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## PROVIDENCE IS SICK OF CAPITALISM

### CAPITALISM IS SICK OF ITSELF

### IMPORTANCE OF RUSSIA IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE

(BY GEORGE BERNARD SHAW)

THERE is one link between the Russian movement and good deal of our own movement and the Society of Friends. The Society of Friends believe in Providence, that is in some power which takes all the vain contrivances of man and Congress and Parliament and overrules them for its own ends. That is, if I may say so a very Marxist belief though the Marxists call it historical necessity or something of that kind. It doesn't matter: it is the same thing.

#### Foolishness

May I point out how very remarkably their belief has been confirmed by what has occurred between England and Russia ever since 1917? Since that time we with extraordinary foolishness have done everything we possibly could to destroy the new experiment and the new Government in Russia. Our press has been full of the most absurd vilifications of the Soviet Government. Even a newspaper like the "Times" instead of having a properly accredited correspondent in Moscow as it has in every other capital of the world takes any rubbish it can get from White Russian correspondents in Riga and publishes it as authentic political news.

Also we have refused to trade with Russia. We have refused to invest our money there. If we had an atom of sense we would have done the reverse. When first there was the question of a loan to Russia, I can remember standing on an election platform and explaining that even if as all the newspapers assured us, a loan to Russia would never be repaid or acknowledged, it would still be far more economical for us to make a loan to Russia, and with that loan practically to make machinery

for Russia, than to keep our own workmen on the dole doing nothing. The result was that my candidate was defeated.

#### Finger of Providence

But what a fortunate thing that was for Russia! If we had been sensible enough to seize our opportunity, and made a rush to put our spare capital in Russia, by this time Russia would have belonged to English capitalists and not to the Russians themselves.

Again, when the civil war broke out in Russia, and when every good-for-nothing in Europe joined the White Army, Mr. Winston Churchill gave the white Army £100,000,000. He was wise enough not to take a direct vote of the House of Commons on that: it went down as part of the expenses of the European war. Mr. Winston Churchill, believing that revolutionary Russia was the common enemy of mankind, handed over that £100,000,000, and probably would have handed over a little more, if we hadn't some of us started a movement—the "Hands Off Russia" movement.

But Providence was too much for Mr. Churchill. He meant that money to be the destruction of the Soviet Government. You see, the Soviet Government had no equipment—just a few young men with Browning pistols—and they had all Europe against them. What was the result? It was with that £100,000,000 that the Soviet Government practically destroyed all its adversaries, and cleared the White Armies out of Russia.

Because what did the £100,000,000 mean? It meant equipment, rifles, khaki uniforms and boots. When the Russian troops made that magnificent rally, the Red soldiers

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## THE CONQUERED STILL LAUGH

### HOW THE CONQUERORS ARE FOOLED

### JOKES AT THE EXPENSE OF GERMANS

(BY D. G. JOHNSTON)

WHEN the patient sits up in bed and can make a joke, even if it is at his own condition, it is a good sign. Holland, Belgium, Norway and to a lesser degree, perhaps, occupied France just seem to be reaching this state in their convalescence. The Nazis can take their money, their freedom, their food and even some of their workers, but they cannot take away their sense of humour. The Germans, no doubt, would decree that even jokes are verboten—but very often they do not realise that a joke is being made and when they do, they find it difficult to deal with it without looking even more ridiculous. You cannot put a joke in a concentration camp.

Belgians gave their rulers many headaches during the occupation of 1914-1918. All sorts of decrees were made in an effort to stop subtle digs at the army of occupation. The Belgians have not forgotten the art of making Germans feel fools. When the Nazis in Antwerp came out with their edict that all Jews should wear a yellow armband, the Jews obeyed. But so also did every other citizen. The whole of Antwerp was wearing yellow armbands! The edict was cancelled within 48 hours!

#### The German's rawest spot

The favourite Belgian jokes at the expense of their conquerors depends upon a pun on the word "Manche" which means "sleeve" and is also the French equivalent of the English Channel. Not long ago when Quisling Degrelle had explained to the people of Liege why Germany was bound to win the war, they retorted with a flood of facetious "Situations Wanted" notices on the walls "Paviors wanted, to make a road on the Manche and tailors to shorten it."

Their failure to cross the English Channel is the German's rawest spot and the wits of the occupied countries play on it like a boxer on his opponent's cut eye. A Dutchman was sentenced to prison when he told a shopgirl "Serve those German soldiers first. They are in a hurry to leave for England." The Dutchman was unlucky, but there are many ready to carry on where he left off.

One of the best "Channel" stories concerns a Dutch boy who was accosted by a German officer at Flushing and asked who a certain statue represented. "Admiral de Ruyter who s-s-sailed up the Medway and d-d-defeated the English" stammered the boy.

"S-s-so that's Admiral d-d-de Ruyter?" mimicked the German.

"You'd b-b-better imitate him and n-n-n-not me" replied the boy.

#### More Invasion Jokes

Another invasion joke in Holland concerns the soldier who went into a shop for cigarettes and was told they kept a special brand packed in watertight tins for German soldiers. Rainy days give many opportunities for sly digs. A German soldier boarded a tramcar in Amsterdam in heavy rain with water running off his coat. "What! Have you got back already?" asked the conductor, and it is not hard to see the half-smiles of the Dutch passengers!

