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## MODERN CIVILIZATION AND PRESENT-DAY INDIA

Encourage Righteous Wars As Against Those For Self-Aggrandisement

### MAN'S DUTY TO STAND BY RIGHTEOUSNESS & JUSTICE

By Shib Chandra Dutt, M. A., B. L.

IT requires no reasoning or facts nowadays to establish the truth that the past of India, compared with the then contemporary world, was glorious, to a degree. In that connection it is only necessary to remember that the past of India shone not only with the depth and splendour of India's spiritual achievements. India showed her capacity in several fields of materialistic achievements as well. It has not been possible for any other country to equal the heights scaled by the spiritual giants of India. On the other hand, India never neglected the worldly life. Till about the eighteenth century India was not behind the rest of the contemporary world in material affairs—in physical strength and heroism, in wealth and prosperity and in knowledge—but was even ahead of the rest of the world in several aspects of material life.

Since the eighteenth century India has been coming into intimate contact with several countries of Europe and latterly she has been coming into intimate contact with the United States of America and modernized Japan as well. As a result of that, the current of civilization has fallen with powerful force and impact upon Indian spiritual life and culture.

It is true that in the earlier stages of that impact the outward glamour and splendour of modern civilization dazzled the eyes of Indians and led them to efforts at blind imitation. But because of the appearance of several first-class spiritual leaders and thinkers on the Indian soil and because of their persistent efforts, this ruinous tendency towards mechanical imitation was resisted to a very great extent.

But this propensity for imitation has not left us completely. On the other hand, the mentality which regards everything of ancient India as invaluable and sacred is not rare in present day India.

We should understand it very clearly that it is not possible to re-create the India of the past. On the other hand, we should know it equally well that it is not possible for us to become cent per cent Englishmen, Frenchmen or Americans. Nor would any of those alternatives be a desirable consummation.

India will not wipe out her past. Nor will she eschew modern civilization. We shall have to maintain intact the substance of Indian spiritual culture and we shall have to advance on the granite and age-old foundations provided by our hoary spiritual culture. But, at the same time, we shall have to welcome and accept all that is good and beautiful in modern civilization. That is our way.

The whole world, nay the whole universe, is the expression of Divine Power and Divine Essence. The climax of man's life consists in expressing the Divinity within man. That is the substance of spirituality. In no other country in the world has that truth found expression in the lives of so many individuals, nor with equal depth, as in India.

India cannot forsake the centre and foundation of her national life throughout the centuries without committing veritable national suicide.

But it will be neither intelligent nor wise to forsake the means and instruments for

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## COMPETITION WITH RAIL TRANSPORT

Canvassing & Advertising Campaigns Launched By Railway

### FALLING OFF IN INDO-CEYLON TRAFFIC

COMPETITION by road hauliers still constitutes one of the chief problems of the Railway. The Motor car Ordinance which came into full operation in June 1939, is designed among other matters to control traffic on the roads and to eliminate the wastes of competition by gradual co-ordination of the services offered by road and rail transport. Time was insufficient during the period under review for any effect in this direction to be felt but the competition has been as severe as in previous years, especially on the Haputale-Badulla section and the Puttalam, Coast and Kelani Valley Lines," says the General Manager of Railways in his Administration Report for 1939.

Following are further extracts from the Report:

In an endeavour to regain the traffic which has been lost as well as to attract new traffic, specially reduced rates have been offered to large consigners and more intensive canvassing and advertising campaigns have been launched. Further collection and delivery facilities at the more important traffic centres have also been introduced.

Canal.—(ii.) On the Colombo-Puttalam line, copra and desiccated coconuts which form the bulk of the produce of the district continue to move by canal in a larger proportion. Economic rates quoted to consignors in the Puttalam area have diverted some portion of this traffic to rail, while the entire salt traffic from the salterns at Palavi and Puttalam is now carried by rail at a reduced rate.

Sea.—(iii.) The expansion of exports from South India, Japan and other countries in the near East, coupled with extended facilities provided by steamship agencies, encouraged

the opening of centres at Jaffna and Batticaloa for the stocking of goods on a large scale for wholesale distribution. The rail traffic in these commodities from Colombo to these areas was seriously affected thereby and the competition had to be met by contracting for large tonnages on lower freights, with appreciable results.

#### General

The ban by the Government of India on emigration of unskilled labour to Ceylon had an adverse effect on the passenger revenue from the Indo-Ceylon connection.

The outbreak of the War in September brought with it an increase in expenditure, specially in running costs, due to the higher price of fuel and other supplies. No general increase of rates or fares was introduced, however, but it became necessary to adjust the rates quoted to special and contract merchandise, and to withdraw some of the special concessions to passenger and excursion traffic.

#### Ceylonization of the Public Services

In pursuance of the policy of Ceylonization of the Public Services, over 10,000 daily-paid employees of this department were called upon to furnish particulars on form indicating whether they were Ceylonese or non-Ceylonese. The non-Ceylonese aggregating 2,400 were given the option of voluntary retirement from the service with gratuities payable to them on their arrival in their homes. About 600 have so far retired under the scheme.

This has entailed a good deal of work necessitating Executive Officers and other Supervisory and Clerical Staff in offices and sheds working at great pressure.





