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Barbaric Use of Political Might

The Task Ahead Of Hindus

Hindu Society Should Be Dynamic & Unified

(By SWAMI YOGESHWARANANDA)

Swami Yoganandana in this inspiring article which is being continued from our last issue strongly urges all Hindus to unite and organise to cut the evil forces of reaction at the root—especially so in the present crisis which threatens to engulf Hindustan in the throes of anarchy and religious bigotry on the part of other religionists.

SOME may ask, what has all this to do with the future of Hindustan? Our answer is that there can be no Hinduism without a properly developing Hindu society. The Hindus stand for a view and a way of life which are, we think, of fundamental importance for humanity in general. Of all the people on earth the Hindus alone have consistently fought for tolerance and freedom of worship. To the Hindus religion is their backbone; and anything that tends to interfere with their freedom of worship is Satanic and ought to be destroyed by all means. The Hindu never forces another at the point of the dagger to change faith. But when alien faiths and ideologies having bigotry for their parent impinge upon his freedom of worship then the danger is great. All that is valuable to the Hindu is at stake. Such a danger seems to have come upon Hinduism at the present juncture. For, as we have pointed out earlier, the fanaticism of the Muslim masses is being roused against the Hindus so that the Hindus will certainly retaliate in self-defence. As A. C. Chatterjee says, 'Violence breeds violence. Retaliation once started cannot be carried out in measured quantities. Excesses are the rule.' But this internal violence will retard the advance of both Muslims and Hindus who are bloodbrothers in this land. It will benefit only alien meterests; Muslim fanaticism is not directed either against Indian Christians or European Christians or Parsis or Jews. Destruction of life, arson, loot, abduction of women, forcible conversion of people have been carried out on a large scale against Hindus only. Prolonged turmoil in the country would result in keeping India in bondage indefinitely.

Hindus should be Heroes.

Nor will it do for the Hindus at the present juncture to keep quiet and take all oppression lying down, hoping that better sense would prevail on the Muslims. For that way they will be only weakened further. They must stand up for their religion and for their rights and die fighting like heroes. But they should not be aggressive. Like the saintly snake in the story related by Sri

Ramakrishna one should hiss to scare away one's enemies but should not bite. Violence in self-defence is legitimate; aggressive violence is hateful.

Hindus should be Fearless

But even violent self defence is only a temporary measure. By killing your enemy physically you do not make him a friend. Rather you will be multiplying your enemies. Self defence will show the believer in violence that if he hits he is also certain to be hit, and thus may prevent war on attacks of violence from bullies for the bully is always a coward. But the real conquest of one's enemies is making him your friend by persuasion and other means. In order to do this Hindus must first make themselves individually and collectively fearless and strong and must have a good grasp of the essentials of their great religion. Individually they can make themselves fearless by taking their stand upon their immortal self, their true nature. All other relations and mental identifications are only temporary and are to be valued only in so far as these help towards one's full knowledge of one's real nature. The laws of Shruti are eternal; the forms that Smritis give to the laws of Shruti are temporary and suited to the exigencies of different times. A Hindu is always a Hindu, so long as he believes in the truths of the scriptures. No act except his own mental volition can de-hinduize him. At the most his spiritual growth may be hampered if he forcibly made, say, to eat beef or to embrace another religion. But with a little Prayaschitta all forcibly converted Hindus can and should be taken back to the Hindu fold. Even the little Prayaschittas are only for removing the pollution caused by the touch and society of hoodlums and not for any sinful act on the part of the oppressed.

Religious Law is Generous.

It is a welcome sign of the times that all Hindu religious leaders are now coming forward to redeem the oppressed and forcibly converted Hindus. A man or woman becomes fallen or Paida only when he with-

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The Constituent Assembly

Progress of Work

Talking informally to a group of Pressmen at a garden party arranged in his honour by the Delhi Press association, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian Constituent Assembly remarked that if the work of the Constituent Assembly went on in the manner it had proceeded so far, he did not see any reason why the task of drafting a Constitution for India should not be completed by July next.

Dr. Prasad further observed that the next session of the Constituent Assembly which was likely to be summoned during the latter half of April next, would be a very short one inasmuch as shortly after the presentation of the reports of the Committee so far appointed, the whole House would divide itself up into three Sections.

Replying to a query, Dr. Prasad said that all the three Sections would carry on their deliberations in Delhi.