Some time ago Seyss-Inquart had to order his troops in Holland to stop singing their favourite "We Are Sailing Against England" because so often the boys who always follow marching soldiers would shout on the three drumbeats between verses and chorus "Swim! Swim! Swim!"

Another effort was that of

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## Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1022

In the matter of the Intestate estate  
of the late Nagaretnam wife of  
Sundarampillai Sankarasivam of  
Kokuvil Deceased.

Sundarampillai Sankarasivam of Kok-  
kuvil Petitioner

Vs.

Minors: (1. Sankarasivam Jegasunda-  
ram of Kokuvil  
2. Sankarasivam Sarojini  
Devi of do  
3. Arumugam Chelliah of  
Kokuvil

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal  
before C. Coomaraswamy Esquire  
District Judge, Jaffna on the 14th day  
of May 1941 in the presence of Mr.  
V. K. Gnanasundaram Proctor on the  
part of the Petitioner and on reading  
the affidavit and Petition of the Peti-  
tioner,

It is ordered that the abovenamed  
3rd Respondent be appointed guardian-  
ad-litem of the minors 1 and 2  
Respondents and that Letters of  
Administration of the estate of the  
abovenamed deceased be granted to  
the Petitioner who is the husband of  
the said deceased, unless the Res-  
pondents abovenamed appear before  
this Court on the 25th day of June  
1941 and show sufficient cause to the  
contrary.

This 14th day of May 1941.

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy,  
District Judge.

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## WANTED NATION-BUILDERS

IT IS A REGRETTABLE FEAT-  
ure of Ceylon's public life that  
there are hardly any nation-  
builders who have the patrio-  
tism and the courage to ven-  
ture on any undertaking, politi-  
cal, economic or social, that  
will raise the country to a  
proud and worthy position.  
One looks in vain for such a  
person who can lay claim to  
having achieved something in  
this direction. Perhaps there  
is yet time for the emergence  
of such men. But the present  
and the immediate past have  
proved barren in this respect.  
This tragic situation has been  
forcibly brought home to a re-  
search student associated with  
the Ceylon Coconut Board,  
who has succeeded in inventing  
methods for the preparation of  
paperboard from coconut husk  
and "Menonite" products  
from immature coconuts. These  
two products are greatly in de-

mand now, and if Ceylon  
cares to, it could make a mint  
of money at least during the  
war. Neither the authorities  
nor the capitalists in the Is-  
land seem to have the cour-  
age to take advantage of  
this student's labours. This has  
greatly disappointed him. He is  
very sorry for Ceylon for  
the "absence of patriotic, cour-  
ageous and imaginative nation-  
builders with Himalayan faith  
in God and themselves. There  
are no Tatas, Walchand Hiran-  
chands or P. C. Rays in this  
country" who would have  
jumped at the prospect of such  
an opportunity and made them-  
selves and their country the  
richer for it. In Ceylon, he adds,  
the trouble seems to be the  
absolute absence of great am-  
bitions and ideals. One is but  
forced to agree with Mr S. R.  
K. Menon, the research student,  
in this strikingly correct di-  
agnosis of Ceylon's backward-  
ness in most aspects of her  
life. There are some capita-  
lists in Ceylon who, lacking  
ambitions and ideals, will not  
venture on any new path for  
fear of risks. This mentality  
is reflected in the many busi-  
ness and other organisations of  
the people of this country. Un-  
less some adventurer from  
abroad has proved that a parti-  
cular line is clear of risks, not  
one can be persuaded to take  
courage and initiate any new  
scheme. That is the bane of  
our economic life. That is why  
Ceylon, despite nature's lavish  
gifts, remains in the back-  
woods of intellectual and mate-  
rial achievements. They build  
the nation who exploit to the  
utmost the materials available  
for the common benefit of the  
country. Mr. Menon's regret in  
this respect is shared by the  
thinking men and women of this  
country. The need for nation-  
builders is greater now than  
ever before, for the present  
conflict affords rare opportu-  
nities for fruitful efforts that  
will greatly contribute to the  
economic prosperity of the  
country. Necessity, we hope,  
will create nation-builders in  
Ceylon too.

## Review

**"THE KESARI"**—The people's  
weekly

We have received a copy of the  
"Kesari," an eight-page English  
weekly, published by the "Eela-  
kesari" Press, Chinnakam. A daring  
venture, no doubt, just at this mo-  
ment when war calls for econo-  
mies and sacrifices to start a  
new journal. The aims as set  
out in the first editorial of this  
weekly give one hope that it  
means real service to the country,  
in the many fields that go to  
make a nation proud of itself. A  
bright and promising weekly, the  
"Kesari" we hope will live up  
to the ideals it has set before  
itself.

## Aid to Poor Mortgagors

### Scheme to Assist from Lochore Fund

Colombo, Wednesday.

A scheme to help mortgagors,  
who are too poor to redeem their  
only property, has been, it is learned,  
initiated on a limited scale by the  
Administrator of the Lady Lochore  
Fund, in order to prevent such  
property passing into the hands of  
the creditors.

Already a number of debtors, who  
were about to be dispossessed of the  
only little property they had, have  
been helped to retain it by the set-  
tlement of their mortgages, while  
being allowed to pay off their debts  
to the Fund at six per cent interest  
or less, and sometimes without any  
interest at all, as compared with  
interest varying from 16 to 18 per  
cent charged by the original credi-  
tors.

