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## OUR SOCIAL PROBLEMS

### Imported Communism No Remedy

Youth should be trained to pursue a life of disciplined sacrifice based on a correct estimate of human values and real understanding and toleration should form an integral part of the mental make-up of an educated man, stated Mr. T. Prakasam, Premier of Madras, in his Convocation address to the graduates of the Andhra University, last week. All those educated by the Colleges and Universities, Mr. Prakasam pleaded should get a real insight into the different religions in our country, understand their oneness, become tolerant and teach tolerance to the masses to whom they stood in the position of guides and mentors.

Alluding to the conflicting ideologies present in the country today, Mr. Prakasam said: "When you go out, the world will confront you with a medley of ideologies all of which will clamour to claim you as their votaries. Feudalism and Capitalism have had their day and based as they are on exploitation of the weak, they are inconsistent with the highest ideals of humanity. Justice and fair play demand that Capitalism should give place to an order where no one will be in a position which would enable him to take advantage of the poverty of his neighbour to enslave him and make him a mere tool for the gratification of his selfish ends."

"Communism cannot be imported straightaway without modification from other countries as a solution of our problems. For a lasting solution of our problems, a system and ideology consistent with our genius and heritage, in the light of the peculiar conditions prevailing in India will have to be devised or discovered. The solution must take man as he is, a complex being actuated by hopes and aspirations and not merely dominated by desire for economic gain. It should avoid regimentation and standardisation and should give full scope for self-development and self fulfilment as an individual. You must see whether, in the conditions prevailing in India to-day, rehabilitation of villages and decentralisation of industry with co-operation running through all of them is not the real solution."

### Change of Address

The Office of the Representative of the Government of India in Ceylon has been removed to premises No. 29/11 & 14 Galleor Buildings, Main Street, Fort (First floor, with effect from 16-12-1946).

The Office of the Welfare Officer for Indian Seamen will also be located in the same office.

### CRISIS IN BURMA

#### INTERIM GOVT. DEMANDS INDEPENDENCE

Popular Government may end in Burma soon. Indication of such a possibility is available from reports coming from Burma.

The demand is being made for a definite undertaking from the British Government that before this month expires a declaration on Burmese independence would be made and that independence would be effective in 1948. If an unequivocal statement is not made by December 31, U Aung San might resign, which may be a prelude to a mass struggle.

In this connection a well-informed observer in London told the United Press of India Political Correspondent that he had reliable information that U Aung San was in touch with Pandit Nehru on this issue.

### SAVE HINDUISM

#### Maha Sabha Leaders' Appeal

"If the present generation of Hindus do not take steps to save Hinduism, our future generation will curse us", says Mr. Narayana Aiyar, President, Hindu Maha Sabha, Coonoor, in a request to the Heads of the Hindu Muttis asking them to take suitable steps in the matter.

Mr. Aiyar states that a comprehensive propagation of Hinduism as taught in the Bhagavad Gita must be undertaken, and Hindus must take steps to reconvert all non-Hindus of Hindu origin. Deploing that Hindu religious leaders in the past had been and even now are indifferent to conversions of Hindus to other faiths he says that a detailed study of the reasons for such conversions in the past must be taken up by the Muttis and practical remedies evolved in six months.

### Famous Cartoonist Dead

Mr. S. Mahalingam (Mali) the well-known cartoonist who was for many years associated with the Tamil weekly *Ananda Vikatan*, died last week in his native village in the Tanjore District. He was 41 and had been suffering from diabetes for a long time.

Mali rose to fame while he was in Bombay on the staff of the *Free Press Journal*. His cartoons and caricatures were reproduced in many foreign journals. Later on he returned to Madras and joined the *Ananda Vikatan*.

### Change Of Religion

#### No Remedy Says Depressed Class Leader

"We are Hindus and those of us who want to get out of the Hindu religion are cowards" declared Mr. Jag Jivan Ram, Labour Member in the Indian Interim Government at a meeting of the depressed classes at De'hi on Saturday last.

Mr Jag Jivan Ram said: "I tell you that if you want to embrace Christianity or Is'am you are at liberty to do so. It is better if you go away because it would purify the Depressed Classes. What have you been doing since 1936 and what have you been thinking all these ten years? Why did you not embrace Is'am? It is better for you to have an experience of it and to find out whether you are better off. Religion is a matter of faith and not an instrument for bargaining political rights. You should not bargain your religion for political ends."

"In the Constituent Assembly" said Mr Jag Jivan Ram, "which is meeting in New Delhi we are framing the future constitution of the country. In the free India of to-morrow, all people of this country irrespective of religion, caste or creed, will be treated as equals and there will be no domination of one class over another."

### POWERLESS

#### BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND INDIA

"The British Government does not really have the power to stem India's constitutional advance any longer in spite of the sentiments expressed by the British regarding disunity among the Indian communities and the possibilities of civil war in India", said Mrs Vijaya-lakshmi Pandit leader of the Indian delegation to U. N. O. in a talk with pressmen on her arrival at Karachi by air.

During her stay in the United States Mrs. Pandit said, she had informal discussions with M. Molotov the Soviet Foreign Minister on the question of India's diplomatic relations with Russia. She added that many countries like Egypt, Mexico, Norway and France had expressed their desire for some sort of exchange of representation with India.

#### AZAD FOR THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT

The United Press of India learns that Moulana Abul Kalam Azad has at last been persuaded to accept nomination to the Interim Government in the place of Mr. Asaf Ali who has been appointed India's Ambassador in Washington.

