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Vedanta's Role in Education

Man is Intrinsically Perfect

Manifestation of Perfection is Education

(THE PRABUDDHA BHARATHA)

Continued from last issue

THEY say there is nothing new under the sun. This is certainly true of the broad principles or laws governing nature. True educationists have always used practically similar methods in the education of their pupils. All education is a process of replacing or altering present preconceived notions of the world around us by newer and better-thought-out methods that seem to bring us to a truer understanding of things. The educative process is the same whatever may be the subject-matter of education. Swami Vivekananda says 'To me the very essence of education is concentration of mind, not the collecting of facts. If I had to do my education over again, and had any voice in the matter I would not study facts at all! I would develop the power of concentration and detachment, and then with a perfect instrument I could collect facts at will. Side by side in the child should be developed the power of concentration and detachment.' The great success achieved by scientists in their study of physical phenomena is due to this concentration of the energies of their minds and bodies on the task in hand. The great Yogis of India emphasized the necessity of a proper training in the art of concentrating the mind on any particular subject. The more the mind is made to get interested and put its attention on a subject, the more it is able to get into the subject and find out the nature and relation of the phenomena with which the subject is concerned.

Secret of Success

This play of the mental attention upon any subject is at the root of all discovery of new truths and in it lies the secret of success in education, and the joy of learning. This discovery of fresh truths or hitherto unsuspected aspects of a subject is, at bottom, the replacing of /dhyana of one type by another. This the child must do for itself. The school and the teacher can only help the child to educate itself. They may supply the child with ideas and the means to prove these ideas in practice. The extent to which the child is given freedom to develop according to its constitution will determine the real education the child gets, and the extent of his grasp upon realities. Nothing is so harmful to the education of a child as the split between knowledge and action, between theory and practice. The present system of education in

India with its examinations is a complete failure, for it is only turning out a few clerks with a knowledge of English. The last war brought out the pitiable nature of the product of this education. Almost every young man with a smattering of English joined the rank of army clerks, for that was the only way of saving himself from starvation! Truly did Swami Vivekananda say long ago, 'Well, you consider a man an educated if only he can pass some examinations and deliver good lectures. The education which does not help the common mass of people to equip themselves for the struggle for life, which does not bring out strength of character, the spirit of philanthropy, and the courage of a lion—is it worth the name?'

What is Real Education?

'Real education is that which enables one to stand on his own legs. The education you are receiving now in school and college is only making you a race of dyspeptics. You are working like machines merely and living a jelly-fish existence..... And you will become extinct in your vain search for employment, making it the be-all and end all of your life! The remedy lies in d sroying through education the communal prejudices and inculcation of the dignity of manual labour along with a knowledge of the sciences. Let us hope the Government's in the provinces will wake and speed up the education of the people on right lines, though as yet they seem to be doing very little in this direction.

The Soul is all Perfection

The realization of the perfection of the individual is the goal of the Vedantic process of education. In education for worldly affairs the aims are immediate and temporary. A person is taught to become a doctor, a teacher or professor, a lawyer, and so on. In all this process the individual by the acquisition of certain kinds of skills and knowledge puts on a new Adhyasa, the idea that he is a doctor, lawyer, and so on. Proper education should enable a man to satisfy his immediate wants in this world, for these wants are born of his very constitution. But this is only part of true education. Vedanta says that however long, however much and in whatever ways men may satisfy their longing to be this or that in

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Huq Again

Vituperates Against Gandhiji

Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, former Premier of Bengal, in a speech at Comilla denounced the presence of Mahatma Gandhi in Noakhali and Tipperah and severely criticised his activities. On his way to Comilla Huq told a gathering at Chandpur Station that he proposed to move for the removal of Mahatma Gandhi from Noakhali and Tipperah and the withdrawal of the armed police force from that area.

Mr. Huq it will be recalled, is a political quick-change artist. It was he who in 1940 at Lahore moved the famous Pakistan resolution of the Muslim League in a characteristically blood-curdling speech. Five years later he was flirting with the Congress and was unceremoniously ejected from the League by Mr. Jinnah. Not many months later while still associated with the Congress he began negotiating with Mr. Jinnah for re-entry into the League.

