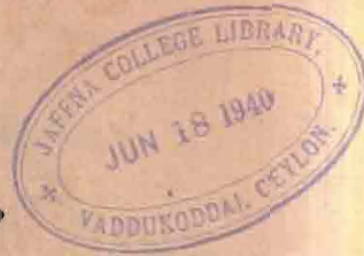


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## ITALY'S VISION OF A MEDITERRANEAN EMPIRE

### Mussolini's Ambitions for Italy

#### THE DREAM OF IMPERIUM ROMANUM

SINCE 1935, Fascist Italy has been dominated by the dream of the Imperium Romanum and the wish to make itself a Mediterranean World Power, with the result that Fascism has since been running amok round the periphery and hinterland of the Mediterranean. Abyssinia was conquered and Libya made into a Military base; Mussolini intervened in Spain, and by a bloody coup occupied Albania. Before taking this turn, Mussolini's foreign policy had followed an essentially different direction. Italy was to be made into a South-East European Continental power based on a strong position in Central Europe. The brunt of her expansion was to fall on Austria, Hungary and the Balkans, the main objective being domination of the Danube area. This was the aim behind the Rome Protocols, which formed the Rome-Vienna-Budapest bloc. Italy's position as a European Great Power was to be based on the assumption of political and economic leadership in the Austrian and Hungarian nucleus of the old Hapsburg Monarchy. Mussolini regarded Austria as Italy's bastion in Central Europe, and in his speech at Milan on 6th October, 1934, two and a-half months after the murder of Dollfuss, he declared: "We have defended the independence of the Austrian Republic, and we will defend it in the future too."

That same year, Mussolini had had another vision, not a new one, which also showed the direction Italy's expansion was to take. In a speech made on the 18th March, 1934, the Duce said: "I will show you historic objectives, towards which our generation and those to come will turn. They bear two names: Asia and Africa. Of all the Western Powers, Italy lies nearest to Asia and Africa. We won't let the satiated potent nations bar the way to

Italy's spiritual and political expansion." Even in those days; Fascist foreign policy was not uniform!

#### New Policy

Italy's new foreign policy aims at a total domination of the entire Mediterranean area to which end Italian diplomacy and strategy have been working since 1935. Spain and Asia Minor, Egypt and Greece, North Africa and the Near East have become the subjects of Fascist expansion. Fascism is dazed by the huge fantastic picture of the empire of the Roman Emperor Augustus reconstructed after two thousand years.

In May, 1936, after the triumphal entry of the troops from Abyssinia into Rome, Mussolini called to the crowds in the Piazza Venezia the words which have since become the motto of his policy: "Once more the eagles of our ancient empire are hoisted above Rome's hills of destiny." The wall of Constantine's Basilica towers high above the Viadell Impero, along which an endless stream of processions and tourists noisily flows, and here mighty blocks of marble have been let in to the wall bearing coloured maps showing the road from the Imperium Romanum of antiquity to that which the Duce is striving to build up. Of these maps, the land is coloured green and the sea grey; but Rome, and all that belongs to it, shines out white. Two of the maps show only a modest patch of white, but the third, that of the Rome of the Emperors of the second and third centuries, A. D., is one white glare. All Europe but the North Asia Minor, Mesopotamia, Syria, Egypt and North Africa all white, all under the domination of Rome, and the Mediterranean seems but a lake in the empire. Next to it, challenging comparison, is the

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## All Aliens Again Rounded Up

### Fifth Column Activities?

#### C. I. D.'s Swift Work

Colombo, Friday.  
SWIFT moves by the Criminal Investigation Department today resulted in 12 enemy aliens who had been allowed out more or less on licence being again collected and sent to Diyatalawa. This number included several German Jewish refugees, among whom were Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Weiner, Dr. and Mrs. P. Albesheim and Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Klee. When the war broke out in September last they were all interned in the Y. M. C. A., and were later sent to Diyatalawa, but were released on a bond and apart from having to report every morning to the police, and with certain restrictions on their movements from their homes, were free to carry on their professions.

At the same time that the C. I. D. were rounding up these enemy aliens another party of police, accompanied by two European women who acted as searchers, went to the Y. W. C. A., at 7 o'clock this morning and asked to see Dr. Marianne Ahrends, District Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., and Miss Glaser, both of whom are Germans (the latter having a brother, Herr M. Glaser, staying at the Y. M. C. A.).

It is understood that the police asked to be taken straight to their rooms, but a protest was made by the Secretary that they should be first told that the police were there. Both their rooms were searched, and their belongings as well, and they were finally escorted to the C. I. D. headquarters where the other aliens and alien refugees had already been taken.

It is stated on good authority that when the police searched the room of one enemy alien in Colombo, who had been allowed out on parole, they discovered parts of a radio transmitting set, and the current rumour (which cannot be confirmed from Police headquarters) is that the general roundup followed this discovery.

It may be stated in this connection that it is known that

## COUNCIL'S TERM EXTENDED

### GENERAL ELECTIONS IN 1943?

#### WHITEHALL'S REASONS FOR POSTPONEMENT

THE General Election of the State Council, which is normally due to take place not later than January, 1941, is to be postponed for two years.

This announcement is contained in a telegram which has been received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Lloyd.

An Order in Council will shortly be enacted to enable the postponement.

Lord Lloyd, in the course of his telegram, mentions the following circumstances which have rendered a postponement necessary:

- (1) "General dissatisfaction" with the present Constitution; and
- (2) Questions which have arisen regarding "the cognate problems of the franchise and the delimitation of the constituencies."

The following is the full text of Lord Lloyd's message:—

"In view of the general dissatisfaction with the present Constitution and of questions that have arisen regarding the cognate problems of franchise and the delimitation of the constituencies, an Order in Council will be enacted to enable the postponement for two years of the Election which is due not later than next January under Article 19.

