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FORTRESS ECONOMY

A NEW ECONOMIC SYSTEM THAT IS EMERGING

AN ESSENTIALLY DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM

BY W. TUDOR DAVIES

IN the midst of the topsy-turvy conditions of present-day living, it is possible few people realise that a social and economic evolution is taking place around them. Yet it is a fact.

It is the result of absorbing something of the totalitarian concept, popularly known as the Corporate State, on the one hand, and, on the other, something of the rationalistic idea of Communism. The economic state thus evolved is entirely British, and will doubtless be copied and adapted in the United States of America. It is a democratic concept with the basic principle of give and take, checks and balances, and a certain amount of elasticity. Perhaps it can best be described in the phrase, a disposition to preserve and an ability to improve.

The New Order

One of the most evident changes the ordinary man is witnessing and experiencing is that of control. It need give no cause for alarm. Rather, this control should be regarded as the growing-gains of a new order. There are three partners in the new economic system—the business men, through their Trade Associations, the workers, through their Trade Unions, and the consumers, through the Government.

Few realise the amount of operative effort that has been exerted in the formation of the new Export Groups, which have come into being for the purpose of developing our export drive, in order that the Government shall have money abroad to pay for our aeroplanes and munitions of war purchased outside these Islands.

Community Business

As many as 210 Export Groups have been formed under the aegis of the Export Council of the Board of Trade. This means that firms who have not hitherto associated with their competitors will now do so for export purposes. Thus

will be developed the community business that J. B. Priestley talks about as a necessity after the war, and a division of markets and co-operation to reduce overheads will follow.

In order to prosecute the war Fortress Economy is being built-up, that of diverting capital into war effort and, at the same time, maintaining freedom of imports. This latter the British Navy is doing with incomparable vigilance in all the Seven Seas. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is providing the sinews of war by taxation, and, at the same time, limitation of supply is taking place in the home market to divert goods for export. By Limitation of Supply Orders, the business-man finds his business activities controlled and this, combined with the proposed Purchase Tax, gives rise to fears that the export market cannot be catered for, as it is the home market which pays their overhead charges. Thus, the major problem is to strike the equilibrium between production for the home market and that for export.

Team Work

This is a people's war. The part played by the Trade Unions is sufficient evidence of the fact. There is scarcely an aspect of war effort in which Trade Unions have not played, or are not now playing, a part. They are represented on the Cabinet Council; the Minister of Labour has invited them to join his Advisory Committee; the Minister of Supply has included them among the members of his Production Council and Local Area Committees. Trade Union representatives play their part, through their Unions by loaning money to the Government, free of interest, and in serving on Advisory Committees in connection with the development of War Savings.

There is on every side evidence

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Will U. S. A. Send Troops to Europe?

Discussion in the House of Representatives

Washington, Monday.

"Purely a defence measure" was the description applied by Mr. Sabath, Chairman of the Rules Committee, formally opening the debate on the Bill in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hamilton Fish, the first Republican speaker, predicted that the United States would be involved in war in Europe and Asia within six months if the Bill were approved unchanged.

A hot discussion was initiated by Representative Dirksen who referred to Lord Halifax's visit on Saturday to Mr Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, who after-wards stated that he had assured Lord Halifax that the Bill would be passed without any major change. Representative Dirksen termed this an "extraordinary procedure" and demanded a report of what happened when Lord Halifax called on Mr. Bloom.

With a flushed face, Mr. Bloom replied in a tense voice that the only things mentioned were the exhibition of the Magna Carta and the procedure to be followed in Congress with regard to the Bill. He added that Mr. Dirksen's question was very improper.

Mr. Dirksen replied: "America's destiny hangs in the balance. This is a proper question."

The Lease-and-Lend Bill would "vest in one man the decision of peace or war in this country," said Senator Philip La Follette before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today. Senator La Follette, twice Governor of Wisconsin, organized the National Progressives of America in 1938. He said that M. Daladier told him in March, 1939, that France expected the United States to help with money, materials and men. "Money and materials are in this Bill, and I have no hesitation in saying that the President would be justified in regarding this legislation as a mandate to carry out the full implication of entrance into the war," he declared.

Mr. Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, asserted that the passage of the Lease-and-Lend Bill would almost certainly be followed by the despatch of troops to Europe. It increased the danger of the United States finding itself involved in a total war. "The factory we should then want," he said, "namely the elimination of the power not only of the Axis, but also, of Japan, would logically require troops in Asia, Europe and perhaps, Africa."

UNEMPLOYED IN JAFFNA

F.I.N.S. TO INVESTIGATE PROBLEM

SOCIETY TO CELEBRATE CENTENARY

THE Jaffna Friend-in-need Society has appointed at its annual general meeting a sub-committee to investigate into the problem of the unemployed in Jaffna.

It was also decided at the meeting to celebrate the centenary of the Society which falls on March 9 this year.

Mr. M. Prasad, the President, presided at the meeting which was held at the Town Hall.

Mr. R. R. Nalliah, Secretary, read annual report, in which he stated:—

"The number of pensioners in our list is 170 as against 178 in 1939. A sum of Rs. 4,610 50 was spent in pensions during the year as against Rs. 4,366 the previous year.

"We started the year with a balance of Rs. 15,842.11 as against a sum of Rs. 17,509.22 in 1939. Of this amount a sum of Rs. 10,850 is invested on the security of mortgage bonds and Rs. 2,000 is in deposit in the Co-operative Central Bank and Rs. 587 39 is in deposit at the Jaffna Kachcheri.

"Our financial position is not very satisfactory. We would like to strike a note of warning that unless we increase our annual income we may in a few years exhaust our reserve funds; for during the year under review our balance in hand is Rs. 2,404.72 lower than in the previous year."

