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The Soviet System Described

THE GROWTH OF U.S.S.R.

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THE Soviet system of Russia is a novel contribution to the history of established forms of human society. It is the first proletarian form of State on the non-bourgeois or non-capitalist model in history. According to Stalin, "it is the only government of its kind, a Government which comes from the masses and is near and dear to them and therein lies the secret of its strength and might. It is the first Socialistic State in which all private ownership of property is abolished, all property qualifications for citizenship are done away with and all the means of production distribution and commerce of all the resources of the country are vested in the State for the use and benefit of the masses, the working classes." It is based on the principles of Marxism, the essence of which consists in the abolition of capitalism and all forms of exploitation of man by man and the creation of a classless society.

Meaning of "Soviet"

"Soviet", a Russian term simply means a Council. Soviets were first formed in Russia in the Revolution of 1905. There were strikes in the industrial centres and out of this situation Soviets were organised. The first Soviet was the St. Petersburg Soviet consisting of five hundred deputies chosen from factories and workshops. Following this pattern Soviets were formed similarly in important urban centres. But these early Soviets were looked upon more as revolutionary bodies which aimed at the overthrow of capitalism and Imperialism, than as organs or basis of Government into which they were transformed later. In the first Russian Revolution, these Soviets made no headway and were suppressed. The Duma, a bi-cameral advisory legislature, was introduced, representing the moderate elements and it continued till 1917.

Lenin and Bolshevism

Lenin, who had fully imbibed the principles of Karl Marx and became the embodiment of socialistic ideals, seized the opportunity in the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, to establish Soviets and to stabilise them. After the overthrow of Czarism there was a struggle between the provisional Government and the Bolsheviks for mastery and in the end the latter triumphed. The former represented elements which tried to introduce through a Constituent Assembly, a democratic constitution of the conventional western type but the Bolsheviks led by Lenin attacked all such moves as sham and capitalistic and wanted to

establish a socialistic republic by a mass social and economic revolution.

A Social & Economic Revolution

The St. Petersburg Soviet was revived and this was followed by similar organisations in urban centres. Then soldiers' Soviets were formed and peasants' Soviets sprang up all over the country in rural areas. The Bolsheviks seized all powers of Government and these were forthwith vested and concentrated in these Soviet organisations. This transference of power to the Soviets constituted the main work of the Bolshevik Revolution. The Bolsheviks led by Lenin had evolved a definite theory of Government and a programme of action which involved the rejection and destruction of all monarchical and democratic conventional forms of State. The Soviets were turned into organs of Governmental structure. Out of a mass of Soviets the new State based on socialism, the Proletariat State was to be inaugurated. The Russian Revolution, unlike the other revolutions, was not a mere political revolution but was essentially a social and economic one.

Communist Internationale

The Bolsheviks organised the All-Russian Congress of Soviets and proclaimed the new State a "Council of the Peoples' Commissars" was formed which played the most dominant part, wielding great powers in organising the economic life of Russia which was on the brink of collapse and ruin during this transitional period. While all internal and external powers of administration remained with Soviets, the propaganda of Communism was entrusted to the newly formed Communist Internationale at Moscow. The Bolsheviks hoped to create a new world order and to spread their creed to every land.

The First Soviet Constitution

The first Soviet constitution was framed in July 1918 inaugurating the Russian Socialist Federative Soviet Republic (R. S. F. S. R.). This constitution contained a Declaration of the rights of the Labouring and Working classes. Following the example of this model, other Soviet Republics, such as Ukraina, were organised and the existing four Soviets including Russia proper decided to join together into a close federation. The constitution was revised and the new Federal Scheme was passed in 1923, under which the State

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Machinery From Japan

The desirability of getting machinery required for the industrial development of Ceylon is being considered by the Government.

It is proposed to send an engineer from Ceylon to Japan. He will advise the Government as to what type of machinery will be necessary.

It is learned that Mr J. E. R. Hensman, Industrial Chemist and Engineer of the Department of Commerce, will proceed to Japan shortly on this mission.

VIET NAM DAY IN INDIA

The police used tear gas thrice on Tuesday last to disperse students in a procession passing along College Street in Calcutta shortly before mid-day on the occasion of the celebration of Viet Nam Day declared by the All-India Students' Congress. About 60 arrests have been made so far.

FRENCH USE NAZIS

Against Freedom Fighters

Reuter's special correspondent in Hanoi Indo-China reports that Dr. Ho Chi Minh the Viet Nam President, has congratulated M. Vincent Auriol, the new French President, and has appealed to him to take active steps to end the bloodshed in Indo-China.

Dr. Ho Chi Minh, according to a Viet Nam radio broadcast, said he was going to propose "immediate peace" between France and Viet Nam troops in his message to President Auriol.

The French authorities in Hanoi are awaiting fresh definition of policy in Indo-China from Paris before which, it is believed there can be no fundamental change in a situation universally described as "on a military basis."

French mopping up operations in Indochina are concentrated now upon the western suburbs of the town, according to French sources.

France Will be Isolated

The Viet Nam news service here today released a statement by President Ho Chi Minh calling on all Asiatic peoples to rally behind the Viet Nam.

The statement predicted uprisings in Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco,

Increase in Wages

Further increases in the wages of Government daily-paid employees are proposed in a report of the Salaries Committee just issued.

Wages for unskilled factory workers range from Re. 1.24 to Re. 1.81 a day, those for semi-skilled workers from Re. 1.44 to Rs. 2.40 a day and those for skilled workers from Rs. 2 to Rs. 5 a day. A number of tables are included giving rates of pay for apprentices.