"This postponement is necessary in the present circumstances if careful decisions are to be reached on these questions before the new Elections are held."

on at least two occasions the Berlin radio station has broadcast in English news about Ceylon which was current in Ceylon that very day.

This was reported to the C. I. D. by a number of people and "The Times of Ceylon" understands that a systematic search had been made and

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### TWO MORE YEARS

THE DECISION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE to extend the life of the State Council by two years must be welcome news to many a councillor who had been devising ways and means of contesting his seat. The reasons for the postponement of the General Election till 1943, as given by LORD LLOYD, are (1) General dissatisfaction with the present Constitution (2) Questions regarding the franchise and the delimitation of the Constituencies. It is therefore clear that the Secretary of State's decision is not due to the terrible and uncertain situation caused by the war. The public will naturally attribute the extension to the prolonged discussion of the Reforms Despatch in the State Council which could not arrive at a fair agreement between the different sections of the House in regard to the question of Constitutional Reforms. It is now close upon two years since the Governor's Despatch was submitted to the Colonial Office. Our Government and the State Council have had sufficient time to discuss the subject in all its bearings and reach a settlement acceptable to all sections of the permanent population. But the bitter fact must be admitted that by indulging in garrulity and exhibiting acute differences in regard to the question of reforms, our councillors and leaders have but succeeded in postponing the reform of the Constitution which stands condemned by all sections of the people. The result is the present Council will have an uninterrupted run of seven years.

We daresay the public will be somewhat gratified at the extension in view of the fact that a general election in this country is best avoided at a time like the present when its energies and attentions should not be distracted from the successful prosecution of this terrible war. One must admit that in a country like ours where there are no political parties and where personalities and not principles carry great weight with the people, a general election is not conducive to the unity and harmony which is imperative in view of the situation created by the war. While the public may not relish the extension of the Council's term, they will not grudge it in the light of the stern realities of the war.

If the country is to derive

the full benefit of the Secretary of State's decision our councillors and leaders should utilise the time afforded by the extension in exploring all possible avenues of arriving at a fair agreement between the various communities in regard to the question of Constitutional Reforms. By accentuating the points of difference and overlooking the essential agreement between the communities, our councillors and politicians, be they Sinhalese, Tamil or Muslim, will only succeed in retarding the country's political advance. They should have statesmanship enough to realize that only an agreed scheme of reforms will carry weight with the authorities in England.

### "Independence is Not a Gift"

#### Mr. Amery on India's Role in Struggle

New Delhi, June 13.

"You can tell India that every ounce of my energy will be directed, in consultation with the Viceroy, towards seeking agreement with the leaders of Indian opinion", declared Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, in an interview given to the London Correspondent of the "Hindustan Times".

Mr. Amery observed that independence depended on India's capacity to take great decisions. "It is for the natural leaders of India to realise the greatness of India's role in this struggle and to take their rightful place in this common effort against our common enemies," Mr. Amery continued.

"I have always said that Dominion Status or Dominion Independence is not a gift that could be conferred by one country on another. It is nothing else than a recognition of a state of relations that has come to pass.

"The test of readiness for independence is the power to make great decisions and it is for India's leaders to show that power now. If our hearts are agreed fully and unreservedly, differences of view as to constitutional details cannot be insurmountable."

### King's Birthday Honours

We are glad that the Government have recognised the services of Mr. C. Arulambalam to the public life of the country by conferring upon him the title of J. P. on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday. His active and sustained interest in the Co-operative Movement in Jaffna and Agricultural matters has won for him the esteem of his countrymen. It is therefore in the fitness of things that he is honoured by the Government.

### Tragic Death of Rev. H. Peto

We regret to record the death of the Rev. H. Peto, Principal, St. John's College under tragic circumstances. The late Rev. Peto was Principal of St. John's College for about 20 years and was a very popular figure in the life of Jaffna.

## NEWS and VIEWS

(BY WAYFARER)  
12-6-40.

### The Carnival Extended

As one of those numerous people at whose request the Carnival was extended, I think, I ought to have the privilege of making some further observations on it. More than anything, the success of the Carnival exploded the myth that in Jaffna a white head is a "sine qua non" for any big undertaking and that Hindus as a body lack initiative and enterprise. People nurtured in the old traditions simply could not bring themselves to believe that a Hindu institution could attempt much less achieve success in regard to the Carnival. They turned up their noses and characterised the attempt as preposterous, if not foolhardy. The more reason, therefore, that every Hindu should feel grateful for all those who laboured so hard to make the Carnival the great success it was. Mr. C. N. Deva-rajan, the propaganda minister of the Carnival Committee, perhaps suddenly struck by a belated sense of his duties, has, in a recent issue of the 'Ramanathan', dispensed praise to all those to whom it was due. But he failed to make any reference to that small but vociferous band of young men who are not old boys of the College, but who, in their enthusiasm, were not second to the most loyal of old boys. Though they were seen more about the Refreshment Stall, they contributed much to the success of the Carnival. I saw among these many friends who, as students of certain Christian Colleges, used then to take a rather supercilious attitude towards those of us who were at the Jaffna Hindu and broke many a lance with us over what they thought were the superior merits of their Colleges. It was a delight to know during the Carnival week, that however loyal these erstwhile champions of the Christian Colleges might be to their 'alma mater' yet the only institution which they could regard as their own and of which they could be proud, is the Jaffna Hindu College.

