

DEMOCRATIC CONCEPTION IN THE VEDIC TIMES

The King Was People's Representative

SINCE the Vedas have as their aim the well-being of men in all spheres of life they give expression in many places to valuable political and economic ideas. Owing to the preoccupation of later scholars with spiritual or vedantic truths, those portions of the Vedas which describe political and economic conditions have been completely neglected, so much so even the very existence of such texts is not known to many.

The government of the people by the people, for the people is often thought to be the monopoly of modern political science; but in our history these ideas may be traced even to vedic times. In addition to monarchs who attained their position by hereditary right, there were also in vedic ages rulers chosen by the people from among themselves. The latter bore the name of *Janaraj* as may be seen in the *rik* 1-53-9.

Monarchy Not Absolute

Though many kings ruled by hereditary right and were even looked upon as in a sense, divine they were not absolute in the exercise of their power. They had to acknowledge a higher authority, namely, *dharma*. One of the Brahmanas states: 'Dharma is, indeed, the ruler.' The violation of *dharma* by the king was considered a great sin. In the *Rajasuya* sacrifice the king had to make this solemn utterance: "From the time of my birth to the time of my death, whatever merit I may have acquired by the performance of good deeds—may it all perish if I have done anything against your (the people's) well-being!" The reader may be reminded here of the famous theory of

Social Contract.

Voice of the People

It appears from some vedic texts that kings had to be confirmed in their positions by the voice of the people. While praying for the stability of the ruler, one of the *riks* says: "May all the people bestow their love on you so that you may not lose your kingdom". (*R. V. 10-173 1*). It may be inferred from this *rik* that the king who had lost the affection of his subjects might suffer the loss of his kingdom. Another *rik* points to the choice of the king by the people, for it states "May the people choose you for their ruler" (*A. V. 3-4 2*). This may be seen also from *Rig Veda* 10 124 8

The king against whom public opinion had asserted itself had to quit his kingdom. It is learnt from one of the texts in *Atharva Veda* that a king who had thus run away from his territories owing to popular ill-will was afterwards recalled when public opinion turned in his favour. In this *rik* the representative of public opinion says, "May Indra recall you on behalf of these subjects! Come in their midst as fast as an eagle, May your kinsmen sit around approving of your recall! Those who were formerly against you are now recalling you. Your enemies have now become reconciled to you. May all the gods secure for you the good will of your subjects! May Indra bring about the downfall of those who are against your coming back be they high or low! May Indra proclaim you as the king!" Another passage in the same context appeals to him to return as the subjects are now ready to pay

LITERACY AND WISDOM

DO THEY GO TOGETHER?

Speaking at a reception meeting at Poona the Indian President Dr. Rajendra Prasad said:-

By the grace of God I have been fortunate enough, to be the first President of India, but even if I were told to sweep the streets of Poona I would do so with equal conscientiousness and devotion to duty. The Indian people had acquitted themselves very creditably in the first elections held in the country under adult franchise. While the Constitution was being drafted serious misgivings were entertained as to whether the bulk of the illiterate voters would exercise their franchise intelligently."

The President added that he was one of those who believed that literacy itself was not the beginning and end of education. The elections had proved that wisdom and literacy did not necessarily go together. He was not referring to the success of one or the other party in the elections but to the fact the conduct of the people was uniformly orderly and peaceful.

Dr Rajendra Prasad regretted the marked deterioration in moral standards of the people, and said that honesty, integrity and devotion to duty would alone save them from the present degradation. There were two ways of organising the society, firstly, to impose social control from without and secondly, to reform the individual. He held the view that the reformation of the individual was the best way of effecting improvement of the society. If every citizen carried out his duty conscientiously, his wishes would not be ignored by the rulers of the country.

their taxes in full.

Power of Public Opinion

In the *Rajasuya* sacrifice, while introducing the king to his subjects, the priests says in a *mantra*, "Here is the king appointed for the people's government (*Janarajya*)."