The Salaries Committee comments on the need for adequate housing for workers, and mentions that urgent action is to be taken by Government in Colombo and elsewhere.

Among the Committee's proposals is one for a back payment to daily-paid employees costing over Rs 7 millions.

FAMOUS FILM STAR DEAD

The death occurred last week in Jullundur in Punjab of Mr. K. L. Saigal, the famous singer and film star of India. Saigal worked in different roles in a number of film companies of Bombay, Calcutta and Lahore.

Madagascar and other French colonies in support of Viet Nam's struggle for freedom.

The president reiterated that the Viet Namese are 'determined to fight to the bitter end for their liberty' and charged that the French were seeking to destroy the "great Asiatic family" to which the Viet Nam belongs.

The message was addressed to the peoples and leaders of China, India, Burma and Siam and predicted that France would find herself more and more isolated and without friends, if the struggle continues much longer.

Using Nazis

A Captain in the French Foreign Legion, who for weeks has been fighting Viet Minh guerillas, south of the Mekong river, declared that the French would need 500,000 troops to subdue Annamite resistance in Indo-China wires the A. P. A. staff correspondent.

The Officer, commanding a heavy weapons company, comprising mostly of German prisoners of war, said that 30,000 reinforcements were expected during January and February for the present Indochina garrison of 60,000 and that a total of 250,000 troops was promised by July.

"I do not think 250,000 would be enough. I think it would take twice as many troops to subdue Indo-China. This can only bring ruin to France. It is too expensive," he added.

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Hindu Organ

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1947.

OURSELVES

THE SERVICES OF SRI LA SRI Arumuga Navalar to Hindu Society cannot be over-estimated. He it was who founded the first Hindu Educational institution known as the Saiva Prakasa Vidyasalai for the education and training of Hindu children in a Hindu atmosphere. He did not fail to make use of the Press or the platform and temples for the propagation and preservation of the Hindu faith and prevent the proselytisation which was being vigorously carried on by the Christian Missionaries in his time. He founded the paper called the *Udhaya Panu* to counteract the propaganda carried on by the missionaries through their paper known as the *Udhaya Tharakai* (The Morning Star). Though the *Udhaya Panu* ceased to exist, the idea of a Hindu paper for Hindus gathered force and prominent Hindus founded and established the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai in 1889. The aims and objects of the Sabhai as set out in the incorporation Ordinance are *inter alia* to promote and propagate the Saiva religion, to establish, maintain and manage Saiva schools and to publish readers and other books necessary for Saiva Education, to encourage and promote Tamil literature, art and drama. It will not be out of place if we mention that the Sabhai founded the Jaffna Hindu College, the premier national Hindu institution in Ceylon so early as 1890. It was however felt in the interest of the Institution that it would be better to entrust the management of the Hindu College to a Board of Directors and accordingly

the management of the school was transferred to the Jaffna Hindu College Board of Directors who have, besides the Jaffna Hindu College, established more than 10 Hindu colleges or schools and are doing good work. The place of the *Udhaya Panu* was filled by the *Inthusathanam* and the *Hindu Organ*. The first honorary editor of the *Hindu Organ* was the late Mr. Chellappa Pillai, retired Chief Justice of Travancore. We reproduced the first editorial of this paper in the Golden Jubilee Number published in 1939. We were fortunate in having had as editors men of great learning, experience and wisdom, among whom may be counted the Hon. Mr. A. Sabapathy, the late Mr. A. Cathiravelu and Mr. A. V. Kulasingham. It would be rather difficult for us to maintain the great tradition of this paper, but it will be our earnest and sincere endeavour to do whatever is in our power to propagate and preserve our religion and culture. The Managing Committee of the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai has decided that we should not support the candidature of any particular person seeking election to Parliament. Our aim and object in politics will be to do what we can to make Ceylon achieve Purna Swaraj. We shall feel obliged if our correspondents would not indulge in unseemly personal attacks against anyone. Legitimate criticism will be appreciated.

THE ANURADHAPURA
VIVEKANANDA SOCIETY

To perpetuate the memory of Swami Vivekananda one of the greatest ambassadors of Hindu religion, the Hindu residents of Anuradhapura founded and established a Vivekananda Society in their town. We have been informed that the Vidyalayam established at Anuradhapura by this Society has been recognised by Government and the Society itself which was inaugurated about 21 years ago has been registered under the Mutual Societies Ordinance and that the Society has decided upon a three days celebration during the third week of the current month to commemorate the registration of the School and the Society. We commend to all Hindus in Ceylon and elsewhere the noble work done by this Society. Action is superior to inaction and the greatest virtue is in doing right action. The need for a Hindu Institution in this historical town where King Elara reigned at one time cannot be over emphasised, especially at a time when the present Government of Ceylon has decided to shift the town to a new site and the majority of the persons affected thereby will be Tamils, who have lived in the town for several generations. We wish the Society many years of useful work.