### Resources of Fund

As in the case of the several hun-  
dreds of Government, Municipal and  
Mercantile clerks and other em-  
ployees helped out of indebtedness  
by the operations of the Lady  
Lochore Fund, it is pointed out  
that the extent to which the new  
scheme of debt settlement can be  
applied effectively would depend en-  
tirely on the financial resources at  
the disposal of the Fund itself.

The grant of loans for redemption  
of mortgages is confined strictly to  
those who do not possess any other  
property save that which has been  
mortgaged.

## INTER-MARRIAGE AS SOLUTION

### Method of Settling Indo- Ceylon Differences

Matale, Tuesday.

Inter-marriage between Indians  
and Sinhalese was suggested as the  
best way of settling differences be-  
tween Indians and Ceylonese by Mr.  
B. H. Aluwihare, M. S. C., speak-  
ing at the first anniversary celebra-  
tions of the Matale Branch of the  
Ceylon Indian Congress on Sunday.

Referring to Indians in Ceylon,  
Mr. Aluwihare said that the exist-  
ing dispute could best be settled in  
the manner suggested by Pandit  
Nehru. That was by making Cey-  
lonese of all the Indians who lived  
in the island for many years, but not  
of those Indians who lived in Cey-  
lon for purposes of trade and looked  
upon India as their home.

In the days when they had their  
own Sinhalese kings Indians who  
came over to Ceylon were not treat-  
ed as foreigners.

Although the Sinhalese tried to  
call themselves pure Aryans there  
was a good deal of Indian blood in  
the Kandyan aristocracy.

The best method of composing  
the differences was for Indians to  
learn Sinhalese and marry Sinhalese  
girls. That would lead to better co-  
operation between them.

## France is Rising Again

### Marshal Petain Speaks Out

London, Tuesday.

"People of France, you have been  
neither bartered away, nor betrayed,  
nor abandoned. Those who tell  
you so are lying. They are throw-  
ing you into the arms of Commu-  
nism."

Marshal Petain, broadcasting to-  
day, preceded his speech with a  
broadcast from the record of his  
actual surrender speech a year ago  
today.

"Listen to it," he said, "I spoke  
then with a voice broken with emo-  
tion. Today my voice is stronger,  
for France is rising again, but  
a good many Frenchmen refuse to  
believe this. Do they really believe  
their fate to be more tragic than  
that of a year ago?"

Marshal Petain proceeded to give  
a word-picture of the horrors and  
the sufferings of refugees and r  
fire. "Today, most of you have re-  
turned, women struggle and suffer,  
provisioning is bad, taxation exas-  
perates, your children do not al-  
ways eat—but France lives!"

"The trial is hard and many good  
Frenchmen accept it with nobility.  
They help me today to bear my  
heavy task. But I want still more.  
I want your faith—faith of heart  
and of reason. I want your wis-  
dom and patience. You will ac-  
quire these only in the discipline  
which I am imposing on you and  
from which only those who are for-  
getful of our history or who are the  
adversaries of our unity try to es-  
cape."

"Remember you are men—men  
of an old and glorious nation. Take  
heart again. Drive away your fears.  
Come to me with confidence and  
united, we will emerge from the  
darkness into which we have been  
plunged by our terrible adventure."

A significant feature of the broad-  
cast was that Marshal Petain made  
no mention of Syria.

## U. S — NAZI BREAK IMMINENT

### Robin Moor Incident A Calculated Act

Washington, Tuesday

Reports reaching Washington in-  
dicate that a break between the  
United States and Germany is pos-  
sible almost any day now and that  
the United States is ready for it.  
Germany, it is said, has herself  
been seeking an incident that will  
make for a "show-down."

The destruction of the Robin  
Moor is stated to have been coolly  
calculated and planned with the  
idea of "calling America's neutral-  
ity bluff." The German attitude is  
reported to be governed by the fol-  
lowing factors:

With the United States in the  
war, every American vessel would  
be fair game for German sub-  
marines and raiders.



## WANTED NATION-BUILDERS WITH HIMALAYAN FAITH

### INDUSTRIAL POSSIBILITIES IN CEYLON

#### RESEARCH CHEMIST'S DISAPPOINTMENT

THE absence of patriotic, courageous, imaginative nation-builders with Himalayan faith in God and themselves, was regretted by Mr. S. R. K. Menon, Research Student with the Ceylon Coconut Board, in his address on Monday to a meeting of the Ceylon Economic Society.

Mr. Menon read a paper in which he gave details of two schemes for the preparation of paperboard from coconut husk and "Menonite" products from immature coconuts.

"What then stands in the way?" asked Mr. Menon, claiming that the schemes were both attractive and novel. "In the first place, the absence of patriotic, courageous, imaginative, nation-builders with Himalayan faith in God and themselves. There are no Tatas, Walchand Hiranchands, or P. C. Rays in this country. In India the trouble is that she cannot realize her great ambitions or ideals. In Ceylon the trouble seems to be the absolute absence of great ambitions and ideals.

"In the second place, there are the coconut planters and learned pundits who scoff at all industrial schemes and argue that no better use can be found for husks than a decent burial under the palms which produce them. Those planters and pundits ignore the fact that if their decree is meticulously executed, the hundreds of fibre mills in this country will go to extinction and that the thousands of poor men and women employed by them driven to the wall.

"Six years ago, I thought I could realize my ideals if only I could overcome the anti-social and self-aggrandising activities of scientific men who blocked my path. With God's grace I overcame them and have now completed my researches. But today I find a greater obstacle in my way. I have not got the pecuniary means to translate the research into bread for the people."