### Carnival Speeches

Many valuable speeches were delivered by the gentlemen who opened the Exhibition and Carnival on different days. It is a pity that no paper, not even the 'Ramanathan' was enterprising enough to have full reports of these published in its columns. While I write this I have in mind that excellent address of Mr. N. Nadarajah, which is still ringing in my ears. To those of us who have seen him only at Hultsdorf wading through a pile of dull briefs with the usual legal jargon, his speech at the Carnival was a new experience. His pellucid diction, profundity of thought, and graceful delivery, not to speak of the liberal donation that followed, won the hearts of all who heard him. It is a tragedy of our national life that, while absolute mediocrities, who have not the slightest pretension to leadership either on the strength of their character or intellect, are never wearied of haranguing illiterate masses, men of Mr. Nadarajah's attainments are rotting in the musty atmosphere of Hultsdorf, and are doing nothing to raise the standard of our public life. Perhaps a seat on the Supreme Court Bench exercises a greater glamour than one in the State Council!

### Manipay Social Service League

This Society which is about a

year old, has a very good record of service to its credit. In spite of great opposition from vested interests, they have got Government to establish a free dispensary at Manipay to serve the needs of those who are too poor to go to the Green Hospital. The recently opened Maternity Clinic answers a crying need. A great part of Suthumalai is under water during the rainy season and the agitation that has been going on for over 30 years for a proper drainage scheme hitherto bore no fruit. We are glad that through the League's representations, government has at last voted money for the scheme and that the work is being taken in hand. This must be considered the "magnum opus" of the League. Further, by its efforts, the League has obtained a grant from government for the relief of those poor people from the Manipay Parish who sustained losses in the floods of last year. This splendid record of service should be an object lesson to those of our leaders whose sole object in starting association is that they themselves may be hoisted to the presidential 'gadi', and who at every public assembly thrust themselves forward as leaders, though they have not the least piece of public service to their credit. Their only claim to leadership is their overweening ambition and their gushy but senseless eloquence. May the Manipay Social Service League grow from strength to strength and bring radiant sunshine into the hearths of the poor!

### War Neurosis

Judging from the correspondence in the 'Times', the fifth column is very active in Ceylon and unless Martial Law is declared immediately, there is no hope of saving our fair island. But all sane people will admit that the island is solidly loyal to the British Throne in this grave hour of peril. Those who would have us believe otherwise are certainly subject to war neurosis. Recently, much was made, in a certain section of the press and by interested parties, of the action of the teacher from Jaffna College, who moved the war resolution at the Youth Congress sessions. It was said that Jaffna College was seething with sedition and disloyalty. But facts tell a different tale. It is common knowledge that the Jaffna College boys at the time of the last prize-giving requested their Principal to send the entire cost of the prize books to the Red Cross Fund and preferred to receive certificates instead. One Mr. Hamilton, an upcountry planter, was so much struck by this splendid gesture of the boys, that he immediately sent a cheque for Rs. 200/- to the Principal with a request that prize books be bought for them out of this amount. When this offer was placed before the Student Council, the boys unanimously decided that they should send this amount also to the Red Cross Fund. When Mr. Hamilton was written to on this decision of the boys, he wrote back to the Principal asking him to make it clear that the contribution came from the boys and not from him. It is clear from this incident that the Jaffna College teacher who moved the war resolution either has no influence with the boys or does not exercise that influence in spreading disaffection of His Majesty's Government. Then what is all this pother about?



# WEEK BY WEEK

BY MAN ABOUT TOWN

**ENTER** Italy into the fray. The Duce in spite of President Roosevelt's pressure, the Pope's moral opposition has thought it fit to join Hitler's hordes. Mussolini to satisfy his ego has dragged an unwilling nation into a war where it has no moral concern. The Duce is out on a gamble. If and when Germany wins, he expects a share in the booty. Perhaps Mussolini is dazzled by Germany's successes; but the Allies are not beaten. The war is yet to be won by Hitler and his henchman.

## Musso's Pistol

Italy's entry into the war shows that Mussolini is lured by the Mediterranean mirage. His ambition is to make the Mediterranean his lake. He has a grandiose scheme: sink every British ship between the Suez and Gibraltar, capture Malta and Cyprus, close the straits of Otranto, transform the Middle Sea into an Italian lake. A grand scheme indeed on paper. Will he succeed; yes minus the Allied naval superiority and their army in the near East. But the superior Anglo-French sea-power could with no excessive effort frustrate Mussolini's ambitions by cutting Italy off for all time from her Libyan colony, her possessions of Eritrea and Abyssinia; blockade the Italian coast from Adriatic round Sicily up to the Riviera. This would in turn reduce Italy to economic desperation. Italy geographically is a narrow pier and is highly vulnerable from the air and sea. 82% of her raw materials must come through the Suez which is already closed to Italy by the Allies. On the other side, through Gibraltar she must get her cargo of frozen meat from Argentina, sugar from Brazil and other essential commodities from South America. Gibraltar is also closed to him. Above all Italy is financially weak.

## At Last

One great characteristic of the English is that if they want a thing done, they will do it irrespective of the means they adopt. The appointment of Sir Stafford Cripps to Russia is one. Here is a man who a few months ago was not popular in Britain, is today the King's representative at Moscow. The credit goes to Mr. Churchill who with a commendable sense of reality, appointed Sir Cripps and thus cleared the first hurdle and paved the way for a better and closer understanding with Russia. Russia was always for a settlement with England. But the shortsighted Chamberlain drove Stalin into Hitler's arms.

## Gamelin is Alive!

Gamelin today is the Inspector General of the French Forces and not dead as Dr. Goebbels would have us believe. One great weakness in him cost his position as Commander-in-Chief. He has a weakness for listening too much to politicians on military matters. Perhaps this weakness prevented France stemming Hitler's demonic rise. It happened in 1936 when Hitler marched into the Rhineland. France was on the brink of war. The nation clamoured but the politicians were against

general mobilisation and Gamelin gave in. Even in this war he was dictated more by Daladier and Chamberlain than by his superior military knowledge. The appointment of Marshall Petain as Deputy Premier is a guarantee that now politicians will not be allowed to interfere in technical matters.