## THE MOTHER'S WILL

(SRIMATH SWAMI SHIVANANDA)

"THE present communal disturbances in Bengal and elsewhere are after all a blessing in disguise. The hand of the all beneficent Mother is seen at the back of these riots and dissensions" stated Srimate Swami Shivananda some years ago when communal riots broke out in Dacca in Bengal. The Swamiji's statement made then is appropriate now too.

"At back of these communal riots and dissensions I see the hand of the all-beneficent Mother. It is according to Her beneficent Will that all this is taking place, and ultimately it will result in good. It will pave the way for unity among the Hindus and they will learn to organize themselves. They will then try to feel for one another. Unity, organization, and fellow-feeling—these are very much needed these days. Above everything else, the Hindus should organize and have unity among themselves. Will lethargy and narrowness of such a long duration come to an end unless there is pressure from outside? Have faith that all this is happening because of the Will of the Mother, and it will promote the well-being of the Hindus as a race. It will bring about a new awakening in the entire nation. The Hindus will prosper in

every way because Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda were born amongst them."

"The best form of Japa is to repeat the Lord's name mentally. To repeat the name of the Lord over the rosary is good; repetition of the name on the fingers is better, but mental repetition of the name is the very best. When one repeats the name over the rosary or on the fingers one keeps track of the number of times to a certain extent and cannot give undivided attention to the Japa. It stands in the way of concentration. Repeat the Lord's name with great devotion. What does it matter if you cannot keep track of the number of times? Is spiritual practice a kind of commodity to be bought at the market—you pay so many rupees and get what you want? The Lord looks at your mental attitude—your heart's longing. If one has devotion for Him, nothing else is necessary. If one could repeat His name with sincere devotion, that would fill one's heart with joy. They would be of more value than repeating His name a hundred thousand times mechanically."





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### VILLAGE COMMITTEES

CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF Village Committees throughout Ceylon will do well to take to heart the advice given them recently by Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike when he addressed the conference of Chairmen of the Village Committees of the Kurunegala District. He advised them to cultivate a spirit of true patriotism—not merely patriotism on parochial lines but patriotism with a wider outlook. One has only to look at the vast improvement in village conditions throughout Ceylon, which is due entirely to the work of these Committees, to understand the great possibilities still open to them. In the matter of Village administration, in spite of the admirable work that has been done, there is still a wider scope for this work which deserves the attention of the Village Committees. Mr. Bandaranaike mentioned a few instances. Better roads and lanes, dispensaries, hospitals, common wells, and other amenities of modern life are matters in which the Village Committee, and that alone, can relieve the needs of the people. With the increase in the pace of administrative decentralisation, it is inevitable that the Village Committees should in their turn shoulder greater responsibilities.

But, as Mr. Bandaranaike said, it is only patriotism of a genuine type that will enable these institutions to serve the purpose for which they were designed. A parochial outlook without any knowledge of and regard for the welfare of Ceylon as a whole, will defeat its own purpose. It follows, of course, that the Chairmen of Village Committees must be men of education and character. It is the duty of the people to see that only qualified men are elected to a post which carries with it so much of responsibility. We go further and say that every member of Village Committee must be similarly qualified. Otherwise, it would be impossible for the best Chairman in the world to carry his ignorant Committee with him. Men born and bred in the Village, with plenty of knowledge and character, can certainly do much to improve village conditions and pave the way for the birth of a happier and more prosperous nation. The Village Committee is indeed a powerful instrument for good and we trust that the people will show their understanding of this truth by insisting on proper qualifications in those who seek their votes.

## The Problem Of Unemployment

By The Editor

With the end of the war, the problem of employment, which had disappeared during the emergency, has come back once more in a far more acute form. Even before the war, Ceylon had not been free from unemployment. In a country like ours there was always the demand for jobs. If these were not to be had under the Government, then they must be sought elsewhere—in business establishments. The people of Ceylon, particularly in the North, always preferred Government service. It was only whenever they found it impossible to enter Government Service, they turned attention to other avenues of employment. Here too they preferred paid jobs to anything else. The war solved the problem temporarily. It provided employment for almost everybody, but when it came to an end it left these employees high and dry. It is stated that 18,000 unemployed men have registered so far at the various unemployment exchanges. It would appear that a large number of those who have registered want clerkships, though very few of them are qualified for it.

As against the 18,000 men who have registered, one must take into account the thousands who have not, if one is to understand the magnitude of the problem which Ceylon has got to face. And let us also remember that the total population of the island is a little over six million, with two-thirds of its total area in jungle. The infant industries started by the Government, the post-war schemes which are still under consideration and which cannot be carried out in the absence of funds—these cannot possibly absorb all those whom, curiously enough, peace has robbed of their means of livelihood. The position of these people is likely to become worse when tea, rubber

and coconuts begin to be less prosperous, as they are likely to be.

And the Government, though it is its duty to help to find employment for those who seek it, must realise the impossibility of giving employment to everyone who wants a comfortable job with a pension at the end of it. What is the remedy? What does the Government propose to do? The Government's industrial programme is not certainly going to relieve unemployment to an appreciable extent. As a matter of fact, one particular field of employment alone is not going to help. Ceylon must advance all along the line. Her standard of living must be raised. And the Government, keeping this in mind, ought to see whether the land, which offers a promising avenue of employment in other countries, has been tapped wisely and on a sufficiently large scale to enable young men suited for such a life to earn their livelihood with dignity and independence. The Minister for Agriculture and Lands recently bemoaned the fact that the people of Ceylon care more for well-paid Government jobs than to be landowners and cultivators. Well, he was only speaking the truth. The remedy is to make life on the land as attractive as anything else. It can be done, but it cannot be done by pinning one's faith to peasant settlements. It is a mistake to take these peasants away from their ancestral villages and dump them in the wilds of the Wanni. The dry zone, which was once the granary of the island, went back to jungle because the peasantry that lived there was unable to cope with the conditions. You want educated young men with the necessary qualifications for a job like this, and, with the aid of modern science and with the assistance of the Government, there is no reason why the land should not again help to reduce, in a very large measure, the incidence of unemployment.