Dealing with the paperboard scheme from coconut husk, Mr. Menon said that the pulp could either be converted into wet sheets on a machine, compressed in hydraulic presses and then baled for export to distant lands like Britain as wet pulp containing 50 per cent of moisture, or it could be converted into paperboards for local consumption and sale in the neighbouring markets like India and Burma.

#### Cottage Industry

"While the paperboard is to be manufactured from dry mature husks, obtained in heaps as a waste product of the copra and desiccated coconut industries, Menonite products can be produced only from fallen immature coconuts, vital emphasis being laid on the term 'immature'. Such nuts have to be picked up by cottage women and children who, due to chronic unemployment,

have now forgotten the beneficent results of work," added Mr. Menon.

"The secret of Menonite consists in the discovery of the fact that in the place of the useless path contained in the husk of the mature coconut, the immature nut retains a colloidal cellulosic element which under appropriate conditions of pressure and heat can be made to bind the fibres of the immature husk into a tough leathery product which can be moulded into several shapes during the process of manufacture.

"Most fascinating work in this field was conducted by me under the imaginative auspices of the Ceylon Coconut Board in the Forest Research Institute at Dehra Dur. Competent officers of that institute have described the Menonite process as a clever invention and have certified after standard tests that Menonite pressboards can be used as a substitute for plywood in the preparation of chests for tea, and rubber, desiccated coconut etc. etc.

Also the Supply Department of the Government of India after due tests considered the Menonite pressboards could be an effective substitute for chemically-neutral millboards, which they sorely need presumably for ammunition packing, and accordingly telegraphically enquired of me if Ceylon could undertake their immediate supply. Unfortunately for me and perhaps for this country, that opportunity has been missed owing to the absence amongst our destiny shapers of the 'blitzkrieg' mentality.

"The Menonite scheme would be a cottage industry while the paperboard scheme would be a centralized highly mechanised industry.

"It has been calculated that the total quantity of the raw material available in this country per year exceeds 300 million pounds which is equivalent to more than 14,000 tons of Menonite of a value of at least three million rupees.

"In regard to the wasted dry mature husk, the economic facts are less subtle, but more striking. The quantity of husks readily available in Ceylon for industrial exploitation (after meeting the requirements of the local fibre and coconut industries) has been calculated to be a minimum of 800 millions. This is about 70 per cent of the total husks available for industrial purposes. What are we to do with this huge wasted fraction in a scheme of national reconstruction?

"You may now appreciate the true significance of the scheme for paper-board manufacture. Go to the market and ask for the price of strawboard. You will find it is 150 per cent. higher than the prewar price, and further you get a very inferior product and that in niggardly quantities. Even that you may not get next year, if the war continues. All

## Educated Settler On Land

### Enlightened Farmer Will Help Rural Uplift

MR. K. U. Menon, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Madras, writes in the Madras Journal of Co-operation:

The responsibility of the educated man in the village consists in improving the village life in all aspects including sanitation, public health, education, and so on.

Although cultivation is a full-time occupation, the ryot and his family will sometimes find idle hours hanging heavily on them. The spare time of the adults and children can be profitably utilised to increase their income by adoption of useful side-lines of farming such as growing of fresh vegetables and flowers, apiculture, poultry-keeping, pisciculture and cottage industries like toy-making, spinning, coir and mat-making, etc. Production of bumper crops and reduction of cost of production alone will not bring the profit to the ryot. He should sell his surplus produce and products of side industry to his best advantage. For this pooling, grading and finding new markets are necessary, which an average ryot cannot do satisfactorily. Therefore, organisations of farmers have to be formed either in each village or in a group of villages possibly on a co-operative basis so that the producer may get the full price for his products. The marketing section of the Agricultural Department is doing a great deal of work in this line, but the effect cannot be sustaining unless there is an enlightened friend to lead the generally illiterate ryot. An enlightened ryot in South Kanara could, by grading produce sell his jaggery produced in South Kanara as first class Udamalpatti jaggery and benefit himself by the higher price it commanded.

For liquidating illiteracy in the village, these organizations should be of immense use. The enlightened farmer can help this work and should form the real connecting link between the advisory Government Departments for village uplift and the poor villager. When this fundamental gap is bridged by the educated young man settling himself in the village as a farmer, the rural uplift work will assume a very different aspect and the progress it will make will be amazingly rapid.

the while we are wasting husks which could produce hundreds of thousands of tons of the finest paperboard.

"England herself demands hundreds of thousands of cheap chemical pulp for her carton and board manufactures. If, therefore, we produce such pulp we may hope to receive enthusiastic attention in the huge British market.

"As regards the quality of the paperboard produced from coconut husk, you can find that it is much superior to strawboard with which it is expected to compete. The proposed scheme is therefore, as attractive as any novel venture can ever be."

## U.S. PARTICIPATION IMMINENT

### LIFE OR DEATH ISSUE FOR JAPAN

#### FORMER C-IN-C ON WAR TRENDS

London Monday.

THE entry of the United States into the war would mean that Japan would have to come in too, stated Admiral Suetsugu, a former Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet, today. He referred to the "imminence of the participation by the United States in the European war" as a question of importance on which Japan must come to a final decision.

Discussing the South Seas, Admiral Suetsugu declared: "This is a life or death issue for Greater East Asia and Japan cannot acquiesce in its present status."