Notes and Comments

Rowdysm should be Curbed

The Colombo Magistrate in sentencing to imprisonment a man who was found guilty of assault on a candidate in the recent Municipal Council elections made severe strictures on him and warned others of his type who would stoop to such low tactics, of the immense harm they would do to themselves and to the cause they professed to espouse. The warning of the learned magistrate is opportune. With the approach of elections to the new Parliament, feelings are bound to rise high among the adherents of the different candidates. Enthusiasm there should be among these adherents but it should canalised along democratic and healthy lines wherein due regard and respect to the views and sentiments of the opposite party should be extended. It is unfortunate that already signs of unbridled enthusiasm bordering on rowdysm are visible among some of the professed adherents of the political parties in Ceylon. The recent attempt by some followers of the U. N. P. to wreck a meeting of the Sama Samajists in a rural district in Ceylon is a typical example of the terrorist methods which are freely employed in the country. Such attempts, instead of enhancing the prestige and influence of the wreckers are bound to recoil on themselves culminating in their ultimate downfall. We take this opportunity to sound a note of advice to the Jaffna leaders too. Signs of misdirected enthusiasm are already discernible in the local political arena. That should be curbed, for in the circumstances which would unavoidably be created, this sort of enthusiasm may deteriorate into rowdysm stark and naked with the inevitable consequences in its wake!

Grow More Food

Mr. D. S. Senanayake is never tired of dinning the words "Grow more Food" into the ears of our farmers. The "Grow more Food" slogan is everywhere. Yet the country's granaries are still empty. The success of the "Grow more Food" campaign, depends upon the willingness of the cultivator to utilise the various means of agricultural improvements such as improved seeds, fertilisers, etc. The farmer of Ceylon today is compelled to give to Government levy paddy at the rate of 2 bushels per acre and also any excess paddy over and above 50 bushels he may have at Rs. 6/- per bushel. This is hardly fair by him in view of the increased cost of production. The policy adumbrated by Babu Rajendra Prasad, Member for Agriculture in the Indian Interim Govt. appears to be more humane. In the course of his address at the Agricultural Prices Conference held in New Delhi last week, Babu Rajendra Prasad said: "It is natural that the farmer is greatly interested in the prices of his produce and he can only be induced to undertake intensive cultivation if he is assured of a remunerative price for what he has to sell. To make the 'Grow more Food' campaign successful it is necessary to consider what the future of prices is going to be and whether they would be sustained at a level which would make agriculture at the expanded rate of production a paying proposition." We earnestly hope that the Minister of Agriculture in Ceylon would consider seriously the sentiments expressed by Babu Rajendra Prasad. The farmer in Ceylon is having an extremely hard time and it is but natural that he should be assured of a fair and reasonable price for his produce. If the farmer is to be induced to co-operate with the Government in the "Grow more Food"

drive, the prices given for his produce should be remunerative.

Burma Talks

It is nearly a fortnight since the talks on Burma's political future have been inaugurated between Burmese leaders on one hand and the British Government on the other; and though the extremist elements in Burma are impatient at the prolongation of the talks and are clamouring for the immediate return of the leaders, the outlook is not gloomy. It is a good augury that the Attlee Government has at last agreed to accept Burma's goal as complete independence and the two parties, we are told, are now exploring the ways and means to achieve this goal by peaceful and constitutional methods. Let us hope that Britain is sincere and that it would not resort any more to subterfuges in order to stultify the effects of the agreement already arrived at, by her usual methods which the world is accustomed to; we know that there are even now in this age, Imperialists of Churchill's calibre who would fret and fume at the turn of events in lands "where the sun never sets". But it is too late for Imperialist exploiters to stop the caravan of Asiatic Freedom from reaching its goal: It is an irony of fate that the very man who only the other day stated that he would not preside over the liquidation of the empire is now made to witness the winding-up ceremony of that concern!

A Great Discovery!

Mr. Abdul Hasheem, the Secretary of the Muslim League in Bengal has made a great discovery. He has discovered that British Imperialism was at the back of the recent communal riots in Bengal. Better late than never; and we congratulate Janab Hasheem the discovery he has made, though we are constrained to observe that he has failed so far to follow his discovery with concrete deeds. Mr. Hasheem is a very prominent member of the Muslim League Committee and we hope he will pursue the matter up to its logical conclusion, and convince his fellow Leaguers to the utter futility of looking to the third party for help. It is high time the communal problem in India is solved once and for all. The Congress has agreed to accept the British Government's interpretation of Dec. 6. It is now up to the Muslim League to accept the hand of friendship and cooperation magnanimously extended by the Congress and pave the way for Indian Independence. The third party has done enough havoc in the land of Baratha Varsha. It is on its last legs. A combined effort by Hindus and Muslims is all that is needed now to oust the interloper for ever.

C. T. U. F. Supports
Viet Nam

At the last meeting of the General Council of the Ceylon Trade Union Federation it was resolved to convene on February 15th, 16th & 17th a conference of the representatives of its affiliated Unions to consider the present labour situation and the prices of tea, rubber and copra from the point of view of interests of all workers by hand or brain. The Conference will also consider the strengthening of the Trade Unions to face the problems arising out of the economic crisis ahead of us.

The General Council expressed its solidarity with and support to the resistance of the Viet Nam Government against French imperialism.

Nominations in June or July

Legal Secretary's Hopes

Dahanayake's "Legal Parlance"

MR. A. E. P. Rose, Legal Secretary, in reply to a number of questions in the State Council on Tuesday last on the Parliamentary schemes said that he hoped to have nominations by the end of June or the first week of July.

Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya said that he had learnt from the Press that some of the registers printed in England had become useless as a result of bad printing. He asked what steps the authorities proposed to take to expedite the elections.

Mr. W. Dahanayake asked whether it was a fact that the Legal Secretary on behalf of 26 "clients" of his in the State Council had made representations to the Secretary of State for the Colonies to amend Section 13 sub-Section 3 (d) of the Elections Order-in-Council which disqualified about 26 school-manager State Councillors.