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### THE WAR ENTERS A NEW PHASE

THE LATEST WAR NEWS suggests the possibility of the abandonment by Hitler of his projected invasion of Britain in favour of an intensified economic warfare. With the capitulation of France the war may be said to have entered a new phase. Baulked of his ambition to seize the French navy intact, Hitler perhaps finds the sea an insurmountable barrier to his megalomaniac ambition of carrying the war to the British Isles and of achieving something which the Great Napoleon failed to achieve. German strategy pinned its faith on the superiority of the aeroplane as an offensive weapon to the navy and based its calculations on this idea. The first ten months of war have not established the vulnerability of the navy to aerial attack and the British navy is as powerful as ever. The invader has to reckon with the might of Britain's naval superiority before he can land forces in sufficient numbers and with necessary equipment on English soil. By far the greater part of the men and material is certain to be sunk by the navy and the R. A. F. while on transit. Even if a few manage to evade the navy and effect a landing, their communication with the continent will be effectually cut off. In the face of these possibilities it is no wonder that Hitler feels hesitant and turns his attention to the organisation of an economic warfare. Rationing has been introduced into England not because of any immediate shortage of food, but in view of the possibilities of a siege by means of submarines and the air arm. Aerial bombing has become a daily event after the armistice with France. It is noteworthy that the R. A. F. have given a good account of themselves, showing their decided superiority arm to arm to the German air force. The shortage in numbers will soon be made up, thanks to the intensification of production at home and the very heavy orders placed in U. S. A. and the Empire. Aerial attacks on ports, convoys and towns are to be expected in all intensity, but the great cost to the enemy of such attacks has been seen by the large numbers already accounted for by the R. A. F. and the anti-aircraft guns. In the face of the sound defence that has been already organised, the

enemy aeroplanes are fighting shy of well-defended positions and have failed to damage any military objectives. The R. A. F. on the contrary have on many occasions successfully attacked naval bases, aerodromes, petrol dumps and inflicted serious damages on military objectives. Though the occupied territories place Germany in a more advantageous position than in the last war, yet in an economic war she is sure to be worsted in the long run. Europe has always been importing large quantities of food from abroad. The economic disorganisation wrought by the war in most parts of Europe will add to this shortage of food and is likely to bring the spectre of famine in winter to most parts of the continent. This will add to the hardships of Germany before long instead of bringing it relief. As for Britain the navy by maintaining the lines of communication with the East and the West can ensure adequate supplies of food and raw material and will be in a position to maintain an effective contraband control on all the high seas. A war of attrition is the last thing that Germany will bargain for.

### THE NORTHERN ASSIZES

Arumugathan Kandayan and Kandayan Kathirgaman of Navaly who stood charged at the Northern Assizes with attempting to murder Sinnapodian Velupillai of Navaly and with aiding and abetting in the offence respectively were found guilty and sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment each.

### Vavuniya Case

The next case taken up for trial was from Vavuniya in which one N. C. Rodrigo stands charged with the culpable homicide not amounting to murder of Mr. Murugesu of Navaly who was an Overseer at Vavuniya.

It was stated that the accused was a cook under the deceased and Mr. V. A. Kandiah of Tirunelveli, a P. W. D. contractor at Vavuniya. Resenting the orders given by the deceased who had also assaulted him, the accused struck the former with a hammer on the head. The deceased succumbed to the injuries some days after the incident.

The trial is proceeding. Mr. C. T. Navaratnam is defending the accused.

### COCONUT POONAC AS MANURE

#### Reduction in Railway Freight Urged

The Low Country Products Association has decided to approach the Government with a request for a reduction in the railway freight charges for coconut poonac conveyed for use as manure.

The Association is also taking steps to urge that, in view of the depressed state of the coconut industry, the Government should purchase coconut poonac for distribution as manure among cultivators.

### ATTACK on BRITAIN IN "3 or 4 DAYS"

#### WHAT ROME HOPES

#### "NO NEED FOR DELAY"

London, Saturday.

"THE Axis attack on Britain and the British Empire is expected to begin within four or five days," says the Rome correspondent of the "Baster Nachrichten" (Zurich), who adds that it is considered there is no further need for delay since the recent meeting at Munich completely cleared up the situation in south-east Europe.

Britain's "day of reckoning" is due in the matter of weeks now, according to a long article in the official "Relazioni Internazionali," Rome.

It says that new orientations towards a new form of life which is appearing in various countries ought to be carefully examined because by simple diplomatic manoeuvre an attempt can be made to escape responsibilities which inevitably fall upon those countries when peace is made.

France may be Fascist or non-Fascist, but she is not thereby relieved of the grave responsibilities of the war which she launched against the Axis Powers. The realities of the European situation are dominated by the will of the Italians and Germans directed by one idea—the bloc of Fascism and National Socialism.

There is a place therein for Spain. Hungary has been a faithful friend of the Axis and it is not her fault that her just demands were not settled in a spirit of goodwill. It is certain that a really new balance must be established in the Balkan sector.

### SUPERIOR TO GERMAN PLANE

#### The American Pursuit Plane

New York, Friday.

A modified type of American pursuit plane, for which the British Purchasing Commission has placed large orders, has been taken into a power-dive by an English test pilot at 600 miles per hour.

The pilot found it "very steady," with an absence of wing flutter which appeared in similar tests of other planes. He further said that it was superior to any German plane now in use. The production of this model is just getting under way.

