of the unscrupulous complainant and his comrades.

The suggestion in this case is that the complainant unduly influenced the fiscal peon. There is

Consultants Visit University Site

The Consultants of the University Scheme, Professor Patrick Abercrombie and Mr. Clifford Holiday, along with the Resident Architect, Mr. Shirley D'Alwis, visited the University site on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The main object of their visit was to observe the effect of the recent floods. While at Kandy they visited many places of architectural interest.

Later Professor Abercrombie and Mr. D'Alwis left on an architectural tour of the Ruined Cities. Their itinerary will include Dambulla, Sigiriya, Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa. They intend making a close study of the architecture with a view to embodying it in the design for the University.

nothing to check the irregular practice. The poor illiterate accused in this case suffered indignity, mental agony etc. and could not do anything. It was word against word. The fiscal peon says that he served the summons but the accused denies.

I have, in a memorandum to the Chief Secretary to Government, suggested that the signatures or thumb impressions of the defendants must be obtained in the duplicate when delivering summons as in other countries and thus obviate irregular and high-handed measures.

Will the Legal Secretary please look into this?

Yours etc.,
S. VYDIALINGAM
Colombo, 28th May, 1940.

Will Jaffna U. C. Set The Example?

Sir,—Quite recently, at the instance of Mr. Sam A. Sabapathy, the Urban Council of Jaffna passed a resolution accepting the desirability of installing a Radio Set in the Council Buildings, with amplifiers fixed in all the four corners of the E-planade.

A few months have elapsed since the passing of this resolution. But so far nothing seems to have been done to implement the said resolution.

Your contributor, "The Man about the Town" has been praising to the skies the present Chairman of the Urban Council. But the present Chairman, to deserve such praise, must expedite the execution of resolutions like this.

At a time like this, when people have an unquenchable thirst for the latest news about the War, and when, all kinds of rumours are spread about the place regarding the War, shaking the faith of the people in the justice of the Allied cause, the need for installing a Radio set in a public place for the common use of the people, with a view to giving them the latest authentic news about the War, cannot be stressed too much.

Not only this should be done by the Jaffna Urban Council, but the Urban Councils in the rest of the Island also should follow suit. Will the Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council set an example?

Yours faithfully,
C. CHELLARAJA.

Appar Buildings,
Vannarponnai West, Jaffna.
26-5-40.

20th Anniversary Of Rev. H. Peto's Principalship

May 28th was a full holiday for St. John's College, Jaffna, in honour of the completion of twenty years' devoted service by the Rev. H. Peto. Celebrations began at 7 a. m. with a Cricket Match between the Staff and students of St. John's College. The former team was captained by Miss. M. E. Vanden Driessen whose eleven included the Principal and the Vice-Principal. The students were captained by Miss P. Muttucumaroe, a student of the Post Matric Form. The one innings match ended in a victory to the students.

In the evening there was a garden party organised by the Senior Boys and the Prefect Body. The visitors were entertained to a Fancy Dress Football match. Various costumes were exhibited by the players including perfect representations of a typical Jaffna old man, a Sannyasin, a Burgher lady, a Moor girl, a Bai, a Vedda, a Negro and a Chundikuli Girl. The last carried the prize for the best performance.

At about 8 p. m. a complimentary dinner was held in the Figg Hall by the members of St. John's College Masters' Guild. Very high tributes were paid to the Rev. H. Peto and his work by Mr. E. M. Ponnudurai, the President, and Messrs. P. T. Mathai and K. Nesiiah. The twenty years were marked by the creation of great minds and of healthy and noble traditions. Discipline and true sportsmanship were the two chief things Mr. Peto had inculcated in the hearts of the 2500 boys who had passed out of his hands during his regime. Possessed of a large heart and broad sympathy he had endeared himself to masters and boys alike. What was left for him to achieve before his Silver Jubilee was buildings for the School. Rev. Peto's reply was full of reminiscences packed with wit and humour. He always looked upon the members of the Staff as brothers and sisters and wanted them to regard him not only as an Englishman but also as their elder brother. Proceedings of the day terminated at 10.30 p. m. (cor)

SALT PRODUCTION IN CEYLON

Satisfactory Harvest Last Year

The approximate quantity of salt harvested in 1939 was 739,262 cwt. according to the Administration Report of the Salt Department for 1939.

The report states:—

The harvest of 1939 with small exception was satisfactory. The approximate quantity harvested was 739,262 cwt. compared with 763,043 cwt. in 1937 and 718,283 cwt. in 1938. The estimates of production however are generally well below the actual amounts manufactured and a system of quotas has had to be introduced to prevent over production. The sales at all centres totalled 711,518 cwt. The total stocks on December 31 1939, are assessed at 1,978,092 cwt. or nearly a three years' supply for the Island's consumption.

The price of salt at the manufacturing and selling centres varies between Rs. 3 to Rs. 3.50. From February 1, 1939, the price of salt

PRAYER FOR ALLIED VICTORY

Earlalai Saiva Maha Sabhai

Under the auspices of the Earlalai Saiva Maha Sabhai special poojahs and prayers were conducted in the four temples which are situated in the heart of the village for peace and victory to the Allies. Many people were present at the poojahs.

