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HINDU SOCIALISM AND RUSSIAN COMMUNISM

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India has her own Vedantic socialism. This socialism strips us of all sense of possession, and makes us cast to the winds all sense of property, all selfish possession. If you have nothing to give up, give up your body to feed the worms. 'This world is my home; its men and women are my brothers and sisters; to love them and serve them is my religion.

'Never will I seek,' says Buddha, 'or receive individual salvation: never will I enter into final peace alone but forever, and everywhere, will I live and strive, for the redemption of every creature throughout the world'

The Upanishads teach us that all individual forms are appearances of of Divine Self.

The Vedanta preaches equality. But this equality is different from Russian equality.

India here parts company with Russia because Russian socialism is fundamentally different from Indian socialism. One is material while the other is spiritual. One believes in science, the other believes in religion; India wants beatitude, Russia wants happiness; Gandhi believes in the spinning wheel, Stalin in spinning aeroplanes. As there is a fundamental difference in outlook, the ideology of one will not suit the temperament of the other. One man's meat is another man's poison; besides, we doubt, if it is genuine meat at all. It seems ersatz! This essential difference will colour our whole philosophy of life. Any philosophy of life, which discards spiritual values is doomed to failure especially so in a country like India. The Sanakhya philosophers and the Charvakas were atheists, and even Buddha was misunderstood to be an atheist still India to this day is a land of spiritual wisdom. India has tried all sorts of social, political, and spiritual experiments—and has come to the conclusion that no philosophy of life is perfect which discards spiritual values.

For, underlying the conflicts between good and evil, pleasure and pain, life and death, is what might be called the primary conflict between man and the universe, the I and the not-I, the subjective ego and the objective world. The Indian philosophers found the solution in 'Advaita Theory of Brahman'

It is upon the fact of the parity of opposites that the very existence of the universe depends. But the problems of life remain unsolved so long as we think in terms of opposites. What are we then to do? We must accept the principle of Brahman. It is a kind of *tertium quid*. It is the principle which goes beyond the pairs of opposites,

'The goal is both and neither. It is a synthesis, whereby the opposites surpass themselves. Just as man and woman unite, and while yet remaining different create a child.' (A. W. Watts)

Our communist comrades say 'All men are equal'. So says India too. But we don't think we can make all men equal by giving them social, political, and economic equality. If all are equal why have we so few Shakespeares, Shelleys, and Stalins? 'All men are equal' is the slogan of the social philosophy of the democratic West. Equal opportunities will bring equal results. But has this theory any basis in the facts of life?

Even supposing equality may be established on earth would this world then remain a world? 'Variety and unity in variety' make up the uniform law of creation. Take away this variety, and this world would cease to be.

The facts of birth and death, and of life itself contradict the theory of equality and sameness. Since individuals are born with temperaments of different orders, they cannot grow and succeed in the same way to the same extent, however equal might be the opportunities afforded them. 'The human society is a graded organization. Since men have different mental constitutions, one and the same ideal cannot be followed by every one in quite the same way.'

Through various reincarnations men attain spiritual perfection. Our philosophy teaches us that in the soul of man there is no distinction either of sex or caste, and the one God dwells in the hearts of all beings. To obtain equality one must get perfect by spiritual knowledge, and not by simply getting social and political rights. We have to take into consideration the cultural background—which is technically called *Samskara*—of each individual.

If you think you can make men happy by giving them comfortable houses, food, ample leisure, and a care-free life, you are sorely mistaken. This happiness will be transitory, not permanent. True happiness lies not in material comforts, but in peace of the mind, which can be attained only through religion and by realizing your Atman.

The theory of relativity, and the quantum theory prove that all our so called scientific obstructions, our experimental method, our scientific instruments our senses and intellect, can never give us glimpses of the 'Total Reality.' So too, when communists think of freedom their vision does not go beyond political freedom. Here the words of the late Dr. Rabindranath Tagore will

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TELLING THE TRUTH

About History

Prof. K. G. Saiyidain Indian delegate, stressed at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation Conference last week at Paris the need for revision of school text books and instanced as an example of too much distortion the fact that in India many history books ended by speaking of the "blessings of English rule."

The professor added: "We must speak the truth in our text books. If we have any skeletons in our cupboards, we should bring them out and not be afraid to face them."

The UNESCO, he suggested, should approach various Governments and national bodies for co-operation in this important matter.

New Indian Embassies

The Government of India, it is learnt, is considering the establishment of two Embassies and a number of Legations in Europe

The Embassies will be located in Moscow and some western European Capital probably Paris.

Mr. K. P. S. Menon, India's Agent-General in China, who is now a member of the Indian Delegation at UNO will be shortly deputed to go to Moscow to explore the possibilities of establishing an embassy there, while Mr. Krishna Menon Secretary of the India League in London, is being sent on a similar mission to the Central and Western European countries

The Jaffna Merchants' Welfare Union

A Special General meeting of the above Union was held at about 4.30 p. m. on 30-11-46 at the C. S. K. Mills, Grand Bazaar with Mr. E. P. Rasiah, the president in the chair.

The draft constitution of the Union was passed with one amendment and the Secretary was authorised to get copies of it printed, both in English and Tamil.

A letter from the Director of Public Works to the Union, "that the cost of the proposed widening of the KKS and Stanley Road junction, amount to about Rs. 100,000 the major portion of which was for acquisition of property and that it was proposed to include an item for this work in the draft estimates for 1947-48 was tabled.