BRITAIN NOT INVITED

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Under-Secretary of State for India, answering a question in the House of Commons last week whether the

They Want Representation

Local Bodies and Inter-Asian Conference

Local governing bodies have asked the Board of Ministers through the Chairman of the All-Ceylon Urban Councils Conference, Mr. R. E. Jayatilake, that they should also be represented at the Inter-Asian Conference in Delhi shortly.

Mr. Jayatilake has asked the Board of Ministers to provide funds for a representative of the Urban Councils Conference to visit India and take part in the deliberations.

It is unlikely that the Board of Ministers will agree to this suggestion as, according to an earlier decision the delegates to the Conference will have to bear their own expenses. The Ministers who are attending the Conference are not representing the Government of Ceylon as such. They have been invited by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu in their personal capacity.

British Government intended to be represented by an official observer at the Inter Asian Relations Conference to be held at New Delhi next March, replied: "No. The British Government have not received invitation to send an observer to the Conference."

SANCTIONS MAY BE ENFORCED

Senator Warns South Africa

Membership of the United Nations Organisations did not allow for the principles of racial discrimination and supremacy, declared Senator H. M. Basner, the Native Representative in the South African Senate last week.

He moved a resolution stating: "This House is of opinion that the Government should summon a national convention of representatives of all the races in the Union to arrive at a common understanding and to plan a commonly accepted Constitution for the future development of South Africa and submit the findings of this convention to the next session of U.N.O. and ask the United Nations for political and material aid to raise the educational and living standard of all citizens in South Africa to a degree to which all citizens will be satisfied and which will avoid racial strife within the Union and without her borders."

Senator Basner said: "I do not believe anyone will be able to persuade the outside world that South Africa's structure is in conformity

with the United Nations Charter. U. N. O.'s first criticisms were only a little finger pointing at South Africa; the next step would be sanctions to which South Africa is very vulnerable. The World Bank had only to decide not to take South Africa's gold."

Smuts gives Danger Signal

General Smuts who also spoke in the Assembly said that a recent census had resulted in the "very disturbing" revelation of a small increase in South Africa's white population but a big expansion in other sections.

This was a "Danger Signal," The white population must be strengthened and Government was embarking on a far-reaching policy regarding immigration. The Government had to strengthen the white population and provide more manpower for industry, General Smuts added.

British citizens did not come under the immigration laws and were free to enter South Africa. Therefore General Smuts said that his Government was prepared to advance loans for 20,000 to 25,000 immigrants from Britain approved by the 1820 Settlers' Association.



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THE LEAGUE BOYCOTT

JINNAH'S DECISION NOT TO call a meeting of the Working Committee of the Muslim League till the 28th of January was intriguing. He fully knew that the meeting of the Constituent Assembly was fixed for the 20th of January and that before that date the All-India Congress Committee had, in spite of protests from Assam, the Sikhs, the Hindu Maha Sabha and Sarat Chandra Bose, decided to accept the British Cabinet's interpretation dated December 6, 1946. In a 3000 word statement the Muslim League Working Committee has set out the reasons for their decision to boycott the Constituent Assembly. Jinnah and his Committee state that the Indian National Congress has not accepted the Cabinet Mission's proposals of May 16. It is well known that the Congress decided to participate in the elections to the Constituent Assembly only after accepting the long term plan contained in the Cabinet Mission's Statement of May 16, and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru formed the Interim Government after the Congress' decision to accept the short term proposals as well which it had rejected earlier. On the other hand, the Muslim League originally decided to accept both the long-term and short-term arrangements contained in the Cabinet Mission's proposals, and nominated candidates for elections to the Constituent Assembly. When the time for forming the Interim Government came Jinnah decided to stand out and it took some time for the League to participate in the Interim Government. The refusal of Liaquat Ali Khan to acknowledge Nehru as leader of the Interim Government and Jinnah's explanation as to why the Muslim League decided to participate in the Interim Government indicate, to some extent, the attitude of the League towards the Congress. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Working Committee of the Muslim League has decided to boycott the Constituent Assembly. Jinnah's reasons are not convincing. He argues that the speeches on Nehru's resolution that India should be an independent sovereign republic are a reflection of the attitude of the Congress, which according to him, has not accepted the Cabinet Mission's proposals of May 16. He contends that the A.I.C.C. resolution of last month accepting the British

Government's Dec. 6 statement is a dishonest trick and jugglery. The influence of Mahatma Gandhi in making Congress accept the British Governments' interpretation of December 6 in preference to India's quarrels being referred to the U.N.O. is well-known; and Nehru's words on the divine right of Kings and the position of States were uttered in all seriousness. To him India's independence was something sacred and under no circumstances could he brook any action which would undermine India's independence. He plainly stated that he had waited for certain people "to come, to come", but finding they had not yet decided to come, he made up his mind not to wait indefinitely. He wanted to make clear that while they were welcome at any future time no work could be held up whether they came or not. It is rather difficult to import any dishonest trick or jugglery into the action of the Congress in accepting the British Government's interpretation of Dec. 6, or into the words of Nehru.