## Notes and Comments

### Ceylon and Freedom

Mr. J. L. Kotelawela, the Minister for Communications and Works, whose gallantry suffered temporary eclipse during the last All-Island strike, is unfortunately suffering from a mental hallucination. Col. Kotelawela, addressing a meeting of railwaymen at Nawalapitiya, is reported to have stated that "this time next year Ceylon would be a free country." This is revelation indeed. The Soulbury Constitution, which is going to be foisted on this country, may be an advance on the present constitution: but no man with an ounce of common sense or political sagacity will have the tardiness to assert that this is an instrument of Freedom and emancipation for the people of Ceylon. The acceptance of the Soulbury award by the Senanayake-Kotelawala coterie, at a time when the whole East struggling for complete political emancipation, is at best a questionable achievement. In fact, there are those who think this coterie has sold this island of ours to the Imperialists for a mess of pottage. After plunging this island into servitude, Mr. Kotelawela and his kinsmen, like the fox in the fable, want others to be deluded too!

### Mr. Silva in India

Mr. M. W. H. de Silva, who adorned the Supreme Court Bench in Ceylon for some time, has, we are

afraid, failed to come up to expectations as Representative to the Ceylon Government in India. His utterances, since of late in New Delhi, which perhaps he mistook for the language of diplomacy, have unfortunately not added anything to his prestige. In one of his speeches, Mr. de Silva is reported to have stated that 90 percent of the Ceylonese were Buddhists, and that Buddhism would prove a remedy for communal disagreements in India. Mr. de Silva's assertion regarding the percentage of Buddhists in Ceylon, to put it rather mildly, is an instance of gross misrepresentation. The Buddhists are not even 65 percent of the total population in the Island. As regards his other assertion, we are tempted to ask Mr. Silva whether Buddhism, as practised by the politicians who adorn the ministerial seats today has removed communal differences in this country. Another misrepresentation by Mr. Silva was in respect of the re-export of gunny bags to South Africa from Ceylon. He asserted with all vehemence before an Indian audience that Indians residing in Ceylon were to blame for the affair as they themselves did the export to South Africa. This statement too has proved to be a travesty of truth. The export of gunny bags was done by Singhalese merchants in collaboration with some Europeans, and the truth is now out. It is high time Mr. Silva is told not to roam about in doubtful domains and misrepresent Ceylon to the Indians who are after all not

## Food Prospects Gloomy

For 1947 too!

The U. S. Department of Agriculture states that strikes and transportation bottlenecks in November reduced still further hopes of averting another world food crisis this winter.

"The outlook for the remainder of '46 and 1947 is precarious in those countries which are heavily dependent upon imports to meet their ration requirements," the Department said. The United States alone had hoped to export 200,000,000 bushels of grain by December 31 but now shipments in the first six months of the year probably will not top 125,000,000 bushels. The total world shortage probably will amount to 11,000,000 bushels.

### JUDICIAL CHANGES

Mr. M. M. I. Kariapper, Additional District Judge, Jaffna has been transferred to Chilaw as Magistrate. Mr. G. C. T. A. de Silva, District Judge, Batticaloa succeeds Mr. Kariapper in Jaffna.

so credulous as he imagines them to be.

### Those Immoral Films

We had occasion, some time ago to draw the attention of the public to the influx of faked films into this country. Things have not improved since then. On the contrary they have become worse. Some of the Tamil films which have been recently imported into the country are nothing if they are not vulgar. The conception of public morals as exhibited in these pictures is deplorably inadequate and often distorted. Just as some of the South Indian studios reek in an immoral atmosphere, that immorality is unfailingly reflected in the tone and temper of these films as well. It is high time religious bodies, and organisations meant for the welfare of society all over the country, raised their united voice against the importation of these dirty films. We would appeal to the Government too to step in to prevent these films from being a source of demoralisation of the public.

### Britain and Disarmament

We are told that the Big Four have after all agreed to the principle of disarmament. This is all well and good in so far as intentions are concerned. But the snag will come in when the principle is boiled down to practice. However pious and sincere the Big Powers are in their avowals regarding world peace and general disarmament, the world does not believe in their *bona fides* as long as the present scramble for economic power and strategic advantages persists amongst them. Of all the powers, Britain is in a position, if she is really sincere in her avowals, to give the lead in casting away the feelings of mutual suspicion and fear which have unfortunately crept into the minds of the Powers; she should withdraw her troops from all her possessions and allow the countries concerned to settle their fate themselves. The present tangle in India, Palestine and Greece can never be solved by continued British intervention. If disarmament is to consist of nothing better than mere pious and platitudinous affirmations, history will only repeat itself. The decade preceding the last Great War also saw talks of Disarmament by the then Big Powers.



# Decency in Politics

## Dahanayake Accuses Ministers!

**M**R. W. Dahanayake, M. S. C. for Bibile, has brought to the notice of the Clerk of the State Council that a motion of his expressing no confidence in the Board of Ministers, notice of which was given in August, 1945, has not yet come up for discussion.

In a letter written to the Clerk on Wednesday last Mr. Dahanayake says that the motion has been on the agenda since August, 1945, but every time he sought to move it, he was frustrated.

"I would point out that according to Parliamentary tradition, such a motion should be given precedence over all others and the Ministers themselves should accord to it the importance it merits in the Order of the Day. Am I to take it that the Board of Ministers cares nought for precedents, tradition, or even for decency in politics?"