A letter from the Hon'ble the Minister of Home Affairs accepting the Union's invitation to be its Patron was also tabled.

ULTIMATUM TO BRITAIN

The All-India Socialist leader, Mr. Jai Prakash Narain, suggested in an interview with the Editor of the Urdu daily, *Bandemataram* (Lahore) that the British should now "be given six month's ultimatum to leave India finally." "The 1942 revolution and the struggle waged by the Azad Hind Foj have so much weakened the British that they require one more push to be bundled out of India," he said.

AMERICAN IMPERIALISM

Elliot Roosevelt's Attack

The magazine—*Newsweek* of New York quoted a 'reliable individual' as saying that Mr. Elliott Roosevelt (son of the late President Roosevelt) made a pro-Russian speech at a Moscow reception in which he charged that the United States was supporting the United Nations "for purely selfish imperialistic reasons."

The magazine quoted the informant as saying that Mr. Elliott Roosevelt explained that foreign correspondents had no more freedom in the United States than in Russia and that the United States had no business to meddle in the Danube area or the Dardanelles question.

The magazine said Mr. Elliott Roosevelt declared that the Soviet Union had never broken its word while "the United States and Britain repeatedly violated the pledges of Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam". He also said Russia failed to withdraw her troops from Iran because "Britain with American connivance sent in 7000 men, called 'oil experts and technicians'."

Not 10 Crores But 7 Only

Dr. B. S. Moonje, All India Hindu Maha Sabha leader, who was touring the riot-affected areas in Bihar addressing a Press Conference prior to his departure to Calcutta gave impressions of his tour. He said that he did not find even a single instance in which the Hindus took the initiative in creating the disturbances and committing aggression on their Muslim neighbours who were few and far between in the province.

Dr. Moonjee said that he had a talk with the Premier of Bihar regarding the communal situation in the province and suggested to him that, in the matter of handling the situation he "must take the cue from the Premier of Bengal and forsake the policy of appeasement in respect of the Muslim League." Incidentally, Dr. Moonjee asserted that there were only about seven crores of Muslims in India and not ten crores as claimed by the Muslim League leaders,



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THE LONDON CONFERENCE

IN VIEW OF THE DECLARATION by Mr. Jinnah that the Muslim League has decided to boycott the Constituent Assembly, there was no other course open to the British Government than to meet the leaders on both sides and to see whether a way could not be found out of the threatened deadlock. The fact that Mr. Jinnah's position is absolutely untenable does not dispense with the need for the proposed consultation. Mr. Jinnah has been always unreasonable. If there is one man who has, times without number, stood in the way of India's freedom it is Mr. Jinnah. But at the same time, one has got to face the facts squarely. The ideal which the Indian National Congress has pursued is one that demands the co-operation of not only Hindus but also of Muslims, and it would be the height of unwisdom to reject offhand an opportunity, however remote, for securing that co-operation. The only alternative to the course suggested by the British Government is civil war on a very big scale with consequent complications. One has only to look at China to realise that this is a method of settling a domestic dispute which defeats its own purpose. Even with American help China is unable to set her own house in order. India must do her best not to follow China's example.

Pandit Nehru's decision to attend the London Conference is wise. It would be better to attend the Conference and to see whether an understanding helpful to India's future was possible. If the Conference fails, the responsibility for the failure will be Mr. Jinnah's. There is, however, no need to anticipate the ultimate result of the Conference. Nothing will be lost by trying to satisfy the British Government that the Indian National Congress is still prepared to follow the path of sweet reasonableness, and that, in the face of such an attitude, if Mr. Jinnah still persists in his foolishness, it is the duty of the British Government to devise an alternative to the formula of Hindu-Muslim co-operation which forms the present basis of the Indian constitutional settlement.

That alternative is not so difficult as the Muslim obstructionists would have us believe. It embodies a principle of government accepted by all government by the majority.

SCRAP BOOK

By DIARIST

Messrs A. E. Tamber and S. R. Kanaganayagam appeared to be piqued at the idea that school Inspectors dabble in politics. There was another occasion on which these two political ideologists were perturbed. It sent them trapezing from Jaffna to Chunnakam and thence to Kayts. It sent cold shivers down this "spineless spines". That was when the "Hindu Organ" questioned the bona fides of the United National Party and told the Jaffna public in no uncertain terms why Jaffna should not buy a pig in a poke. Truth is stranger than fiction. To Messrs Tamber and Kanaganayagam it was something more. It was unpalatable and upset their mental equilibrium. Like rebellious horses they shook their shaggy heads, reared high in the air and pranced about the market square at Chunnakam. The mustang from the Kandy-an Hills led the chorus. "Come in or be wiped out." What is truth, asked Pontius Pilate.

To Tamber & Co., any opposition to the U. N. P. is as a red rag to a bull. It rouses their ire; they are nettled, and start wringing their hands on public platforms. Like their comrades-in-arms, the ministerial junta, they fear truth. The truth should never be made known, unless it happens to be their particular brand of truth which should be disseminated through their own channels. Not only do they fear it, but they equally hate it. The Press and press reports are anathema to them. Their security lies in a complete black-out. The last thing they wish to see is the liberty of the press—one of the three great liberties of man. Truth like murder will out. They never seem to realise that the press, and the press alone, is the only constant representative of the people. This representation by the press is far more complete than the representation achieved by the State Council or ever likely to be achieved by the future Parliament. Opinion speaks in print. Tamber & Co., would have it smothered. Parliamentary representation belongs to a ruder age.