From the *mantras* cited so far, it is evident that public opinion played an important role in the

(Continued on page 2)

Sri Sankaracharya On Sivaratri

Significance Of The Supreme Compassion

The common man was unable to practise *Sadhana* in order to realise God, but he could worship God on such sacred days as Maha Sivaratri, which would be conducive to his spiritual evolution, observed His Holiness Sankaracharya Swamikal of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, addressing a meeting on Maha Sivaratri day at Nagangudi village, Mayavaram taluk in South India.

Unity of Creation

His Holiness said: "The Supreme Lord sustains us by His Divine grace. He gives us our daily bread. In His unmanifested form, the Lord is beyond the understanding of common men and women. He is without-form and name, but assumes many forms and names in order to redeem His devotees. It is the heart-melting devotion of the *Bhakta* that objectifies the Divine. Responding to the intense love of His devotees, Parameswara takes a variety of forms, of ineffable beauty and grandeur. Lord Vishnu is credited with ten *Avatars*. Siva presents himself as Nataraja, Bikhandar, Sundareswar and Dakshinamurti. In the form of Bikhandar, He presents a picture of austere beauty. As Sundareswar, He symbolises supreme beauty. As Bhairava, he gives us the message of *Abhaya*. As Nataraja, he captivates us in the role of the Prince of Dancers. The ecstatic dance, witnessed by all the Devas, symbolises the rhythm and harmony that runs through the universe. In the form of Dakshinamurti, He teaches us the unity of creation—the noblest aspect of Parameswara."

The Comprehensive Embrace

Continuing, Sri Sankaracharya said that the Lord in His aspect as Brahma is charged with the work of creation, and as Vishnu He sustains the world. "It is given to Lord Siva to make no distinction between the sinner and the saint, and to take all in His comprehensive embrace during the Maha Pralaya, or the great deluge, and afford them a temporary respite from the ceaseless misery involved in the endless chain of deaths and births. The *Gnani* or the

realised soul claims his right to his kinship with the Divine. But even the sinner has a spell of divine bliss and that is due to the supreme compassion of Parameswara. Of the Trinity, Parameswara is the fountain of mercy and compassion, and we must be grateful to the redeemer of lost souls."

His Holiness said: "Sivaratri is the sacred day dedicated to the worship of Lord Siva. The formless Lord took the shape of Linga, an intermediary between His *Arupa* and *Swarupa*. In response to the prayers of His devotees, He assumed the form of Lingotbbhava, the primal form of Lord Siva. On the sacred day of Sivaratri we should offer our prayers to Him. It is not without significance that Lord Krishna's birthday falls on Janmashtami, six months before Sivaratri and at the same hours in the night. It underlines the unity of worship. Let us on the sacred Sivaratri day invite the Sovereign Power to dwell in our hearts. May His grace be upon us all."

—The *Ma'r's Hindu*

Savings Propaganda In The North

A series of Savings propaganda meetings were held throughout the Jaffna District. The Government Agent, N. P., and Mudaliyar C. Thiagarajah, District Organiser, addressed the meetings. The District target of Rs 5,000,000 for the Colombo Plan Savings Campaign was sub allocated as follows:-

Atchuveli Rs. 150,000,
Chavakachcheri Rs. 232,900,
Chunakam Udavil and Malakam Rs. 675,000, Chundikuli Rs. 360,000, Jaffna Rs. 1,000,000, Vannarponnai Rs. 175,000, Kokuvil Rs 150,000, Kopay Rs. 70,400, Kankesanturai Rs 166,000, Karainagar Rs 250,400, Karaveddy Rs. 25,000, Kayts Rs. 113,000, Kilinochchi Rs. 50,000, Manipay Rs. 275,000, Pallai Rs. 75,600, Pandeterippu and Chankanai Rs. 225,000, Point Pedro Rs. 300,000, Punguduthivu Rs. 14,400, Tellipallai Rs 275,000, Valvettiturai Rs 150,000, Vadducddai Rs. 250,000, Daltt Rs 18,400, Myliddy Rs. 25,000, Neervely Rs. 2,000, Puttur Rs. 20,000, Punakari Rs. 10,000.



Hindu Organ

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1952

Treasure These Thoughts

Ideals are like stars, you cannot reach them or touch them, and yet, if you keep your eyes upon them they will lead you to your goal.