Admiral Suetsugu was addressing the Central Co-operative Council of the Japanese National Service Association.

In his opening address to the Council which was holding its inaugural session, Prince Konoye, the Japanese Prime Minister, said: "The international situation surrounding Japan is growing more and more tense, while the European war is going on and steadily expanding. Such is the situation that the entire world may possibly be plunged into a great disturbance at any moment. In successfully pulling through this emergency period so as to sit the Emperor's mind at rest, everyone throughout the nation must discharge his duties in his occupational field."

#### D. E. I. Attitude

In the course of his speech at the opening of the People's Council today, the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies, Jonkheer van Starckenborgh. Stachouwer, made an interesting reference to the talks with Japan which have so far been unsuccessful. "Our wish is to further as much as possible foreign countries," he said. "However, it must be understood the most elementary conception of our own interest and national duty compels us to prevent at all costs supplying the enemy through our own exports, directly or indirectly, with much-needed raw materials."

It is reliably learned that fresh instructions from his Government have reached Mr. Yoshizawa who has been representing Japan in the negotiations. He is at present studying his instructions.

"Japanese-United States relations in general" are reported to have been discussed when Mr. Joseph Grew, United States Ambassador, called on Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, last night.

### London Matriculation Exam. June 1941

The London Matriculation Examination of June 1941 will commence on Tuesday 24th June 1941, states a communique issued on the 17th instant by the Education Office.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

## The Ramanathan Statue

Sir,—Pemit me the courtesy of your column to bring before the public certain facts connected with the Ramanathan Statue. I have before me a cutting of a print of the statue as it appeared in the 'Times of Ceylon' some years ago under the caption 'The Ramanathan Statue' and below the photograph the following appeared.

'Statue of the Hon. Sir P. Ramanathan, K. C. C. M. G., subscribed for mainly by the Sinhalese in recognition of services rendered by him to that community in connection with the riots of 1915. The Statue which is of bronze, was made by Graffin & Co., Sculptors, Regent Street, London, W. The work is completed the statue is at the moment awaiting despatch to Ceylon.'

I would humbly appeal to the leaders who have undertaken to erect the statue to incorporate the above sentence in thick type in the inscription on the statue. To omit these words would be gross ingratitude to the very generous and unstinted magnanimity of our Sinhalese brethren. In fact our Sinhalese friends have shown their gratitude to the invaluable services rendered by Sir P. to Ceylon in general and the Sinhalese in particular no, merely by their liberal contribution to his statue. Your readers would remember how Sir P. on his return from England was drawn in a chariot by the then prominent residents (including some of our present leaders) from the Colombo jetty to Sugasthan.

Permit me also, Sir, to seize this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Batuwantudawa for his motion in the State Council regarding the site. I fervently hope that the other members would rise up to the occasion in unanimously supporting the motion thereby giving the lie direct to discredited but interested politicians who are busy sowing the seeds of communal discord.

Yours etc.,

T. SOMASUNDRAM,

Kayts,  
15.6.41.

## Matrimonial

PARARAJASINGAM—  
SELVADURAI

The wedding took place according to Hindu rites of Mr. T. Pararajasingam B. A. (Lond), of the Tutorial Staff of Parameswara College, Jaffna and son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Thambimuttu of Uduvil, with Miss. S. Maheswari Devi, daughter of Mr. M. Selvadurai, Pawn broker and Mrs. Selvadurai of Clock Town Road, Jaffna, on June 12th at 5.30 a.m. at the Bride's residence. Brama Sri Vaitthiswara Kurukkal of Uduvil officiated.

A largely attended reception was held on the 12th and 13th at the bride-groom's residence and on the 14th and 15th at the bride's residence.

## The Conquered Still Laugh

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the bookseller in the Hague who was threatened with punishment if he did not remove a photograph of the Dutch Royal family from his window. He replaced it with a picture of the Fuehrer, but he did not replace the other books in his display which was a special one of Frau Braun, the famous Dutch swimming coach's book entitled "How Do I Learn to Swim?"

The Dutch are undoubtedly the boldest in showing their feelings towards their conquerors in subtle ways. The wearing of Orange—in memory of the royal family—is forbidden. But can the occupying forces object to women curtsying when the traffic lights turn orange? Red, white and blue, the national colours, are forbidden, but shopkeepers seem to have an extraordinary supply of every day articles made in these colours—they are the most popular colours for poultry marking rings, for instance. Thus in a thousand ways the Dutch keep alive the flame of patriotism and the hope of freedom and at the same time insult their oppressors in a way which is difficult to stop.

## The Listener who Thought it was Goebbels

The best story from Holland recently concerned the woman who, charged with listening-in to British broadcasts, pleaded that she had not used her wireless since she listened to Berlin in September and that the last thing she heard was that the Germans would be in London in a week. She quite naturally, therefore, pleaded, that she was justified in assuming that the London broadcast was being put out by Dr. Goebbels...

The Danes are slowly recovering from the shock of invasion and their natural good humour is difficult to suppress even in the face of hardships. A Danish newsboy was forced to sell the German controlled newspaper. He did not want to, but he could not refuse. He therefore cried his wares "Eight pages of lies, eight pages of advertisements! Paper, paper. Eight pages of lies. Eight pages of advertisements." It was hardly surprising that no one bought his paper—but quite a number of people slipped him a coin.