I agree with Mr. Tamber that "the age of cajolery and compulsion has gone". But I would remind him that the age of political subterfuge and strategy yet lives. What cannot be achieved by a straight and fair deal could be achieved by a

judicious use of these vicious but valuable weapons. Like Mary's little lamb Mr. Tamber follows wherever the Senanayake idol goes. He believes that the salvation of Ceylon lies in sub-servience. Mr. Kanaganayagam is obsessed with the idea that the Senanayake shrine is the only shrine which should be worshipped by all. Frivolous and ebullient as ever he dances with evident relish to the Senanayake tune. The shrine, the dance and tune are perhaps indispensable to him, for they may well form the stepping stone to higher aspirations—political and otherwise. He emulates Voltaire with a measure of success, but cannot lay claim to his genius. His political conscience runs in circles.

"We could all go into a huddle for a nice long perpetual talk and never actually do anything." So said Mr. S. G. Taylor, Director of Irrigation, at the last meeting of the Central Board of Agriculture in opposing the motion of Mr. R. T. Chelliah to create a Central Board of Irrigation. As Mr. Taylor rightly observed there is already too much of talk in this country and no action. The capacity for talk is unlimited. So is Mr. Chelliah's, a proved agriculturist and a budding politician, who has no belief in concrete action, but only in endless talk. Mr. Chelliah's claim that the Central Board of Agriculture has done a lot of constructive work is one that has yet to be substantiated. This body has functioned for a number of years and I think in order to lighten the burden on its shoulders the Paddy Advisory Board was created. Except for the adoption of this resolution or that and the rejection of others what are the benefits that have accrued to the agriculturist in general and the paddy cultivator in particular? The agrarian population of this Island have a right to know what useful purpose is being served by the existence of these two bodies.

The Director of Irrigation, unlike the Agricultural Department, does not propose to send women for training and qualifications to India and England. The Agricultural Department perhaps glows with pride that it has done something unprecedented. The six "girl farmers" from Ceylon have hit the headlines

in Britain. It is said that they have caused something of a sensation there. They have been reported to have brought a "brief glimpse of Arabian nights glamour." Pictures of their activities are being published in the daily press in Ceylon. The *Crown Colonist* devotes a paragraph to them. So to speak these six "girl farmers" are receiving world-wide advertisement. We are told that they are being taught among other things the art of thatching a hay rick. One need not surely go all the way to England to learn this art. The average farmer knows it very well. What is the big idea behind all this play-acting? It seems that these girls will be appointed on their return as Agricultural instructors in the Agricultural Department.

As Mr. Taylor observed, the Agricultural Department too does more of talking than actual work. The Department has spread its tentacles over practically every part of the Island. Its labours are varied. They range from the management of state farms to instruction and advice to farmers. The one useful work the Department does is the running of experimental stations—especially paddy stations. But unfortunately all the usefulness goes out of it, because the Department does not take the least trouble to inform the farmers about the results of the experiments it had conducted. The ordinary farmer is in the dark as he was ever before. Only a selected and lucky few know of these experiments and results. The Department has totally ignored the primary object and purpose for which it had been created, namely, instruction. It so happens that either a man with brains rots in some state farm or other, or a dolt is sent out to preach the gospel of increased production. What is the use of sending out women or men for training when their services are not available to the public? Unless there is a fair return for the taxpayers' money spent on the business, we can only emphasise the futility of such efforts.

MATRIMONIAL

Ganeshar—Manickavalli

The marriage of Mr. Ganeshan, son of Mr. R. N. Sivasambu of the Modern Publicity Co. of Madras and Mrs. Sivasambu with Sow, Manickavalli daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Thambyayah of Chittenkerny, Jaffna, was solemnised according to Hindu rites on Thursday last (28-11-46) at the brides residence No. 8, Lalpet Street, Chidambaram in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the bride and bridegroom. A reception was held by the Bridegroom's father at his Madras residence a.l.o.

FOR SALE

(1) Land on Old Store Road, Nallur, opposite "Fry Walavoo"—10 lms with coconuts and other fruit trees. Splendid building site. Price: Rs. 12,000. Adjacent land sold recently at Rs. 1000 per lm.

(2) To Let or for Sale, "Pakia Vasa", commodious house, with very productive garden of 10 lms. Electric lights and other conveniences. Three minutes' walk from St. James' Church, Nallur. Price: Rs. 29,000 or nearest.

Apply to D. Rajadurai, Proctor S. C., Nallur, Jaffna. (Mis-239, 26, 29 & 3)

FOR SALE

Austin 10/4 Saloon Car X 8000 series lately rebored and reconditioned what offers? V. R. Murugasu, N. D. A. P. Co-operative Union, Jaffna. (Mis. 260, 3 & 6)

Notes and Comments

Field Marshal Smuts

Field Marshal Smuts whose political philosophy is based on the white man's feeling of superiority over the coloured races, must have by now become a sadder, and we hope, a wiser man. Though the decision of the U. N. O. Assembly on the Indian question is yet to be known nobody would fail to note the complete change in the working of the international mind on this question. Even the Dutch who claim kinship with the clan of Jan Smuts forsook him in the Assembly. It is not too late even now for Imperialists of the calibre of the South African Premier to note the change in the old order of things. They should adapt themselves to the new world outlook, as otherwise they will be isolated and left derelict among the World Nations. Whatever be the outcome of the deliberations of the U. N. O. on the Indian question, one thing is plain. India has at a single stride stepped in the place of leadership in the international affairs which has brought a ray of sunshine into an otherwise gloomy situation in its internal affairs.