#### Packard to Make Aero Engines

The United States Defence Commission has announced that the Directors of the Packard Motor Company have approved the "general arrangement" for the production of 9,000 Rolls-Royce aeroplane engines for the United States and Britain. Contracts are being prepared, covering this arrangement.

#### Assistant Analysts

Messrs S. Ramanathan and N. Jayatunge have been appointed to be Assistant Analysts, Government Analyst's Department, with effect from July 1, 1940.

### "CONVINCE THE MINORITIES"

#### Request to Congress President

Matara, Thursday.

"I am proud of being a Sinhalese, but if the Sinhalese try to monopolize the rights of the country it would be a danger to the Ceylonese; all nationalities should work in harmony for the achievement of liberty and the only association which provides a common platform where all nationalities can meet is the Ceylon National Congress" said Mr. D. S. Senanayake, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, at a meeting convened by the Matra Maha Jana Sabha for the formation of a branch of Congress.

Mr. Wilfred Gunesekere welcomed Mr. G. C. S. Corea, President of Congress, and members who had come from Colombo.

Mr. Rajah Hewavitarane, M. S. C., asked the President to convince the minority communities that they were sincere. They should show their British rulers that they were united, then only could they attain Swaraj. Burma, which had been under the British for only 65 years, had been promised Swaraj, but Ceylon has not been given that privilege owing to the existing disharmony among the communities.

In Matara, all communities lived in unity and he thought that it would be easy to urge them to join the Congress.

Mr. Corea said that the goal of liberty was close at hand and that they were endeavouring to attain that through Congress. Whatever liberty Ceylon at present enjoyed was due to Congress.

As a nation, however, the Ceylonese were far below the standard of smaller countries. They were weak in their finance, industry and agriculture.

On the proposal of Mr. E. Y. D. Abeygoonawardena, seconded by Mr. A. F. Wijemanne, a branch was formed.

#### Additional Magistrate, Mallakam

Mr. M. Vythialingam has been appointed to be Additional Magistrate, Mallakam, on July 27, 1940, to hear M. C. Mallakam Case No. 21,222.

### MATRIMONIAL

#### CHELVANAYAGAM—RAJIAH

The marriage took place last Thursday at the bride's residence at Kaladdy, Vannarponne East, of Mr. V. Chelvanayagam, B. A. of the Copay Training College, with Miss Rajiah, daughter of Mr. A. Rajiah Station Master, Pallai. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends of both parties at the ceremonies.

#### SWAMINATHAN—

#### SINNATHAMBY

The marriage took place on Thursday, the 10th instant, at Bambalapitiya of Mr. S. Swaminathan, Chief Clerk, Kegalle Kachcheri, with Miss Maheswari, second daughter of Mr. K. Chittambalam, Ayurvedic Physician, Vannarponne West, and sister of Mr. K. C. Thangarajah, of the Rubber Control Department, Colombo.



## WEEK BY WEEK

### WILL RUSSIA BE A PASSIVE ONLOOKER?

(BY MAN ABOUT TOWN)

WHILE Hitler and Mussolini discuss redrawing the map of Europe, Stalin is moving swiftly to redraw Europe to his own liking. As a result of this the Balkans become the storm centre of the European drama. All through Italy has been claiming the Balkans as her special concern. To Germany, the Balkans afford a good outlet for her goods and a happy hunting ground for raw materials which she so sorely needs. Russia at least would like the status quo maintained there. Turkey on the other hand claims to be the leader of the small Balkan States. And if the war is carried into the Balkans, as it threatens to be, Russia cannot be a mere passive onlooker as she had been from the beginning of the war. Recent events indicate that the war scene may shift to South East Europe and from there to the Near East. Turkey is aware of this and is talking all determined measures to preserve her independence and integrity. Russia will not for a moment tolerate any inroads made by Italy into the Balkans. The Axis partners must as a matter of necessity gain control of the Balkans and thus ensure a source of raw materials for their military machines. In this European tangle, Hungary, Bulgaria and now Rumania are pro Axis. Turkey, Yugoslavia, Greece are pro-British. And Stalin wants to see Turkey, and Yugoslavia as his satellites. Will British diplomacy placate Stalin and yet maintain her own interests?

#### "Silent Column"

"Our strategy, Hitler told Dr. Hermann Rauschning in 1933, 'is to destroy the enemy from within, to conquer him through himself..... Mental confusion, indecisiveness, panic: these are our weapons.' With these the Nazis succeeded in Norway, Holland, Belgium and France. And one wonders whether after all Hitler's secret weapon is his "Fifth Columnist". England has learnt a lesson from Hitler's campaign in Europe. The Government is devoting much attention to the Home Front, every English man is made to know the enemy's tactics. The civilians are being organised to meet all emergencies. The call has come from Mr. Duff Cooper to the people to join a "Silent Column" pledged to kill rumour, to stop indiscreet talk and to mobilise itself against depressing and defeatist conversation. The Government's aim is to organise the whole population into an army without arms and uniforms to resist and defeat the onslaught of Dr. Goebbels' men and words.