Mr. Dahanayake's motion was. "That this Council expresses its complete loss of confidence in the Board of Ministers for its failure to draw up plans against a recrudescence of unemployment in this country."

When he gave notice of this motion more than 15 months ago he indicated that he would move the suspension of Standing Orders so that the motion could be debated at an early date.

### THEY WANT CLERICAL JOBS

Of the 18000 unemployed men registered at employment exchanges, a large number had registered themselves as clerks. According to an official of the Colombo exchange, very few of these had the necessary qualifications for clerical posts, while a large number had not even passed the J. S. C. Their chances of employment were few, the official said.

### Suthumalai Drainage Scheme

Work will be begun in January on a drainage channel scheme to protect the Suthumalai area from the ravages of recurring annual floods.

The scheme has been hanging fire for 1940-41 and the estimate for it has jumped from Rs. 19,000 in that year to Rs. 66,000.

The inhabitants of Suthumalai had for many years been agitating for protection of this area from floods.

The proposed drainage channel to prevent flooding is to be cut from Suthumalai through Manipay and at one time the project was held up owing to a controversy over the trace for the channel which was decided on by the Public Works Department in consultation with the Irrigation Department. It was objected, chiefly by the people of Manipay, that this channel would protect Suthumalai but adversely affect other areas.

When acquisition proceedings were started much opposition from land owners had also to be faced and considerable delay was caused thereby. The acquisition is now said to be almost completed and work on the construction of the channel will be started next month.

### ONLY FOR CHRISMAS?

The issue of double rations of flour for the weeks beginning December 23rd and 30th will only be a temporary affair and the present ration would be resumed in the first week of January according to a statement of Food Director Alva-pillai.

### NEW TAXATION

It is understood that Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, Financial Secretary wants to introduce additional taxation shortly. At a meeting of the Board of Ministers held on Monday last, he stated he would place his full proposals soon.

### USELESS!

The first consignment of American textiles under the new scheme of procurement by the trade has arrived.

Although the shipment has come it has by no means caused happiness to the Controller of Textiles, who, instead, fears that it would result in Ceylon's allocation being reduced on account of some useless cloth that has been sent.

Of this consignment, it is learned that 3,000 yards comprise a mate-

### My Prayer

When on life's angry waves I launch  
My heart's the raft I take to me,  
My mind's the pole I lean upon,  
Vexations freight I bear to sea  
I strike upon the rock of lust!  
O, then, though witless quite I be  
Grant, King of Holy Ottiyur  
Such wisdom that I think of thee.

—APPAR SWAMIGAL.

rial which cannot normally be used by the people of this country.

In forwarding samples of this unusable material to the Executive Committee of Labour, Industry and Commerce, the Controller of Textiles utters the warning that these 3,000 yards will remain unsold resulting in loss to the dealer, while Ceylon will also have "this useless material" as part of her allocation.

### News in Brief

A report states that in cash the war cost Britain £ 21,000,000,000.

The Duke of Windsor who is in Washington had a 30 minute talk with President Truman.

The famous Thiruvottiur Temple near Madras has been opened for Harijan worship during the last week end.

The Muslim League party has captured all the Muslim seats but 2 in the Sind Assembly according to the latest election returns.

Mr. E. H. T. Gunasekera, Senior Crown Counsel has been appointed Acting Soliciting General as Mr. M. F. S. Pulle is on a month's leave.

## EMPLOYMENT FOR EX-SERVICEMEN

The problem of finding suitable avenues of employment for ex-Servicemen is likely to be solved when the proposals that are now before the Board of Ministers are put into execution.

The proposal to recruit about 2,000 men from Ceylon for Service work in Malaya, which came through the Service authorities, has been approved by the Board of Ministers. These men are required for military work, mainly in connection with guard duty and military policing. It is proposed in the first instance to train about a thousand men and send them to Malaya and later on to recruit another thousand men if the first batch proves successful.

The next proposal is to recruit a large number of suitable ex-Servicemen for the Police Force, which is said to require over 500 more men.

It is also proposed to recruit from the ranks of ex-Servicemen the men who are needed for the permanent Ceylon Defence Force. The recruiting of these men will be commenced shortly when the preliminary arrangements that are now in progress are completed.

Further avenues of employment are to be provided for them in civil

## PETTY DICTATOR

### Health Minister Says he is

The Minister of Health, Mr. George E. de Silva, and the Member for Bibile, Mr. W. Dahanayake, had an argument at the Health Committee meeting held on Monday last over the Minister's decision to ban advertisements in "The Times of Ceylon."

Mr. Dahanayake asked the Minister why his request to include the subject on the agenda had not been considered.

Mr. de Silva replied that he had ruled it out as he thought it to be irrelevant.

Mr. Dahanayake then asked for permission to move a resolution disapproving of the action of the Minister. This also was ruled out.

Mr. Dahanayake then described the Minister as a petty dictator.

Mr. de Silva: Yes, yes, I am.

A request to record the protest of Mr. Dahanayake in the minutes of the meeting was also ruled out.

lian work as carpenters, masons and mechanics in the various Government undertakings that are to be started.

## This Happened There!

### Absent Councillor Marked Present

**S**TATE Councillors are puzzled about how the name of a certain member who, they say, was absent from the meeting of the Council on November 26, got into the attendance list of the session.

This particular member, they assert, has not attended meetings of the Council since September 25 and under Section 15 of the Ceylon State Council Order-in-Council should lose his seat on December 25.

Mr. R. St. L. P. Deraniyagala, acting Clerk to the State Council, told "The Times of Ceylon" that he could comment on the subject. The official minutes of the Council of November 26 showed that the member was present.

The Speaker, Sir Waitialingam Duraiswamy, is likely to hold an inquiry into this matter. If it is proved that the member was not present on this day he will automatically forfeit his seat, unless the Council decides to hold a meeting before December 25 to enable this member to be present at a meeting this month.