Ceylon's Industrial Future

Some time ago, our Board of Ministers, in a spirit of patriotism, issued a five year plan for the Industrial development of the Islands; and so far nothing has come out of that plan. Many of the industries that have sprung up during the war period are now facing a crisis with the influx of cheap foreign goods; and we need not wonder if many of them meet an ignominious end within a few months. It is high time our ministers turned their attention to this vital problem of industrial development of the country. It is no use prating about opportunities. Action is all that is needed at the present juncture. All natural resources of the island should be exploited and a scheme of rapid but wise industrialisation inaugurated without any further delay. Competition from foreign trade, unemployment and shrinkage in the national income are the things that are in store for the country in the future. The successful tackling of these problems depends on the industrialisation of the island.

Sri Ramana Rishi

The Great Sage at Annamalai

(By A Devotee)

TO understand Maharishi we have to place him against the cultural background of Indian philosophical tradition, which finds its perfect expression in his life and realization. That background of his life is the Bhagavad Gita and Upanishads, particularly Mandivitya and the Brihadaranyaka studied in the light of the commentaries of Sri Sankaracharya and the Kavitas of Sri Gandapadacharya.

As Maharishi plunged in the depths of his soul during his analysis of "who am I?" he got beyond the plane of doubts; for he had transcended the limitations set by the intellectualizing character of mind that never permits that disjunction with the nama-rupa complex which is the field of empirical experience. His method has much in common with that of Lord Buddha.

One does not find in Maharishi that type of Bakthi associated with devotional hymns; but it can be said that if the way of Bakthi brings one to an expression of beauty and love towards all, he is that. His very nature has become imbued with love. I should not omit here to mention a scene that I myself witnessed. At my request he recited certain lines from the composition of saint Manickavachakar, where the author spoke of the condition of the soul melted in love; hardly had the Maharishi pronounced a few lines, there was a brilliance in his face. He who rarely expresses in any outward form his inner emotion could not restrain a few silent tears. A slanting ray of the morning sun from the hill-side made the scene still more vivid; a peace that passeth all understanding pervaded the whole atmosphere. For more than an hour there was perfect silence. It looked as if one of the paintings in fresco of Ajanta has come into life!

The life of Maharishi amply illustrates that he lives the full significance of the philosophy of totality; in him belief and behaviour are at-one-ment. The interpretation of 'Sarvam' of the Gita or Maharishi is through his moral outlook and conduct; and this moral appeal of Maharishi is the greatest encouragement to all those who desire to follow the spiritual path along this particular tradition of which he is the living custodian. This moral appeal again is the fruit of his metaphysical realization. Morality and conduct in Vedanta are inseparable from metaphysics.

Pt. Pedro Town Council

The following have been elected to the Point Pedro Town Council during the elections held recently:

- Ward No. 2: Mr. Vekam Myltum
- " " 3: Mr. N. Nadarajak
- " " 4: Mr. C. Nagalingam
- " " 5: Mr. V. Mailvaganam



INDIA SLIDING TO THE NORTH

Geologists' Theory

The theory that India is sliding gradually to the North, is advanced by some geologists in connection with the general theory of continental drift.

The theory was first pronounced 30 or more years ago by a geophysicist, A. Wegner, who was attracted by the similarity in outline between the west coasts of Europe and Africa and the east coast of Greenland, the United States, and South America. He suggested that they originally had formed a single land mass then at some remote time in geological history, they had split apart and still were drifting away from each other gradually on a subterranean sea of rock made fluid by pressure.

The theory met with considerable scepticism at first, but has found increasing support as new evidence accumulates, and Wegner's idea now has been applied all over the world. Thus, some geologists theorize, that India is sliding gradually to the North at a rate of about 02 meters annually, and this movement has resulted in pushing up the tremendous folds known as the Himalaya Mountains.

Possibility to get more Textiles

There is every possibility of getting more textiles, according to a decision arrived last week by the Executive Committee of Labour, Industry and Commerce.

The Committee decided to grant textile licences to traders to import textiles from non-quota countries. The quota countries are the United Kingdom, the United States of America and India.

According to this decision, any wholesale dealer will be able to import cloth from any part of the world, provided he satisfies the Textile Controller that he is in a position to do so and that his trade credentials are sound. To such a textile dealer the Controller will grant a licence to import cloth.

The necessity for coming to this decision was emphasised in view of the fact that representations were made to the Minister by traders that they are in a position to get textiles from non quota countries. The only difficulty was that the Government did not give them the necessary authority to do so.

V. C. Chairmen As Justices of Peace

Executive Committee's Proposal

A proposal for the creation of a number of utility appointments by making the Chairmen of some of the Village Committees Justices of Peace for their respective areas is being considered by the Executive Committee of Local Administration.

The Legal Secretary is being consulted with regard to the advisability of creating these appointments.

It appears that some time ago the Executive Committee of Local Administration, realising the inconvenience caused to the residents of country districts by the lack of Commissioners of Oaths in such places for the attesting of essential documents, proposed that some of the Village Committee Chairmen should be appointed Commissioners of Oaths. This was said to be in keeping with the proposal adopted in the case of Urban Councils where the Chairmen are Unofficial Justices of the Peace. The Legal Secretary, however, pointed out that the appointment of Village Committee Chairmen as Commissioners of Oaths would not be legal as Commissioners of Oaths in every instance are lawyers. In view of this objection the Executive Committee is now asking whether the Village Committee Chairmen cannot be appointed to be Justices of

Wonderful Invention

A New Liquid more Powerful than D. D. T.