The slight in all countries which the Germans resent most is the way people get up and go out when they enter a cafe. They issued a decree that no one was to leave within 15 minutes of a German entering a cafe or public place. The answer was simple—the diners simply took out their watches, placed them on the table and exactly on the expiration of 15 minutes rose in a body and left, thus demonstrating how insult can be added to injury!

## French Humour

The French have always been one of the wittiest races. As they recover, their wit will become more biting. There are many jokes circulating which do not flatter their conquerors. One of the neatest defines a pig as an

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## Providence is Sick of Capitalism

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were wearing British boots, British khaki uniforms and using British rifles. Mr. Winston Churchill proposed; but Providence disposed. All that we sent out to the White Army was extremely useful to the Red Army, which presently got hold of it. Talk of the finger of Providence!

I am not convinced that Russia cannot do without a loan very much better now than when I had made that electioneering speech about Russia, Russia at its present rate of development will accumulate capital very rapidly. There is no doubt about that. And what I am afraid of is that Russia will invest that capital in this country with the result that the British Isles will belong to the Russians, and they may shorten their working day whilst we lengthen ours in order to pay them interest. Of course they will not introduce capitalism in their own country between themselves; but there is no reason why they should not take advantage of capitalism in their countries in order, in that perfectly peaceful and legitimate capitalistic way, to get the rest of the world under Russian control. We know only too well that it does not matter who the government is; but it does matter who the shareholders and directors are.

We must face it. Things are going Russia's way; and there is every evidence that things are not going our old way. Even the strongest Conservative cannot possibly be satisfied with the general trend of events the stage capitalism has reached in this country. Apparently, Providence is getting sick of capitalism: I myself wonder very much that it did not get sick of it before: If it knew as much as we know about it: I would have got sick a hundred years ago.

Not only is Providence getting sick of capitalism, but capitalism is getting sick of itself. Communism is certainly not getting sick of itself. The Russians are bursting with Communism. They are not going to turn their attention to another system. They are not clamouring for this, that and the other old makeshift to keep them afloat. All they ask of Communism is more of it.

## Leagues of Nations

The importance of Russia in the cause of peace is undeniable. But there is one way of looking at it which is not generally mentioned (because in this country nothing, of importance is ever mentioned, in fact there is usually a general struggle not to say anything about it.) Instead of having one League of Nations and a badly constituted one at that—if they had only made that League of Nations in the first place in the way I told them to make it, there would not have been all this trouble—what you have is one League of Nations between the two other Leagues of Nations. Russia is not a nation in our sense of the word; it is a

## Maize Flour as Substitute for Wheat

## Marketing Department's Venture

The Marketing Department is taking steps to make Maize flour on a commercial scale by the employment of private enterprise.

Maize flour can be used as a substitute for wheat and American flour. Maize, which is also known as Indian corn, is said to be just as good as corn flour, although what is sold here as corn flour may be of a different texture, due to improved methods of milling. Maize is the staple food of South Americans and South Africans. It has vitamins A, B1 and B2 which are necessary for growth, long life, resisting infection, a good nervous system, a good appetite and digestion.

For the convenience of the public the maize flour will be made available in 3½ lbs. cloth bgs. It can be supplied in larger bags if required by consumers.

The Marketing Department has just engaged the services of a qualified milling engineer, Mr. W. A. Carroll, formerly of the Anglo-Burma Rice Company. He will supervise the working of all the rice mills in Ceylon.

## JAFFNA ORPHANS STAGE "HARICHANDRA"

The St. Peter's College Hall, Wellawatta, was crowded to its utmost capacity last Saturday (14.6.41) evening, when the lady students of the Women's Art and Industrial Institute, Jaffna, staged the play "Harichandra" under the distinguished patronage of Mr. and Mrs. C. Suntharalingam. Tamils living in every nook and corner of Colombo were present to support a most worthy cause. Mr. Suntharalingam was garlanded by Miss Selvaratnam while Mrs. R. Ponnambalam, Principal of the Institute, presented a chendu to Mrs. Suntharalingam.

The play began sharp at 6 p.m. All the children acquitted themselves very creditably; yet, special mention must be made of three actors, Miss Pakiyam Kandiah who played the role of Santhiravathy was perhaps the best. Little Miss Chellamah Kandiah who played the role of Thevathasan was not second to her sister. Miss Chelvanmanicam Vythilingam who acted the part of Harichandra, though indisposed, did her part admirably well.

The proceeds of the play will be applied for the purchase of weaving looms and other industrial apparatus for the use of these children. During the interval, Mr. Suntharalingam, in a short speech gave a brief history of the Institute and appealed to all those present to support a worthy cause. (cor)

League of Nations and a very important League of Nations, The United States of America, on the other side, is a League of Nations, not a single State but a whole group of State. There are these two great balancing forces and we must not forget that unless Russia and America are at the back of Geneva, Geneva will count for nothing in diplomacy.

(Roy's Weekly)



## "WE SHALL ENDURE TO THE END"

### MR. CHURCHILL'S MESSAGE TO AMERICA

### "DOCTOR OF LAWS" CONFERRED ON MR. CHURCHILL

London, June 16.

**"W**HATEVER happens we shall endure to the end," said Mr. Winston Churchill, broadcasting to America when, as the "symbol of Britain aroused," he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Rochester (New York) today. The degree was presented in a two-way trans-Atlantic radio hook-up by the President, Dr. Alan Valentine, and Mr. Churchill accepted the degree in a ten minutes' speech which was broadcast in America.