Section 15 of the State Council Order-in-Council says that if a member keeps away from the Council for three successive months without having obtained the leave of the Council, he forfeits his seat.

### Notice of Tendering Security

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

No. 1105.

1. Visaladchy alias Thangammah widow of Subramaniam and  
2. Muttusamy Subramaniam both of Averangal.

Vs. Plaintiffs.

dead, 1. Kandar Chinniah Kanagasabai and wife  
2. Pooranam both of Vannarponnai East  
3. Thamotherampillai Siva.

gurunathan and wife

4. Savuntheripillai
5. Kandiah Nadarajah and wife
6. Saraswathipillai all of Karanavai North
7. Sinnatamby Sangarapillai and wife
8. Sinnammah both of Puttur West Defendants.

1. Chinniah Vallipuram of Colombo
2. Chinniah Suppiah of Anuradhapura
3. Arumugam Appiah and wife
4. Sinnammah
5. Ponnammah widow of Vallipuram all of Vannarponnai
6. Nagalingam Navaratnam
7. Nagalingam Kandiah
8. Sabapathy Subramaniam and wife
9. Annaratnam all of Anchananthalu, Jaffna
10. Kanagasabai Sabaratnam of Veyangoda
11. Chellappah Rasiah and wife
12. Ratnam both of Kokkuvil East
13. Karthikesu Nadarajah and wife
14. Rasammah
15. Kanagasabai Thiyagarajah all of do
16. Pooranam widow of Kanagasabai of Vannarponnai Jaffna (same as 2nd defendant.)

Substituted — defendants in place of the deceased 1st defdt.

To. The abovenamed 1st—16th Substituted Defendants.

Take notice that the petition of appeal presented by the plaintiffs in this case on the 16th day of December, 1946 against the judgement and order of this court dated 6th December 1946 having been received by the said court Counsel on behalf of the plaintiffs will on the 6th day of January 1947 at 10 a.m. or soon thereafter move to tender security in cash for any costs which may be incurred by you in appeal and will on the said day deposit in court a sufficient sum of money to cover the expenses of serving notice of appeal on you.

This 16th day of December, 1946.

S. C. CATHIRAVELU,  
Proctor for Plaintiffs-Appellants,  
(Mis. 276. 20.)



## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 634  
In the matter of the Last Will and  
Testament of Poothathamby  
Amirthalingam of Vannarponne,  
Jaffna

Deceased

Kanthappillai Chittampalam Sanmu-  
garatnam of Vannarponne

Vs. Petitioner

1. Bhagavathyammal widow of Poo-  
thathamby Amirthalingam of Van-  
narponne
2. Paruvathavarthanyammal daugh-  
ter of P. Amirthalingam of Van-  
narponne
3. Paruvathathevy daughter of P.  
Amirthalingam of Vannarponne
4. Paruvathambikai daughter of P.  
Amirthalingam of Vannarponne
5. Sathasivam Rajaratnam of Van-  
narponne

Respondents

This matter coming on for dispo-  
sal before R. R. Selvadurai, Esqr,  
District Judge, Jaffna, on the 8th  
day of November 1946 in the pre-  
sence of Mr. A. Nagendra, Proctor,  
on the part of the Petitioner and on  
reading the affidavit and Petition  
of the Petitioner.

It is ordered that the above-  
named fifth respondent be appointed  
guardian-ad-litem over the minors  
above-named third and forth respon-  
dents and the Petitioner be declared  
entitled to probate to the estate of  
the above-named deceased and the  
same be issued to him accordingly  
unless the above-named respondents  
or any other person shall on or be-  
fore the 10th day of January 1947  
appear before this court and show  
sufficient cause to the satisfaction  
of this court to the contrary.

This 8th day of November 1946.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai

District Judge

(O. 122. 20 &amp; 24)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 618  
In the matter of the estate of the  
late Sithambarapillai Eliathamby  
Kumaraswamy of Vannarponnai  
East, Jaffna.

Deceased

Annammah widow of Sithambara-  
pillai Eliathamby Kumaraswamy  
of Vannarponnai East, Jaffna.

Vs. Petitioner

- Minors
1. Thavamany daughter of  
Kumaraswamy
  2. Navamany daughter of  
Kumaraswamy
  3. Kumaraswamy Jegana-  
than and
  4. Balasaraswathy daughter  
of Kumaraswamy all of  
Vannarponnai East Jaffna  
appearing by their guar-  
dian-ad-litem the 5th res-  
pondent
  5. Karthikesu Nadarajah of  
do.

Respondents

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before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr. Dis-  
trict Judge, Jaffna on the 24th day  
of October 1946 in the presence of  
Mr. M. R. Karalasingham, Proctor on  
the part of the Petitioner, and the  
petition and affidavit dated the 2nd  
July 1946 of the Petitioner above-  
named having been read, it is order-  
ed that Annammah widow of  
Sithambarapillai Eliathamby Ku-  
maraswamy of Vannarponnai East,  
Jaffna the Petitioner above-named  
as the widow of the deceased above-  
named is entitled to have letters of  
Administration to the estate of the  
deceased issued to her accordingly  
unless the respondents abovenamed  
or any other person or persons inter-  
ested shall on or before the 28th  
day of November 1946 show suffi-  
cient cause to the satisfaction of  
this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that Karthi-  
gesu Nadarajah of Vannarponnai  
East, Jaffna the 5th respondent  
abovenamed be appointed guardian-  
ad-litem over the minors 1, Thava-  
many daughter of Kumaraswamy  
2, Navamany daughter of Kumara-  
swamy 3, Kumaraswamy Jegana-

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 640  
In the matter of the Last Will and  
Testament of the late Thangam-  
mah widow of Murugesu Mudaliar  
Tambipillai of Manippay

Deceased.