## The Future

The war flame has reduced Europe to an Inferno. She is going back to the Dark Ages perhaps without the grace of Christ. The future is dark. The fate of Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and a part of France all in ruins, portends the end of civilization and religion in Europe. But there is a silver lining in the dark and gloomy sky. England and France have not lost their traditions to hold the torch of liberty in their dark days. Nor have they relaxed their determination to fight to the last man so that they and the world may be rid of the Nazi nightmare. The new political leadership in Britain and the new army leadership in France are significant. Churchill a Conservative by birth, a Liberal by learning, a Royalist by conviction and an Englishman to the core, he is England's man of destiny. And Weygand is Foch's dying prescription to the French nation. The new Generalissimo is the world's fortress against the devils of Germany. He knows his job and the time to strike. Britain and France will never die. In the meantime the world would fearlessly face the hard times ahead with the faith of

One who never turned back, but marched breastforward,  
Never doubted clouds would break,  
Never dreamed though right were worsted, wrong would triumph,  
Hold we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,  
Sleep to wake.

## Ceylon's War Contribution

Ceylon must have the privilege of contributing its mite to the larger energies of Britain and her Empire in her fight against Nazism. The Government has its own proposals to help the Empire effort with men, money and materials. Ceylon's financial position will not permit a big contribution. Even a money contribution by Ceylon will be like a drop in the ocean. Anyway as a sign of loyalty to the cause for which Britain is fighting, we must contribute our share. The idea of giving Britain in kind is a laudible idea. Coconut oil is an essential war commodity and there is nothing wrong on the part of the Government to give a part of the coconut oil England needs. On the other hand this would at the same time help a national industry which is not at all in a prosperous state. Above all our Government can help the Allied cause by partially at least organising the defences of the Island. One never knows where and where this war will spread.

## Two More Years Lease

The decision of the Secretary of State to postpone the general elec-

# TURKEY LOYAL TO HER OBLIGATIONS

SYMPATHIES PRO ALLY

## ANKARA IS CAUTIOUS

Ankara, Friday.

The Republican Peoples' Party has approved the policy of the Government in connexion with the present situation and a communique will probably be issued soon. Turkey's attitude appears to be to abide by her existing treaties pending further developments.

The meeting of the Republican Peoples' Party was held this morning and was followed by a full meeting of the Turkish Parliament in the afternoon, when the exact terms of Turkey's attitude towards the entry of Italy into the war were discussed.

Commentators emphasise that Turkey is proceeding loyally, but carefully, taking all the necessary factors into consideration.

Thus, she has been forced to review not only Italian intentions but also the attitude of her immediate neighbours—Russia, for instance, who has a large common frontier with Turkey.

Although her sympathies are overwhelmingly pro-Allies. It is pointed out that Turkey is still legally a neutral country. This is shown by the action yesterday in initialising a £4,000,000 trade agreement with Germany which is the culmination of two months' strenuous efforts by Fritz von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey.

Nevertheless, Turkey's defensive preparations continue. Recruiting offices in Ankara and Istanbul have been very active entrolling specialists in various trades.

An official communique states that the explanations of the general situation and the policy of the Turkish Government by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister were unanimously approved at a meeting of the Peoples' Party yesterday. It added that all the deputies present demonstrated in the warmest possible manner in favour of the Allies.

tions will be good news to the members of the Council. But will it benefit the country? No. In principle to give a long lease to an elected body is bad. An uninterrupted run of several years gives the members of the Legislature a state of mind that conduces to defy the electors. They become masters of the situation and tend to follow a policy on important matters according to their own sweet will. Frequent elections are a necessary check on these politicians. From the reasons given by Lord Lloyd it is evident that the war has not delayed. Then on the indifference exhibited by our Council in the Reforms debate and the delay with which Ceylon affairs were attended to by Whitehall should fall the responsibility for the extension of the life of the Council. Ceylon electors can well blame Whitehall and the Council for this sorry state of affairs.

# TRAYANCORE BANK'S ASSETS IN JAFFNA

CREDITOR'S APPLICATION DISMISSED

## NO STATUS IN THE CASE

Colombo, Thursday.

Mr. Justice Keeneman and Mr. Justice Nihill yesterday dismissed the application of Arumugam Pillai Sinniah Pili Arumugam of Udipattu asking that the order of the Jaffna District Judge, directing the distribution of 60 per cent of the assets of the Jaffna Branch of the National and Quilon Bank, Ltd., among the creditors of the branch, be set aside.

The petitioner, who is a creditor of the Kandy Branch of the Bank, submitted that a 60 per cent distribution of the assets among the creditors at Jaffna would be prejudicial to the other creditors of the Bank.

Mr. J. Suprawaniam Lewis of Jaffna, the official liquidator of the Bank at Jaffna, and Mr. H. L. Pope of Colombo, the official liquidator for the Bank at Colombo, Kandy and Galle were the two respondents to the application.

The order of the Jaffna District Judge had been made on the application of Mr. Lewis, who had collected assets valued at Rs.155,175-81.

## Preliminary Objection

At the hearing of the application, Mr. H. V. Perera, K. C., (for Mr. Lewis) raised a preliminary objection that the petitioner had no status to make the application, because he was not a party to the District Court proceedings at Jaffna, and that Mr. Pope, who had the status to make such an application, had made a similar application, which was dismissed.

The Judges upheld the preliminary objection and dismissed the application and ordered the petitioner to pay the first respondent his costs.

Mr. N. K. Choksy, with Miss A. Mehta appeared for the petitioner.

Mr. H. V. Perera, K. C. with Messrs. N. Nadarajah and T. K. Curtis appeared for the first respondent.

Mr. E. B. Wikramanayake appeared for the second respondent.