Since then, cap in hand, Mr. Huq has made his pilgrimage to Canosa. He is now back in the League, and report has it that he is planning himself for the Premiership of Bengal. Perhaps that may explain Mr. Huq's latest outburst.

Madras Ministry Crisis

Will Prakasam be Ousted?

A major crisis is brewing in the affairs of the Madras Congress Ministry and a move is afoot to oust the present Prakasam Ministry.

The leaders of the three groups in the Congress Legislature Party who have ranged themselves in opposition to Mr. Prakasam have completed rallying their respective strength in furtherance of the move to express want of confidence in his leadership. Plans for concerted action are expected to be evolved immediately.

It is freely stated that Mr. Kamaraj Nadar, Dr. T. S. S. Rajan and Mr. B. Gopala Reddi representing the three groups have among them secured the written support of a majority to enforce their common objective.

Joint consultations appear now to be in process on the question of procedure and the general expectation is that a declaration of "no confidence" to which the members of the three groups have affixed their signature, will be handed to Mr. Prakasam without loss of time.

It also seems to be the intention of the sponsors to contact the Congress High Command simultaneously and seek their assistance in the steps to be taken for electing a new leader and reconstituting the Ministry.

THE RELIGION WE NEED

SERVICE AND RENUNCIATION

"In Ceylon, in the lovely Island of yours I find more progress than I find in some parts of India" said Swami Ranganathanandaji at a public reception to him by the residents of Batticaloa last Sunday at the Vivekananda Hall.

'Buddhism and Hinduism are both kith and kin. They could be blended into one; or at least they can work side by side as parallel spiritualising forces. India is fast heading towards not only her spiritual freedom but also her political freedom, and I understand that your lovely Island of Lanka is also marching towards the same goal. Once we are politically free, we shall have to link hands and make rapid progress towards the goal of spiritual and material prosperity of our people.'

The Swamiji, after giving due thanks for the welcome said:-

'The religion we need today is something quite different from what we needed a thousand years ago,

During the eighteenth and a good portion of the nineteenth century religion became a formal thing. At least so it was with India where it had degenerated to mere temp'going without anything of the spirituality that ought to have formed its very foundation.

'Swami Vivekananda taught a new kind of religion. He made religion a living force. Renunciation and service were his two watch-words. The India of the past two hundred years or even more was an India plunged into darkness and poverty and disease and decrepitude. It was a sick India that needed some soul-stirring force, and the force came under the guise of Swami Vivekananda and his Guru Sri Ramakrishna. The royal physician's remedy was renunciation and service.'

Mr. V. Nalliah presided, and Mr. K. V. M. Subramaniam read an address of welcome.

NOTICE

The Offices of the Hindu Organ and the Inthusathanam will be closed on 20-2-47 on account of the *Maha Sivrathiri* on the 19-2-47. There will be no issue of the Hindu Organ and Inthusathanam on 21-2-47.

MANAGER



Hindu Organ

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DE-CONTROL

ALL CONTROLS HAVE BEEN lifted at Singapore which was under enemy occupation during the war. The immediate result was the sky-rocketing of prices of all commodities including essential food-stuffs. Within a short time, however, prices have appreciably declined, and though prices are still comparatively high, there is a glut of merchandise, and people are able to buy whatever they want. In spite of the fact that Ceylon has suffered controls for a longer period than Singapore, the authorities here have not thought it fit to remove controls. It should not be forgotten that we were comparatively more fortunate than our brethren at Singapore in that our island was neither invaded nor occupied by the enemy; under normal conditions controls should have been removed in Ceylon before they were done away with in Singapore, but strange to say, controls appear to have come to stay. The ministers for some reason or other have not shown any intention of removing controls at once or in the near future. The cause for procrastination appears to be the impending elections. Almost all the ministers and members of the State Council are severally wooing different electorates as candidates for Parliament; they probably think that the removal of controls will result in the rise of prices and the masses will not vote for them, and the best panacea for all ills is to defer all serious or doubtful matters until the inauguration of Parliament. This is a sad state of affairs and ought to be remedied. The present councillors by trying to please everybody will ultimately please nobody.