—S. A. COOK.

THE COMMON MAN'S HEALTH

If the Minister of Home Affairs had expressed hopes of the Health Services Bill being able to overhaul the administrative machine of the Medical Department so as to enable it to meet the demands of the new and altered conditions of the country in the present day, it was because Sir Oliver Goonetilleke had never known disappointment. More buildings, better drug supply, larger personnel and more adequate equipment, these according to the Minister of Home Affairs must necessarily follow the passing of the Health Bill. We are not endeavouring in these columns to examine the provisions of the Health Bill either against the background of the Cumpston Report or from the view point of the medical practitioner. We only want to find out whether the lot of the common man would be anything better in the matter of his being able to withstand the onslaught of disease.

The common man is not in the least worried about the propriety or otherwise of Government Doctors being allowed the privilege of private practice nor is he interested in the question of the decentralisation of the medical service. He wants merely protection from disease and cure when unfortunately he is in its grip. Even more than medicine the common man wants facilities for contacting a medical practitioner and obtaining his attention in the proper surroundings. And it is this that the Government has failed to note. The introduction of a Bill in the stereotyped phraseology that makes it more of a piece of academic literature than a helpful guide cannot be expected to provide the

commonman with what he so urgently needs.

The Government owes a duty to the common man. Primarily it is to keep him away from the danger of disease and to afford him reasonable facilities for medical treatment. To discharge this duty no legislation is needed. It will suffice if the necessary funds are found for the provision of these elementary needs. If the expenditure on the Medical and Educational Services have increased beyond comprehension the Government need not regret, for a Welfare State cannot be expected to spend on anything else profitably.

We wish to remind the Government that it has to search its conscience to find out whether the sick are being looked after as they ought to be. Patients require nursing as much as medical attention. Nursing includes the provision of wholesome diet and comfortable sleeping accommodation. Even at the cost of a financial crash it would be justifiable if the Government spent every thing it has on providing patients with the required facilities. Let us however hope along with the Minister of Home Affairs that the medical service will register a happy change at no distant date.

Hindu Temporalities Bill

Sub-Committee Suggests Amendments

The Sub-Committee of the Senate that was appointed to consider the Hindu Temporalities Bill has suggested some amendments of which the following two are important.

(1) The deletion of section 6 which provides that the Commissioner shall exercise the powers and duties conferred or imposed on him under the Act subject to the directions and control of the Minister.

(2) A clause has been introduced recommending the elective principle in the election of the Board referred to in Section 7 by making provision for the election of the members of the Board, one for each electoral division, by the donors and *upayakarars* of temples.

Democratic Conception In The Vedic Times

(Continued from page 1)

choice of the king and so also in his continuance as ruler. The way in which public opinion asserts itself is different in different countries and at different times. The Vedas are silent on this point.

To offer guidance to kings in administrative and other matters, there seem to have been, in Vedic times, two assemblies called, respectively, *samiti* and *sabha*. The *samiti* and the *sabha* were originally connected with the body politic in the same way as the army was (A. V. 15-9-2). That the *samiti* and the *sabha* were not synonymous terms but referred to two distinct bodies is clear from the *rik* (A. V. 7-12-1) which says that these two were the daughters of Prajapati. The *samiti* seems to have been a small body of select counsellors presided over by the king (R. V. 9-92-6). Eloquence in the *samiti* was highly prized and earnestly prayed for (A. V. 12-1-10). The stability of the king depended upon the stability of the *samiti* says another *rik* (A. V. 6-88-3). If the king ruled badly, the *samiti* would not co-operate with him (A. V. 5-19-15). It was natural, therefore, that the king would like to have unanimity among the members of the *samiti* in all matters discussed by them. In an exhortation addressed to the *samiti*, the king says: "Proceed unanimously; speak with one voice; let there be oneness of mind amongst you as amongst the gods when they enjoyed the offerings. Let your counsel be unanimous, and let there be oneness in the *samiti*. Let every one stand united under the same flag." So also another *rik* says "Let there be singleness of purpose, of heart, and of mind."