## Urban Council Meeting

A monthly meeting of the Jaffna Urban Council was held on Friday the 14th inst. at 5 p. m. at the Town Hall. The chief item discussed was the Chairman's statement on the new assessment rates. After a discussion on the statement Mr. S. Patanjali moved that "this Council resolves that the rate of the assessment tax be reduced from 12½ to 10 per cent" which was carried unanimously.

Over the question of the non-inclusion of a motion submitted by Mr. K. Ayadurai, five members walked out as a protest against the Chairman's action.

The meeting was adjourned for want of a quorum.



## Italy's Vision of A Mediterranean Empire

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last map, the empire of to-day. Besides Italy (119,714 square miles with a population of 43,578,000) Libya, Somaliland, Eritrea, Abyssinia and Albania are all white. On the map of Ancient Rome, the Mediterranean is marked: "Mare Nostrum"; on that of to-day: "Mare Nostrum—fict." The demonstrators as they pass up and down the Viadell, Impero, stand before the maps with arms lifted in the Fascist salute and a cry rings out: "Corsica! Nizza! Tunisia!"

In this connection, it is important to remember that the Italian of today has fundamentally nothing in common with the Roman which Mussolini would liken to him. The French philosopher, Georges Sorel, who has been called Mussolini's spiritual father, clearly expressed this in a letter to a Fascist friend: "There is no country less Roman than Italy. Italy was conquered by the Romans, because it was as anarchic as the land of the Berbers. It remained anarchic throughout the whole of the Middle Ages, and its own civilization disappeared when the Spaniards forced their system of government on it. The Piedmontese completed the Spaniards' dismal work!"

### Imperium Romanum

Nor will the Italians become Romans because of the sometimes grandiose superficialities with which Mussolini seeks to animate the myth and translate it into reality. The rebuilding of the city on the model of ancient Rome, the majestic streets laid out in the excavated Imperial fora, the erection of statues of the Roman Emperors, the use of the Roman Fasces (the axe and licitor's rods) as the emblem of Fascist Italy, Caesar's head on the stamps, the "cohortes" and "Legions" of the Fascist militia, the elevation of the King to "Imperator," these are, indeed, all signs of the official "orientation towards the Imperium Romanum," but are a very long way from making Romans of the people.

This had to be admitted even by the Nazi who had so many stories to tell of the reputed victory of the myth over history.

The argument is, it is true, not yet over. The men of Italy are not yet quite the Iron Legionaries of Caesar to which Fascism wants to educate them. Their daily life and their behaviour still resemble in many respects those of their grand-fathers, and tattered tri-colours of the Austro-Italian wars still hang harmoniously side by side with the Imperial eagles of the Caesars. So wrote the German Guenther Holfeld in his book, "Sohne der Wolfen" (Sons of the She-Wolf).

Mussolini demands for Italy the position of a world power instead of that of a Mediterranean one, and so Italy's economy was asked to make an effort beyond its strength. Such was the purpose of her rearmament. Fascism seems now unable to give up its dream of a Mediterranean hegemony. It wants to build up a grandiose

## All Aliens Again Rounded Up

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watch kept for a transmitting set.

### As Far as Cuba

Before the war, although strictly against regulations, a number of people in Ceylon possessed short-wave transmitters capable of sending messages to and receiving messages from places as far away from Ceylon as Cuba.

There was nothing to prevent an enemy alien possessing such a set, but it is comforting to know that the C. I. D. have been ready for such a move and have acted so quickly and so effectively.

The only confirmation that can be obtained from police headquarters was that a number of aliens had been sent to Diyatalawa again, but the police refused to discuss the question of whether or not a radio transmitter had been found.

An official spokesman stated that as the international situation had worsened and the activities of the Fifth Columnists in the various countries had been exposed, precautionary measures had naturally to be taken in Ceylon.

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colonial empire and to this end has already conquered countries, yet it has no economically productive colonies—nor can it build them.

### Mediterranean Area

The infant Italian Mediterranean Empire has a very unhappy geopolitical situation. Its elements are either economically unproductive, like Libya, or incapable of being developed, like Abyssinia. It is a fatal fault in the construction of the new Italian Empire that it lies scattered along the shores of the Mediterranean and its African hinterland without its centre possessing the mastery of the Mediterranean or even the pre-requisites for achieving it.

Italy's main objectives in the Mediterranean are Egypt and French North Africa, Tunis and Corsica were claimed because their decisive strategic position could give Italy real command of the Mediterranean. Fascist Italy is trying to effect a complete reversal of the balance of power in the Mediterranean and wants to drive both France and England out of the whole Mediterranean area.

## Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

(held at Point Pedro)

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 120 P.T.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Sinnathambi Sabapathippillai of Puloly West Deceased.

Sabapathippillai Selvanayagam of Puloly West Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Sinnachchippillai widow of Sabapathippillai
2. Rasamany daughter of Sabapathippillai
3. Pavalanayaky daughter of Sabapathippillai
4. Marakatham daughter of Sabapathippillai
5. Senkamalam daughter of Sabapathippillai all of Puloly West

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before E. V. R. Samarawickrama Esquire Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 20th day of March 1940 in the presence of Mr. M. Esurapadham, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the petition and affidavit of the Petitioner.

It is ordered that the 1st Respondent be and she is hereby appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents, that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have letters of administration to the Estate of the deceased and the Letters of Administration be issued to him as son of the deceased unless the Respondents or any other person shall appear before this court on or before the 12th day of April 1940 and shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

Sgd. E. V. R. Samarawickrama,  
Addl. District Judge.

This 1st day of April 1940.  
24-5-40.

Extended for 20-6-40.

Sgd. S. Rodrigo,  
A. D. J.  
(G. 14. 13 & 17-6-40)

## Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 851

In the matter of the estate of the late Kanagammah wife of Kuddippillai Thambiah of Thavady Deceased.