DDT, man's most potent weapon against the insect, moved over to make room for a serious rival last month. The American Navy announced it had found a solution that not only kills bugs already on the scene but repels others for a week to ten days. The liquid, named NMRI-448, was the 448th of 3,000 compounds tested by the Naval Medical Research Institute during the war. Navy tests showed it to be "six times more effective than anything else in the tropics, and at least twice as good as anything tested in temperate zones."

The solution is effective against mosquitoes, house flies, and flies, chiggers, bed bugs, and silver fish. Its advantages over DDT: used as a spray, it (1) kills faster and (2) has a distinct, longtime repelling effect; (3) it does not irritate the skin and is relatively nontoxic. (Repeated small doses of DDT may lead to chronic poisoning.)

Six drops of 448 rubbed on the arms, legs, and face will keep insects away for six to ten hours. The repellent is synthesized by adding hydrogen to organic compounds of the naphthol and diphenyl groups. It is now available to the public.

the Peace in view of the useful work they would be able to perform.

Black Sheep in Milk Feeding Scheme

31 Dismissed: 4 Reported to C. I. D.

A thorough clean-up of the Government-sponsored Island-wide Milk Feeding Scheme is ordered by Mr. K. Vaithianathan, Food Commissioner.

A recent systematic inspection of some of the centres carried out by his headquarters staff has already resulted in the discontinuance of 31 of the 70 district supervisors. Grave irregularities have been detected at a number of centres and so far four cases have been handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department.

There are today more than 3,000 milk feeding centres all over Ceylon feeding daily very nearly 225,000 children. The Government spends nearly Rs. 2,000,000 a year on the scheme.

On an average the Government sends out 100 tons of milk and 30 tons of sugar a month to feed children.

An official of the Food Dept when asked whether he was satisfied that the entire quantity went to the infants, replied: "There are blacksheep in the organisation who deprive infants of their milk and sell it in the blackmarket."

"We will not tolerate this immoral practice. We have already taken stern measures."

He added: "The scheme has helped the poor very much and its increasing popularity is evident from the large number of applications received at the head office for more feeding centres."

Constant Supervision.

"But" he said, "the scheme requires constant and vigilant supervision if it is to be a hundred per cent success. The Government is determined to see that the taxpayer's money is put to the very best use."

Following a survey of work done in the different areas by a special staff officer and a number of headquarters inspectors the organisation has now been placed on a better footing.

The Food Department official said that the recently appointed district supervisors were honourable men from whom the poor could expect a square deal.

Their activities were closely supervised by the headquarters staff and frequent surprise inspections of centres were carried out by staff officers and inspectors during feeding time.

Government Agents, Assistant Government Agents and Divisional Revenue Officers, the official said, had been asked to keep a watchful eye on the activities of district supervisors and every precaution had been taken to ensure that every cent of the two million rupees which the State spends annually benefited Ceylon's needy children and nursing mothers.

Control of milk foods is ended. It is stated that the stock of infants and invalids foods is satisfactory. To ensure that stock do not get into the blackmarket there will be unofficial control by inspectors.

CEYLON AND U. N. O.

Will it be Treated as a Sovereign State

CAN Ceylon be represented at the U. N. O. General Assembly in its own right? Consultations are now in progress between Mr. G. C. S. Corea, Ceylon's Commissioner in London, and Colonial Office representatives to define Ceylon's legal position as a State qualifying for admittance to the Assembly. It is probable that Ceylon's application for membership will be examined next year after the New Constitution comes into operation.

The London Correspondent of the *Ceylon Daily News* in the course of a statement regarding Mr. Corea's work in New York says that Ceylon was paid the high honour of being the first Colonial country to be represented and take her place with the gathering of the nations.

"If the Island is accepted as a full member it will have ample opportunities of enhancing its prestige as a respected, self-governing country. The fact that the Colonial Office sponsored Mr. Corea's trip to New York indicates the attitude of the British Government towards Ceylon.

Not a Sovereign State

"I understand that Britain is quite favourable to the Island becoming an independent member of the General Assembly. But as Mr. Corea told me, difficulties might arise over Ceylon's constitutional position. Under the United Nations Charter, countries are only eligible for membership to the General Assembly if they are 'sovereign states.'

"It will be for the Membership Committee of U. N. O. to decide whether Ceylon may be considered in this category."

Anuradhapura Train Derailment Case.

In the course of further evidence in the railway disaster case on Friday last, Mr. N. Krishnadasan, Magistrate asked of Mr. T. S. Fernando, Crown Counsel, whether there was sufficient evidence to commit the accused to stand their trial before a higher tribunal.

He had not much faith, the Magistrate indicated, in the chief witness, W. Emalis, fitter, C. G. R. who had given different versions of the incident on different occasions. The evidence of the other witness who had been called to support the main story was also not worth much the Magistrate said.

Orient Recreation Club

Besides the annual general meeting a friendly soccer match and a social were the features of the 4th anniversary celebrations of the Orient Recreation Club held on Sunday the 10th ultimo, in the Manipay Hindu College Hall.

The annual general meeting was held at 4 p. m. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous general meeting and the adoption of the Treasurer's statement of accounts, report for the year under review was read by the Secretary.

It was decided to have a Carnival in Jaffna Town in May 1947 with a view to raise funds for the club. A committee of 11 members with Mr. J. P. Nagalingam as convener was then elected.

PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL POSITION

CHAIRMAN WANTS TO INCREASE RATES

THE Draft Budget Estimates for 1947 was submitted by the Chairman, Jaffna U. C. at a special general meeting held on Sunday last. The estimates as presented by the Chairman shows a surplus of Rs. 2448.

The total estimated revenue for next year is Rs. 588,430 while the total estimated expenditure is Rs. 585,982.

Though there will be an excess of Rs. 2448 for the next year, there will be a deficit of Rs. 19469-65 at the end of the current year.

Mr. C. Ponnambalam Chairman U. C. in a long preamble to the draft budget for the next year stated that the only course now open to the council to raise more revenue is by recovering revenue that is collected by the Central Government within the Council limits.

"This is an all island question," he says, "and I have suggested to the Commissioner of Local Government and the President of the All-Ceylon Association of Urban Councils that pending a permanent and final settlement of the financial relationship between the Central Government and local bodies, all excise revenue and income tax collected within the limits of the jurisdiction of local bodies be given as grant to local bodies."

Mr. Ponnambalam wants the ratepayers "to consent gladly" to an increase of rates and taxes and says he once suggested that the assessment rates be increased to 17½ per cent. and that the other rates and taxes be also raised. But the Council did not agree with him and increased the assessment rates to 12½ per cent. only and did not increase the other rates and taxes.

"For a big town like Jaffna with such services as we have today I consider the rate of 12½ per cent. as too low," he declares. The ratepayers are getting many amenities which they did not get ten years ago and they are paying the same rate as they paid ten years ago.

Mr. Ponnambalam adds: "We must anticipate the worst and in order that there may be no deficit at the end of this year I have ordered all new works to be stopped forthwith and instructed all officers to retrench as much as possible and only incur expenditure that is absolutely necessary."

In asking that expenditure in the draft budget be pruned down as much as possible so that money might be available for any emergency expenditure Mr. Ponnambalam states: "Unless we get a grant from the Government which will be more than the cost of temporary increases of the salaries of officers and the increased cost of payment of wages at Government rates we have to be careful about our expenditure during 1947."

PERSONAL

Mr. S. Durai Raja Singam of the Malayan Education Department and Editor of "Young Malayan," is on a visit to Jaffna and is now staying at his residence in Vaddukottai.

ATOM BOMB

What is an atom? An atom is the smallest particle of any substance that can exist. It is a nucleus of energy reund which electrons—minute specks of negative electricity—vibrate continuously.

The nucleus, positively charged, is several thousand times heavier than the electrons. In it the main weight and energy of matter is held.

A French scientist has suggested that if an American mountain rich in coal were atom-bombed the heat would fuse coal into diamond.

So costly is atomic research that American professors at work on it have coined a new term—the megabuck. (Mega is Greek for a million; "buck," American for dollar.) Hence, a megabuck is a million dollars. An electrostatic generator now planned costs twenty megabucks.

Post Office Burgled

The Post Office at Boralgamuwa was burgled on Thursday night. Postal Orders, Stamps and Cash to the value of Rs. 1065-38 were removed.

NEW R. C.

Mr. E. F. N. Gratiaen, advocate has been appointed a King's Counsel.

English Teachers Certificate Exam. 1946.

The following candidates from Jaffna have completed Parts I & II of the English Teachers' Certificate Examination.

M. V. Arumugam, S. Arumugam, G. C. Dissanayaka, E. T. R. Edwards, M. Francis, S. V. Gunanayagam, K. Kanapathypillai, S. Kanthiah, S. Karthiga u, A. Kumarasamy, M. Nadarajah, K. Nagalingam, S. Rajaratnam, N. Ramathan, K. Singaiariyaratnam, V. Sivappiragasam, C. Somaskantar, M. Soosaipillai V. Thilkainadesapillai, S. Thirunavakkarasu, V. N. Aiyathurai, K. Arunachalam, T. V. Chelliah, N. E. Jeyasingham, V. Kandiah, S. Kumarasamy, G. S. B. Kulasingam, E. Mahaadeva, M. Ponnambalam, S. Ponnambalam, K. Ponnuthurai, S. Sinnadurai, S. Sinnathmby, A. Sivagnanam, A. Subramaniam, A. Vallipuram, A. Visuvanathan, A. Kulasagarampillai, V. P. Mariampillai, S. Muttukumaru, S. Selvadurai, V. Kandiah, S. V. Subramaniam, (Mrs.) A. Amirthanayagam, M. Arunasalam, K. Eliaiyappa, P. Gopal, M. John, L. Joseph, S. Muttiah, E. M. Niles, M. Rasa, M. Thiagarajah, A. Vythilingam, M. M. Velappillai, L. I. Retnam, Sister Gertrude of the S. H., L. R. Periatnamby, A. G. Philipiah, T. Ponniah, A. Ramalingam, M. S. Sinnappoo, A. Kanthiah.

WANTED

Wanted for Jaffna Hindu College a teacher to teach SINHALESE in the Middle School. Applicants should state what other subjects they could teach. Graduate preferred. Applications close on 9th December, 1946. MANAGER, (Mis 245, 29, 3, & 6)

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Mr. K. Vaidhespara Aiyar, Govt. School, Gampola	10	00
Jaffna Hindu College Tamil School	10	00
Total	865	00

Hindu Socialism & Russian Communism

(Continued from page 1)

suffice. He once told an American audience: 'You are politically free, but spiritually slaves.' Political freedom is a means to an end, not an end in itself.