'Unworthy Motives'

Mr. D. S. Senanayake, Leader of the House, rising to a point of order said that the member had imputed unworthy motives to the Legal Secretary by his reference to State Councillors as his clients.

Mr. Susanta de Fonseka, Deputy Speaker, who presided, asked the member to withdraw that statement.

Mr. Dahanayake said that he used legal parlance which only the Legal Secretary could understand and not the Leader. It was far from his mind to cast any unworthy imputations on their genial Legal Secretary. He asked whether the Legal Secretary would also consent to make representations to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for the amendment of the section which disqualified political prisoners.

The Legal Secretary, Mr. A. E. P. Rose, admitted that he had made representations to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for the amendment of that section. He explained that the Governor would consider individual cases of political prisoners who had been disqualified under the Order-in-Council.

Answering other questions, he said he had already received the first preliminary register printed in England. There was no

reason to believe that they would not get their registers in time and according to present arrangements it was hoped to have nominations in the last week of June or the first week of July.

Common Humanity of Man

"Are we regarding those whom our actions will affect as human beings, made in the image of God, and as much entitled to consideration, to happiness, to good standards of life as are we ourselves or our children? And this test, quite irrespective of colour, class or creed flows from our belief in the common humanity of man inspired by the universal divinity of God."—SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 448

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Thairainayaki ammah wife of Velupillai Thirugnanasambanthar of Irupalai. Deceased.
Thirugnanasambanthar Aruchunara-rajah of Irupalai. Petitioner.

- Vs.
1. Thirugnanasambander Sanmugasundram of do presently of Kilinochchi
 2. Thirugnanasambanthar Gnana-kuru of Irupalai
 3. Thirugnanasambanthar Balasubramaniam of do
 4. Velupillai Thirugnanasambanthar of Vannarponnai.

Respondents.
This matter of the petition of the abovenamed petitioner praying for the appointment of the 4th respondent guardian-ad-litem over the minors 2 & 3rd respondents and for grant of probate to the Last Will of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before S. S. J. Gunasegara Esquire, District Judge Jaffna on the 22nd day of August 1945 in the presence of Mr. C. Subramaniam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner and that of the witnesses and notary of the Last Will dated the 6th February 1945 having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th respondent be appointed Guardian ad-litem over the minors 2 and 3rd respondents for the purpose of representing them in this case and that that the Last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased and filed of record in this case be

declared proved, unless the abovenamed respondents or any other person shall on or before the 31st day of October 1945 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the petitioner is the executor named in the said will and he is entitled to have probate of the said will issued to him accordingly.

The 21st day of September 1945.
Sgd. S. S. J. Gunasekera,
District Judge
Order Nisi extended for 30th January 1947
Sgd. R. R. Solvadurai,
District Judge.
(O. 135. 24 & 28-1-47.)

U.N.O. Decision to be Flouted

South Africa Whites' Impertinence

GENERAL Jan Smuts, the South African Premier, told a tense and crowded House of South African Assembly on Tuesday last that the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act should stand. "Such legislation is necessary," he said, "if South Africa did not want Durban to become a second Bombay."

He declared that South Africa would not submit a draft trustee-
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Financial Position Gloomy

U. C. Chairman on Increase of Rates

"IT is a matter of great regret that the financial position of the Council will not be sound at all when it is converted into a Municipality," said Mr. C. Ponnambalam, Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council, in the course of a statement on the Council's finances at the last monthly meeting.

"The financial position of the Council, though we may start with a surplus of Rs. 46,771 is very unsatisfactory," he stressed, "and we should be very cautious in our expenditure during this year."

He explained that the Council had obtained an overdraft of Rs. 75,000 and would be getting only Rs. 35,000 from Government as "block grant."

Any revenue they might get from the Entertainment Tax, he said, would not be sufficient to meet the deficit of Rs. 40,000. "Therefore, I should repeat that our financial position is very gloomy and that we should avoid supplementary votes and retrench as much as possible," he added. Mr. Ponnambalam was of opinion that the "block grant" system would not help the Jaffna Council at all.

Election of Vice-Chairman

Among the items on the agenda was the election of a Vice-Chairman. On the motion of the Chairman, the Council unanimously elected Mr. J. Patrick, Proctor.

Mr. Patrick, who is 32 years of age, is believed to be the youngest to hold that office.

The Chairman, in his statement, said that the total expenditure for the year 1946 was Rs. 559,342.58 and the total revenue was Rs. 548,159.13. Thus the expenditure exceeded the revenue by Rs. 11,183.45. The surplus on January 1, 1947, was Rs. 57,948.52. Thus there was actually a surplus of Rs. 46,771.07.

He said they had not received the full cost of war allowance for December, 1946, from Government yet. If the war allowance for December, 1945, had been received in December, 1946, then there would not have been an excess of expenditure over revenue during the year 1946.

Considering the extraordinary expenditure during the year owing to increased cost of labour, material, etc., the Chairman said they should congratulate themselves on the present financial position of the Council. He revealed that the revenue for assessment rate alone was

not sufficient normally to meet expenditure on the conservancy service. The Council had been spending about 2/5th of its revenue on the health services alone. Their expenditure on health services, however, had been justified by results. The death rate, infantile mortality rate and maternal mortality rate had been decreasing gradually during recent years.