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, congratulated Mr. Nalliah on the very good work done by him during the year.

Every endeavour should be made to increase membership. He earnestly appealed to the people of Jaffna who were always eager to support deserving causes to rally to the side of the Society, which was doing excellent work.

Mr. S. Karagasabai, Vice-President, seconded.

"Help Unemployed"

The Revd. James S. Mather, Chairman of the North Ceylon

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Manager's Notice

There will be no issue of the "Hindu Organ" on Monday, February 10, as the Office will be closed for the *Thaiposam* Festival.

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Ramanathan Women's Training School Admission Examination

Students seeking admission to the Ramanathan Training School may send in their applications to the Principal on or before March 15th 1941. Syllabuses for the above examination will be sent to each applicant.

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Hindu Organ.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1941.

AN EXAMINATION COUNCIL

SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS put forward by the President of the All Ceylon Union of Teachers at the annual meeting deserve serious consideration at the hands of those who are in charge of education in the country. Education, like trade in our unfortunate Island, is largely controlled from outside. This is particularly true of higher education which has got to conform and adjust itself to the changing conditions and fortunes of foreign universities. Our schools and colleges which prepare their pupils for the London University Examinations are now made to realise the disadvantages of depending on foreign examining bodies. The time and the money spent on these examinations are more than what an average student can afford. It should, therefore, be the concern of the authorities to begin substituting as far as possible local examinations in place of those for which many a parent pays through his nose.

The institution of an Examination Council with a full-time secretary and staff to take over the conduct of all local school examinations is an excellent idea put forward by the Teachers Union. The Minister for Education should not fail to appreciate the advantages of a Council

modelled on the lines of the London General Schools and Matriculation Council. A specially trained Officer and Staff should succeed in having the local examinations more standardised and in running them more efficiently than now. The vagaries of the J. S. C. examination which annually create so much of dissatisfaction can easily be got over by replacing the motley crew of examiners who now conduct this examination by a permanent Council. We strongly commend this idea to the Minister for Education and hope he will lose no time in giving effect to it.

Another hope expressed by the President of the Teachers Union is the abolition of the Inter and Pre-medical classes in the University College, and the secondary schools which have adequate equipment and staff taking them on. It will be a great boon to students if the authorities will give effect to this suggestion. There are a number of efficient and well-equipped secondary schools which can safely be entrusted with the task of preparing students, as they are doing now, for these examinations. The complaint of the University College authorities about the difficulty of finding accommodation for the increasing number of students seeking admission can thus be set at rest. If the authorities wish that a standard of efficiency should be kept up they can recognize a limited number of schools throughout the island and aid them with special grants towards maintaining it. A large part of the money now spent on the University College can thus be saved. Students too can have education cheaper nearer their homes. These suggestions of the All-Ceylon Teachers Union deserve the serious and earnest consideration of the authorities.

J. H. C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Election of Office-Bearers

At the annual general meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jaffna Hindu College and Branch Schools, held on Friday the 31st ultimo, with Adigar A. Nagana-ther, the President, in the chair, the following Office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected:—

President: Adigar A. Nagana-ther.

Vice-President: Mr. R. Sivagurunathar

Secretary: Mr. C. Arulambalam

Asst. Secretary: Madahyar V. Ponnambalam

Treasurer: Mr. S. Adchalingam

Manager: Sir Waitalingam Duraiswamy

Committee: Messrs. R. R. Nalath, P. K. Somasundaram and T. Muttusamypillai.

Auditor: Mr. S. P. Kandiah

Visitors: Messrs. S. Patanjali and S. Thuraiappah.

Mr. Wells on India's Future

Unit In World Federation

London, Jan. 31.

"What I want to see is India taking her place in a World Federation which we have got to work for from now on. It is a world, not a national, settlement all mankind needs", declares Mr. H. G. Wells, referring to India in an interview to the 'United Press of India'.

Referring to his plan for a declaration of the Rights of Man, Mr. Wells expressed himself bitterly disappointed by India's reactions. "Mr. Gandhi has missed my main point", he said, "which was that he should declare his readiness to uphold the rights of other peoples also in a declaration of world equality. What I want to see is India taking her place in a World Federation which we have got to work for from now on. It is a world, not a national, settlement all mankind needs."

Continuing, Mr. Wells, who has recently returned from a lecture tour in the United States of America, referred to the position of America in the present war and said: "I hope with all my heart that America will not come into the war. If the United States comes in, she will as before import much of local politics into the post-war settlement and this would be harmful. It is also necessary that there should be some part of the world which could do a little sane and cool thinking."

Mr. Wells cited the American Town Hall meeting system, whereby no fewer than nine million people regularly debate world problems, and said that all that free intellectual activity, to which there had not been any parallel in world's history, would be swamped out if the United States entered the arena. "Besides, I am utterly convinced" he said, "that we can manage without any such help from the United States. The Nazis are already exhausting themselves. What America has done, what she is doing and what she naturally would do is certain to prove enough to tip the scales finally against the Nazis."

Replying to a question as to whether he feared democracy would succumb in Britain in the course of the struggle, Mr. Wells said that he did not have any such anxiety. He observed: "Ambassador Kennedy, who was reported to have said some such thing, has been misunderstood. What he meant is that the thing which passes for democracy should be revised after the war if the world is to build itself anew and certainly he is right. I personally think that this is almost the end of the human story and the world will never again emerge into freedom and unity. But if it is to do so tremendous constructive and common effort will have to be made by all mankind after the war."