The *sabha* was an assembly of cultured persons. It was not presided over by the king and chose its own president whenever it met. Membership in the *sabha* was eagerly sought. In one of the *riks*, a man prays for a son who would distinguish himself by his eloquence in the *sabha* "May I with my personality have victory in the debate over all others!" is one of the prayers in the *Rig Veda* (10-164-4, and in the *Paraskara Griha sutras* (3-13-4). "Let what I say be accepted as true by the *sabha* and let what is said by others be rated

below mine" is a continuation of the same prayer. The man who stood unshaken in the *sabha* during the debate was applauded by his friends and won renown (R. V. 10-71-10). The President was chosen from among the members for his ability to exercise control over the *sabha*. On rare occasions, the king seems to have gone to the meeting place of the *sabha* with his retinue (R. V. 8-4-9). Misbehaviour in the *sabha* was counted as a sin (y. v. 1-8-6). There are four *riks* in the *Atharva Veda* which are in the form of a speech addressed by the president to the members of the *sabha*. Their purport may be briefly summarised as follows. "Let the *Samiti* and the *sabha* speak with one voice. The conclusion arrived at after the debate in the *sabha* should be such as cannot be resisted. Let the members give up all distracting thoughts and concentrate their attention on the subjects discussed here; let the members give up all pre-formed notions." (A. V. 7-12-1 to 4). Among the subjects discussed in these assemblies, there were in addition to what has been already stated about the choice and the continuance of kings in their position, the question of taxes and of cattle-wealth.

To sum up: The king in Vedic times was never a despotic ruler. He had to recognise the superiority of *dharma* over his own will in the administration of affairs. He had to be guided also by the resolutions passed in the *samitis* and the *sabhas*. It may be stated therefore that democratic ideas were a prominent feature in Vedic polity.

—The Madras Hindu.

Vivekananda Day

The Colombo Vivekananda Society has arranged to celebrate the Vivekananda Day on the 8th inst. at 4-30 p. m.

The programme includes speeches by Dr. A. L. Basham Ph. D. and Pandit S. Amirthambikai B. A. and a music recital by Mrs. Saraswathi Packiarajah.

Facilities Fee

Pupils Cannot Be Penalised For Non-payment

Senator L. L. Hunter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Finance in the course of a statement in the Senate on Tuesday last said—The facilities fee paid by pupils of schools which had joined the free scheme was a purely voluntary payment. No pupil could be penalised for not paying it. The fee was Rs. 5 per month in the case of all pupils.

Such fees were only charged after permission had been obtained from the Director of Education. In the case of very poor pupils the fee was not enforced. He gave the House an assurance that pupils would not be penalised for non-payment of the fee.

Prohibition Meeting

A public meeting to discuss ways and means to launch a campaign against **Drink** has been arranged to be held at the Vaideswara Vidyalaya on the 8th instant at 5 p. m.

Dr. C. Gurusamy, Retired Medical Superintendent, Jaffna will preside.

Talk On Agriculture

At a public meeting of the residents of Araly West held on 2-3-52 with Mr. M. Karthigesu B. A. (Hons) in the chair. Mr. A. Vaidilingam B. A. gave a talk on Agriculture and Education. The lecturer said that the prime task of any government was not merely to solve the food problem, but also to develop the agriculture of the country.

A resolution urging the Government to develop the Araly West Rural Hospital, which was in a badly neglected state, was unanimously adopted.

In Need of Employment

Young man studied up to Lond. Matric has good experience in business around, served 5 years under Govt as clerk, requires immediate employment in any Firm or Estate or under a kind master in any capacity.

Advertiser

Electroplating Company
C. S. K. Buildings
Jaffna

PROFESSOR MANIAM'S FORECAST

Professor Maniam states:

1. that the new Queen's coronation will take place only in the 5th year of the Crown Princes life. It must be noted that year begins, according to the Professor's Calendar (The Universal Periodic Calendar) on March and not on January.

2. Prince Charles will have a brother in his 4th year. If it happened to be a sister, there will be a grief in the Royal Family, "Great Grand Mother"?