Complaints about Roads

Mr. Ponnambalam referred to the general complaint that the roads in the Jaffna town are not in good condition and said that in 1946 they had spent Rs. 56,815.15 on the maintenance of roads. This was the highest amount ever spent by this Council during any year on maintenance of roads.

Continuing, the Chairman said: "The block grant system which has been given due publicity in the Press will not help the Jaffna Council at all. According to the principle guiding block grant to local bodies, the Jaffna Council will receive about Rs. 35,000 only every year as block grant. But our increased expenditure on payment of temporary increases to monthly-paid officers and payment of increased wages to daily-paid employees at Government rate will be about Rs. 50,000 a year. This amount will be short by about Rs. 15,000 which will have to be met out of our usual revenue."

Therefore, he considered it absolutely essential that Excise revenue within the limits of the jurisdiction of local bodies should be allocated to the respective local bodies without any further delay. If that was not done the local bodies would have to increase the property rate or other tax.

Increase of property rate or tax, which were direct taxes, would create discontent and disaffection among the ratepayers. But it was his personal opinion that in Jaffna the property rate could be increased as they were rendering many essential and useful services to the residents of the town.

The Chairman revealed that they had not made any provision in the budget for 1947 for maintenance of roads or new works, expecting to get a grant from Government for wastage of roads owing to military traffic and use it for maintenance of roads. But that sum would not at all be sufficient to improve the roads which were in very bad condition.

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VEDANTA MOOLA SARAM OR THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

(Continued from our issue of 10-1-47)

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XIII. THE CHANDOGYA UPANISHAD (Contd.)

The next section (XIV) called Sandilya-Vidya (சாண்டிலிய வித்தை), contains an illuminating description of God; all this verily is God from whom it originates, by whom it is sustained and in whom it merges. With a quiet and controlled mind should He be meditated on. Man is a creature of his will. According to his wish in this life, so will he be hereafter. Therefore should he meditate (on God as) the Intelligent, whose body is Pranan, whose form is Light (Jyotis), whose will is Truth, whose nature is like Akas (omnipresent and invisible), from whom all works, all desires, all sweet odours and tastes proceed, who pervades all this (world), who never speaks nor gets confused, the Atma (Antaratma, God) within the heart, smaller than a grain of rice, smaller than a grain of barley, smaller than a mustard seed, smaller than a canary seed or the kernel of a canary seed, yet greater than the earth, greater than the sky, greater than the heavens, greater than all these worlds... He is the Atma (Antaratma) within me. He is that Brahman (Paramatma, God). When I shall have departed from this world, I shall obtain Him (God). He who believes this and has no doubts (on the subject) will verily obtain the fruit of his meditation. So said Sandilyar (the sage) Sandilyar (sruties 1 to 4).—This is a section whose importance cannot be over-emphasized. We have commented on, and quoted parallel passages from, the Tamil in dealing with similar sruties in this and other Upanishads so often that it is unnecessary to go over the same ground at length here again. But it can never be too redundant to warn the reader that the word Atma in these sruties stands for the Antaratma or Paramatma God and not for the Jivatma (soul). The Upanishad makes this quite clear by the concluding words "He who believes this... will verily obtain the fruit of his meditation" and the previous sentence "When I (i. e., Jivatma or soul) shall have departed from this world I shall obtain Him (i. e., the Paramatma or God);" in other words "Know that Gnanies will obtain God," ஞானம் பெருமை உடையோர் இவ்வளவு பெறுவாரா என்பது, in the words of Siddhyar.

Section XV compares God to a huge treasure chest whose bottom is the earth, cover (or lid) heaven, the quarters the sides, &c, and speaks of oblations made by a sacrificer facing the different directions (east, south, &c,) for the sake of his children. And the next section (XVI) pictures man's life itself as a long sacrifice, the first 24 years constituting the morning oblation sacred to the Vasus, the next 44 years the mid-day ritual sacred to the Rudras and the last 48 years the evening ritual sacred to the Adityas. The symbolization and meditation prescribed here which is known as Purusha Vidya, 4ருஷ வித்தை) are with a view to keep the sacrificer healthy and enable him to live long (for 116 years).

Section XVII pictures a mental sacrifice performed without external ceremonies, a man's hunger, thirst and unhappiness constituting his Diksha (initiatory rites), his eating, drinking and enjoyment, his Upasadas (days on which sacrificers break their fast); penances, charity, righteousness, non-killing and truthfulness, his Dakshinas (gifts), &c. A Rishi is said to have explained this view of the sacrifice to Krishna-Devakiputran, and said that a dying man should take refuge in the following three Yaju-Vedic Mantras addressed to God as identified with the sun: "Thou art the Imperishable. Thou art the Unchangeable. Thou art the Subtle Pranan." Then follow two memorial verses from the Rig-Vedam: "Of the eternal seed they see the day-like light which shines in the Effulgent (God). Having beheld that exquisite light, high above all darkness, as the higher Light within the heart, we attain the bright Divine Source of energy, the Sun, the highest of all lights, yea, the highest of all lights." The symbolization depicted in this section and the quotations from the Yajur and Rig Vedas can all be grasped by thoughtful readers, but what is most intriguing here is the reference to Krishnan, the son of Devaki, the dominating figure of the Mahabharatam, who is said to have lived a little over 5,000 years ago. No scholar has yet succeeded in finding a convincing explanation for the occurrence of this name in this admittedly ancient Chandogya Upanishad. Either the two Krishnas, are two distinct personages and their mothers' names being also the same is an accidental coincidence; or there is an unconscious interpolation here, the name of Krishna-Devakiputran having crept into the text in the course of the ages when the Upanishad was in the process of being handed down orally from father to son or from Guru to disciple before it was reduced to writing, as we shall have occasion to suggest in reconciliation of the existence of certain features in some other Upanishads later on in this series of articles.