On a reference by the ministry of labour industry and commerce to tackle the problem of the high cost of living, the treasury has submitted two alternative suggestions—doing away with controls or Government taking over the importation of all essential commodities. The second suggestion will involve the Government in high administrative charges, but if

Ye Hindus! Arise!

Gita's Message to Hindusthan

WHEN the whole country is immersed in melancholy and pessimism, with internecine wars, with hatred and suspicion ruling strong, there is only one voice we can look to for inspiration and guidance—that ancient voice, which had for ever and ever consoled weak hearts with the tenderness of a mother, persuaded with the love of a friend, and commanded with the authority and insight of a spiritual teacher.

Indeed, such occasions were not rare in the history of Hindusthan, but the consoling feature in those days was the presence of the teacher who was always ready to give strength and courage and hope, and thus raise them from despair and despondency. When Arjuna sat in the battle-field dejected, disheartened, filled with sorrow and grief, the mighty Lord Krishna harangued him to manly action, infused courage and hope. When Ramachandra had almost lost the war with the Mleccha king Ravana, and the whole Aryan civilization was in danger of annihilation, the Devas gave him the Aditya Mantra—that revealed to him his real nature of the Lord Almighty born to destroy evils and re-establish Dharma on earth.

Such a plight is now facing the Hindus. Many brave souls were martyred at the altar of Hindu religion; many have given up the battle for lost and prefer to sit silent and weep; and the face of every

Hindu is turned to some Inspirer who can lead them to victory.

Succour will not come to the weak and the idle. It is to the man of action, who can venture and fight, who can sacrifice his all and stand all alone, that help comes at last. This is the message of the Gita, and this ever-inspiring message, this source of all power is always there—that power that strengthens every one when he is feeble, inspires him when he is weak, upholds him when he is strong.

"When all resources fail," then through the words of the Gita God speaks:

"Yield not to impotence, Partha, It befits thee not; Shake off this wretched faintheartedness,

Stand up, on, harasser of foes,

AND FIGHT!"

Then fear flies. Then we recover ourselves; and like unto Arjuna, each of us can say inspired:

"Here I stand firm; my doubts are fled;

I shall act as thou biddest."

The more desperate the situation, greater is the power which the Gita reveals. This has been the experience of the strong. Why should it not be the inspiration of us, the weak?

The power which the Gita gives comes not merely to individuals but to communities and nations, as well, if they could translate its message into action.

VEDANTA'S ROLE IN EDUCATION

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th's world, there is no escape from death and sorrow by moving from one Adhyasa to another. Like an electron moving from one orbit to another. All limitation implies sorrow and death. To escape these we must get beyond all limitation. This can be done by two processes, first by the method of exclusion or destruction of all Adhyasas, by the 'Neti,' 'Neti,'—not this 'not this' method. The soul is all perfection. Identification of oneself with anything short of this is disallowed rigorously in this process. The process begins by disaffiliating oneself from the identification with

the first suggestion is accepted, traders will be free to import all articles including food from any country, and free competition will automatically keep prices down and give no chance to the black-marketeer. There is also another suggestion by a member of the executive committee of labour industry and commerce to increase the subsidies to essential food-stuffs. As a sum of Rs. 200,000,000 is already being spent by Government on subsidies alone, it will not be proper to increase subsidies and increase taxation. We hope that Ceylon will not lag behind Singapore and that all controls will be removed without delay. We should, however, be prepared for the repercussion that would be caused by de-control—prices will immediately soar, but will soon come down as in Singapore.

things outside one's body; then it disaffiliates itself with the identification with the body senses, mind, intellect, and all that these convey. As a culmination of this process the soul alone shines in all its glory. This is an empirical experience to which many competent persons have borne testimony. Secondly limitation is destroyed by the process of inclusion and affirmation by the replacing of limited Adhyasa by the unlimited Adhyasa of One being in everything and everywhere, of accepting all and everything as from and of God and rejecting nothing as alien or different from oneself. As a culmination of this process also all diversity ultimately merges in unity and the individual attains perfection. As the Gita says, 'Rare indeed is that great soul who has realized that Vasudeva is everything.'