#### "Total Warfare"

The Germany always prepares for a lightning war. She stakes her all on a quick onslaught on the enemy. On the other hand England prepares for a long war and comes out successful in the end. In the present war German war machine was prepared by a Dictator and the British war machine by Democracy. Thus the type of war waged by the one is different from the other. The English characteristic is that it

grows out of a muddle and the German grows out of method. The whole life and work of the German nation for the last few years were prepared to it. The whole country was obsessed with the idea of a coming war. And all has been staked on the throw of the dice. It must either be rapid success or rapid failure. The Germans seem to think, "Is it not better to lose a war in a fortnight than after four years? And, if it can be won in a fortnight, all the better still."

#### Jeermans Calling!

"Export of war material from Jeermans by the expert Haw-Haws, Quips and Haws three jeers for England, hip, hip, hip, and thigh, sneers for England, sneer my eye to Zeesen. Snarers unceasing, but snarers increasing have a new master. Putting on the Blitz, the Berlitzkrieg school of languages. Give Hitler enough Europe and he'll harangue himself. Making your flesh creep, goose flesh, goose step, goosey—goosey gander, gruesome propaganda where do you wander, upstairs, downstairs, in the Second Chamber. The Chamber of Horrors, the Chamberlain of Horace, Sir Horrors Wilson, and wicked Winston, wringing our withers, do you wonder. Memories of Precedent Wilson, from bad to Vessailles, position is fourteen points of the law. No law for Haw-Haw, the ass with a manacle in his eye. A miracle every night. The British are absolutely sunk—and is this the voice that sank a thousand ships? The British Knave is no more thanks to Winston the wicked—and the Jeermans are building many fast vessels, with thousands of horst power."—Time and Tide.

#### Teutonic Thoroughness

Hitler has not forgotten a particular November the 1918. True to the traditions of Teutonic thoroughness, he did not even forget the old railway dining car in which Marshal Foch handed over to the Germans his terms of armistice in 1918 and in the historic scenery of the forest of Compegne, Hitler had the emotional satisfaction of reversing history. Petain surrendered with dishonourable terms, Hitler may gloat over it. But the fly in the ointment is that the war is not ended and the mastery of Europe does not mean mastery of England.

#### The Present

The war situation is growing daily more tense and the flames are spreading fast. At any moment they may spread to the East. In any case the situation is grave for the Empire and its every unit must rally round the cause of freedom and democracy. In a world under Hitler man cannot think, cannot hear and cannot talk. We in Ceylon should close up our ranks, work at the ideal of a united nation. With a victorious England and her Empire, there will be a new world order where small units like Ceylon will have to take a larger share in the affairs of her people. There-

## INDIA WILL HELP IN THE WAR

### If India's Demand is Fulfilled

Nainital, July 12

Questioned about the view of certain circles that Congress, by its Delhi resolution, has only shown its readiness to defend India and not to participate or help in the war, the Congress President, Maulana Azad said:

"It is absolutely baseless. When we passed the resolution, everyone of us was quite clear on this point, that, if India's demand was fulfilled, it would be the duty of India to participate in the war. The resolution had no other meaning in the mind of even a single individual out of the fifteen members of the Congress Working Committee who were present."

### Acting Clerk of the State Council

Mr H. E. Peries has been appointed to act in addition to his other duties, as Clerk of the State Council and Secretary to the Board of Ministers with effect from July 9, 1940, until the resumption of duties by Mr. E. W. Kannangara or until further orders.

fore the time is now opportune for a lot of "bridge building". The call has come from His Excellency, and unity attained under the stress of war would indeed prove a blessing for the future. Let all, — the majority community and the minorities, — create the necessary atmosphere that will conduce to a unity of purpose, unity of action and a common allegiance to the country and the Empire. The Sinhalese as the major community should convince the minorities that they are sincere and that under them the minorities have nothing to fear. They should also concede the legitimate demands of the minorities. On the other hand the minorities should not put forward impossible demands from the major community and should not behave towards them in a spirit of bargaining nor should they view every move on the part of the majority community with suspicion. The path of salvation lies in unity. No one community should monopolize the rights of the country so as to endanger the rights of others.

#### A National Committee

The move by Mr. Bandaranayake for a National Committee for the purpose of concentrating on essential common problems of all communities should receive the support of all lovers of this country. This will be a beginning for larger efforts at a united Ceylon. At the same time this move is a confession that narrow communalism under the garb of Nationalism does not even benefit a community and a revelation from the non-believer in a Ceylonese nation. There is lot of common ground under which all communities in this island can unite. The economic backwardness is common to all; poverty in the island shows no difference between Sinhalese, Tamil or Moor. And a common peril unites different conflicting parties and interests and may help the formation of a nation.

## NO REDUCTION IN COCONUT FREIGHT

### SOUTH INDIAN RLY'S DECISION

### AGITATION AGAINST "DUMPING"

Colombo, July 13.

It is learned that the South Indian Railway authorities have declined a request from Ceylon for a reduction of the freight rates on coconut on the South Indian Railway.

One reason which has definitely weighed with the authorities in India is the situation of the South Indian coconut growers against the so-called "dumping" of coconuts by Ceylon in the Indian market.

In a communication to the General Manager of the Ceylon Government Railway, the Chief Commercial Superintendent of the South Indian Railway has made a point of the fact that there is a strong agitation by the Indian coconut growers or the imposition of a prohibitive tariff against Ceylon coconut on the plea that the dumping of this commodity into Indian ports has upset the price level and the Indian producers find it an unremunerative proposition to market their nuts.