Mr. H. N. Brailsford who is a great socialist writer in Britain thinks that Jinnah does not want a settlement now and that he wants to wait until the Muslim League becomes stronger: that the attitude of the Muslims towards the Hindus resembles the Nazi attitude towards the Jews; that a solution of the Indian problem when it comes must be through a compromise in which Britain is no party and that at a set date the British ought to quit India finally—soldiers, officials and statesmen alike. There are several people in India who are of the same view as Mr. Brailsford.

Farewell to Mr. Coomaraswamy

A public meeting was held at the Jaffna Central College Hall on Thursday the 30th January, to consider what steps should be taken to accord a fitting farewell to Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, C.C.S., Govt. Agent, Northern Province, who is shortly retiring from Service.

A large and representative gathering was present. Dr. S. Subramaniam, J. P. was elected as the Chairman of the meeting. The Chairman explained the objects of the meeting and it was unanimously decided to have a Garden Party in honour of the retiring Govt. Agent, to read an address and to present him with a Souvenir. It was also resolved to have the function at the Jaffna Town Hall on Saturday the 22nd February, 1947.

A strong reception Committee was formed with Dr. Subramaniam J. P. as the Chairman.

Messrs. A. Arulambalam and M. R. Karalasingham were elected as Honorary Joint Secretaries, Cate Mudaliar V. Ponnambalam was elected as the Honorary Treasurer.

Jinnah is Intransigent

Banking on Tory Come-Back

The Muslim League has once more decided not to participate in the deliberations of the Constituent Assembly. In a 3000 word resolution the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League has accused the Congress of non-acceptance of the latest British interpretation of the Cabinet Mission's Plan.

The draft resolution holds that Congress "as the major contracting party has not accepted the Cabinet Mission's statement of May 16, 1946, as clarified by His Majesty's Government on December 6, 1946, and that therefore no useful purpose will be served by summoning a meeting of the Council of the League to reconsider its decision whereby it withdrew acceptance of the Cabinet Mission's plan."

Banking on Tory Come Back

The Intransigence of Mr. Jinnah and his Leaguers is due to their strong belief in the Tory come-back in the British Parliament said Mr. H. N. Brailsford the eminent British Columnist in the course of a speech at Oxford on Saturday last: said Mr. Brailsford:

"I do not think that Mr. Jinnah wants a settlement now. He wants to wait until his party is stronger."

Mr. Brailsford thought that there are similarities between the Muslim League and the Nazis. The attitude of the Muslims towards the Hindus was like the Nazi attitude

towards the Jews; he added.

"I do not see a solution of the Indian problem in our day; but when it does come it must be through a compromise in which Britain was no party. At a set date the British ought to quit India finally—soldiers, officials and statesmen alike. Only thus can the British prove the sincerity of their offer and force the Indians to solve their own problems," Mr. Brailsford said.

Bose Organises New Party

Meanwhile, Sarat Chandra Bose is reported to be taking steps for the formation of an All-India Party, to be known as "The Azad Hind Party", which would be pledged to "accept unconditionally the ideology of Subhas Chandra Bose."

Sarat Chandra Bose is reported to be of opinion that only such a party would succeed in achieving Hindu Muslim unity. The aims of the projected party include (1) complete independence for India and the establishment of a union of Socialist Republics; (2) the distribution of land to the peasantry; (3) a campaign against British Imperialism and the establishment of a provisional Government of Free India; (4) compulsory military service for all Indian males up to the age of 40; (5) the adoption of the flag conceived by Subhas Chandra Bose as its own; (6) the use of simple Hindustani, written in Roman script, as the common language for India.

Gandhiji's Walking Tour

Helpful in Restoring Communal Harmony

Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Premier of Bengal, in an interview to the Associated Press of India expressed the view that Mahatma Gandhi's walking tour in East Bengal had helped in restoring confidence there.

In reply to a question, Mr. Suhrawardy remarked: "Mr. Gandhi's walking tour in East Bengal has helped in restoring confidence although in the beginning his presence there coincided with further exodus of the Hindus."