3. After the Coronation, Her Majesty will have several abodes overseas, apart from her palace in London.

4. As the Head of the Commonwealth Government, Her Majesty the Queen will have to change her residence from time to time in various countries of the Commonwealth in accordance with the climatical conditions.

5. The above residences in the various corners of the Commonwealth will enhance unity, prestige, love, respect, reverence and loyalty of the

various peoples as members of One Family.

6. In Prince Charles 6th year or so, he will have a sister. And in his 8th year or so, another sister. Abortions or miscarriages are also indicated in the chart of the mother (The Queen).

7. In the Prince's 5th year, his aunt (Her Royal Highness Princess Magarete) will be united or rather engaged to be married and will settle in life.

8. The Prince starts attending studies and beginning to be trained for his future position in his 5th year.

9. There are indication for some grief or very dangerous ailment of the Grand Mother of the Crown Prince. And the ill-health of a very close relative, perhaps the uncle The Duke of Windsor?

10. The Duke of Windsor will be holding a diplomatic position under the Crown and the news will be out in this year. Reconciliation with all his beloved ones are also indicated in the chart. The Duchess who had been all the time been neglected by the Royal Family will be entertained.

11. Prince Charles chart is

perfectly identical in many respects with that of Mahatma Gandhi.

12. Our Queen Elizabeth will have a revolutionary and historically unique reign. Her Majesty's Ministers may at times make terrible blunders and make miserable mistakes because of their false superiority complex to deprive the rights, equality and unifications of the various Governments. But the Queen's planetary positions will supercede all such shortcomings and thereby there is a positive indication of avoiding all such avoidable calamities. The Queen possesses a tremendously wonderful personal magnetism which will arrest the attention of the lions too. Though young and not a varsity or a college scholar, yet she possesses such faculty and integrity which are perfectly unique and adorable.

13. Her Majesty will start on a tour round about 1954. She will visit countries of the Common Wealth which she has not visited so far. She will also visit India which was not in her former programme.

Draft Notice For Tender

The Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Northern Province, will receive tenders up to 2.30 p.m., on 31-3-52 for the construction of AN ADMINISTRATION BLOCK FOR THE NORTHERN DIVISION AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS' CO-OPERATIVE UNION LTD., JAFFNA.

The tender should be made in duplicate on forms obtainable from the A.R.C.S., N.P., Jaffna from whom particulars and information can be obtained and at whose office plans can be seen.

Tender Forms will be issued up to 4.30 p.m., on 15-3-52 on production to the A.R.C.S., N.P., of a receipt for deposit of Rs. 100/- at any Kachcheri.

Intending tenderers will have to satisfy the A.R.C.S., N.P., as to their capability to undertake the work before issue of tender forms. No Tender Deposit will be returned until the specification and agreements issued with the tender forms have been duly returned intact to the A.R.C.S., N.P., from whom they were received.

Sgd. R. C. S. COOKE,
Asst. Registrar of
Co-op. Societies.
Co-op. Office,
Jaffna. 3-3-52.
(M. 238. 7-3-52.)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1383 T

In the matter of the Estate
of the late Thayalnayagi
wife of Ramalingam of
Colomputhurai Deceased.

Kandiah Kanakasabai of Colomputhurai
Petitioner.

and

1 Mankayakarasy wife of
Kanakasabai of do

2 Ponnambalam Ramalingam of 652, Baseline Road
Colombo

Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the abovenamed petitioner praying that letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before V. S. Jayawickreme Esqr, District Judge, Jaffna in the presence of Mr. C. T. Kumaraswamy Proctor it is ordered that the petitioner as an heir of the deceased is entitled for letters of administration and that such letters be issued to him unless the respondents shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on the 17th day of March 1952.

This 29th January 1952

Sgd. K. D. de Silva,
District Judge.

(O. 147. 7 & 11)

place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be liable to be excluded from the benefit of any distribution of assets of the said company. All persons owing money to or in possession of property belonging to the Peninsula Transit Co., Ltd., are hereby required to pay to me such money, or to hand over to me such property forthwith.

S. SIVAGNAM,
Liquidator.

Chankanai,
3rd March 1952.

(M. 236. 7.)

Peninsula Transit Co Ltd.