The well-known economist, Professor Noel Hall, who is in charge of the Economic Warfare Department at the British Embassy at Washington, accepted the degree on behalf of Mr. Churchill. A citation with the degree said:

"Our hearts speak out to England. Our common cause is freedom. You lead that cause in England and America admires you, May peace with freedom be your crowning work."

Dr. Valentine's citation continued: "There is no need for us to offer comfort. Your bluff words cheer England and cheer us. There is no need to do you honour, for even time hastens to write high your name. There is no need to cry 'courage' to the sons of England. When Marlborough goes off to war no one knows when he will come back, but we know he will not give up. Come the three corners of the world in arms and England shall shock them...."

"I confer upon you, the spokesman of liberty and justice in the Old World, the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa, and with it the hopes of free men and women across this continent."

#### Mr. Churchill's Thanks

Thanking Rochester University for conferring on him the honorary Doctorate of Civil Law, Mr. Churchill broadcasting to America today referred to "American confidence, which I shall ever strive to deserve." He said: "It is that sense of kinship and unity which I feel exists between us this afternoon." Speaking from Downing Street to Rochester and to the people of the United States Mr. Churchill referred to his mother, who was born in Rochester, and to his grandfather, Leonard Jerome, who ran a local paper named the "Plan Dealer," and quoting Burke said: "People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors."

Mr. Churchill felt it was most agreeable to recall that the Jeromes were rooted for many generations in American soil and fought in Washington's armies for the independence of the American colonies and the foundation of the United States.

#### Latch-Key to American Hearts

"I expect I was on both sides then," added Mr. Churchill. "I

must say I feel on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean now.....and now in this time of world storm it has given me comfort and inspiration to feel that our hands are joined across the ocean and that our pulses throb and beat as one. Indeed I will make so bold as to say that here at least, in my mother's birth city of Rochester I hold a latch-key to American hearts.

#### Year of Fate

"Strong tides of emotion, fierce surges of passion, sweep the broad expanses of the Union in this year of fate.....The world is witnessing the birth throes of a sublime resolve. I shall presume to confess to you that I have no doubt what that resolve will be. The destiny of mankind is not decided by material computation. When great causes are on the move in the world, stirring all men's souls, drawing them from their firesides, casting aside comfort, wealth and the pursuit of happiness in response to impulses at once awe-striking and irresistible, we learn that we are spirits, not animals, and that something is going on in space and time and beyond space and time which, whether we like it or not, spells duty.

#### Wonderful Story Unfolding

"A wonderful story is unfolding before our eyes. How it will end we are not allowed to know. But on both sides of the Atlantic we all feel that our future and that of many generations is at stake. We are sure that the character of human society will be shaped by the resolves that we take and the deeds we do."

#### Cardinal Time

Stating that we need not bewail the fact that we have been called upon to face such solemn responsibilities, but might be proud and, even rejoice amid our tribulations that we have been born at this cardinal time, Mr. Churchill said wickedness, enormous, panoplied, embattled and seemingly triumphant has cast its shadow over Europe and Asia. Laws and customs were broken up, just as cast from her seat, the rights of the weak trampled down, the grand freedom of which Mr. Roosevelt had spoken so movingly was spurned and chained, the whole stature of man, his genius, his initiative and his nobility was ground down under a system of mechanical barbarism and of organised and scheduled terror.

#### Faithful Guardians

"For more than a year we British have stood alone, uplifted by your sympathy and respect, and sustained by our own unconquerable will-power and by the increasing growth and hopes, of your massive aid," said Mr. Churchill. "In these British islands we stand the faithful guardians of the rights and dearest hopes of a dozen states and nations now gripped and tormented in base

## Obituary

### Mr. T. R. Nalliah

We regret to record the death which took place on Monday of Mr. T. R. Nalliah, Advocate, at the age of 62, at his residence at 1st Cross Street, Jaffna. Mr. Nalliah was in indifferent health for some time.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at 5 p.m. and was very largely attended. The remains were cremated at the Villoondy Crematorium.

Mr. T. R. Nalliah was the eldest son of Mr. M. Nalliah, Surveyor and merchant and Mrs. Eledchunipillai Nalliah, daughter of the late Mr. Vyttilingam, Udaiyar of Urelu. His wife having predeceased him, Mr. Nalliah leaves behind three sons—R. R. S. Nalliah, studying Electrical Engineering in Madras, 2nd Lieutenant W. R. S. Nalliah of the C. L. I. and J. R. S. Nalliah, student, Jaffna Central College—two brothers, Mr. R. R. Nalliah, Proctor and Dr. N. R. Nalliah who has settled down in England, a sister, Mrs. N. Chelvadurai, wife of Mr. N. Chelvadurai, Proctor and a host of friends and relatives with whom much sympathy will be felt.

#### Reference in Courts

In the Jaffna Magistrate's Court reference was made to Mr. Nalliah's death on Tuesday.

Mr. C. L. Selvaratnam addressing the Magistrate said:—Before you begin the work for the day it is my sad duty to bring to the notice of the Court the sad event that took place last after-noon, namely the passing away of our esteemed friend and leader the late Mr. Advocate T. R. Nalliah.