Kuddippillai Thambiah of Thavady presently of Anaimadu, Puttalam Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Parameswary daughter of K. Thambiah
2. Thambiah Navaratnam
3. Vaitilingam Kandiah of Thavady

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the petitioner praying that the 3rd Respondent abovenamed be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the abovenamed 1st and 2nd Respondents and that Letters of Administration be granted to the Petitioner coming on for disposal before S. Rodrigo Esquire Additional District Judge Jaffna on the 18th day of March 1940 in the presence of Mr. P. K. Somasundram Proctor, on the part of the petitioner and on reading the affidavit and petition of the Petitioner.

It is ordered that the 3rd Respondent abovenamed be appointed guardian-ad-litem over 1st and 2nd minor respondents to enable the Petitioner to take out Letters of Administration and that Letters of Administration be granted to the Petitioner to the estate of the Deceased Kanagammah of whom the Petitioner is the lawful husband unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 15th day of May 1940 appear before this Court and shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

Sgd. S. Rodrigo  
District Judge

Extended for 21-6-40  
Intd. C. O.

D. J.

(G. 17. 17 & 20-6-40)

## German Consul's Threats Against the United States

New Orleans, Friday.

Baron Edgar von Spiegel, the German Consul here, has uttered a threat against the United States for helping the Allies. He said: "My country will not forget that, when she is waging a struggle for her very life, the United States is doing everything in its power to aid her enemies." He predicted a quick German victory and added that Germany's territorial ambitions outside Europe were limited to "re-gaining her possession in Africa and, perhaps, a little more."

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## Sale of Toddy Rents, 1940-41- Mullaitivu District

Notice is hereby given that the Assistant Government Agent Mullaitivu, will receive sealed tenders for the purchase, subject to Toddy Rent Sale Conditions published in Government Gazette No. 8606 of April 26, 1940 and the General Conditions applicable to all Excise Licences, of the exclusive privilege of selling fermented toddy by retail in the undermentioned taverns during the period July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941.

2. For further particulars see Government Gazette No. 8,524 of June 14, 1940.

3. The Conditions of Sale and any other required information can be obtained at the Vavuniya Kachcheri.

S. S. NAVARATNAM,

Assistant Government Agent,

The Kachcheri,

Vavuniya, June 10, 1940

List of Taverns referred to:—

No.	Division.	Local Area.	Date & Place, time of closing.
5	Maritime	Vattapalai Pattas	June 25, 1940 9-30 hrs
8	Vavuniya	Kachcheri-North	June 25, 1940 9-40 a.m.

(G. 10. 17-6-40)

## Resale of Arrack Tavern for Nonpayment of Instalments

Notice is hereby given that the Assistant Government Agent, Mullaitivu, will receive sealed tenders for the purchase of the exclusive privilege of selling arrack by retail in the undermentioned arrack tavern for the period June 23, 1940 to September 30, 1940 on Saturday the 22nd, June, 1940, at 9.15 a.m. at the Vavuniya Kachcheri.

2. Full particulars as to the conditions etc. can be obtained on application at the Vavuniya Kachcheri.

S. S. NAVARATNAM,

Assistant Government Agent,

The Kachcheri,

Vavuniya, June 10, 1940.

Arrack Tavern referred to:—

No.	Division.	Local Area.
1	Vavuniya	Sanitary Board Town

(G. 11. 17-6-40)



**"France is Still Alive"****M. Reynaud's Appeal**

Broadcasting last night from Paris, M. Reynaud said: "In the misfortune which has befallen our country it is necessary to say one thing. At a time when fate is crushing us I want to tell the world about the heroism of the French Army. The spirit of France cannot be broken by invasion."

"All free men must know that the moment has come to prevent Hitler from succeeding in his plan. The French Army was but an advance guard of free men of the world but in losing this battle we have inflicted great losses the enemy and we have greatly shattered their morale."

"We know what admiration the world has for France but now France has the right to turn and speak to the other Democracies. She has the right to say to them: 'I have a claim on you.' But it is one thing to approve, another thing to act. We know the people held by ideals in the life of the great American people. Will they hesitate longer to declare themselves against Nazi Germany? I asked President Roosevelt repeatedly to extend American help to the Allies as far as it was possible within the laws of the United States. Tonight, I addressed to him a last appeal."

"It is no longer the time for half-hearted measures. The struggle is now for France's very life. The battle is increasing in severity every day. Henceforward it has sense only if in carrying it on we can see even after all the growing hope of common victory."

"The superiority in quality of British aviation is showing itself. It will be necessary for clouds of war planes from beyond the Atlantic to crush the evil power which is dominating Europe. Despite our reverses the power of the Democracies remains immense."

"We have the right to hope that the day is approaching when all that power will be thrown into the scale. We may hope that the day is near when the evil forces will be beaten. This is why we wanted France to keep a free Government and why we left Paris so that Hitler could not seize the only legal Government of France and institute some puppet government as he tried to do in all places."

**"Great Test"**

"In the course of the great test that lies ahead we shall show ourselves worthy of our past traditions. Our people have known many hard periods but we have always held out. Whatever may happen the French will know how to suffer. Let them be worthy of their history. Let them be full of courage and be brotherly. The Fatherland is wounded but the day of resurrection will come."

**Britain Reassures Her Determination****Message to the French Nation**

London, June 14.

The British Government has sent the following message to the French Government:

"In this solemn hour for the British and French nations and for the cause of freedom and democracy to which they have vowed themselves His Majesty's Government desire to pay to the Government of the French Republic the tribute which is due to the heroic fortitude and constancy of the French armies in their battle against enormous odds. Their effort is worthy of the most glorious traditions of France and has inflicted a deep and long lasting injury upon the enemy's strength."