Sinnatangam widow of S. Tambiah  
of Manippay

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Sivagurunathar Thiagarajah and  
wife
  2. Rasammah of Rosmead Place  
Colombo.
- This matter coming on for dispo-  
sal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr.  
District Judge Jaffna on the day of  
December 1946 in the presence of  
Mr. E. Murugesampillai Proctor on  
the part of the Petitioner and the  
affidavit of the Petitioner and the  
Notary and the Witness having been  
read. It is ordered that the Last  
Will and Testament of the above-  
named Deceased be declared proved  
and that Letters of Probate be gran-  
ted to her as one of the executrix  
named therein unless the respon-  
dents or any other person shall ap-  
pear before this court on the 17th  
day of January 1947 and state ob-  
jections to the contrary.

3rd December 1946.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai

District Judge.

(O. 119. 17 &amp; 20)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 597  
In the matter of the intestate estate  
of the late Visuvanathar Ponnamp-  
alam of Tellippalai West

Deceased

Ponnampalam Sivapathasundaram  
of Tellippalai West

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Sayundaranayagam daughter of  
Ponnampalam
  2. Sowpakkiagewryammal daughter  
of Ponnampalam
  3. Sivayoganayagy daughter of Pon-  
nampalam all of Tellippalai West
  4. Visuvanathar Subramaniam of  
Tellippalai East
- Respondents  
This matter coming on for dispo-  
sal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr,  
District Judge Jaffna on the 2nd  
day of September 1946 in the pre-  
sence of Mr. M. Sithambaranathan,  
Proctor for Petitioner and the affida-  
vit of the Petitioner having been  
read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed  
4th Respondent be appointed Guar-  
dian-ad-litem over the minors 1, 2  
and 3 respondents for the purposes  
of protecting their interests and of  
representing them in these proceed-  
ings and that Letters of Administra-  
tion to the estate of the abovenam-  
ed deceased be granted to the peti-  
tioner as son and one of the heirs of  
the said deceased unless the above-  
named respondents appear before  
this Court on the 31st day of Octo-  
ber 1946 and show cause to the  
contrary.

It is further ordered that the peti-  
tioner do produce the said minors  
in court on the said date.

This 23rd October 1946.

R. R. Selvadurai (Sgd)

District Judge.

28.11.46

Date to show cause is extened till  
20th December 1946

R. R. S. (Intd)

D. J.

(O. 118. 17 &amp; 20)

than and 4, Balasaraswathy daugh-  
ter of Kumaraswamy all of Vannar-  
ponnai East, Jaffna unless the  
respondents abovenamed or any  
other person or persons interested  
shall on or before the 28th day of  
November 1946 show sufficient cause  
to the satisfaction of this Court to  
the contrary.

R. R. Selvadurai

District Judge.

Time to show cause extended till  
16.1.1946

R. R. S.

D. J.

(O. 121. 20 &amp; 24)

## VEDANTA MOOLA SARAM

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## THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

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

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## XIII. THE CHANDOGYA UPANISHAD (Contd.)

Section VI proceeds to identify the Rik and Sama-Vedas, res-  
pectively, with the earth and fire, the sky and air, heaven and the sun,  
the stars and the moon, the whiteness of the sun and the darkness  
therein, the second-named of each pair being shewn to rest on or depend  
on the first, and concludes: Now that Golden Person whom we  
behold in the interior of the sun with golden hair and whiskers whose  
whole body even unto the nails is of gold, whose eyes are like unto  
lotuses red as the orb of the rising god of day, His name is *U*, for He  
has risen (*udita*) above all sin. He also who knows this rises above all  
sin. The Rik and the Saman are His joints, hence is He the *Udgatham*,  
and therefore he who praises Him (the *U*) is called the *Udgatri* (the  
outsinger). He rules over all the regions beyond the sun and over all  
who desire the abode of the Devas. So much with reference to the  
Devas (*sruties* 6 to 8).—The reference to the Golden Person in the Sun  
with golden hair, &c, in these *Sruties* immediately brings to our mind  
such lines as the following from the Tamil:

பொன்னுர் மேனியனை, டலித்தோலை அனர்க்கனத்து  
மின்னுர் செஞ்சடைமேல் மிளிர்கொன்றை அணிந்தவனே... (Devaram)

Oh! Lord of golden hue clad in tiger skin and adorned with bright  
cassia flowers in Thy braided hair red as lightning.

பொன்போல மிளிர்வதோர் மேனியனார்... (ibid)

Oh! Lord with body bright as gold.

பொன்னை வகுத்தன்ன மேனியனே... (ibid)

Oh! Lord with body as if fashioned in gold.

பொன்னுத்த மேனிமேற் பொடியுண்ணுடேன்... (ibid)

I saw (sacred) ashes on His gold-like body.

செம்பொருத் செய்ததகு பெய்தாற்போலும் செஞ்சடை எம்பெருமான்

(ibid)

Our Lord with braided hair shining red as if formed of gold and  
stuffed with additional lustre.

பசும்பொன்னின் சிறத்தானைப் பால் நீற்றுனை (ibid)

Him of pure golden colour adorned with milky white ashes.