Mr. Wells cited the instance of the recent statement from General Sikorski, envisaging post-war Poland as independent but readily abridging her sovereignty in the interests of a federated system, as one of the brightest rays of hope for mankind.

To the accompaniment of fierce anti-aircraft fire from the park

SAIVA PARIPALANA SABHAI

Executive Committee

The following members, in addition to the Office-bearers, have been elected to the Executive Committee of the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai:—

Messrs: T. Muttusamypillai, S. Adchalingam, S. Annamalai, S. Balasubrahmaniam, P. Chinnadurai, V. Nagalingam, V. T. Sambandan, P. Rajagopal, K. Sivapiragasam, E. Kathiraveilu, S. T. M. P. Sithamparanatha Chettiar, K. Ramalingam, T. N. Subbiah, K. Navaratnam V. Visualingam, S. Rajaratnam and Dr. S. Thuraiappah.

The Oriental Bank of Malaya Ltd

Jaffna Branch

As has been notified to their numerous clients and the General Public in the Local Press and by Handbills, the Jaffna Branch of the Oriental Bank of Malaya Ltd., has removed their business to a more spacious and more businesslike centre at No. 8 Clock Tower Road, Jaffna, on Monday the 3rd inst. An informal ceremony of opening their new premises was performed by the Very Rev. Father B. A. Thomas O. M. I. of the Tholagatty Monastery in the presence of the Manager, his family and the Staff. Since pressure of business would not permit them, no formal invitations were issued but still a few of the clients of the firm were present.

The Oriental Bank of Malaya Ltd., under their old name of B. P. Nicholas & Sons (Bankers) have been doing Banking business in F. M. S. for the past twenty years and in Jaffna for the last twelve years. Now, that they have removed to a more spacious premises, it shows that their business has been satisfactory to all concerned. It may be said in this connection that theirs is the first Bank in Jaffna, incorporated under Banking Ordinance and the first owned, managed and staffed by Jaffnese. Moreover, this institution was the first to reduce the rate of interest on Pawns. Terms of business are still to the advantage of clients and their Easy Payment loans are highly beneficial to their clientele. We wish The Oriental Bank of Malaya Ltd, all success. (Communicated.)

Educational

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opposite his house Mr. Wells enthusiastically discussed post-war reconstruction. Britain should declare her peace aims, he insisted, supporting the campaign which certain sections of the British Press were waging therefor.

Mr. Wells concluded: "Britain and her Allies should declare now in general terms on the lines of my proposed Declaration of the Rights of Man that the post war world should build on liberty equality and fraternity. People must define their objectives for, if we do not declare what we want, we will never get them."

TEACHERS AND POLITICS

MISLEADING PRESS PROPAGANDA

A.C.U.T. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

"A section of the Press is responsible for misleading the public into thinking that in England the teachers are deprived of their civic and political rights. I hope the intelligent members of the public will not accept such statements without careful investigation," declared the Rev. J. T. Arulanantham in his presidential address at the annual general meeting of the All-Ceylon Union of Teachers held last Saturday at Southlands, Galle. He said:

"Recently teachers have been very much concerned with the attempts made by various people to deprive them of their civic and political rights. No doubt there may be occasion when the manager of a school may feel that in the interests of the school it is not advisable for the teachers in that school to take part in local politics. Those are exceptional cases which do not affect the main question. But we are concerned with the attempts made by some to deprive teachers of their political rights simply because they are supported by funds from the State exchequer. We are told that we should accept all limitations and restrictions imposed on Government servants without their rights and privileges, and I think it is an unhappy position for us to be in. A section of the Press is responsible for misleading the public into thinking that in England the teachers are deprived of their civic and political rights. I hope the intelligent members of the public will not accept such statements without careful investigation.

"In England teachers can take an active part in Parliamentary elections, and can even stand for election while they are in the profession. The National Union of Teachers puts forward a certain number of teachers as candidates for Parliament, to represent the cause of teachers; and when they succeed in getting a place in Parliament they are asked to give up their work as teachers in order that they may devote their full time to Parliamentary work, in very much the same way as the President of the N. U. T. gives up teaching during the year he functions as President.

"With regard to the teachers in the schools under the management of the local bodies it is true that they are not allowed to take part in Council Elections as they are employees of the Council, but they may stand for election in a neighbouring Council. Teachers in aided schools are not Government servants and, therefore, it would not be fair to them to deprive them of their civic and political rights.

"I am not looking at the question purely from the point of view of the rights of teachers. I am quite convinced that the country's loss will be very great indeed if the teachers are prevented from taking part in politics. The contribution the teachers can make to the political thought and life of the coun-

try is distinct and valuable, and the country will be making a great mistake if teachers are denied their rights."

Committee on Education

Referring to the special committee on Education Rev. Arulanantham said:

"The need to investigate the educational system of the country is universally felt by all interested in education. The A. U. C. T. has for some years past asked for a commission of educational experts from abroad to inquire into our educational problems, and we were very happy indeed when the Minister announced his decision to reconsider the educational aims and methods in vogue in Ceylon.

"We were very much disappointed, however, at the appointment of a special committee composed of educationists and politicians in the Island rather than an independent commission from outside. After expressing our disappointment to the Minister we assured him and the special committee that we would give every assistance to them to the best of our ability.

"We hope that the special committee will make recommendations with regard to the adjustment of scale of salaries of teachers with reference to the types of school. What we want is a co-ordinated scheme: schools and salaries. For, we cannot very well frame a scheme of teachers' salaries without reference to the types of schools.

"A major change which I hope will take place in the educational system in the near future is in regard to the external examinations which continue to dominate our schools curriculum. The only good points about the London Matriculation and the Cambridge Senior Examinations are that they are standardised and that there is no likelihood of the question-papers leaking before the commencement of the examination.