Speaking about the question of exchange of population, Mr. Suhrawardy said: "Exchange of population can only be brought about by agreement and can only be on a planned basis. But no one can avoid migration of people who have been oppressed and against whom inhuman brutalities have been perpetrated so that they have nothing to fall back upon and no possible sense of security."

He said that he had been in constant correspondence with Mahatma Gandhi. Saying that he had no intention of removing the police guards and armed escorts to Mr. Gandhi, the Bengal Premier remarked, "It is ridiculous to ask me to remove the guards on Mr. Gandhi. If something happens, who will be responsible? If some mad man or fanatic or insane man comes and attacks him who is going to exonerate me?"

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At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of local Administration it has been decided to allocate grants as follows to the different Village Committees in the Jaffna District.

	Rs./-
Allaipiddy	3,500
Analaitivu	4,500
Chankanai	1,500
Chempian Pattu	350
Delft	3,000
Kachchai	2,000
Kaddaveli	10,000
Karachchi	3,000
Kudathanai	700
Manipay	4,000
Myliddy	8,000
Navatkuli	1,000
Neervely	500
Pallavarayan kadu	4,000
Poonernyn	2,000
Pulo'y	2,000
Tellipalai	1,000
Udupiddy	2,000
Vaddukoddai	3,500
Varany	1,000
Velanai	3,000
Total	60,550

Distribution of Subsidiary Foodstuffs

The undermentioned commodities will be issued in the Jaffna District to all consumers except those served by co-operative Stores on the basis of the rations given below for period 3-2-47-9-2-47.

Bengal Gram - 2 ozs per consumer
Green Gram - 1 " "

M. SHEKHANTA
A.G.A. (E), Jaffna.

Jaffna, 29th January, 1947;
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Free Education and Its Future No Answer Yet!

Will it Be Side-Trackd

Dr. Kannangara, However, is Hopeful

SIR. Oliver Goonetilleke, Financial Secretary, in a report to the State Council on the new Education Bill, the First Reading of which was moved by the Minister of Education a few days ago, says that the scheme of free education "is so vast that it will take a considerable number of years for its full implementation".

He adds this warning note: "The rate of implementation will be determined by the available resources of the Island and the requirements of other services. The financial implications for the current year are the sums provided for this purpose by the Appropriation Ordinance, No. 41, of 1946."

It is understood that the Minister of Education, Mr. C. W. W. Kannangara, is himself uncertain at what stage the country can afford to find all the money to implement fully his scheme of free education for all.

Mr. C. W. W. Kannangara agrees with the Financial Secretary that it will take a considerable time for the full implementation of the scheme. He was himself not certain how much the scheme would cost. It depends on the population figures of the island.

In a Statement to a Press Representative he said: "As the population grows, the scheme expands. It is well and good for people who have money to say that the rate of implementation of the scheme will depend on the requirements of other services. You cannot allow 2 per cent. of the people to govern 98 per cent."

Mr. Kannangara said he was certain that his free education scheme could not be side-tracked by interested parties. The country had accepted the scheme and it would clamour for its full implementation.

The authorities view with anxiety the country's financial position. The bill on public servants' salaries and medical, social and utility services has been rising steadily in recent years.

Vadamaradchi-East Mahajana Sabha

At the inaugural meeting of the Vadamaradchi-East Mahajana Sabha held recently in the Village Committee Hall of Chempianpathi the following were elected office bearers for the current year.

Patrons: Rev. Fr. S. A. Gnana-pragasam, Rev. W. J. N. Snell, Mr. K. Vinasithamby.

President: Mr. P. Saverimuttu B. A. (Lond.).

Vice President: Mr. A. Kandiah
Hony Secretary: Mr. T. M. Ambrose

Asst-Secretary: Mr. K. P. Muthiah

Hony Treasurer: Mr. V. Philip
A committee of 15 members representing the various villages of the Vadamaradchi-East Division was also elected.

MATRIMONIAL

AMIRTHALINGAM-YOGATHEVI

The marriage of Mr. N. Amirthalingam, landed proprietor and son of the late Mr. S. Nagalingam of the Railway Department F.M.S. with Sow. Yogathevi daughter of Mr. A. R. Vaitheesparam, Te'e Communication Inspector, Pallai, and niece of Mr. A. R. Shanmugaratnam, Principal Government Training College, Kopay was solemnised according to Hindu rites on Saturday last at the bride's residence at Oaddumadam road Vannarponnai in the presence of a large number of friends and relations.

Vivekananda Society, Colombo

Srimath Swami Vivekananda day will be celebrated at the Society Hall, Hill Street, today, (4th February, 1947,) at 5 p.m. Pujah, addresses and devotional songs will form the programme. Mr. N. Nadarajah K. C. the President of the Society, will preside.