Earlalai Saiva Mahajana Vidyalalai, the newly started school, was the venue of a largely attended public meeting which was presided over by Mr. A. Ponniah, Physician. The meeting began at 7 p. m. After the singing of Thevaram, the Chairman explained that His Majesty the King of England had desired that that day, Sunday May 28th, should be considered as a day of national prayer for peace and victory for the Allies.

Mr. M. Sittampalam, Teacher, Mallakam English School, proposed the following resolution. "This meeting assembled at the Earlalai Shaiva Mahajana Vidyalalai on May 28th 1940 do most fervently and wholeheartedly beg of the Almighty, the upholder of justice, peace and rightness, to grant the great boon of giving the world immediate peace and quick victory to the Allies in the present European War." This resolution was seconded by Mr. N. Eliathamby Pensioner. Then there was a lecture by Swami Shivapragasa Yogeeshwarar, B. A. (Hons) on "Life after Death." Mr. M. Sittampalam offered a few remarks. After the Chairman's remarks, Mr. S. Thangavadivel proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the learned lecturer. The meeting came to a close at 9.30 p. m. with singing of Thevaram. (Cor.)

At Kandy

"Apishekam" and Sahasdra Name Archanai" were performed and prayers offered at 9 a. m. on Sunday the 26th May 1940 at the Selva-Vinayagar Temple, Kandy, by a very large and representative gathering of members of the Central Province Saiva Maha Sabha Ltd, Kandy, for the speedy and unqualified success of the Allies and the complete destruction of Nazism "Prasadham" was served to all those present. This was followed by a very stirring and instructive speech by Brahma Sree J. T. Sadasiva Iyer, District Inspector of Schools, and Vice-President of the Sabhai, on the humanitarian rule of the British Government, under whose benign protection all religious faiths including Hinduism enjoyed perfect liberty and tolerance, the need for the preservation of which rule is all the more keenly felt today, when Nazism raises its head and perpetrates untold misery and suffering to humanity.

to bona fide fish-curers was reduced to Re. 1 and Re. 1.20 per cwt. at Mannar and Udappu respectively. On the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration the price was reduced later to Re. 1 per cwt. to bona fide fish-curers all over the Island. The benefits presented to fish-curers by this reduction is very great. The benefits received by the fish-curers at Mannar alone amounted to a bonus of about Rs. 12,000. Considering the fact however that Ceylon imported 880,854 cwt. of dry fish in 1938 the concession appears to be well merited,

ITALY ON THE WATCH

Mobilisation Law

Rome Saturday.

A Law, providing for comprehensive civil mobilisation, is published in today's official "Gazette." It revises the existing legislation on the organization and the mobilization of the nation for war.

Under the new law, all citizens, public and private bodies, companies, all capital property and inventions can be requisitioned. Commodities can be rationed, imports and exports can be limited or prohibited and orders can be given for all capital to be declared.

Persons unfit for military service and women, and children over 14 can be mobilized for civilian services under military discipline. The law can be enforced before mobilization has been decreed.

The Supreme Defence Committee, presided over by Signor Mussolini and including Members of the Cabinet, is entrusted with the carrying out of the organization and the mobilization of the nation in time of war.

The Chiefs of the General Staffs and the Commissioner for War Industries may be called in when necessary.

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Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 866
In the matter of the estate of the
late Sellamma widow of Canapathipillai of Manipay

Deceased.
Canapathipillai Selvaratnam of
Manipay Petitioner

vs.

1. Canapathipillai Nadarajah,
2. Mahespari daughter of Canapathipillai and Arumugam Mahalingam of Manipay

Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the petitioner coming on for disposal before S. Rodrigo Esquire, District Judge on the 1st May 1940 in the presence of Mr. E. Murugesampillai, Proctor and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 1st May 1940 having been read; It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased be granted to him and that the abovenamed 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors 1st and 2nd Respondents for the purpose of watching their interests in these proceedings unless the Respondents shall appear before this Court on 12th June 1940 and state objection to the contrary.

The 8th day of May 1940

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy
District Judge

(O. 7. 27 & 30-5-40)

Obituary

MR. K. RAJAGOPAL

The death occurred on Monday the 20th instant at 2.30 p.m. of Mr. K. Rajagopal at his house at Karampan, Kayts. Mr. Rajagopal after a worthy career as a student in Malaya was employed as State Store-keeper in the Public Works Department at Taiping. He was the son of Mr. S. Kandiah, Retired Overseer, P. W. D. Jaffna. He leaves besides his father, his sisters Mrs. Siva-yogam wife of Mr. S. Chelliah, Retired Senior Telegraph Inspector P & T. Taiping and Mrs. Bhagavathy wife of Mr. S. Elagupillai Senior Sanitary Inspector, Taiping and a brother Mr. K. Rajaratnam. Among the chief mourners were Messrs N. Ambalwanar, Retired Chief Clerk, accountants' office, P. & T. Kuala Lumpur, N. Chelliah Retired Chief Clerk, District Office Kuala Kubu Bharu, N. Subbian Kirama Vidhane Karampan, S. Ayadurai Retired Overseer P. W. D. unless of the deceased and Mrs. C. Annamalai Pillai, aunt of the deceased. (Cor.)

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