#### Reasons for Refusal

The Chief Commercial Superintendent of the S. I. R. has commented that whether this version of the South Indian growers is correct or not, the fact remains that any reduction in the existing rates to stimulate movement of Ceylon nuts to consuming markets on the South Indian Railway will be strongly opposed, except in the case of part to port traffic, where a reduction can be justified on the ground of sea competition.

In mentioning these objections to the proposal, he has called attention to the fact that there is extensive cultivation of coconut in the Malabar Coast, in addition to small plantations in other parts of Southern India.

For these reasons, and also because of present unsettled conditions caused by the war. He has expressed regret that any reduction in the existing rates over the South Indian Railway for the transport of Ceylon coconut produce is not possible.

## INDIGENOUS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### Deputation Waits on Committee

A deputation of the Indigenous Medical Association waited on Standing Committee B. of the State Council on Friday in regard to the Bill to establish a Board of Indigenous Medicine and to vest in that Board the administration and management of the College of Indigenous Medicine.

The deputation which was led by Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya, was in favour of the Bill, but claimed that the certificate issued to practitioners by the Association which it represented should receive the same recognition as that issued by The College of Indigenous Medicine.



## THE TANK

### A British Invention

THE tank is a British invention. The idea of a car driving irresistibly over enemy resistance had always had a peculiar appeal to the British temperament, it seems.

Julius Cæsar was amazed at the chariots with scythes on the wheel hubs that made mincemeat of his legionaries.

But when gunpowder came in, the battle car went out of fashion for four hundred years.

At the beginning of the last war strategists were convinced of the superiority of the attack.

Their view was falsified when, in the autumn of 1914, the Germans proved able to entrench themselves behind the river Aisne so firmly that no thrust dislodged them.

Already in October of that year Colonel Ernest Swinton, an officer of the Royal Engineers (now the widely known Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton), had worked out a battle car to combine the features of a tractor with the power of a high-speed internal combustion engine.

#### Churchill's Interest

His battle car idea was not successful at first. Sir Maurice Hankey had shown it to Lord Kitchener, who was very sceptical. He also happened to show it to Mr. Asquith who submitted the draft to Mr. Winston Churchill.

He became so interested that the Admiralty were persuaded to try the idea. They experimented with large-wheeled machines, with steam-rollers coupled together and with caterpillar tractors.

At last a joint naval and military committee was formed, a specification setting out the necessary requirements was drawn up, and on February 2, 1916, "Big Willie", ancestor of all tanks, passed all tests at Hatfield.

Curious inquirers into what was going on, were told that a "tank" was being built, and "tank" the new device has been named ever since.

On February 12, 1919 the War Office ordered 100—only 100—tanks. This was not the idea of the inventor. He had hoped to overwhelm all resistance by the sudden appearance of a new weapon in vast quantities, which is, of course the Nazi technique.

But authority was doubtful about this and preferred to make the first test on a limited scale. The tanks were oblong in shape, their caterpillar track, which went all round them, was the design of Lieutenant Wilson. They weighed twenty-eight tons and did four miles an hour.

As they were delivered from the factory the new weapons were concentrated at a secret camp in Suffolk. They were manned by a special detachment of the machine gun corps, commanded by Colonel Swinton, the inventor.

#### Two Types

These early tanks were designed to hunt in pairs, a "male" equipped with two six-pounder guns, to demolish obstructions, and a "female," fitted with four machine-guns, to deal with the defenders. It was reckoned that they could cross a ten-foot trench, crunching the wire away in their path.

On September 15, 1916, just before dawn, forty-nine tanks went

## CLERICAL EXAM

### Additional List of Passes

The following additional candidates have been selected for appointment to the lowest grade of the General Clerical Service on the results of the Examination held on March 16, 1940:

W. M. G. Abeyratne, A. N. de S. Abeyawardane, K. A. Din, P. Asirvatham.

T. Balasubramaniam, S. T. Clement, A. Coteling.

S. Cumarasamy, H. V. G. de Silva, L. S. N. de Silva, G. A. Dharmaratne.

V. W. Emmanuel, R. Ethirnayagam.

A. T. P. Fernando, H. J. Fernando, J. C. B. Fernando, K. P. W. Fernando, S. R. Fernando, W. C. I. Fernando, G. E. Forbes.

M. A. P. Georges, D. R. S. Gnanaiyah, K. Gnanayogam, W. N. Jagodage, R. Jayaratnam, C. W. Jayawickrama, R. J. N. Jordan.

K. Kamalarajan, K. Kandiah, S. N. Kandiah, A. Kannudurai, P. V. Mahadevan, S. A. Manuelpillai, C. S. Mendis, T. G. F. Mendis, P. A. Mitratne, D. M. Murage.

S. Navaratnam.

C. H. Pears, L. B. Pussegoda, M. Rajasingham, R. Ramalingam, K. Rasak, S. B. Rodrigues, A. Ronald.

A. A. Salgado, T. Sinnathurai, S. Sivakurupathar, S. Somasuntharam.

R. Thambirajah, V. Tharumalingam, M. H. D. Tissera.

T. Velumby, N. Vetharanyaseyone.

D. W. Wickramaratne, D. H. E. Wijanathan.

H. R. Young.

The Government does not undertake to provide the candidates with posts immediately but they will be given appointments as vacancies occur.