2,000,000 YDS OF COARSE CLOTH

It is learned that textile dealers have made representations to the authorities to decoupen immediately the large stocks of coarse cloth which are in their possession. In a memorandum submitted, they state that they had already sold over 10 million yards of coarse cloth on coupons, and still had over two million yards of that variety with them in stock.

To Make Strikes Illegal

Mr. Trevor Hulsan, the Government Trade Union Adviser, has been asked by the Executive Committee of Labour, Industry and Commerce to report early on the anti-strike law proposals. The Committee considered at its last meeting a draft Bill to declare strikes and lock-outs in public utility services illegal and also certain amendments to the Bill proposed by the Legal Secretary. The Committee feel that this law should be promulgated before the dissolution of the State Council to enable the Board of Ministers to deal with any emergency arising during the interval between the dissolution and the meeting of new Parliament.

FILM STUDIO IN CEYLON

It is understood that Mr. Abraham Gardiner, Managing Director of Ceylon Theatres Ltd, has made arrangements to link up Ceylon Theatres with the J. Arthur Rank organisation which now has cinemas in all parts of the world. In co-operation with the organisation Mr. Gardiner hopes to establish a Film Studio in Ceylon.

Ban Atomic Research

C. R. Warns World Statesmen

"Before the end of 1948 we will have a pucca constitution which will be accepted by all. As we have to produce a democratic form of Government for four hundred millions, we must be patient and must go on making experiments for some time," observed Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Member for Industries, addressing the students of the Benares Hindu University on the occasion of the Science College Day celebrations at the University last week.

Mr. Rajagopalachari, in the course of his 90-minute talk, condemned wholesale atomic investigations. "If I had the power I would prefer total prohibition of atomic investigations and would confiscate all laboratories and centres of investigations and money grants earmarked for the purpose." The destruction of two cities of Japan, he added, was too terrible for words. He did not think it probable that atomic energy could be used for cooking or for any household purpose. He honestly thought that atomic research would be used to kill people more quickly, might be in self-defence.

He reminded them that in India

Those 697 Audit Queries

The "Times of Ceylon" reports that the Auditor General, Mr. Allen Smuth is making a determined effort to obtain replies to the 697 queries addressed to the Department of Civil Defence.

However the Audit Department doubts whether all the queries will be answered in spite of its insistence.

An official of the Audit Department said: "For all I know all these queries will never be answered. The reply is likely to be that at a time of emergency financial regulations and normal routine could not be observed."

"I find it most likely that however determined the efforts may be to compel explanation, these queries will never be answered. With the impending changes under the new Constitution the queries may, on the other hand, be conveniently forgotten."

from the earliest days there had been a scientific attitude and laboratory approach in regard to many matters. He advised students to devote themselves to the methods of science, to cultivate scientific methods of research, a capacity for understanding, precision and judgment.

EPICUREAN PHILOSOPHY

Principal Says How the West Has Paid for It

AN exhortation to the Hindu youths to study their religion and to follow in the footsteps of their forefathers was made by Mr. V. Veerasingham B. A., Principal Manipal Hindu College in the course of an address he delivered at the 3rd Annual general meeting of the Jaffna Hindu Youngmen's Maha Sabai held on Sunday last at the Sanmarka Bodhana Vidyasalai, Mr. C. Nagiah the president of the Sabai presided.

Mr. Nagiah in the course of his Presidential address referred to the activities of the Sabai, which though only three years old has achieved much to infuse a spirit of religious enthusiasm among the people in the locality.

Mr. S. Kanthapillai Secretary of the Sabai next read the report.

Mr. V. Veerasingham who addressed the gathering stressed the need for study of religion and deplored the tendency among some of the younger men towards atheism. This tendency said the speaker was mainly due to the defective education imparted in our schools. Education with a truly religious background should be imparted. The west had already paid dearly with millions of lives for its materialism by the two world wars fought during the present generation. The speaker warned that the same catastrophe might overtake the Hindus too, if they blindly followed such Epicurean philosophy in life. "Fortunately for the West," Mr. Veerasingham went on "the two world wars have opened its eyes, and to-day the stricken people o

Destruction of Potato Stocks in U.S.

America is destroying food while many nations of Europe and Asia are starving," comments the New York Post on the announcement of the Department of Agriculture's intention to destroy 20 million bushels of surplus potatoes. The newspaper goes on to say that the destruction of the potatoes might be only the first step in the realisation of a policy of destroying food-stuffs to maintain high prices for agricultural products in U. S.