(Regd. No. 135)
70, Kannathiddy Road,
Jaffna

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

MEMBERS VOLUNTARY
WINDING UP

Notice is hereby given that creditors of the abovenamed company are required on or before March 21, 1952, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims to Mr. S. Sivagnanam Proctor S. C. & N. P., Chankanai, the Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and

NOTICE

To:
Friends, well-wishers and sympathisers of the Saiva Paripalana Sabha.

I beg to announce, that the Musical Recital by Isai Arasu M. M. Thandapani Thesigar fixed to be held on Saturday March 8, 1952 in aid of the Sabhai Naval Ashrama Building Fund has on account of certain unforeseen circumstances to be postponed.

The disappointment caused to lovers of classical music in Jaffna, is regretted and an assurance given that an early opportunity will be presented to all supporters of the Sabhai's activities to offer the generous help to the Naval Ashrama Building Fund.

K. Shanmugam,
Secretary.

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRI PATY"

FROM 9-3-52 TO 15-3-52

ARIES Aswini, Barani, Kartikai 1st part [Medha Rasi]

A promising week in personal relationships. Projects should be very satisfactory. You will make some very useful link-ups before week end.

TAURUS Kartikai 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mirugasirisha 1, 2 [Idapa Rasi]

A promising business week. Family and home conditions will be very satisfactory. Don't try to bring about any changes now as routine is bound to pay for some time.

GEMINI Mirugasirisha 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Punarpusam 1, 2, 3 [Mithuna Rasi]

A good week financially. Family fracas tends to die down. Friends of the opposite sex will be of much use to you. Ruin to enemies also shown.

CANCER Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

Some danger of your getting on the wrong side of an individual who could be useful to you. Financial position will be favourable. But avoid investing in any new schemes.

LEO Maha, Poora, Uttira 1, [Singha Rasi]

Likely to be a week of tension and misunderstanding. Friends may tax your purse. Likelihood of some unnecessary scandals also.

VIRGO Uttira 2, 3, 4, Atta, Chittirai 1, 2 [Kanni Rasi]

Favourable week for finances. But you will have no mental peace. Some misunderstandings in the family circles also shown avoid troubles in office.

LIBRA Chittirai 3, 4, Swati, Visaka 1, 2, 3, [Thula Rasi]

A difficult rime in personal affair. Beware quarrels and estrangements in the family. Expenditure will be on the rise. Week end promises some happy news.

SCORPION Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

Except for minor health worries you will find this week quite favourable. Ruin to enemies and success in litigation promised. An old friend comes back into your life. Settle important affairs before week end.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thamun Rasi]

The first day of the week is not quite favourable. You will be making one plan after another this week. But you will have to wait for some time to receive the necessary backing. Money problems lighten after mid week.

CAPRICORNUS Uttiradam 2, 3, 4, Thiruvonam, Avittam 1, 2. [Makara Rasi]

This week will improve your financial position a bit. But there will be no mental peace Monday and Tuesday. You may have to face some criticism from those dear and near to you week end.

AQUARIUS Avittam 3, 4, Satayam, Pooraddati 1, 2, 3 [Kumbha Rasi]

The first half of the week favourable for new ventures. Triumph over competitors and fame promises. Wednesday afternoon Thursday and Friday morning must be spent with care. Week end turns favourable again.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revati. [Meena Rasi]

Week of important correspondence and interesting changes. You will have to work hard for your success. Spend the last two days of the week with care. indication for minor accidents.

Asoka Students Hostel, Kandy

17th Anniversary Celebrations

The above celebrations were held in the Hostel Hall at Asoka Gardens, Kandy under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Mr. Albert F. Peiris, M. P. Speaker of the House of Representatives. Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education delivered the anniversary address. He complimented the management for the uninterrupted work in sustaining the institution for the last 17 years which was a unique one as it brought together under one roof students of various educational institutions of the city for physical intellectual and moral development.