"Great Britain will continue to give the utmost aid in her power. We take this opportunity of proclaiming the indissoluble union of our two peoples and our two Empires. We cannot measure the various forms of tribulation which will fall upon our peoples in the near future."

**Ordeal by Fire**

We are sure that the ordeal by fire will only fuse them together into one unconquerable whole. We renew to the French Republic our pledge and resolve to continue the struggle at all costs in France, in this Island, upon the oceans and in the air wherever it may lead us, using all our resources to the utmost limits and sharing together the burden of repainting the ravages of war."

"We shall never turn from the conflict until France is safe and erect in all her grandeur, until the wronged and enslaved States and peoples have been liberated and until civilisation is safe from the nightmare of Nazidom."

"That this day will dawn we are more sure than ever. It may dawn sooner than we now have the right to expect."

**Auction Sale**

D. O. J. 14044

Arunasalam Edward of Velanai East Plaintiff.

Vs.

1. Kanapathippillai Muthuthamby and
2. Aiyampillai Ponniah both of do Defendants.

Under and by virtue of the commission issued to me by the District Court of Jaffna, in the above case, I shall sell the undermentioned properties by Public Auction on Saturday the 20th July 1940 commencing at 9 a.m. at the spot.

**PROPERTIES REFERRED TO:**

(1) A piece of land situated at Velanai in the Parish of Velanai, in the Islands Division of the Jaffna District Northern Province called 'Methkutheliyal' according to possession 12 Lms V. C. palmyrahs and young palmyrahs, cultivated plants and bounded on the East by Lane, North by the Second land herein below described, West by the property of Rasammah wife of Muthuthamby and on the South by the properties of Nagamuthu widow of Arumugam, Sellammah wife of Arumugam, Thangamuthu widow of Kanapathy. Of this an undivided half share.

(2) Land situated at do called 'Thethkutheliyal' in extent 18½ Lms. V. C. Do. 'Kilakkutheniya' in extent 6 Lms. V. C. Total extent is 24½ Lms. V. C. with share of well, house, palmyrahs, young palmyrahs,

**Ceylon Offer Appreciated****Lord Lloyd's Message**

Colombo, Friday.

It is understood that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has informed the Government of Ceylon that the British Government greatly appreciates the Ceylon Government's offer of a war contribution.

The Secretary of State's message, which has been received by cable, states that Ceylon's offer is being considered by certain authorities, and that a definite reply will be sent by June 20.

**Men, Money and Material**

The offer of a war contribution from Ceylon was decided upon by the Board of Ministers on Tuesday and the Secretary of State was immediately communicated with on the subject.

His reply was before the Board of Ministers yesterday.

The offer made by the Board of Ministers consist of:—

- (1) A large money contribution;
- (2) Commodities like coconut oil, copra, tea and rubber;
- (3) A volunteer corps for service in the Air Force in any part of the Empire.

**Training Facilities**

The Board of Ministers has expressed its willingness to bring forward a vote to purchase the necessary planes, and asked the Secretary of State whether he would obtain facilities for the training of local volunteers in any part of the Empire where such facilities are available.

Irupai and Coconut trees and other plantations and bounded on the East by Lane and the property of Sivakamipillai wife of Somanathapillai, North by the properties of Sivakamipillai wife of Somanathapillai, Annamuthu wife of Nagamany, Kathiravelu Murugasu and Sellamuthu wife of Thillaiampalam, West by the property of Sellamuthu wife of Thillaiampalam and on the South by the property of Rasammah wife of Muthuthamby and the first land mentioned above. Out of the whole of this an undivided 13 Ls. V. C. and 4 kls, but exclusive of the house the whole of this remainder.

(3) Land situated at do called 'Aiyipinaram' in extent 11 Lms. V. C. with palmyrahs, young palmyrahs and well and bounded on the East by Lane, on the North by Road, on the West a d South by the property of Ponnammah wife of Kathiravelu.

(4) Land situated at do called 'Thaivupulam' in extent 20 Lms. P. C. and bounded on the East by the property of Sivakamipillai wife of Somanathapillai, North by the properties of Ponnachy wife of Nagamuthan and Ramani Appapillai, West by water channel and South by the property of Vaithilingam Nagalingam. The whole hereof.

(5) Land situated at do called 'Varaniampulam' in extent 14 Lms. V. C. and 6 kls. with well, palmyrahs, Coconuts and Margosa trees and bounded on the East by Lane, North by the property of Velan Perumal, West by the properties of Nagamuthu Arumugam, Sellammah wife of Manickam and on the South by the property of Theivanai wife of Sinnan and Naganathar Aiyampillai. The whole hereof.

S. MUTTUKUMARASWAMY,  
Commissioner of Sales.

"Siva Villa",  
Manipay,

17-6-40.

(Mis 61. 17-6-40)

**French Lines Intact****Enemy Claim Denied**

Saturday.

The German claim that the whole of the French line has broken down between the sea and the Maginot Line near Montmedy is stoutly denied by the French and is discountenanced in London where the authoritative view is that this is only wishful thinking on the part of the enemy.

The French maintain that they are fighting magnificently and holding out against overwhelming odds. Meantime, says Reuter, the movements on both sides of the battle are hampered by the fact that the roads are choked with a phalanx of refugees whose vehicles move in serried mass, often many miles long, at about one to three miles an hour.

The German advance has been so rapid that it has been impossible for the French to evacuate towns in any proper order or to supply means of transport. France is trying to absorb in the south and the west nearly a quarter of the country's population—now refugees—besides a large number of Belgians and nationals of Luxembourg.

**British Returning To France**

London, Friday.

Ever since the B. E. F. was evacuated from Dunkirk, members of the Allied forces, together with their supplies and equipment, have been arriving at a British port and embarking again for France. From dawn till dusk, trains have been arriving and men with guns of every type, armoured vehicles, supply and transport vehicles and equipment of all kinds, have been sent across the Channel at night in ships gathered from half the ports in Britain. Since the troops arrived back from France, much valuable training has been put in and correspondents who have been witnessing their departure expressed the highest opinion of their appearance and of the material with which they are equipped.