Income tax amendment

A Bill gazetted on Saturday last seeks to amend the Income Tax (Special Provisions) Ordinance, suspending those sections relating to coconut products and tea.

Europe—both victor and the vanquished—are turning towards religion for solace and future prosperity. In fact the number of people who now think that the devastating wars they have been witnessing were after all punishment of God for their non belief in Him is increasing."

Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam who addressed next, appealed for solidarity among the Tamils of Ceylon as in his opinion, hard times are ahead of them in the future.

Mr. A. Karunandam B. Sc., entertained the audience by playing on the flute at intervals.

Letters to the Editor

THE DOWRY SYSTEM—A CURSE

Sir,

I have read with interest Mr. R. Muttiah's letter on the above subject. It is quite true that a number (and that too an ever-increasing number) of damsels are in distress on account of the vicious dowry system. But Mr. Muttiah has only looked at the problem from one angle. The real culprits to blame for this sorry plight to which many Tamil damsels have been brought are their parents and guardians who make a fetish of Government Service and go worshipping Government Servants. Their only prayer and anxiety in life is that their daughters, grand-daughters, nieces and grand-nieces, should be well and truly and securely wedded to Government Servants, preferably Civil Servants! They started this racket of boosting Government Servants, and inflated their value in the marriage market. The inevitable result, was and is, that these Govt. Servants have been ever stepping up their price in the marriage market and bleeding (to death in some cases!) the unfortunate girls, their parents, and guardians. There is, I believe, still a "brilliant" Tamil saying, to which many of our Government-Service-worshippers cling to:—"கோழி மேய்த்தாலும் கோழைமேய்தில் மேய்க்கவேண்டும்!"

There is also another very and more important evil which brought about this wretched Dowry Curse—and that is, Capitalism and the Capitalist Curse. To effectively do away with the dowry curse, we must do away with the capitalist curse, and evolve a better social and humane order which will reduce to a minimum the unfair advantages of Capitalists and Capitalism and ensure the recognition of merit, talent, character, courage and idealism.

Yours etc.

R. WIJAYA INDRA.

Colombo.
30-1-47

SAIVITES SHOULD BE ORGANISED

Sir,

If there is one thing more evident than any other it is the utter-helplessness of the Saivites to speak with one voice for themselves. Challenge after challenge come to us and we do but take them lying down. One of the challenges that are now staring us in the face is the proposed dropping of two regulative clauses in the Education Code against which the foreign Missions were clamouring.

The one is that the religions of the parents should be taught to the respective children in all schools and the other is that there should be at least 30 average attendance to register a new school. Against these two the foreign missions have successfully protested and as a result there is the proposed deletion in the draft.

On this point the rejected amendment proposed by the Honourable Mr. Bandaranayake has a merit of its own. He proposed to amend that the managers should be given grant only to pupils of their own denominations. Well this is a very satisfactory reply to the much boasted service, quality education benefaction and so on of the missionaries.

True it is that our prominent men with their eyes on the impending elections to parliament will not care for us till we are organized; Yet it is refreshing to hear some youths are preparing to enter a protest against these deletions. May some of our greater men guide them to success.

Yours etc.

C. NAGAIAH.

Van. East
28-1-47

Government Wakes Up

Speculative Transactions by C. W. E.

A new system by which speculative transactions between officers of the Co-operative Wholesale Establishment and import merchants, which have proved to be a drain on public funds, will not be permitted, has been evolved as a result of the Department's experiences during the period preceding the last Christmas.

Under the new system the Department will not hold itself responsible for any loss on purchases made in the Colombo market on a speculative basis. The responsibility for the consequences of such transactions is to be borne by the particular officer making the purchases.

Haphazard Enterprise

This arrangement has been introduced in order to prevent the continuance of the past practice, according to which an officer had the freedom to indulge in haphazard enterprise in the purchase of goods which were later found to have been "palmed off" on the Department by importers who had such

goods in their hands for a considerable time as "dead stock."

The new system seeks first to prevent the Department being involved in risky speculation through officers who may possibly be actuated by motives of personal gain.

Ending a Racket

In the second place, the new system is intended to put an end to the notorious racket that has been in operation for some time past, according to which certain importers have exploited to the full the advantages offered by the Co-operative Wholesale Establishment as a dumping ground for unsaleable goods by deliberately indenting for such goods for the sole purpose of dumping them on the Department.