Gita's Message

Some may raise the objection that this process of destruction of limited Adhyasa is an unending one, and that it cannot be done in one life. Patanjali says in his *Yoga Sūtras*, 'Tīva samveganam asannah samādhiḥ'—very intense longing makes Samādhi very near. Sri Ramakrishna also said, 'If you feel the same way for God as you do for a breath of air when being kept forcibly under water, then you will realize God soon.' Still it is true that all are not equally endowed with this intense desire for perfection. What will happen to them? The Gita has answered this question. Arjuna asks: 'What end does one failing to get perfection in Yoga, meet, O

Krishna? Does he not, fallen from both perish, without support, like a rent cloud, de'uded in the path of perfection?' To this Krishna answers: 'Verily there is no destruction for him, neither here nor hereafter; for the doer of good, O my friend, never comes to grief. Having attained to the worlds of the virtuous and dwelling there for long years one fallen from Yoga reincarnates in the home of the pure and prosperous. Or else he is born into a family of wise Yogis only. There he is united with the intelligence acquired in his former body, and strives more than before, for perfection.' We are born again and again in different bodies and in different places to carry on the task of achieving perfection. The desire for perfection once roused will never rest till it has brought the soul to perfection. Science speaks of the unbroken continuity of physical phenomena. Those who have delved into the secrets of life and death similarly posit the continuity of psychic experiences in other lives. The theory that because life is handed down from life to life there is no necessity to assume continuity of psychic experiences of the same individual does not meet all the facts of the case. Even such a critical person as Prof. Broad has been forced to come to the conclusion that psychic experience do continue after the death of the body. Further research in this line will only confirm the theory of reincarnation which seems the only rational theory that fits all the facts of the case. The Vedantic principle of Adhyasa, therefore, supplies the key to all education, secular and religious. It alone keeps alive the vital relationship between the students, the subjects of study, and the world around him, for it emphasizes 'the human aspect as the embracing limit to which all other things tend.'

PERSONAL

Mr. S. P. Kandiah, F. I. S. A., (Lond) Public Auditor and Incorporated Secretary has been appointed manager the Saiva Prakasa Press, the Hindu Organ & Inthusathanam.

SALT DEPARTMENT TENDER

Transport of Salt from Chiviateru Salt-yn to Navatkuli Railway Station

Tenders are invited for the transport of salt from Chiviateru Saltern and delivery into Railway waggons at Navatkuli Railway station at the rate of 480 bags (720 cwts) per day.

2. Closing date: 12 noon on Tuesday February 25th 1947.
3. Tender deposit: Rs. 100/-
4. Security deposit: Rs. 500/-
5. Period of service: From March 1st 1947 to September 30th 1947.
6. Tender notices and forms could be obtained from:—

- (a) Govt. Agent, Jaffna.
- (b) Asst. Govt. Agent, Vavuniya.
- (c) Salt Superintendent, Elephant Pass.
- (d) Asst. Salt Superintendent, Jaffna.
- (e) Salt Commissioner 37, Lauries Road, Bambalapitiya.

E. B. TISSAVERASINGHE,
Actg. Salt Commissioner,
Salt Dept, P.O. Box 539,
Colombo, 11th Feb. 1947.
(G. 143, 18 & 25)

New Approach to Indian Problem

British Paper's Advice

Will the Present Scheme be Scrapped?