### Former M S C. Arrested

Colombo, Saturday.

Dr. S. A. Wickremasinghe, a former member of the State Council, was arrested yesterday under the Emergency Regulations by Mr. C. N. E. Wijesuriya, Assistant Superintendent, Criminal Investigation Department.

Dr. Wickremasinghe was produced before the Matara Magistrate and was remanded till July 22 pending the completion of inquiries by the Police.

Dr. Wickremasinghe was brought to Colombo yesterday and is being held on remand.

into action near Cambrai, between the rivers Somme and Aisne. They rumbled slowly ahead of the advancing infantry and their terrific appearance overwhelmed the enemy with terror exactly as the inventor had prophesied.

Fourteen of them got stuck, only thirty-two reaching the enemy front line. But those thirty-two were enough.

Within twelve hours the infantry had advanced 12,000 yards along front of several miles, with casualties relatively light. The vast expense of a preliminary barrage was dispensed with.

The astonished enemy either ran away or surrendered. One tank alone took 300 prisoners, and it is highly probable that the war would have ended then and there if only the new device had been used on the larger and wider scale as its inventor had dreamed of.

## ESTATE DUTY ORDINANCE

### Draft Amendments

A Draft Ordinance to amend certain provisions of the Estate Duty Ordinance was gazetted last Friday. The object of the amending Ordinance is to obviate certain difficulties which have arisen in estimating the value of an estate at the time of the death of the owner.

The Estate Duty Ordinance at present requires that the value of a property shall be estimated to be the price which it would fetch if sold in the open market at the time of the death of the deceased. This requirement, states Mr. C. H. Collins, the Acting Financial Secretary, in explaining the objects and reasons of the new Bill, has caused difficulty in the case of property consisting of shares in private companies or in companies which have laid down restrictions as to the right of an owner of shares to transfer them.

Moreover, there are cases in which the market value of shares at the time of the death cannot be ascertained by reason of the fact that the shares have not been the subject of transactions at or about the time of the death.

#### Difficulties Overcome

Clause 2 of the Bill meets the difficulty by inserting a new subsection based to some extent on certain provisions of the Finance Act, 1930, of the Imperial Parliament.

Under the sub-section, the Commissioner of Estate Duty will be empowered in cases where any shares have not, within a period of one year before the death, been quoted in the official list of a recognised stock exchange in the United Kingdom or in a list of like nature issued in Ceylon, to direct that the principal value of the shares shall be ascertained by reference to the value of the total assets of the company.

### Pt. Pedro Maha Jana Sabha

Point Pedro, Friday.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Point Pedro Maha Jana Sabha was held on Wednesday the 10th inst with Mr. Sam T. Solomons the President in the chair, the following resolutions moved by Mr. M. Mariampillai and seconded by Mr. S. Fernando were unanimously passed:—

1. "That the Maha Jana Sabha Executive Committee begs the Government Agent N. P. to give permission for the Cinema Hall to be built in the Sanitary Board limits, and not allow it to be put in the Village Committee areas."

2. "That this Sabha thanks the Manager of the Olympia Talkies for having consented to establish a permanent Cinema Hall in Point Pedro." Also a sub-committee was appointed to consider a letter from the Land Commission and report on the question of the development of land in the Mamasmoddai area.

Mr. Sam T. Solomons then referred to the efforts made by public spirited men in Point Pedro to raise a fund called the Jaffna Plane Fund, and suggested that all the Chammatties, doing fishing at present, from Pt. Pedro to Chundikulam, fix upon a day and give the proceeds of the catch of the fixed day to the Jaffna Plane Fund. A sub-committee was appointed to work out the details.

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comfort and betterment afforded by the modern world on the plausible excuse of spirituality.

It should be understood very clearly that there is no clear-cut and water-tight division between spiritual progress and material progress. Material progress is as much the result of man's will power as spiritual progress—only the field of application of the will power in the two cases is different.

Another point should be understood. It is this: that all persons in a society cannot reach the pinnacle of spiritual progress at the same time. Those who have not the capacity or the possibility in them to make quick progress in religious life should not be made to take to the life of renunciation all at once, but should be helped gradually to progress towards renunciation through the path of worldly life.

A few Indians may be the embodiment of the highest spirituality or may be men of outstanding learning, but the vast majority of Indians are illiterate and are steeped in the deepest *tamas*. The contact of the energetic and activist force in modern civilization has been and is of the greatest benefit to them.

Fundamentally there is no contradiction or incompatibility between Indian spirituality on the one hand, and modern methods of production, transportation and means of communication, modern political and judicial systems, modern liberty, civic rights and feminine freedom on the other. If India accepts (as to some extent she has been doing) modern civilization on the foundations of her spirituality, Indian civilization will attain a development more glorious than in the past. Besides, by such fusion and assimilation modern civilization will lose its ugly aspect and hollowness—it will lose its godless and non-moral aspect. There will then be not two civil-

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## Turkey will Defend Her Independence

### Prime Ministers Declaration

Ankara, Friday.

"Turkey's only answer to any threat to her independence will be to take up arms and to defend the country to the last," declared Dr. Reyfik Saydam, the Prime Minister, in a speech in Parliament, this afternoon.