The introduction of the new system, following a recent revelation of the dangerous consequences of the old practice, is said to have resulted in putting into a serious predicament an importing firm, which had hopes of "dumping" a shipment valued at about two lakhs of rupees on the Department.

Unity Among Hindus

An Urgent Necessary

"It was only our own rulers who promoted the growth of our language, religion and civilization. The Portuguese and the Dutch did everything possible to crush our religion and language and to spread theirs instead. The British Government is indirectly ruining our religion and language by allowing the management of schools to remain in the hands of missionary bodies," said Mr. S. Rajaratnam, Secretary of the Hindu Board of Education, in his presidential address at the eighth anniversary celebrations of Karainagar Manivasakar Sabha, held recently at the Karainagar Hindu College Hall.

He continued: "It is therefore essential that we should form ourselves into religious bodies. Instead of looking for help from others, we must follow the lead given us by our Saints and work with zeal and ardour for the promotion of our religion and culture. I fervently hope, that your Sabha will achieve my long cherished desire.

"Thousands of Hindus and Buddhists are being educated in Christian schools. If we desire that our children shall be devoted to our religion, then it is our duty to send them to Hindu schools. Hindu children, if educated in Christian schools, run the risk of being converted to Christianity."

Mr. Rajaratnam stressed the need for unity among the Hindus.

He said that a religious body should be vested with the power to establish new schools to educate children professing that religion.

Mr. Rajaratnam, urged that the

Clerical Servants Dissatisfied

Demands Immediate Trade Union Rights

THE following resolution has been unanimously passed by the General Clerical Service Union, Kandy: The General Clerical Service Union, Kandy, in meeting assembled on 28th January, 1947, while gratefully recording their appreciation of the efforts of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Sir John Howard, to grant Trade Union rights to all Government Servants in Ceylon in keeping with the Trade Union traditions of the United Kingdom the models of which our country is trying to adopt in most respects, views with dissatisfaction and disappointment the attitude taken by the Leader of the House—the Hon'ble Mr. D. S. Senanayake—to deny to Government Servants of Ceylon the opportunity of procuring immediately Trade Union rights through the medium of the Ceylon State Council which has successfully handled more intricate, responsible and vital issues concerning the future of the country and her Constitution.

This Union also calls upon every Government Servant in Ceylon to launch an intensive campaign to procure Trade Union rights as early as possible before the dissolution of the State Council and earnestly requests all Members of the State Council of Ceylon to demand of the Board of Ministers that the papers be tabled forthwith in the Council.

Government should not pay grants for those children who study in a denominational school but do not profess its religion.

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Barbaric Use Of Political Might

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lingly commits a crime against the Shastras. But even these are saved by a repetition of Ramanama, for Rama is indeed Patita Pavara, the purifier of the fallen; how more easily saved are those who have been forced to do bad things against their will! Even the ordinary law recognizes that nothing done under duress is valid; the religious law is more generous and saves even sinners. For Sri Krishna says in the Gita, 'Even if you were the greatest of all sinners still by the boat of knowledge you can cross the ocean of sin.' Again the Lord says, Giving up all other religious duties take refuge in Me alone. Don't worry, for I shall save you from all sin'. The Shastras also say: 'Whether in a state of impurity or purity, in whatever state a man or woman might be, one who remembers the Lord Krishna is immediately purified both internally and externally.'

The Task Ahead

Hindu society also must act with vigour. It must establish a strong committee of great social and religious leaders to take back into the Hindu fold all those who are willing to enter it freely. The question of caste should not stand in the way. As Swami Vivekananda said, the object is to raise even the Shudra to the level of the Brahmin. The fact is that there are Shudras, Vaishyas, Kshatriyas, and Brahmins in all religions and nations, though they do not go by these very names. The Gita says that the castes are defined by the mental constitution and the work that each individual does. There are several passages in the Mahabharata protesting against the growing tendency even at that time, towards the hereditary stratification of castes. So modern leaders also should give the Hindu sacraments to everybody and assign them the caste to which their nature entitles them. But this distinction ought to be a purely personal one like the titles that universities give to those who pass their examinations. As a collective phenomenon caste is an historical anachronism. Hindu society must once more become dynamic and unified instead of being static and disorganized, and split up into watertight compartments based on hereditary castes, professions or religious observances.

Aim—Spiritualisation of The World

Only by such internal reorganization can Hindu society be in a position to take up its main work the work of spiritualization of the world. As Swami Vivekananda remarked, each nation has its centre of life on some ideal. With the Greeks it has been beauty, with the Romans it was political law and order, with the British it is commerce, but with India it is spirituality. Ever since the dawn of civilization the noblest spiritual ideas that have raised man have flowed from this ancient land of the Ganges and the Himalayas. Even today we witness the same phenomenon. Hindus can fulfil this destiny of theirs only if Hindu society is strong and vigorous at home. 'Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached!'