To the communists and the Western world the transition from the pastoral, agricultural, handicraft eras to the machine age, is a progressive evolution. To Gandhi it is not so. That is why spinning wheel and not the spinning aeroplane is the symbol of economic salvation for the masses of India. The West proudly asserts that even machine itself is made by machine. 'True,' one is inclined to retort, 'and man himself has become a machine.'

The need of religion is appreciated by all. Jesus Christ says, 'Man lives not by bread alone.' Christopher Marlow asks, 'What will it benefit a man, if he gain the whole world, but lose his own soul?'

Bertrand Russell: Science threatens to cause the destruction of our civilization. Great thinkers of our own time, e. g. Gerald Heard, Midleton Murry, C.E.M. Joad, and Mac-Murray, say—to use the Miltonic expression—that there is more in religion than meets the eye. Man has always believed because he must, because he cannot live without faith. 'Though there be no God to hear my evening prayer,' wrote Marie Bashkirtseff, 'yet I pray to Him every night in spite of my reason.' The deepest purpose of humanity is the will to live. This transcendence includes supercedes everything else including intellect, for intellect is not greater than life; it is a part of life; and the whole is greater than any part.

Life will not admit a philosophy that involves its own destruction. Enough has been said to show the barrenness of 'reason,' the danger of 'rational civilization,' the imperfectness of the 'perfect planning of society,' according to Marxism and Fascism. Man's soul longs for the unpredictable and the mysterious.

All sciences are concerned with the objective world with the measurement of quantities, with the relationship between bodies which can be estimated in terms of feet, pounds, volts, or wave length. While religion is concerned with subjective values and intuition which can no more be treated by science, than colour can be described in terms of shape.

Mere reason or intellect and the senses and scientific instruments are not enough to measure even material objects, how much more imperfect they are to measure God? Another kind of laboratory and other methods are needed.

According to Indian Yogic Psychology, there are five stages of consciousness.

1. Physical
2. Emotional
3. Mental
4. Intellectual
5. Spiritual

By the way, modern Western psychology does not go beyond the third stage. When we reach the fifth stage, we reach 'superconsciousness.' We believe in God as an

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 383.

In the matter of the last will of the late Kartigesu Iyer Paramasamy Iyer of Tellippallai West Deceased.

Paramasamy Iyer Panhadchara Kurukkal of Tellippallai West Petitioner.

1. Paramasamy Iyer Sathasiva Iyer
2. Paramasamy Iyer Ratna Iyer
3. Paramasamy Iyer Kumarasamy Iyer
4. Paramasamy Iyer Arulnanda Iyer
5. Paramasamy Iyer Sivananda Iyer all of do
6. Ehampara Iyer Subramania Iyer and wife
7. Pavani Retnamah of Thumpalai Point Pedro
8. Kukananda Iyer Retnaswara Iyer
9. Kukananda Sarma Rajes-
10. Kukananda Sarma Sothinatha Iyer
11. Kukananda Sarma Sekunta a devimmah
12. Sellamma widow of Kukananda Sarma all of Punalai-kadduvan. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge Jaffna on the 5th day of September 1946 in the presence of Mr. T. Kanapathipillai Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavits of the abovesaid petitioner dated 28th Feb. 1945 and 31st August 1946 having been read and the 1st respondent as co-executor having refused to co-operate to provide the said will, it is ordered that the will of Kartigesu Iyer Paramasamy Iyer deceased dated 4th July 1942 and numbered 16 be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the respondents or others shall on or before the 29th day of October 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the said Sellamma widow of Kukananda Sarma, 12th respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th respondents and that the said Paramasamy Iyer Panhadchara Kurukkal, petitioner is the executor named in the said will and that he is entitled to have Proctor of the same issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or others shall on or before the 9th day of October 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 5th day of Sept 1946

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai District Judge

extended and Feisued for 10th December 1946

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai District Judge

(O. 105, 3, & 6.)

ultimate reality. To apply God's socialism to India is to misread India's history, psychology, civilization and cultural heritage

And that is the reason why Pandit Nehru recently said: India does not look to Russia for the solution of her problems

I cannot agree fully with Arthur Koestler in what he says in *The Yogi and the Commissar*. Still he is right when he says Russia today is a state—capitalist totalitarian autocracy, progressive in its economic structure but retrogressive in every other respect. After reading this book and the three articles by Commander Stephen King Hall in the *Sunday Times*, perhaps we might believe Russian Socialism to be a 'Soviet myth' or what Marshall Stalin calls 'good and not so good' But socialism in some form or other is the only means of permanent peace and salvation of humanity. But socialism which discards spiritual values is foredoomed to failure!

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Mr. V. K. Chaturvedi, Bar-at-law, District Judge, Suratgarh, Bikaner State, writes:

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Pandit T. V. Jayarama Sastri,

DIRECTOR,

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(Mis. 258-3-12 to 28-2-47)

DRIED CHILLIES.

Tenders will be received by the Assistant Government Agent (Emergency) Jaffna at the Jaffna Kachcheri up to 12 noon on Monday 16th December, 1946 for the purchase of 170 cwts of dried chillies of two qualities.

2. The chillies may be inspected at the Subsidiary Foodstuffs Store, Bankshall Street, Jaffna.

3. The successful tenderer will be required to deposit the purchase amount within a week from the date of acceptance of his offer.

M. SRI KHANTA

A. G. A. (E), Jaffna.

The Kachcheri (E), Jaffna, 28th November, 1946. (G. 123, 3)

TENDER NOTICE

The Government Agent, Northern Province, Jaffna, will receive tenders up to 12 noon on Tuesday January 7, 1947, for the construction of a cement concrete flood regulator for paddy fields in Elcthumadduval North.