"As a school leaving examination the London Matriculation Examination is thoroughly unsuitable, and is never regarded as a leaving examination in England. Apart from the many handicaps of having an external examination to control our curriculum there is the additional difficulty of getting the question papers and the results in time, especially during these days of war.

Exam. Council

"One of the resolutions before the house is that the Minister of Education should be requested to set up an examination council with a full-time secretary and staff to take over the conduct of all local school examinations. The very specialised work of modern school examination must be conducted by a council like the London General Schools and Matriculation Council, with a specially trained officer and staff. Such a council will succeed in having the examinations more standardised and in running them more efficiently than the present local examinations.

"The 5th Standard test, as a test for the children of that age, is highly commendable and the Department deserves every credit for getting up such an excellent test. As an achievement test it failed in one respect. The children who are not used to this type of testing were puzzled and, therefore, their achievement measure could not have been as high as it might have been. The drop in the achievement measure due to the lack of familiarity with the method of testing may be eliminated by giving the children a sample test on similar

THIRUNELVELY HINDU SCHOOL SOCIETY

26th Annual General Meeting

The 26th Annual General Meeting of the Thirunelvely Hindu School Society was held on the 25th January, 1941, at 7. p. m. in the Hindu School Hall. The Annual Report and the Balance Sheet were adopted and the election of Office-bearers for the year 1941 resulted as follows:—

Patrons: Messrs. S. Sabapathy, S. Thuraiappah and V. S. Kandiah Pillai.

President: Mr. S. Thambidurai.
Vice Presidents: Mr. M. Balasundaram and Mr. V. Subramaniam.

Managers: (Thirunelvely Hindu School) Mr. T. Kanapathypillai and (Thirunelvely Textile Factory) Mr. V. V. Karunanithy.

Hony. Secretary: Mr. A. K. Ponnampalam.

Hony Asst. Secretary: Mr. K. P. Thillaiampalam.

Hony Treasurer: Mr. R. Kasinather.

Hony Asst. Treasurer: Mr. T. Nannithamby.

Supervisor Noon-Meals: Mr. N. P. Shanmugam.

Un-Officials: Mr. K. S. Subramaniam, Mr. S. Duraisamy, Mr. N. K. Nallathamby, Mr. K. Shanmugam, Mr. S. Sabaretnam and Mr. K. Kassipillai.

Public Auditor: Mr. C. N. Devarajan.

Internal Auditor: Mr. K. Thambiyaiyah.

Out Station Secretaries: (Colombo) Mr. A. C. Nadarajah and (F. M. S.) Mr. T. Rajendra.

Junior Domestic Science Results

Point Pedro Friday 31st.

Twelve girls out of fourteen presented by the Girls Bilingual School, Point Pedro, were successful in the Junior Domestic Science Examination held in August 1940:

Pushpam Solomons, Patkuvavaiy Kandiah, Victoria Muttiah, Thirumangai Vethavanam, Pooranammah Vallipuram, Rebacca Payron, Puvanawary Sanmugam, Mangaikarasi Kanapathipillai, Kiripairatnam Seevaratnam, Selva-yogam Selvamaniyam, Thangaratnam Kumarasamy and Jessie Benjamin. (Cor)

lines a few days earlier.

"If the purpose of the examination is to select and direct the students into the various types of schools it serves a useful purpose. But if it serves merely as a promotion examination it does not serve a very useful purpose. At present some students stay two and sometimes three years in order to pass this examination and continue their studies in the post primary classes. Except in rare cases I think it is not advisable for a child to stay a second year in the same class.

"I should like to see the Inter and Pre-Medical classes abolished in the University College, and secondary schools which have adequate equipment and staff taking them on. The University College staff can then spend their time more profitably in preparing their students for the degree and post-graduate courses."

Mr. Kannangara Apologises

Sequel to Statement At Meeting

Colombo, Tuesday.

Mr. C. W. W. Kannangara, Minister of Education, today stood his "trial" before the Board of Ministers on a "charge" brought against him by his colleague, Mr. D. S. Senanayake Minister of Agriculture and Lands.

Mr. Senanayake challenged the Minister of Education to prove the charge made by him before a meeting of the Sinhala Maha Sabha that the other Ministers obstructed all his good plans and, failing such proof, Mr. Senanayake demanded an unreserved withdrawal of the allegations and an apology.

In the event of Mr. Kannangara failing to comply with these demands, Mr. Senanayake threatened to move a vote of no-confidence in Mr. Kannangara.

Mr. Kannangara's insinuation against the Ministers (also against the members of his own committee as reported in the Press, was that they were all managers of schools and as such they opposed him at every turn.

It was proved to Mr. Kannangara today that only two Ministers were managers of schools and small schools at that, Mr. Senanayake, Mr. W. A. de Silva, Mr. Corea and Lt. Col. J. L. Kotelawala have no connexion at all with school management.

Mr. Kannangara denied that he had even made the statement attributed to him by the Press and added that the Press had always been down on him.

He had not considered it necessary to contradict the Press report as no useful purpose was served by such contradictions.

He, however, proposed to take the earliest opportunity of making a public contradiction either in the State Council or on a platform.

Notwithstanding his denial of the report, Mr. Kannangara apologised to the Board of Ministers "for any pain of mind caused by such report."

Heavy Dew at Point Pedro This Year

Point Pedro, Friday 31.