Mr. Kanagaratnam then commended the ideal which the institution has set forth before the students and stated that today Independence has been obtained by almost all the countries in the South East Asia for raising the standard of living of the common man. "Youth will play a very important part in this work of regeneration and referred to the great work that has been done by the Unesco in this direction and the proposal to hold a Youth Leaders' training course in South East Asia at the end of the year. Today, after the hard experience of a war stricken world, the rise of democracy specially in the South Eastern countries which had long lived in a world of slavery and bondage has focussed attention on the individual to the Society and the State,"—he said.

In conclusion Mr. Kanagaratnam exhorted the students to work for the removal of all barriers that existed today between the intellectual and the manual worker and to help in the production of the National wealth with the aid of the diversified education that is being imparted by the Government. "The paramount need of the country is the cultural and moral regeneration of man and greater emphasis should be placed on the spiritual development of the Youth. Gandhiji himself has emphasised on the spiritual training of the youth. Gandhism and Gandhian philosophy are now accepted all over the world as bringing a new hope and a new way of life which will be governed by non violence, truth and spiritual socialism", said Mr. Kanagaratnam and added that if he had a message to offer to the students of the hostel, it was the message of a religious background for the welfare of the youth and his contribution to the general welfare and happiness of the vast masses living in the villages for whose benefit democratic governments exist today. No country can claim a richer spiritual heritage than India and Ceylon. These two countries should rise again to their full spiritual stature and fulfil their destined mission of reclamation of a humanity which has gone astray.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1410

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Nagaretnam wife of Somasundaram of Kondavil Deceased.
Kandiah Somasundaram of Kondavil Petitioner.

Vs.

Minor 1 Somasundaram Easwaramandam
do 2 Gengadevi daughter of Somasundaram both are minors appearing by their Guardian ad litem
3 Saraswathy widow of Appakuddy all of Kodavil Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the petitioner abovenamed coming on for disposal before K. D. de Silva Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 24th day of January 1952 in the presence of Mr. V. Vinasitamby Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the abovenamed petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the 3rd respondent be appointed guardian ad-litem over the minors the 1st and 2d respondents and that Letters of Administration be issued to the petitioner unless the respondents or others interested shall on or before the 17th day of March 1952 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Jaffna this 24th day of Jan 1952
Sgd. K. D. de Silva.
District Judge.

Drawn by
Sgd V. Vinasitamby
Proctor for Petitioner.
(O. 145 7 & 11)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1378

In the matter of the estate of the late Maheswary wife of Mailvaganam Thambithurai of Kondavil Deceased.
Mailvaganam Thambithurai of Kondavil Petitioner.

Vs.

Minor 1. Jayapupharanee daughter of M. Thambithurai
.. 2 Sarojinidevi daughter of Mr Thambithurai
3 Nagammah widow of Murugesu Muthiah all of Kondavil Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before V. S. Jayawickrama Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 8th day of November 1951 in the presence of Mr. C. C. Somasegaram proctor on the part of the petitioner and on reading the affidavit and petition of the petitioner.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 3rd respondent be appointed guardian ad-litem over the minors the abovenamed 1st and 2nd respondents and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the petitioner as the lawful husband of the abovenamed deceased unless the respondents abovenamed appear before this court on the 23rd day of January 1952 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 8th day of November 1951
Sgd V. S. Jayawickrama
District Judge

The above Order Nisi extended for 14th March 1952
Sgd. K. D. De Silva
D. J.
(O. 144 7 & 11)

Diamond Studded Carpet

49,616 man-hours and 2 years to complete it—that is the story of the Indian carpet that drew large crowds at the Colombo Exhibition.

80 ounces of silver, 175 of gold thread, 110 of silver thread and 26 of silk thread—are the proud contents of the magic carpet—also 18,000 precious stones.

7 feet 5 inches by 5 feet 5 inches—are the dimensions of the 'demand exhibit.

It cost the owner, an Agra businessman, 5 lakhs of rupees!

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No: 1418

In the matter of the Intestate Estate and Effects of Nallathamby Vaithilingam of Tirunelveli, Jaffna Deceased

Leelawathy widow of N. Vaithilingam of Tirunelveli Petitioner

Vs.