முடிக்கொண்ட வளர்மதியும் நுண்ணுய்த் தோன்றும்

முனை நாயிறு அன்ன மலர்க்கண்கள் மூன்றும்

...அணிமுதுவற் செவ்வாயும் அழகாய்த் தோன்ற

...சுடிசெம்பொன் மலைபோல இந்நான்

முடிக்கொண்டு என்மனத்தகத்தே புருத்தார் போலும்

குடத்தைக் கீழ்க்கோட்டத்தேம் கூத்தனோ (ibid)

Our Dancer of Kudanthai Keel Kottam, He seems to have entered  
my heart this day to reside there like a mountain of pure  
bright gold looking resplendent with the waxing moon on His  
head, three lotus eyes resembling the rising sun and beautiful  
smiling ruddy lips.

பொன்னியலுத்திருமேனி...(Tiruvachakam)

Gold-like handsome body (of the Lord)

பளிகடின் தர்மணிக்குன்று (Tiru Isaippah)

Beauteous Mountain of heaped up red stone.

பொன்வண்ணம் எவ்வண்ணம் அவ்வண்ணம் மேனி...சசனுக்கே,

(Seraman)

What the colour of gold is, of that colour is the body of the Lord.

வெள்ளி வெற்பின்மேல்...பவனவெற்பென்...வீற்றிருத்த வன்னவார்...

(Periya Puranam)

The All-Bestower seated like a reddish mountain on the top of the  
silver-white mountain (Sri Kailasam)

விரிந்த பங்கதிர் உடையதோர் வெய்யவன் கடுவன்

பொருத்தி வைகிய கண்ணுதற் பாம்பன் போன்றான் (Kanda Puranam)

He resembled the Supreme Lord with the eye in the forehead re-  
siding in the centre of the peerless sun possessed of immuner-  
able expanding rays.

மாதிரி அருக்கன் காப்பன் வைகிய பாம்பனேபோல்

ஆறுமாருகத்து வன்னல் அலங்குனைப்புரவி மான்மேர், ஏறினான்... (ibid)

The six-faced God entered the car... like the Supreme Lord re-  
siding in the centre of the peerless sun.

Section VII is clothed in similar vein to the previous one, the Rik  
and the Saman being here likened to the pairs speech and breath, the  
eye and the pupil thereof, the ear and mind, the white light of the eye  
and the blue exceeding darkness therein, the second-named of each  
pair being described as resting on the first. The image in the eye is  
then eulogised and identified with the Golden Person in the sun  
mentioned in the previous section.

Section VIII relates a discussion between three men well versed  
in the *Udgitham*, two brahmins named Silakan and Chaikitayan and  
a Kshatriyan by name Pravahanan son of Jivalan. The gist of their  
conversation is as follows: Chaikitayan said that of the Saman the  
resting place (or essence or source) is tune; of tune, breath; of breath,  
food; of food, water; of water, that world (*Svargam* or heaven). Be-  
yond this he could not go and said: Let no man carry the Saman be-  
yond the *Svarga* (heaven). We locate the Saman in heaven, since the  
Saman is praised in heaven (*sruti* 5).—Silakan was not satisfied and  
said: ...thy Saman is not firmly established. And, if anyone were to  
say 'Let thy head fall off (thy neck), it would surely happen (*sruti* 6).  
—The idea intended to be conveyed by these words is that it is wrong  
to stop short with *Svargam* only, and any one who does not understand  
his subject properly or comes to wrong conclusions and vaunts his  
ignorance (defective knowledge) in the presence of sages who are his  
betters, is doomed to destruction if he persists in his braggadocio after  
being warned by his betters. Accordingly, Chaikitayan desisted from  
his discourse and asked for enlightenment from Silakan, who went a  
step further and said that this world (the earth) was the resting place  
of that world (*Svargam*). His knowledge too was defective, said  
Pravahanan of the warrior caste.

(To be continued)



Letters to the Editor

## "CAT OUT OF THE BAG"

Sir—The original motion brought before the State Council by Mr. J. R. Jayawardane with regard to the future official language for Sri Lanka was to the effect that Sinhalese should be made as such. It was Mr. V. Nalliah who proposed an amendment that both Sinhalese and Tamil should be made the official languages; and the State Council was diplomatic enough to pass the motion as amended. Otherwise the discrimination shown would have called for the intervention of the Governor's veto. Later Mr. Dudley Senanayake, son of the Leader of the House, while giving evidence before the Languages Committee, said that Sinhalese should be made the official language. His father neither gave evidence before the Committee nor has so far shown in any utterance his disagreement with his son's views which were condemned in many a quarter. Again in the questionnaire sent out by the Committee witnesses were asked to express their opinion when it was preferable to codify the laws of Ceylon in one language. Messrs S. Thambithurai and S. N. Rajadurai, while giving evidence before the Committee in Jaffna last April, put a direct question to the Chairman as to who was responsible for the idea of codifying the laws in one language only. The Chairman kept silent and the other members looked at one another. The Minister of Education murmured a feeble explanation that it was probably a suggestion made in someone's memorandum.

Now the Committee's report has been published. It says that within the next ten years Sinhalese and Tamil should become the sole official languages of the country replacing English, and here comes the direction of the "Daily News" contained in its editorial of the 7th December.

"Mental malnutrition would be too heavy a price for making Sinhalese and Tamil the official languages. Living standards can hardly be improved if administrative and educational innovations are adopted which are likely to result in a disastrous lowering of present day standards. The Languages report would have commanded a much wider support if it had taken as its objective an efficient bilingualism, to be attained within a more reasonable period of time, and therefore left the final choice of an official language to settle itself in accordance with the new conditions."

The views of the "Daily News" may generally be assumed as the precursors of Mr. Senanayake's policy which will incidentally be the U. N. P.'s and possibly the future Governments' too. It will be to secure first "an efficient bilingualism" and later on to make the choice of an official language in accordance with the new conditions. Paraphrased it means that in the course of the next twenty or thirty years Sinhalese and Tamil will have been learnt by all the people in the island and then the language of the majority community can easily be made the official language when Ceylon will be enjoying Dominion Status under a Ceylonese Governor. Those who believe that a language can flourish and keep with the times only when it is made the official language of the country in which it is spoken will do well to remember all the above facts as pointers and carefully watch the future developments and the outcome of the Committee's report.