Malaria, enteric, influenza and dysentery are prevailing in this locality. With the heavy dew in the mornings there is a great increase and in the Point Pedro outdoor dispensary there is a great increase in the number of patients. Day in and day out patients can be seen going in and out of the dispensary. The Health Officer stationed here Mr. S. R. Muthu thambiy has hardly time to rest. He is trying his best to stamp out these diseases from the Sanitary Board Area. Great credit is due to him for relieving the sufferings of patients whose numbers are on the increase daily. (Cor)

Tamil Buddhists

The committee of the All-Ceylon Tamil Buddhist Association, Kandy, has decided to publish the "Life of Buddha", in Tamil and distribute it among Tamils during the Wesak festival.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SCIENCE AND THE ALL-CEYLON HINDU YOUTH'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Sir,—In my letter dealing with the "judgment" meted out on Science on a religious occasion, published in your paper of the 23rd ultimo, I had requested the President and Secretary of the All-Ceylon Hindu Youth's Central Committee to make a public statement about their attitude to Science and its "condemnation" by certain religious leaders. In vain did I seek for such a statement in the subsequent issues of the "Hindu Organ." Disappointed that responsible religious leaders have not thought it fit to make an authoritative statement about such an important problem, I feel it is necessary to make yet another attempt to shake them out of the smug self-complacency in which they are hopelessly immersed. Claiming to be very greatly interested in the development of religion in general, and of Hinduism in particular throughout Ceylon, and having even conducted under their auspices an "All-Ceylon Young Men's Hindu Conference" about a month ago, this body does not feel it necessary to define its attitude to Science. Why this studied silence? If this committee agrees with Mr. Sachithanambpillai's claim that Science can continue its development alongside of religion, if this committee is convinced that religion is based on a foundation which can be shaken by no amount of modern scientific development, if they are so sure of their own footing, then there is no reason which can prevent them from making a definite statement about the relations between Science and religion.

Further I should think that those interested in religious development should from time to time and especially at the present time when conditions are so radically different from what they were at the time these various religious systems arose, make a critical review and study of the various tenets of their religion in the light of the sure and certain knowledge acquired through a long and tortuous process of development and reject untenable theories which may be present in these various religious systems which were and are essentially speculative. Examples are not wanting to prove that ideas and beliefs which were held to be true at certain earlier stages of development of human society have been completely erroneous but inevitable in the conditions existing at the time of their formulation. The development of knowledge consists essentially in the change from ignorance to enlightenment. Knowledge is not some completed and absolutely consistent system which needs only to be learnt by rote. Such a conception of knowledge is either ignorantly misconceived or consciously reactionary. Only by regarding knowledge as a continuous and unending process of change from ignorance to enlightenment can we succeed in sorting out reality from the enormous mass of wreckage that is strewn along the path of knowledge.

If on the other hand, our religious leaders persist in their unshakeable self-complacency, if they think that hiding ostrich-like from real and hard facts that are staring them in the face and shouting out persistently for immediate attention and (what is more) for conscious, en-

lightened handling, and mere passing of stereotyped resolutions are the exclusive qualifications necessary for guiding religious development, then, indeed and inevitably religion is forsaken. For no cause is best served by uncritical and blind adherence. I hope, therefore, that the All-Ceylon Hindu Youth's Central Committee will awake and realise and, most important, carry out the very great responsibility and duty they owe to society.

Yours ect.
"Progressive"

U. C. Vice-Chairman's Warning

Sir,—Just a few words to warn the public of Jaffna not to be misled by scurrilous notices issued by disgruntled parties, and garbled accounts in the dailies, given by correspondents—and Heavens, what correspondents!—with a view to discredit those who are at the head of the Jaffna Urban Council administration.

Look at the wretched and disgraceful condition of our roads. Know that the electricity department has been grossly neglected. Consider the depleted exchequer. The public that pays has a right to know all these. The new U. C. members stoutly decline to accept the odium of any maladministration in the past.

We are out to do constructive work. All the yelps and shrieks and gibes and intrigues of some designing and thoughtless men cannot and will not turn us from the path of our duty by the public. We have no quarrel with anybody. I for my part am a man of peace. I am at heart a schoolmaster still. And I still have a great respect for Commandment No. 7. I have great respect for the words Meum and Tuum. But if anybody wants to force a fight on me, I shall accept it with pleasure and smiles.

Sir, "The dogs bark, but the caravan goes on" is a fine Arabic proverb. *And it will go on.*

Yours etc,
S. ARULANANTHAM,
Jaffna, January 29, 1941

Jaffna U. C. and the Assessment Muddle

Sir,—I am imperturbed by a large number of Ratepayers to protest against the notices issued for the second time, calling upon the householders to pay the increased rates or submit in writing within a given date their objections, if any, to the rates calculated according to what is called "Scientific Assessment." A closer scrutiny, however, discloses the fact that there is a slight decrease in the figures.

But in hundreds, nay, thousands of cases the rates have again fluctuated to their former level. To take an example—A cadjan hut standing on a plot of land hardly a lacham in extent, when examined under the Scientific apparatus indicated the assessment tax of Rs. 4 per annum, whereas the occupant of this hut had actually been paying Rs. 1 prior to the year of grace 1940. The

poor citizen brought this piece of gross injustice to the notice of the former Chairman, Mr. C. Ponnambalam, who was good enough to prune down the figure to Rs. 2 p. a. at the Inquiry held at the Town Hall. Imagine, Sir, the feelings of the self same individual—whose resources were quite insufficient to meet even the reduced rate of Rs. 2, the payment of which had run into arrears for over three quarters—when the tax-collector accosted him with another notice, like a bolt from the blue, demanding payment at Rs. 3-60 per annum as from 1941! On enquiries made at the U. C. Office, he was told that the difference was due to the reduction of rates from 12½% to 10%!! Obviously, Sir, the alleged reduction was an eyewash and has not improved the position of the tax-payer even by a jot.