Section XVIII prescribes meditation on the mind and on Akas as God. The mind has four feet: speech (the tongue), breath (the nose), the eyes and the ears, and so has Akas four feet: fire (Agni), air (Vayn), the Sun (Adityan) and the quarters (Disai). These two forms of meditation are said to be from the intellectual and theological points of view. After thus describing the sun as one of the four feet of Akas symbolized as Brahman, the Sruti proceeds in the concluding section (XIX) of the third chapter to describe it (the Sun) as Bra'man I self. In the beginning this was Asat. Asat became Sat. It developed. It became an egg. It remained (in that condition) for a period of one year. It burst into two. The two halves were of silver and gold. The silver half became this earth, the golden half the sky... And, what was born from it, that is the Sun. On its birth arose shouts of hurrah

U.N.O. Decision to be Flouted

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ship agreement for South-West Africa as requested by the United Nations last month. The territory would continue to be administered under the Union's laws as it had been since 1920.

Dr. Daniel F. Malan, the Nationalist (opposition) leader, declared that the solution of the Union's Indian problem was to transfer the Indian community to India or elsewhere. There was disloyalty to South Africa, he said among the Indians. They had laid complaints against South Africa with other nations.

Another danger, he declared was that the Indian community had put themselves at the head of a general non-European agitation against Europeans.

Serious Repercussions

Earlier, Dr. Malan introduced a motion rejecting the UNO request that South Africa negotiate with India on "domestic measures in connexion with the Indian question."

The motion also rejected the UNO request that South-West Africa be placed under trusteeship.

Dr. Malan said that the UNO happenings amounted to direct interference in the domestic affairs of the country and had partly destroyed the difficult work of the past hundred years.

"It is an attack on our freedom as a nation and on our sovereignty," Dr. Malan said. "The UNO decisions have serious repercussions on the non-European community. The UNO decisions have carried to the non-Europeans of South Africa this message: 'To you injustice is being done. You must make demands to remove those injustices. Behind you stands the United Nations Organisation—the majority of the nations of the world.'

If the UNO decision means there should be equality in South Africa between Europeans and non-Europeans then the message to white South Africa was: 'You are doomed.' It means that White South Africa and its future have been worked from the foundations and put on a volcano which can erupt at any time. The Prime Minister's actions at UNO are open to deserved criticism."

WANTED

Wanted for the Jaffna Hindu College two teachers capable of teaching English and History or Tamil or Geography in the upper forms. Graduates preferred. Applications close on the 25th of January. Manager.

(Mis. 208. 10, 17, 21, 24 & 28.)

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(Mis. 207. 10, 17, 21, 24 & 28.)

and all beings and their desires. Hence whenever the sun rises or sets, shouts of hurrah arise as well as all living beings and their desires. If any one knowing this meditates on the sun as God, pleasant shouts will arise and contribute to his gratification, Yea they will contribute to his gratification (sruties 1 to 4).—As explained elsewhere, the word "Asat" here does not mean non-existence. It simply means something other than 'Sat', non-apparent or invisible in the form of seed or in a state of chaos, out of which the cosmos took shape and developed.

(To be Continued)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 630
In the matter of the estate of the late Alfred Victor Gnanathurai of Colombo. Deceased.
Rose Darlie Arulmalar Gnanathurai of Uduvil. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Samuel Thevarul Gnanathurai
2. Puspam Gnanathurai
3. Victor Thevathangam Gnanathurai
4. Richard Theva Nasan Gnanathurai all of do
5. Samuel Alfred Chellathurai, Sanitary Assistant Wewele, Kesbewe. Respondents

This matter of the petition of the petitioner praying that the 5th respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st to 4th respondents and the petitioner appointed administratrix over the estate of the deceased and letters of administration granted to her accordingly, coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge, Jaffna on the 26 day of November 1946 in the presence of Mr. C. R. Tambiah Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read.

It is hereby ordered that the 5th respondent abovenamed be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st to 4th respondents and letters of administration granted to the petitioner unless the respondents or any others shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 27th day of January 1947 at 10 a. m.

This 26th day of November, 1946.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai

Drawn by, District Judge
Sgd. C. R. Tambiah,
Proctor for Petr.
(O. 130. 21 & 24-1-47)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 635.
In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Muttukumaru Appachy of Keitunayo Kuala Lumpur F.M.S. Deceased.

Vallinayakam widow of Muttukumaru Appachy of Moolai. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Appachy Coomaraswamy
2. Appachy Swaminathan
3. Kanagammah daughter of Appachy
- Minor. 4. Kailanayagy daughter of Appachy. All of Moolai. The 4th respondent is a minor appearing by her guardian-ad litem the 1st respondent. Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 22nd day of November 1946 in the presence of Mr. T. Vannianathan Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read; it is ordered that the 1st respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 4th minor respondent for all purposes of this action and it is declared that the petitioner, as widow of the said intestate, is entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 20th day of December 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 22nd day of November 1946.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge.
Order Nisi extended for 31-1-47.
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.
(O. 128. 21 & 24-1-47.)