By the way, a sample of how the transition has already started by murdering English may be seen

in a sentence contained in the Languages Committee's report which runs thus:

"All Government servants you get or the forty years on 1st January, 1947 must have a complete knowledge of one national language on and after 1st January, 1952, and a working knowledge of the other by January 1, 1957."

One may also want to know the "complete knowledge."

"JUNIOR"

### Building Overseers

Sir,—May I crave your indulgence to permit me a small space in your esteemed paper to ventilate the grievances of a class of temporary officers in the Medical department.

This class of officers were recruited in 1942 as daily paid officers at the rate of Rs. 2/50 per day and war allowance. All these years they have done their duty to the satisfaction of their superiors. Although the salaries of other daily paid clerks and other services were revised with that of the other permanent services, the salaries of these humble servants of the Govt. have not undergone an increase.

These poor men cannot put together a joint demand as they are stationed far and wide in the island.

The Head of the Department and the Minister of Health could have easily put in a word in favour of these humble servants.

What they want is that their services should be made permanent and given all the amenities that others of their status in other departments enjoy.

It will be very ungrateful on the part of the state if public servants are not justly treated as they have to work in malarial districts supervising the buildings that are to clear out dear Mother Lanka of illness.

I hope that the Minister and the State Councillors would take interest in these humble men and take steps to redress the wrong done to them.

S. THILLAYAMBALAM

Sandilipay North  
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### DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN MEDICINE

It is learnt that the Government of India have decided to appoint a committee of Unani hakims and Ayurvedic physicians to advise on the development of indigenous medicine. An official announcement regarding the terms of reference and membership of the committee is expected shortly.

### Munshi For Benares University

Mr. K. M. Munshi, former Home Minister, Bombay Government, well known lawyer and author, it is understood, is to be appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Benares Hindu University from March next.

Mr. Munshi's appointment had been approved by the late Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.

## INDIA'S FUTURE CONSTITUTION

### No Referring Back to Britain

"Whatever form of constitution we decide upon in the Constituent Assembly would become the constitution of a free India, whether Britain accepted that or not," declared Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru amidst shouts of 'Bharat Mata-ki-Jai' by the biggest crowd that had ever assembled at the Benares Town Hall grounds. The gathering was estimated at nearly a lakh.

Pandit Nehru said that the British Government was thinking that the decisions of the Constituent Assembly were not binding on it. "But we have not entered the Constituent Assembly," he went on, "to place our decisions in a silver dish and dance attendance on the British Government for acceptance. We have altogether stopped to look to London. We know that there are some differences amongst us but we shall settle them ourselves. We cannot and will not tolerate any outside interference."

Pandit Nehru added that India's relations with Britain henceforth would depend on how Britain acted at present. "We want to be friendly with all countries of the world, even with Britain, but only if Britain did not put hindrances in our march towards complete freedom. We want to forget British misdeeds of the past. If the British behaviour towards India at present improves, Britain would reap favourable results, but if their behaviour remained bad Britain could not expect good results."

### Sinhala Maha Sabha's Request To U. N. P.

It is understood that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sinhala Maha Sabha, two resolutions were adopted with regard to the forthcoming elections to the new Parliament.

One was a resolution expressing regret that the United National Party has not yet taken steps with regard to the nomination of candidates to the various constituencies under the new constitution.

The other was a resolution suggesting that there should be open electorates also to which no candidates are to be nominated by the United National Party.

These decisions are to be conveyed to the Executive Committee of the U. N. P. for its consideration and necessary action to be taken.

### Not Proper to Cut Across India's Policy

Mr. Rajah Hewavitarne, Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce in the course of a statement to the Press has explained why the permits to export gunny bags to South Africa were cancelled. He said he gave this matter careful consideration as he felt that it was not proper for this Government to cut across the policy of India's trade sanctions against South Africa.

### Reference to Federal Court

Eminent lawyers like Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar, D. M. R. Jayakar, Mr. K. M. Munshi and Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose are expected to present the Congress case when reference is made to the Federal Court on the question of grouping during the next week or two.

It is learnt that on a motion, which may be made in the Constituent Assembly this week, the Chairman, Dr. Rajendra Prasad will move the Federal Court in terms of H. M. G.'s statement of December 6.

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Further Particulars from the Principal—  
(Mis 499. 17-20.)

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[Mis. 248. 15-3-46 to 14-3-47.]



**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Te tarentary Jurisdiction No. 633

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Paramasamy Vaitilingam of Nallur East in Jaffna. Arapooranammal widow of Paramasamy Vaitilingam of Nallur East in Jaffna. Petitioner

Vs.

1. Paramasamy Ambalavanar 2. Sinnermah wife of Kailayapillai Ramalingam 3. Kailayapillai Ramalingam, all of Kopay South. 4. Selvanayakiammah alias Ponnu wife of Sivakolundu Sivagnanam 5. Sivakolundu Sivagnanam 6. Suppiah Sabaratnam 7. and wife Poranamah 8. Chellammah widow of Kaddiah 9. Ambikaipakar Paramasamy, all of Nallur East in Jaffna. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 6th day of November 1946 in the presence of Mr. W. Mutukumaraswamy Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that letters of administration to the estate of the late Paramasamy Vaitilingam of Nallur the above-named deceased be granted to the petitioner above-named the said Arapooranammal, as widow of the deceased, unless the respondents above-named or any other person shall show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the con-

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( ). 120. 20. &amp; 24.)

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