Will any useful purpose be served by holding another Inquiry into the claims of 20 or 30 thousand rate-payers after what has happened last year? The new Council is therefore faced with the rejection of the Scientific Assessment in toto or effecting a substantial reduction in the rates of assessment. The latter course is the only alternative I am told on good authority. It is with great satisfaction that the rate payers have learnt that Mr. V. Suppiah, a Nominated Member, has given notice of a motion to the effect that in view of the economic depression resulting from war conditions the Council should reduce the assessment rate to 8%. I am sure the Ratepayers' Association which predominates the house will adopt the motion and thus find a way out of the muddle into which the poverty-stricken citizen has been led by the short-sighted city Fathers, who have paid dearly for their folly at the recent Triennial elections. This urgent and very thoughtful resolution should be passed without a division.

Yours truly,
N. PAVILA RAJAH,
Station Road,
Jaffna, 31st Jan., 1941.

Fortress Economy

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ence of a great 'get together' movement in order to canalise the war efforts and ensure uniformity of action. There is a growing appreciation of the fundamental object of team work and co-operation. We are beginning to realise that men, women and even children can be taught to co-operate on one basis and on one basis only—enthusiasm for a common object which they understand and appreciate. The war affects everybody, every stratum and grade of our common life, therefore team work, or group action, has come into its own. Men and women collectively will play as vital a part in bringing this struggle to a successful conclusion as a general in the military field. It is a case of diversities of gifts, but the same spirit.

Let there be no alarm; something solidly good, really British, will be evolved out of this welter of restrictions, limitations and controls. After all, group or communal activity is the underlying idea of democratic progress.

The Ultimate End

We shall not lose our democra-

UNEMPLOYED IN JAFFNA

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Methodist Mission, said that the general public would take greater interest in the Society and give it better support if the Society, instead of giving doles, tried to help the unemployed people to stand on their feet and help themselves.

The unemployed were able-bodied and eager to work. They were too honourable, though very poor, to apply to the F. I. N. S. for doles.

He proposed the appointment of a small committee to study the question and report to the General Committee means of improving the methods of relief.

Mr. D. Saverimattu said that the Society was already doing the kind of work Mr. Mather proposed. Mr. Sam A. Sabapathy, supporting the proposal of Mr. Mather, said that the Society should modernise its methods of work. Mr. R. Subramaniam and several other members supported the proposal.

The report was adopted unanimously.

The following sub-committee was appointed; Mr. Mather (convenor), Dr. C. Sivasithamparam, Messrs. Alwines, Wickramasingam and Annasampillai.

Office-Bearers

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—

President: Mr. M. Prasad; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. P. Mortimer and S. Kanagasabai; Secretary: Mr. R. R. Nalliah (re-elected); Treasurer: Mr. P. Chelappah.

Committee of Management: Atikar A. Nagamathar, Gate Mudaliyar P. J. Rajah, the Revd. James S. Mather, the Revd. Fr. J. F. Xavier, Messrs. Sam A. Sabapathy, P. Casipillai, C. R. Thambiah, D. Saverimattu, V. S. Ramanathan, S. M. Aboobucker, T. Batholomew, K. Sivapragasam, A. P. Thambiah, S. Pennusamy, V. A. Durayappah, F. J. R. Wickramasingham, P. T. Sampanther, C. Muthavelu, V. Manickavasagar, C. W. D. Alwines, A. S. Vanigasociar, S. F. X. Annasampillai, R. Somasundaram, M. Seevaratnam, A. Thambirajah, R. Ponnambalam, R. Subramaniam, Dr. E. P. Kanagasabai, Mudaliyar V. Ponnambalam, Muhandiram S. Kandiah, Dr. C. Sivasithamparam, Mr. W. F. Ratna Gopal, Mudaliyar P. Rajagopal and Mr. P. Moos.

A sub-committee was elected to make arrangements with regard to the centenary celebrations.

tic ideals while fighting for their existence in this world of change, but the tempo of change has been accelerated. Economic nationalism cannot stay the march of sound evolutionary progress, even though it may temporarily throw a spanner into the machine. The trend of history cannot permanently be put in reverse. The construction of a new economy must be viewed against the background of larger events, and as Edmund Burke put it: 'when bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.'

(World Review)

New Member of Board of Education

Garden Party at Batticaloa

Mr. S. Ambalavaner, Principal, Shivananda Vidyalaya, Batticaloa, was entertained on the 29th ultimo at a Garden Party by the Members of the Shivananda Vidyalaya Teachers' Guild in honour of His appointment as a member of the Board of Education to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. R. W. Stopford, until recently Principal of Trinity College, Kandy. Many of the leading men and women of Batticaloa including the officials of the Education Department, and Heads of Schools participated in the function.

Mr. V. K. Nathan, Divisional Inspector of Schools, paid a handsome tribute to the many qualities of Mr. Ambalavaner, and expressed the view that his appointment would give satisfaction to all interested in the cause of education in the Eastern Province.

Miss G. Croft, President of the Eastern Province Teachers' Association, speaking on behalf of the Association, congratulated Mr. Ambalavaner on the great distinction that has been bestowed on him by his appointment to the Board. It was a distinction which he richly deserved and she had no hesitation in saying that he was the person best suited to represent the interests of all the teachers in the province.

Rev. J. Cartman, Principal, Central College, said that the Eastern Province had remained the attic chamber of Ceylon and he fervently hoped that Mr. Ambalavaner's appointment would let a ray of educational light into it.