The late Mr. Nalliah belonged to a leading and respectable family in Jaffna and was the eldest son of the late Mr. Nalliah, Surveyor. Of his two brothers, one is our esteemed friend and colleague Mr. R. R. Nalliah and the other is Dr. Nalliah who has settled down in England as a Medical practitioner. Mr. Nalliah received his early education at Jaffna Central College and St. Thomas College, Colombo. Later he joined the

and cruel servitude. Whatever happens we shall endure to the end."

It was but a few years ago since one united gesture by peoples great and small who are now broken in the dust would have warded off from mankind the fearful ordeal it has had to undergo. But there was no unity or vision. One by one the nations let themselves be caught and lured by brutal violence or poisoned from within by subtle intrigue.

#### Old Lion Stands Alone

"And now", declared Mr. Churchill in conclusion, "the old lion with her lion cubs at her side stands alone against hunters who are armed with deadly weapons and impelled by desperate and destructive rage. Is tragedy to repeat itself once more? Ah, no! This is not the end of the tale. The stars in their courses proclaim the deliverance of mankind. Not so easily shall the onward progress of peoples be barred. Not so easily shall the lights of freedom die. But time is short. Every month that passes adds to the length and to the perils of the journey that will have to be made. United we stand Divided we fall. Divided the dark age returns. United we can save and guide the world."

## A FAREWELL FUNCTION

Under the Chairmanship of Mr. V. Veerasingam, B.A., Principal, Manipal Hindu College, a farewell was accorded on Friday, the 30th May, 1941, at the Manipal Post Office premises, to the Post Master of Manipal, Mr. S. Somasundram, on his transfer to Colombo. A farewell address, on behalf of the residents of the Manipal Parish was read by Mr. T. T. Gananathan, Mr. T. Swaminathan, Pandit, Manipal Hindu College and Mr. T. Buell, J. P. U. M. speaking, referred to the Postmaster's keen sense of duty. A group photograph was taken and this was followed by a garden party. (Cor.)

Jaffna College, and obtained his Bachelor's Degree. After passing out as an Advocate he settled down in Jaffna to practise and had a very large and lucrative practice in all the Courts in the Province. There has been rarely a case of any importance in the Province in which Mr. Nalliah was not briefed on one side or the other. His great success was due to his consummate tact, pleasing manners, skilful cross examination and lucidity of expression. He did not confine his activities to the profession alone but took a leading part in the civic and public life of the Province. There was hardly any public movement in Jaffna in which he did not take a prominent part. He was Vice-President of the Jaffna Association, President of the North Ceylon National League, President of the Jaffna United Club, besides serving in various committees. He thus lived a full and complete life. One great characteristic of the late Mr. Nalliah was his great sympathy. He always gave a helping hand to those who needed it and no one who entered his house for any help ever returned empty-handed. The members of the Bar desire that this expression of sorrow be recorded in the minutes of this Court and a copy of which be forwarded to the eldest son of the family and others.

Mr. T. Quintin Fernando in reply said that he was very sorry to hear of the death of the late Mr. Nalliah. He hadn't the opportunity of knowing him personally but had heard of his great reputation and the great work he had done to the people of Jaffna. The Bar has sustained a great loss by the death of its leader. He associated with all what had been expressed by Mr. Selvaratnam and said that a minute would be recorded in this Court and a copy would be forwarded.

#### At the District Court

A similar reference was made at the District Court of Jaffna by Mr. S. Kanagasabai, Crown Advocate, when Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, District Judge, came on the Bench. With him was also associated Mr. Simon Rodrigo, Additional District Judge.

Mr. Coomaraswamy in reply said that he knew Mr. Nalliah from his boyhood and although they knew that he was in bad health his death came as a surprise to him. Mr. Nalliah had practised before him when he was Magistrate of Chavakachcheri and in this Court with great ability. He recognised him as one of the leading advocates on the criminal side. Mr. Nalliah was a great speaker and identified himself with all the public movements connected with the welfare of the country.

Mr. A. R. Subramaniam, Advocate, made a reference at the Magistrate's Court, Mallakam, when Mr. V. Manickavachakar, Mallakam Magistrate, came on the Bench.

The Magistrate replied briefly,



## THE CONQUERED STILL LAUGH

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animal which is born in Germany, fattened in France, salted in the Channel and canned in England. Sometimes they pull the legs of the German soldiers unmercifully. For instance, when they were asked what was the significance of the double cross they were wearing as a brooch (the Cross of Lorraine, symbol of General de Gaulle and Free France), they replied, "It is the very latest fashion. All smart women are wearing it." Whereupon the Germans went to the shops, bought brooches with their bogus marks and sent them home to their wives...

A good Paris story takes the form of a riddle. What is the difference between an Anglophile and an Anglophobe? The answer is "One says 'I hope those British win,' the other says, 'I hope those damned British will win.'"

The cinemas with their darkness offer a wonderful opportunity

for the conquered people to get in their digs. The jokes are often local, understood only by those in the news. Some are understandable even by the Germans, however, such as the "Glug, glug, glug," the sound made by a drowning man, chorused by Paris audiences when news reels show German soldiers. Cinemas are often cleared. The best story concerns the German habit of 'making examples' of members of the audience picked at random. On one occasion they threw out one man from every row, then returned and settled down to enjoy the film. When the lights went on, there was not a single Frenchman in the audience!

The tide of laughter over Europe is rising. It is not often happy laughter, but it is a form of sabotage, sapping the morale of the occupying armies, a weapon to which the German who is the last genuinely humorous of all men, is particularly susceptible.

(Hindu)

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