Tender should be made on forms obtainable on application from the G. A., N. P., on a deposit of Rs. 25/- for each form. Further particulars can be obtained from him.

Sgd. M. SRI KHANTA

for Government Agent, N. P., Jaffna. The Kachcheri, Jaffna, November, 14, 1946. (G. 121 3-12.)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 625

In the matter of the estate of the late Chiyapakiam wife of Chinnathurai of Chulipuram, late of Colombo Deceased. Ambalavanar Vai bilingam of Chulipuram Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Theiva-aipoillai wife of Vaithilingam of Chulipuram and
2. Thamo'harempillai Chinnathurai of Moolai Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge of Jaffna on the 25th day of October 1946, in the presence of Mr. T. Sangarapillai Proctor on the part of the petitioner abovenamed and the affidavits of the petitioner dated the 21st day of July 1946 having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner abovenamed be and he is hereby declared entitled as the father of the deceased to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to him accordingly unless the respondent abovenamed or any person or persons interested shall on or before 10th day of December 1946, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

The 12th day of November 1946

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai, District Judge.

(O. 107, 3 & 6)

WANTED

Wanted for the JAFFNA HINDU LADIES' COLLEGE (Registered Senior Secondary School)

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R. R. NALLAH, Manager, Jaffna Hindu College & Branch Schools.

(Mis. 259, 3, 6, 10, 13 & 17.)

Government Vacancies Salt Department.

Vacancies exist in the Salt Department for the undermentioned posts.

Engineer, Inspector Grade II, Asst. Engineer, Inspector Grade III Asst. Chemist.

2. Applications must be received in my office by 12 noon on Saturday 14th December 1946.

3. For full particulars, see advertisement in the Government Gazette of 29th, November 1946, a copy of which could be had on application to my office or the provincial offices of this Department.

E. B. TISSEVERASINHE,

Actg. Salt Commissioner, Salt Department, P. O. Box 539, Colombo. 25th November 1946. (G. 120, 3.)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 477

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Subramaniam Sithamparappillai of Vaddukoddai East, Jaffna Deceased
Rasamma widow of Subramaniam Sithamparappillai of Vaddukoddai East, Jaffna Petitioner.

Vs.

Sithamparappillai Ganesaratnam of Vaddukoddai East, Jaffna presently of Tampin, F. M. Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge, Jaffna on the 23rd day of September, 1946 in the presence of Mr. M. Ksthiravalu, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavit of the abovenamed petitioner dated 5th October, 1945 having been read:

It is ordered that the said petitioner is hereby declared entitled to have Letters of Administration in this case and the same issued to her accordingly unless the Respondent or others shall on or before the 19th day of December, 1946, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 23rd day of September, 1946
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge,

(O. 100 3 & 6)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 513

In the matter of the estate of the late V. S. S. Kumaraswamy of Vannarponnai East Deceased
Kumaraswamy Sateethananda of Vannarponnai East and presently of Colombo Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Kumaraswamy Nithiyandanda
2. Kumaraswamy Bramasanda
3. Kumaraswamy Gnaneswaran
4. Kumaraswamy Sivanandan
5. Kavurammah daughter of Kumaraswamy
6. Kumaraswamy Sivagurunathan
7. Kanthiwathi daughter of Kumaraswamy
8. Vijialakshmi daughter of Kumaraswamy all of Vannarponnai East. The 3rd to 8th respondents are minors appearing by their guardian-ad-litem the 9th respondent.
9. Sivakkolu the widow of Kumaraswamy
10. Gnanambikai wife of Kathiravelu Sabaratnam.
11. and her husband Kathiravelu Sabaratnam all of do

Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the petitioner abovenamed praying that the 9th respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st to 8th respondents and that letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the petitioner, coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 5th day of April, 1946 in the presence of Mr. V. Navaratnarajah proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner having been read: it is declared that the 9th respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st to 8th respondents and that the petitioner as heir of the deceased declared entitled to have letters of administration with the will annexed be issued to him, unless the respondent or any other person shall on or before the 30th day of July 1946 at 10 a. m. show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 5th day of April 1946.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.Extended till 10-12-46.
Intd. R. R. S.
D. J.

(O. 104, 3 & 6)

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(G. 103, 12-11 to 11-12)

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(Mis. 248, 15-3-46 to 14-3-47.)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 559

In the matter of the Last Will and
Testament of the late Ragunathar
Saravanamuttu of Nainativu

Deceased

Saravanamuttu Ragupillai of Nainativu Vs. Petitioner.

1. Saravanamuttu Vaitilingam
2. Saravanamuttu Kanagasabai
3. Saravanamuttu Kasilingam
4. Saravanamuttu Kumaravelu
5. Saravanamuttu Puvanasundaram
6. minor Saravanamuttu Sellathurai all of do

6th respondent is a minor by his G-a-L the 4th respondent.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the Petitioner praying that the 4th respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 6th respondent and that the Last Will filed of record be declared proved and the Petitioner as executor named therein be declared entitled to probate, coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 27th June 1946 in the presence of Mr. V. Navaratnarajah Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit and Petition of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the 4th respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 6th Respondent that the Last Will filed of record in this case is declared proved and that probate issued to the executor, unless the respondent or any others shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 10th day of September 1946 at 10 a. m.

This 27th day of June 1946.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.Extended till 10-12-46.
Intd. R. R. S.
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(O. 96, 3 & 6)

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