Mr. E. Rasiah, Proctor, S. C. and Chairman, Village Committee, said that Shivananda Vidyalaya represented a new view of Education, and it was this view that Mr. Ambalavaner would put forward before the Board. The Vidyalaya, he said, was striving to bring about a synthesis of eastern and western cultures.

Mr. M. Kanagasundaram, Advocate, said that Mr. Ambalavaner was a born teacher and would, he expected, contribute materially towards the progress of Education in the country.

His Holiness Swami Astaganandaji, the Head of the Ramakrishna Mission in Ceylon, spoke on the ideals of the Ramakrishna Mission and its universal outlook. Mr. Ambalavaner, he said, as head of their leading institution in Ceylon, had a great responsibility, and he had no doubt that he would uphold the high principles and ideals of the Mission. He was glad that he had been appointed to the Board of Education, and he was sure he would place before the other members of the Board the educational ideals of the Ramakrishna Mission. The Mission stood for Harmony and Peace among all the creeds and races, and it was this principle of Toleration which they were anxious to impart to their children.

Mr. K. Arunasalam, Head Teacher of Anaipanthi Hindu Tamil School, said that it was a red-letter day for Batticaloa, and that by his appointment, Batticaloa and the Eastern Province had received due recognition.

Mr. S. Ambalavaner in his reply thanked all the speakers for

the many good things they had said about him. He said that His Excellency in nominating him as a successor to that distinguished educationist Rev. R. W. Stopford had bestowed on him an honour which he doubted whether he deserved it. Neither in experience nor in scholastic attainments could he compare with the person whose place he was taking on the Board. It was, however, his good fortune that he was associated with the educational work of the world-famous Ramakrishna Mission. His appointment was a recognition of the importance of the Mission as an educational agency in Ceylon. He would, he assured them, endeavour to place before the Board of Education the view of his fellow teachers in the Province and would keep in close touch with the Eastern Province Teachers' Association.

Mr. V. Nalliah speaking on behalf of the Teachers' Guild thanked all those present for their ready response to their invitation. They rejoiced over the appointment of Mr. Ambalavaner because it gave Mr. Ambalavaner an opportunity to make a vital contribution, which he firmly believed he could as head of the leading educational institution of the Ramakrishna Mission, to the refashioning of the educational system. Every one was intent on a new world order and it was imperative that their educational system should be so reformed as to be in harmony with the political, social and economic changes taking place in the country.

Clerical Service Promotions

The following officers have been promoted from Class II to Class I of the General Clerical Service:—

Messrs. A. P. A. Jayawardena, Clerk, Public Works Department; C. Sibharatnam, Clerk, Government Stores; C. Shivasubramanyan, Chief Clerk, Vavuniya Kachcheri; H. S. Jayakuru, Clerk, Registrar-General's Department, T. S. H. Fernando, Clerk, Income Tax Department, T. Sivasubramaniam, Clerk, District Court Colombo, C. M. Kumarasinghe, Clerk, Land Settlement Department, U. Ginige, Clerk, Audit Department, D. Amarasinghe, Clerk, Audit Department, S. F. Xavier, Clerk, General Treasury, A. S. Wijeratne, Clerk, Colombo Kachcheri, W. A. Perera, Clerk, Police Department.

Transfer of Jaffna Magistrates

The following transfers of Magistrates will effect from March 31, M. E. V. R. Samarawickrema, Magistrate of Jaffna, to be District Judge of Anuradhapura;

Mr T. Quantin Fernando, Magistrate of Kalutara, will succeed Mr. Samarawickrema at Jaffna.

Mr. Roland de Zoysa, the Colombo Municipal Magistrate, will succeed Mr. Wijewardene at Gampaha.

Mr. R. Ramachandran, Magistrate of Mallakam, will succeed Mr. de Zoysa as Municipal Magistrate of Colombo.

CIRCULAR ON TEXT BOOKS

Minister on Efforts To Reduce Them

Panadura, Monday.

A circular had been addressed to the Head Teachers of schools inquiring from them the lists of text books used last year and which were expected to be used this year, said Mr. C. W. W. Kanangara, the Minister of Education, presiding at the sixteenth anniversary celebrations of the Panadura Teachers' Association held on Saturday at the Buddhist Mixed School, Walana.

The Department of Education, he added, was doing all it could to reduce the number of text books. It was possible in Government schools, but the Department found it difficult to control the number used in some of the higher schools, whose managers had their own views on the subject.

LORD LLOYD DEAD

Secretary of State for Colonies

The death is announced in London of Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, at the age of 62. Lord Lloyd will be remembered for his work as Governor of Bombay, and later as High Commissioner for Egypt. He had a distinguished record of service in the last war. He was Chairman of the Navy League and played a great part in British Imperial and re-armament policies.

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA (held at Point Pedro) Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 135/P. T.

In the matter of the estate of the late Lily Chellammah Rajaratnam of Puloly West lately of Colombo Hanna Kathirasilpillai widow of Sithampurapillai of Puloly West, Point Pedro Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Lizzie Kanmani Rajaratnam
2. Sothimalar Rajaratnam
3. Primrose Pathmini Rajaratnam all of Puloly West presently of Colombo
4. S. Thangathurai Samuel of Puloly West
5. Sinna hamby Samuel Rajaratnam of Colombo

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before Simon Rodrigo, Esquire Additional District Judge of Jaffna on the 12th day of December 1940 in the presence of Mr. A. Nadaraj Sundram Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the petitioner having been read:

It is hereby ordered that the 4th Respondent abovesaid be and is hereby appointed Guardian ad litem over the minor the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Respondents to represent them in the Testamentary proceedings to be instituted by the petitioner or and is hereby declared entitled to take out Letters of Administration to the above estate as the mother of the deceased and that Letters of Administration be issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents abovesaid or any other person appear and show cause to the contrary on or before the 23rd day of January 1941.