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sir Henry Moore, the Governor has returned to the island.

U. Aung San has returned to Rangoon from London.

The famous Vaishnavite Shrine in South India, Sri Ranganatha has been opened to Harijans for worship.

His Majesty the King, the Queen, and the two Princesses have left England for South Africa.

The death occurred on Thursday last of Mr. Felix R. Dias retired Supreme Court Judge. He was 86 years of age.

The Duke of Windsor, who is now in Palm Beach, Florida, it is reported, is planning to write his autobiography.

Mr. Husein Imam has been appointed President of the Indian Council of State. He was the leader of the Muslim League Party in the Council.

Dr. H. Cullumbine, Lecturer in Physiology at the Victoria University of Manchester has been appointed Professor of Physiology at the University of Ceylon.

2,950 bars of silver have been shipped on January 25 from London to Bombay. These bars are expected in Bombay within the next fortnight.

The Director of Education Dr. Ian Sandeman has recommended the revival of the Text Books Committee as a means of combating the "black market" menace in the text book business.

FILIP FOR COIR INDUSTRY

South Africa Orders For Coir Bags

The coir yarn industry is experiencing an unprecedented boom; bags woven of coir yarn are being ordered by the million by merchants from all over the Union of South Africa and Island manufacturers are finding it difficult to make supplies keep pace with the demand.

In pursuance of trade sanctions against South Africa's anti-Indian legislation, India it will be recalled, recently banned the export of gunny sacks of that country and the Indian authorities appealed to Ceylon for co-operation to ensure that no gunnies left these shores for South Africa.

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There are 47 Government and assisted coir centres in the Island,

PERSONAL

Dr. V. T. Pasupathi D.M.O. Avissavella has been transferred to Chillo.

Mr. K. V. Nadarajah of the Badulla Bar, has left for Madras on medical advice.

Mr. A. S. Ponnambalam, Additional Magistrate, Galle, has been transferred to Colombo.

The transfer of Mr. A. V. Mailvaganam, Inspecting Officer, Kurunegala to Tellipalai from 1-2-47 has been deferred till 1-5-47.

Mr. P. Saverimuttu B.A., M.R.S.T., of the Staff of St. Patrick's College, Jaffna has been appointed by the Minister of Health an unofficial visitor to the Jaffna Civil Hospital.

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IAN SANDEMAN,

Director of Education.

Education Office,
Colombo: January 27, 1947.
(G. 135-4 & 7)

Notice of Application

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
No. 658 T.

Notice is hereby given that after the expiry of fifteen days from the date hereof, application will be made to the District Court of Jaffna under the British Courts Probates (Rescaling) Ordinance for the sealing of Probate of the will in respect of the estate of Supper Saravananmuthu late of Klang in the F. M. S. deceased, granted by the Supreme Court at Kuala Lumpur on the 24th day of August 1946.

S. T. Nadarajah,

Proctor for S. Annappillai
attorney of M. Kanagasabai

Jaffna, (Applicant.)
This 21st day of January 1947.
(Mis. 318, 4 & 7)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Case No. 650 T.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Nalliah Nallathamby of Nalloor Deceased.

Nallathamby Canagaram of Nalloor and

Amirthavayamma widow of Nallathamby of do 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 R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna in the presence of Mr. C. T. Kumaaswamy Proctor it is ordered that the Petitioner as sole heir of the abovenamed deceased is entitled to letters of administration unless the Respondent shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on the 12th day of February 1947.

This 21st day of January 1947.

Sgt. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge

(O. 139 31 & 4)

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

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 655 T

In the matter of the Estate of Kamadchiamma widow of Somasundarakurukkal of Kopy North Deceased.

Somasundarakurukkal Thangasamykurukkal of Kopy North

Petitioner,

and

Somasundarakurukkal Ratnasathapathy Iyar of Kopy North

Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge of Jaffna on the 1st day of January 1947 in the presence of Mr. M. E. M. Arasathan Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated 1st January 1947 having been read.

It is ordered that Somasundarakurukkal Thangasamykurukkal of Kopy North the Petitioner named is declared as heir entitled to have letters of administration of the estate of the abovenamed deceased issued to him unless the Respondent or any person shall on or before the 10th day of February 1947 show sufficient cause to the contrary of this Court.

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(O. 140, 4 & 7)

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