The announcement by the official German news agency that the whole of the French line has broken down between the Channel and the Maginot Line near Montmedy is discountenanced in authoritative circles in London.

Indeed their view is that they do not believe a word of it. The authoritative view is that this is only what the Germans would like to happen. The grounds for such an opinion are that, yesterday, the French were fighting very well and it seems very improbable that the whole of the French resistance, from the sea to Montmedy, would breakdown completely in one morning.

It is confirmed that the French have withdrawn behind Paris and the main enemy push is as before on the west and the south of Rouen and on the east and on both sides of Rheims.

Nobody will pretend that the loss of Paris does not matter, but it is not of great strategic value.



**Order Nisi**IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 853.

In the matter of the estate of the late  
Sivagurunather Rajathungam of  
Vannarponnai East, JaffnaDeceased  
Kulantainachan widow of Sivaguru-  
nather Rajathungam of Vannar-  
ponnai East  
Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Tharmanayaki daughter of Rajathungam
2. Rajathungam Sivanesa Rajah
3. Rajathungam Mahendran all of Vannarponnai East and
4. Sivagurunather Ulagakavalar Somasegaram of do presently of Galle

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before S. Rodrigo Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 19th day of April 1940 in the presence of Mr. R. Sivagurunather Proctor for the petitioner and an affidavit of the petitioner dated the 27th day of March 1940 having been read:

It is ordered the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Respondents, and that Letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the petitioner accordingly, unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested, shall appear before this Court on or before the 27th day of May 1940 at 10 a.m. and show sufficient cause if any to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

This 19th day of April 1940.

Sgd. S. ODRIGO,  
District Judge.

27.5.40.

Time to show cause extended to  
26th June 1940.(Sgd.) C. Coomaraswamy,  
D. J.

(O. 14. 13 &amp; 17-6-40)

**ORDER NISI**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
JAFFNA

No. A/ 4462

In the matter of an application  
under Section 6 (2) of Ordinance No.  
51 of 1938.The Naddupporal Apiviruththi  
Limited  
Petitioner.

This matter coming on for disposal before S. Rodrigo Esquire, Acting District Judge Jaffna on the 19th day of March 1940 in the presence of Mr. S. Patanjali Proctor, on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner represented by V. Somasundaram of Tinnavelly having been read:

It is ordered that the alteration to the memorandum of Association of the Naddupporal Apiviruththi Limited Tinnavelly Jaffna by the addition of the clauses mentioned herein below and the special resolutions both passed at a general meeting held on 6th January 1940 and confirmed at a subsequent general meeting be confirmed and authorised by court—unless sufficient cause be shown to the contrary by any person or persons interested on or before the 13th day of May 1940.

The Special resolutions referred to:

(j) To sell mortgage develop manage dispose of or grant rights over franchise turn to account or otherwise deal with all or of any part of the property and rights of the company for cash or for stock shares, or securities of any other company for any other and such consideration as the company shall think fit.

(k) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money for the purpose of the company's business and with a view thereto to mortgage and charge the undertaking and all or any of the unutilised capital of the company.

(l) To receive money on deposit at interest or otherwise and for the purpose of raising or securing money

**Order Nisi**IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF JAFFNA

(held at Point Pedro)

Testamentary Jurisdiction No 119/P-T

In the matter of the estate of the late  
Sinnathambiar Arumugam of  
Thunnalai SouthAnnappillai widow of Chinniah of  
Thunnalai South

Vs

Petitioner.

Thamotherampillai Selladurai of  
Thunnalai South  
Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal before E. V. R. Samerawickrama Esquire, Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 16th day of March, 1940, in the presence of Mr. M. Esurapadham, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the petition and affidavit of the petitioner.

It is ordered that the Petitioner as daughter of the deceased be declared entitled to have letters of administration of the estate of the deceased, and that the Letters of Administration be issued to her accordingly unless the Respondent or any other person shall appear before this Court on or before the 12th day of April 1940, and shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 1st day of April, 1940

Sgd. E. V. R. Samerawickrama  
Addl. District Judge.

24.5.1940

Extended for 20.6.1940.

Sd S Rodrigo

A. D. J.

(O. 13. 13 &amp; 17-6-40)

for the performance or discharge of any obligation or liability of the company or for any other purpose if necessary to create execute grant issue any mortgage mortgage debenture stock or obligations of the company.

(m) Lend money with or without security and to invest the money of the company in such manner as the Directors think fit.

(n) To distribute among the shareholders any property the company by way of dividend or upon a return of capital.

(o) To act as Directors Secretaries consignees or commercial agents of any company or companies carrying on business owning property or any kind in Ceylon or elsewhere.

(p) To act as agents for the investment loan payment transmission and collection of money and for the purchase sale and improvement development and management of property including business concerns and undertakings and generally to transact all kinds of agency business whether in respect of agricultural commercial and financial matters.

(q) To enter into any agreement or agreements with Government or any authorities and obtain rights concessions and privileges.

(r) To subscribe to or otherwise aid benevolent charitable or other institutions or objects of a public character or which have any moral or other claims to support or aid by the company by reason of the locality of its operations or otherwise.

That article 32 of the regulations for management of the company be altered to read as follows:—

(s) No business shall be transacted at any meeting except the declaration of a dividend unless a quorum of shareholders is present at the commencement of such business and such quorum shall not exceed "Three".

Jaffna this 4th day of April 1940.

Sgd. S. Rodrigo.

District Judge.

Time to show cause extended till  
6th June 1940

Sgd. S. R.

D. J.

Time to show cause extended to

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Sgd. T. C.

D. J.

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