1 Vaithilingam Karthika
2 do Karthigeyan
3 do Usha
4 do Vathiakumaran
5 Karthigesu Sinnappu Chelliah all of Tirunelveli, Jaffna Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before W. Gunan Spencer Esq., District Judge Jaffna, on the 12th day of February 1952 in the presence of Mr. R. Sivasupramaniam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 12th day of February 1952 having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner abovenamed be and she is hereby declared entitled as the widow of the deceased to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased issued to her unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested in the estate shall on or before the 28th day of March 1952 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the abovenamed 5th respondent be and he is hereby appointed Guardian-ad litem over the 1st to 4th respondent minors unless the respondents or others interested in the estate shall on or before the 28th day of March 1952 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is also ordered and decreed that the abovenamed minors be produced in Court on the above date.

The 12th day of February 1952.
Sgd. K. D. De Silva,
District Judge.

Drawn by
R. Sivasupramaniam,
Proctor for Petitioner.
(O. 142, 4 & 7.)



OPTICAL SERVICE

JAFFNA has the services of a **Qualified and Reliable Optician** to dispense your Prescription for Spectacles.

A large stock of Frames and Lenses just unpacked.

Prices cut-down by 25%

V. T. FERNANDO

11, Main Street—Jaffna

(M. 231.)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1364

In the matter of the estate of the late Arunasalam Chelliah of Manipay. Deceased
Nagammah widow of Chelliah of 460 Kankasnthurai Road, Vannarponnai Jaffna.

Petitioner.

Vs.

Minors (1 Guneswary daughter of Chelliah
2 Chelliah Perinpanayagam
3 Chelliah Kumarasurier by their guardian-ad-litem the 4th respondent.
4 Sinnathamby Visuvalingam all of do.
Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the petitioner praying that the 4th respondent above named be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st, 2nd and 3rd respondents, that she be declared entitled to administer the estate of the abovenamed deceased and that letters of administration issued to her accordingly, coming on for disposal before V. S. Jayawickrama Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 21st day of September, 1951 in the presence of Mr. S. C. Cathiravelu Proctor for the petitioner and the affidavit and petition having been read:

It is ordered that the 4th respondent abovenamed be and she is hereby appointed guardian-ad litem over the 1st 2nd and 3rd respondents, that the petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled to administer the said estate and that letters of administration issued to her accordingly unless the respondents or any others shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 19th day of November 1951 at 10 a.m.

This Order Nisi is extended to 10th March 1952.

This 21st day of Sept. 1951
Sgd. V. S. Jayawickrama
District Judge

Drawn by
Sgd S. C. Cathiravelu
Proctor for Petr.

(O. 141, 4 & 7)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1403

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Mohideen Sahib Mohamed Meeransahib of Vannarponnai West Jaffna Deceased.

Mohamed Meeran Mohideen Nachia widow of Mohamed Meeran Sahib of Vannarponnai West, Jaffna

Vs. Petitioner.

1 Raseena wife of Mohamed Lebbe Zainul Abdeen
2 Hazeena daughter of Mohamed Meeransahib

3 Marzoona daughter of Mohamed Meeransahib
4 Sitti Najeeba daughter of Mohamed Meeransahib
5 Mohideen Abdu cader Mohamed Abdul Careem
6 Mohamed Saaiman Nachiya wife of Mohamed Abdulcader all of Vannarponnai West, Jaffna Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before K. D. de Silva Esq., District Judge Jaffna on the 16th day of January 1952 in the presence of Mr. M. R. Karalasingam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner abovenamed having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 5th respondent be appointed Guardian ad-litem over the minors the 1st to 4th respondents and that Letters of Administration to the intestate estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the petitioner unless the respondents or others interested shall on or before the 10th day of March 1952 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

Jaffna this 16th day of Jan. 1952

Sgd. K. D. de Silva,
District Judge.

Drawn by
Sgd. M. R. Karalasingam
Proctor for Petitioner.
(O. 146 7 & 11)

Printed and Published by S. P. KANDIAH, F. I. S. A. (Lond), residing at 245, Navalar Road, Jaffna, for and on behalf of the Proprietors the Saiva Paripalana Sabha, Jaffna at their Press, the Saiva Prakasa Press, Vannarponnai, Jaffna on Friday, March 7, 1952.