Dr. Saydam made a bitter attack on the German intrigues in Turkey. The speech, says Reuter, was a direct reply to the efforts by Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador, both to secure the resignation of M. Sukru Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, and to disturb Russo-Turkish relations.

At the request of the Prime Minister, the Assembly later unanimously passed a vote of confidence in the Government.

### Will Treat It With Contempt

Dr. Saydam, in the course of his speech, said: "One of the events of the last few days has certainly attracted your attention. A foreign agency is in the act of publishing a series of documents among which are documents concerning Turkey. A certain number of newspapers are publishing articles based on them. The issue of correct or false documents can, in no way, disturb the Turkish people and Government. But your Government would have sincerely desired that this publication should be made without alteration, for we have such confidence in the correctness and the clarity of our policy that such publication could only confirm this correctness. There is only one reply to those who, on the basis of documents so published, accuse Turkey and try to compromise Turkish statesmen who will not serve their designs. It is to turn away with contempt."

Dr. Saydam proceeded: "The men now directing Turkey have only one programme—the security of the Turkish republic—and alongside that are cherishing friendships appropriate to Turkish interests and security. Faithful to her friendships and resolute to defend her independence and liberty, Turkey, united like a single body, awaits events."

### No Longer "Sick Man"

"We do not attempt either to provoke or attack our neighbours. We note with satisfaction the evident proof that the same sentiments are shared by them. The only response which the Turkish people will make to any action threatening the independence of the Turkish republic or the integrity of its territory will consist in taking up arms and defending the country to the last. In spite of the world's unstable situation, our country does not seem exposed to any imminent danger, and continues to be animated by the will to maintain good relations with all States, particularly with her neighbours."

## Third Term For Mr. Roosevelt?

### Unprecedented in U. S. History

Washington, Friday.

If Mr. Roosevelt is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for a third term of office as President of the United States—something unprecedented in American history—his only opponents will be Vice-President Garner and, possibly, Postmaster-General Farley, neither of whom is believed to have the slightest chance against him.

Mr. Burton Wheeler, the isolationist Senator from Montana, who has threatened to form a separate "peace party," has issued a statement that he will support whoever the Party nominates and there is no question of a third party.

Mr. Roosevelt stated definitely today that he would not go to Chicago to attend the Democratic Convention. At a Press conference, however, he again evaded questions regarding his intentions should he be nominated for a third term of office.

Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Stimson have decided to give federal training to four divisions of the National Guard "as soon as possible."

It is announced at the White House that training in modern mechanised warfare will also be given to seven anti-aircraft regiments of the National Guard and to an undetermined number of harbour regiments.

The creation of the ninth "streamlined" division, the last to be undertaken under the present plans, is announced by the War Department. It adds that the organisation of numerous other new units, made possible by the prospective increase of 55,000 men in the Regular Army's strength, will be proceeded with.

### Training Class for Sanitary Assts.

Applications have been invited for admission to the Training Class for Sanitary Assistants to be started about the end of August 1940. The applications should reach the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services not later than July 22, 1940.

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## Meeting of Clubs in Colombo

### Support For War Funds

Colombo, Saturday.

SIR Andrew Caldecott, who was called a "No. 1 sportsman" contributed a cheque for Rs. 1,000 to the "War Funds of the Social and Sports Clubs of Ceylon," a campaign which was enthusiastically launched yesterday at a meeting of clubs, held at the Colombo Club (Galle Face). Mr. D. S. Senanayake proposed Mr. O. E. Goonetilleke to the chair. This was seconded by Mr. A. R. Aitken. Dr. Nicholls was elected secretary.

Mr. Goonetilleke said that they started under most favourable auspices. As soon as the meeting was announced, they had received a letter from Sir Andrew Caldecott, backed with a cheque for Rs. 1,000.

They had stated in their circular that they would do nothing to impose any specific rules in regard to the actions of clubs. Certain clubs would like to send in lump sums, others might like to see the names of the subscribers. He personally attached a great deal of importance to the name scheme.

He appealed to individual members who might happen to have reserves to let the Club have part of those reserves. He quoted a phrase used by the Secretary at their first meeting. The phrase read, "We want to give until it hurts. With reference to that phrase he added, "We want to save in order to give again."

He moved that social and sports clubs should take all possible steps to raise funds to be paid into the Government War Purposes Fund under a special heading "War Funds of the Social and Sports Clubs of Ceylon." Each club was free to follow its own methods. A great deal would depend on the service of the Press. If the Press would help with a reasonable amount of publicity, a cause like that could not fail.

Dr. V. R. Schokman seconded the resolution and said that funds were very necessary at a time when Britain, forsaken by her Allies, stood alone in the fight for democracy. The greatest sacrifices must be made for freedom. There should be no difference of opinion between race, creed and colour. In social and sporting clubs there was the removal of the barrier which divided society, such as employer from employee.

Mr. A. E. Goonesinha, Mayor of Colombo, endorsed what Dr. Schokman said.

### Blood and Money

Mr. R. L. Pereira said that they should give in order that they might continue to exist as free citizens. He appealed to members to listen their balance which were growing larger. It was a wise policy to contribute, because if by chance the war were lost those balances would be of no use.