12th December 1940

Sgd. S. Rodrigo, Addl. District Judge

Extended and re-issued for 13th February 1941.

Sgd. S. Rodrigo, Addl. District Judge.

(O. 85. 1 & 13 2-41)

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Mis. 127. 14-11-40--

Order NisiIN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 550

In the matter of the intestate estate and effects of the late Rasammah wife of Sinnathamby Ponnambalam of Punnalikkadduvan

Deceased.

Vaithyalingam Thambyrajah of Punnalaikkadduvan

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Vaithyalingam Kandiah of do
2. Vaithyalingam Ponnambalam of Kokkuvil and
3. Sinnathamby Ponnambalam of Punnalaikkadduvan

Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the abovenamed petitioner coming on for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 5th day of February 1938 in the presence of Mr. K. V. Rasiah, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the Estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the petitioner abovenamed unless the abovenamed Respondents or any other person shall appear before this court on the 23rd day of March 1938 and show cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

Jaffna, 5th day of February 1938.

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy,
District Judge.

Time to show cause extended

to 11th May 1938.

Time to show cause extended

to 22-6-38

Time to show cause extended

to 25-7-38

Time to show cause extended

to 2-9-38

Time to show cause extended

to 31-10-38

Time to show cause extended

to 31-1-40

Time to show cause extended

to 13-3-40

Time to show cause extended

to 1-5-40

Time to show cause extended

to 3-7-40

Time to show cause extended

to 3-9-40

Time to show cause extended

to 23-12-40

Time to show cause extended

to the 10th day of February

1941.

Intld. C. C.

D. J.

(O. 87. 3 & 6-2-41)

Order NisiIN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 969.

In the matter of the intestate estate of Theivanaipillai widow of Murugasu Thuraiappah of Vaddukoddai West

Deceased.

1. Vallipuram Nagarathnam
2. and wife Sivapakkaiam of Vaddukoddai West

Vs. Petitioners.

1. Muthiah Sangarapillai
2. and wife Nagarathnammah of Vaddukoddai West

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy Esqr District Judge of Jaffna on the 23rd day of December 1940 in the presence of Mr. S. Kandasamy proctor on the part of the petitioners abovenamed, and the affidavit of the 1st petitioner dated the 16th day of December 1940 having been read:

It is ordered that the Petitioners be and they are hereby declared entitled as the Son-in-law and daughter of the abovenamed deceased to have Letters of Administration to her estate issued to them unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person interested shall on or before 12th February 1941 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the court to the contrary.

This 13th day of January 1941.

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy,
District Judge.

(O. 85, 3 & 6-2-41)

Order NisiIN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary No. 967.

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of Sethupathy Ponniah late of Valanai West

Deceased.

Sethupathy Kandiah of Valanai West and

Petitioner.

1. Chellamma widow of Sethupathy Ponniah of Valanai West
2. Ponniah Shanmuganathan
3. Ponniah Parameswari
4. Ponniah Ketharathan

2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents are minors and of Valanai West, appearing by their Guardian-ad-litem the 1st Respondent

Respondents.

This matter coming up for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy, Esquire, District Judge of Jaffna on the 18th day of December 1940 in the presence of Mr. S. Kandiah Proctor for the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 4th December 1940

having been read:-

It is ordered and declared that the deceased abovenamed died intestate leaving property in Ceylon; that the 1st Respondent abovenamed be and she is hereby declared Guardian-ad-litem over the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents for the purpose of these Administration proceedings and that the letters of administration of the estate of the deceased abovenamed be and it is hereby granted to the Petitioner abovenamed unless any of the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 24th day of January 1941 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 18th day of December 1940

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy
District Judge.Time to show cause extended to
28th February 1941Initialled C. C.
District Judge

This 24th day of January 1941.

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(Mis. 182. 23-1-41—3-2-41)

Order NisiIN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF TRINCOMALEE

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 264

In the matter of the intestate Estate of the late Velupillai Kathirgamupillai of Div. No. 9, Trincomalee

Deceased.

Rasiah Subramaniam of Division No. 9, Trincomalee

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Thangamuttu widow of Kathirgamupillai
2. Kathirgamupillai Kaugathasan
3. Kathirgamupillai Kumarathasan
4. Kathirgamupillai Kandadasan, all of No. 9 Division Trincomalee

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before J. H. V. S. Jayawickrama, Esquire, District Judge of Trincomalee on the 11th day of September, 1940 in the presence of Mr. M. Somanathapillai, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and on reading the affidavit of the petitioner dated 11th September, 1940, it is ordered and declared that the 1st respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem of the minors 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Respondents, the petitioner as nephew of the deceased aforesaid is entitled to have letters of administration to the Estate of the said deceased issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested in the said Estate appear on the 10th day of October, 1940 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the court to the contrary.

Trincomalee, 11th day of
September, 1940.Sgd. D. Rajaretnam,
Addl. District Judge.

4-11-40.

Order Nisi extended for 28th Novem-
ber 1940.Sgd. V. S. Jayawickrama,
District Judge,

28th November, 1940.

Order Nisi extended for 19th De-
cember 1940.Sgd. V. S. Jayawickrama,
District Judge.

19th December 1940.

Order Nisi extended for 13th Janu-
ary 1941.Sgd. V. S. Jayawickrama,
District Judge.27-1-41.
Order Nisi extended for 17th Feb-
ruary 1941.Sgd. V. S. Jayawickrama,
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