WHAT NEXT? A Great Savant Dead

Indian Constituent Assembly

The Indian Constituent Assembly has unanimously passed the republican motion of Pandit Nehru. What next? The Muslim League has not yet decided to enter the assembly. However the Congress Members have decided to go ahead with the business of the Assembly keeping two alternative courses of action in view. Said a prominent Congressman.

"We still hope that the Muslim League representatives will join the Constituent Assembly, if not during the present session which will continue only till January 31, at any rate during the next session of the Constituent Assembly which is likely to commence from the beginning of May next. Accordingly, in appointing the Steering Committee, the Advisory Committee and the Union Powers Committee, we propose to leave some seats to be filled up by the Muslim League when they come in. But if the League High Command decides not to join the Constituent Assembly, that should not be allowed to hamper or delay the work of the Assembly any further."

Continuing, the same source observed: "In that case, the problem of the 'B' and 'C' Sections will be simplified and the Provincial constitutions excepting those for Bengal, the Punjab and Sind, as well as the constitution of the Union Centre, will be drawn up in conformity with the specific directions incorporated in the resolution on 'Objectives.' We are sure constitutions thus drawn up would be fair and generous to all interests as far as practicable consistently with the interests of the Indian Union as a whole. If the British Government accepts the constitutions, well and good. If it does not, it will be regarded as a challenge to the dignity and sovereignty of the Constituent Assembly and, in order to vindicate the same, steps may have to be taken similar to what had happened in the case of the States-General of France when Louis XVI refused to recognise its proceedings and decisions."

SALE OF LAND

By virtue of an order of Court dated 17-1-47 in Testamentary Case No. 4 of the District Court of Jaffna, notice is hereby given inviting tenders from intending purchasers of 7/12 shares of different lots of the land described in the schedule hereto.

Tenders will be received by the Secretary, District Court, Jaffna or by me till 14-2-47. Title Deeds and plan can be inspected at my office. N. B. Please write "Case No. 4T-Tender" at the top of the cover.

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Sd. A. Thanabalasingam,
Proctor
24-1-47.

"Sri Sailam"
Anaipanthi,
Jaffna.
(Mis. 310, 24)

Fr. S. Gnanapragasar

The death occurred in Jaffna on Wednesday last of the Rev. Fr. S. Gnanapragasar, O. M. I. He was 72 years of age.

By his death the country has lost a great linguist, historian, philosopher and philologist.

A stately figure with a flowing grey beard, Fr. Gnanapragasar was welcomed by all wherever he went, so much so when he once visited Germany many demonstrations were held in his honour by the German Government as well as by the people.

To commemorate the visit of this great historian and man of letters the German Government issued a special stamp with his picture.

Fr. Gnanapragasar belonged to a Hindu family. He started life as a Signaller in the Telegraph Department and worked in that capacity for a number of years. He resigned his position in the Government to become a Catholic Priest.

His fame as a scholar soon spread abroad and Father Heras, the famous Bombay archaeologist and historian, made frequent trips to Ceylon to consult him. He is also the author of many books, both religious and historical.

He was the one man who had the courage to venture on the compilation of an Etymological and comparative Lexicon of the Tamil Language.

The Ceylon Government recently appointed him a member of the Historical manuscripts commission. He celebrated his silver jubilee in 1942.

Incorporation of The Law Society of Ceylon

Last Friday's Gazette published the Ordinance to incorporate the Law Society of Ceylon introduced by the Hon'ble the Legal Secretary. The principal object of the Bill is to give statutory status to the Law Society of Ceylon which has been functioning now for over three years. The Bill provides for the appointment of Disciplinary Committees, members of which shall be appointed by the Chief Justice on nomination made by the Society at General Meetings.

The Government proposes to pay the Law Society of Ceylon Rs. 50,000 a year by Statute for the Funds of the Society in lieu of the funds the Government is receiving from members of the profession for their Licence and Annual Certificates till such time as arrangements could be made for the Law Society to receive these payments direct. Proctors have been pressing the need for a Law Society for nearly 20 years. The Colombo Proctors' Association was inaugurated in 1928 and one of its first objects was to inaugurate a Law Society. For this purpose a series of conferences were called in Colombo and Galle. The President of the Colombo Proctors' Association, Mr. S. J. C. Kadirgamar, and the Secretary, Mr. Valentine S. Perera, attended meetings of Pro-

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction N. 638.

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Velupillai Visuvalingam of Thaiydy, Jaffna lately of Kuala Pilah in Malaya. Deceased Murugesu Kandiah of Vaddukoddi East.

- Vs. Petitioner, Minor.
1. Parkiam Visuvalingam aged 17 years
 2. Visuvalingam Tharajah aged 16 years.
 3. Theivan yaki Visuvalingam aged 14 years and
 4. Vythingam Karapthey-mathu all of Mcolai. Respondents

This matter coming on for Disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge of Jaffna on the 29th day of November 1946 in the presence of Mr. M. K. Subramaniam Proctor on the Part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 26th day of November 1946 having been read:

It is ordered that the 4th respondent be and he is hereby appointed guardian ad litem over the 1st, 2nd and 3rd respondents abovesaid minors and that the petitioner as a cousin of the deceased is entitled to have Letters of Administration issued to him accordingly unless any person or persons interested shall on or before the 13th day of January 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary This 29th day of November 1946

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

The date for showing cause

is extended to 27-1-47.

g. R. R. Selvadurai

District Judge.