Dr. R. L. Spittel said that the defeat of the British and the Germans coming to Ceylon was something too terrible to contemplate. Everyone of them would do their best to support the Empire which gave blood while they only had to put their hands in their pockets.

Mr. A. R. A. Razik gave his assurance that his community

## Increase in Exports Last Month

### But Coconut Products Show Decline

The total value of exports from Ceylon in the month of June rose by over five million rupees, as compared with the exports in the previous month, according to the Ceylon Customs Returns.

In June, the exports totalled Rs. 36,901,143, while in May the amount was Rs. 31,506,677.

The largest increase during the month was in respect of black tea, the respective amounts for May and June being Rs. 16,583,402 and Rs. 24,383,816.

But there was a decrease in the export figures for rubber, copra, and other coconut products.

The value of rubber exported in June was Rs. 7,889,646, as against Rs. 8,748,167 in May.

The total value of the copra exported during June was Rs. 648,656, which was nearly three lakhs of rupees less than the total for May. The May total was Rs. 902,041.

There was an even greater decrease in the export of coconut oil, the figures for May and June being Rs. 866,691 and Rs. 372,417 respectively. Desiccated coconut, too, showed a lower total. The exports under this head in June amounted to Rs. 164,706, in comparison with Rs. 207,027 in May.

### More Imported Rice

The import figures of the two months revealed a slightly lower total in June, as against May, the respective figures being Rs. 23,415,534 and Rs. 24,826,951.

The value of rice imported last month, however, was Rs. 4,769,782, as compared with Rs. 4,344,122 in May.

There was a large decrease in the import of sulphate of ammonia fertilisers. The total value of this material imported in June was Rs. 412,139, as compared with Rs. 1,156,379 in May.

would always rise to the occasion to subscribe to a good cause.

Mr. F. C. Gibbs wished all communities to do everything they could and should do. He said that it was going to be a good job of work if every club was going to do what it promised. He spoke on behalf of the Colombo Rotary Club.

Mr. C. H. Collins said that as regards sending money to the Treasury it did not matter how it was sent. They would be able to send cash or cheques.

Mr. Stanley de Saram, on behalf of the Ceylon Rugby Football Union, said that his club would contribute from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 5,000.

Mr. R. O. Buell, on behalf of the Y. M. C. A. said that the Y. M. C. A. would do their part.

Mr. R. P. Gaddum said that the sooner they voted on that resolution they would be able to get down to work.

Dr. J. R. Blaze, Dr. T. S. Nair, Mr. C. W. W. Kammangara, and Mr. Denovan Anier heartily supported the resolution which was carried.

Sir Waitialiangam Daraiswamy, Sir Bazon Jayatilaka, Sir Maccan Markar, Sir Solomon Dias Bandaranaike, Mr. W. A. de Silva and Major J. L. Kotlawala had sent letters expressing their inability to be present and their full sympathy with the movement.



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zations, but one civilization only for mankind the world over.

The welfare of the modern world and modern India requires that there should be a harmony between the utmost spirituality and the strong points of modern civilization by a process of natural fusion and assimilation. Because of their past and their present, and their peculiar capacity developed through the ages, it is the task of the Indians to bring that about.

May we appreciate this great task of ours with our whole heart and may we apply ourselves to it with the utmost possible devotion.

The highest age for mankind and for India is still in the darkness of the future. It is for Indians to understand its real nature, to prepare the path for its appearance and to welcome it, and to spread its beneficent light over mankind the world over. On the one hand, we have to let loose an immense and unprecedented flood of spirituality over the whole world. On the other hand, we have to see that the conveniences of life in the widest sense that have been made available by the march of modern civilization are placed within the reach of all. From the standpoint of human civilization that is the first and foremost duty that is before Indians to-day. Never in the history of the world was there a greater task for the inhabitants of a country. May we not be wanting in the strength of character, physical strength, whole-hearted devotion and spirituality that are indispensably necessary for a satisfactory discharge of this greatest of great tasks that ever fell to the lot of any nation.

(Prabuddha Bharata)

## Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 893.

In the matter of the estate and effects of the late Sinnappillai wife of Sabapathippillai Arumugam of Telukanson. F. M. S. Deceased.

Sabapathippillai Arumugam of Karativu West Vs. Petitioner.

1. Saraswathy daughter of Arumugam
  2. Arumugam Kanagasabapathy
  3. Manonmany daughter of Arumugam
  4. Sithamparappillai Kandar all of Karativu West
- The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respondents being minors by their proposed Guardian-ad-litem the 4th respondent

Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the petitioner abovenamed praying that the abovenamed 4th respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respondents in this Testamentary action and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the late Sinnappillai wife of Sabapathippillai Arumugam of Telukanson F. M. S. be granted to the petitioner coming on for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy Esquire District Judge of Jaffna on the 3rd day of July 1940 in the presence of Mr. S. Candiah proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner and his petition and the Supreme Court order dated the 24th day of June 1940 conferring sole and exclusive Testamentary Jurisdiction on this Court in respect of the properties left behind by the deceased within the Jurisdiction of this court having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors the abovenamed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respondents for the purpose aforesaid and that the Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased be granted to the petitioner as her widower unless the respondents or any other person shall appear before this court on or before the 12th day of August 1940 and show sufficient cause if any to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

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