O. 132, 21. & 24-1-47.)

tors in the various outstations in order to enlist the co-operation of Proctors for the realisation of an Incorporated Law Society. At an All Ceylon Proctors' Conference held in 1939 in Colombo the Secretary, Mr. Valentine S. Perera read a paper 'on an Incorporated Law Society for Ceylon.' This formed the basis of subsequent agitation on the part of the Profession. In March 1943 the Law Society of Ceylon was inaugurated at a meeting of Proctors representing every District in the Island. Mr. S. J. C. Kadirgamar, President, presided at this meeting. Soon after this meeting the Society prepared and forwarded to the Legal Secretary a draft Ordinance to incorporate the Society. With the publication of the Draft Ordinance in the Gazette this matter has now reached a final stage and before long the Society will receive full status to protect and promote the interests and welfare, rights and privileges of the Profession of Proctors in Ceylon and of the public in relation to that profession.

A great deal of pioneer work had been done in this connection by members of the profession, Mr. S. J. C. Kadirgamar, President, and Mr. Valentine S. Perera, Secretary of the Law Society of Ceylon. The profession gave them the fullest support and their joint efforts have contributed to secure full incorporated status to the profession of Proctors in Ceylon.—Cor

The Soviet System Described

(Continued from page 1)

assumed the title of U. S. S. R., Union of the Socialist Soviet Republics. By 1929, the number of Soviet units reached eleven and five more joined in 1940. Since the inception of the Soviet regime a new era of economic policy was ushered during which numerous reforms were carried for the benefit of the peasants. In 1936, as a result of the efforts of Stalin a committee with Stalin as Chairman prepared a new and fully revised democratic constitution and after it was approved by the people and confirmed by the last All-Russian Congress of Soviets which under the new constitution was to be abolished, was officially established. It is this Constitution which is in force in the U. S. S. R. to-day.

How the Structure Functions

The federal principle is the basis of the new structure. Under the constitution the central legislative power is vested in the Supreme Council or Soviet which is directly elected by all citizens of the nation. It consists of two chambers, with equal powers, the Soviet of the Union and the Soviet of Nationalities. The former is elected by the citizens of the U. S. S. R. on the basis of one member for every 300,000 of the population. The latter embodies the federal principle and is elected by the citizens in the respective unions on the basis of a fixed and reasonable proportion of members from the constituent republics. The powers of the Union and the units are clearly defined. A notable illustration is the vesting of all heavy industries in the Union and all light industries in the units. The Supreme Soviet appoints the Ministers. It is the sovereign expression of the will of the State. During the absence of the legislature, power is vested in a small Presidium. The All-Union Council of Peoples Commissars is the central executive body, which is responsible to the Supreme Soviet.

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

**Order "Nisi" Declaring Will
Proved &c.**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 646.A. Sinnappoo Coomarasamy of
Karainagar East Petitioner.I. Parameswary, 2. Sundr-moorthy,
3. Ledehumanan 4. Thevarani all
children of A. Sinnappoo Coomara-
samy and 5. Thamotheerampillai
Ponnamallan all of Karainagar
East Respondents.In the matter of the Last Will
and Testament of the late Rammiah
wife of A. Sinnappoo Coomarasamy
of Karainagar East Decd.This matter coming on for dispo-
sal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq.,
District Judge, Jaffna on the 18th
day of December, 1946 in the pre-
sence of A. Kanagasabai, Proctor on
the part of the petitioner and the
affidavit of the above-mentioned
petitioner and of the witnesses to
the Last Will dated 12th and 17th
December 1946 having been read:It is ordered that the Will of the
abovenamed deceased dated 14th
February 1946 and numbered 7849
and attested by K. S. Mahesa Sarma
Notary Public be and the same is
herely declared proved unless the
respondents or others shall on or
before the 30th day of January 1947
show sufficient cause to the satis-
faction of this court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the said

ORDER NISIIN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 644Veeragathiy Nadarajah of Karainagar
North Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Kanagammalar 2. Sivanesam both
daughters of Nadarajah and 3
Namasivayam Aruniah all of
Karainagar North. The 1st & 2nd
Respondents are minors appearing
by their Guardian-ad-litem the 3rd
Respondent Respondents.In the matter of the Estate of the
late Kanagamma wife of Veeragathiy
Nadarajah of Karainagar late of
Sedenk JohoreThis matter coming on for dis-
posal before R. P. Selvadurai Esq.,
District Judge, Jaffna on the 12th
day of December 1946 in the pre-
sence of Mr. A. Kanagasabai Proctor
on the part of the petitioner, and the
affidavit of the above-mentioned
petitioner dated 11th December 1946,
having been read.It is ordered that the abovenamed
3rd Respondent be appointed Guar-
dian ad litem over the minors 1 &
2nd Respondents for the purpose of
this action.It is further declared that the said
petitioner be declared entitled to
have Letters of Administration to the
estate of the said intestate as her
lawful husband unless the respon-
dents or others interested shall on or
before the 30th day of January 1947
show sufficient cause to the satisfac-
tion of this court to the contrary.This 12th day of December 1946.
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge.

(O. 133, 24 & 28)

5th respondent be appointed guardian-
ad-litem over the minors 1st to 4th
respondents and that the said peti-
tioner be declared entitled to have
probate of the Last Will and Testa-
ment of the abovenamed deceased
Executor named in the said Will
and that he is entitled to have Pro-
bate of the same issued to him ac-
cordingly unless the respondents
or others interested shall on or
before the 30th day of January 1947,
show sufficient cause to the satisfac-
tion of this court to the contrary.This 18th day of December 1946
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

(O. 134, 24 & 25)

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