COMMENTING on the present Indian political crisis, arising out of League's refusal to cooperate with the Constituent Assembly, the "Manchester Guardian" writes:-

"The plain truth is that the (British Ministers') scheme with its Grouping system and three ascending types of Governments—Provincial, Group and Central—had nothing to commend it but the hope that it might be accepted by the Muslims as a substitute for the dream of Pakistan. In itself it promised to prove clumsy, wasteful and inefficient in working beyond anything which the previous systems of Indian-Government had attained up to. The powers proposed to be given to the Group Governments could be exercised far more efficiently and economically by the Centre and by the Central Services. Further, the Group system promises to be unpopular. It seems improbable that any small Province will be pleased with the prospect of being tied to a big and not too enlightened a neighbour.

"As in all Federations, it will be found that the light of reason, honesty and moderation will be found at the Centre; stupidity, fanaticism and corruption persist obstinately at the lower level. Group Governments would not have the prestige or the powers necessary to contend with these ogres."

"It must, therefore, be a serious question for Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, whether he should keep the Constituent Assembly tied to the Cabinet Mission's scheme in the hope of appeasing the Muslim League and avoiding difficulties with the British Parliament or try and build a constitution for India on different lines, having more regard to the crying need for efficiency and the economic use of the available quantum of political experience and to the wishes of the other important minorities such as the Sikhs and the Depressed Classes. Possibly a powerful section of the Muslims might prefer a full half-share in a strong Centre to the pale shadow of Pakistan offered by the Group system. These are questions which may, or may not, be considered by the Congress High Command.

"It seems important that we should understand the situation and not be too easily surprised or shocked if the decisions of the Constituent Assembly do not closely follow the Cabinet Delegation's compromise scheme."

"Again, let us not rule out of account the possibility of a solution of the Hindu-Muslim problem on lines very different from Pakistan. The situation in India is difficult but not comparable in difficulties to Palestine trouble. There is no question of importing a new force. It is only a matter of inducing the two communities, who have lived side by side on tolerably friendly terms under various governments for half a dozen centuries, to make a new division or allocation of political power." Declaring that

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Appeal to Celebrate it

The Hon. Mr. J. L. Kotelawala writes:-

May I solicit the favour of a little space in the columns of your paper to appeal to all political, social and economic organisations and groups in Ceylon to make a united effort to celebrate March 2nd this year as Independence Day.

The United National Party has directed me, as Chairman of its Propaganda Committee, to offer any reasonable help that can be rendered to those who wish to hold meetings, organise processions or similar demonstrations on this day.

March 2nd has already gained significance in our national history by virtue of the fact that it was on that day in 1815 that the ancient kingdom of Lanka was solemnly vested in the British Crown. We are today about to re-claim our rights. We are on the threshold of freedom, and it would be fitting if the nation prepared for complete freedom by celebrating this day in all solemnity.

Other great nations of the world have set apart one day in the year

THE JOURNEY

"The Journey of this world is delightful to one, who after the removal of his errors and dispersion of the cloud of his ignorance, has come to the knowledge of truth. That serenity of the mind and calm repose of the heart being secured, all the senses are subjected to peace and everything is viewed in an equal light; and this knowledge of the truth gives a delight to our journey in this world."

—Yoga Vasishtha.

on which the entire nation unites, irrespective of political and sectional differences, in order that they may dedicate themselves afresh to the service of the country. France celebrates the 14th of July, for that day marks the fall of the Bastille. The citizens of the United States of America celebrate July the Fourth as Independence Day.

On behalf of the United National Party I appeal to all parties, all organisations, and to every citizen in Lanka to make a beginning this year by joining the celebrations organised by others or by organising meetings themselves. Perhaps the Government under the New Constitution will recognise this day in the future and may even declare it a public holiday. But it is necessary to make a beginning now.

developments in the modern world are rapidly reducing the strength and importance of barriers which separate the two communities, the paper concludes, "There is nothing here beyond the reach of statesmanship. Let India's statesmen try again."

Trade Delegation

To Tour the World

The Board of Ministers have approved a proposal to send a Ceylon trade delegation on a world tour.

Three Ceylonese businessmen are, it is learned, to be invited to be members of the delegation which is also to consist of three officials.

It is learned that the delegation, which is to visit Soviet Russia, the United Kingdom, Canada, North and South America, Australia, China and Japan, will study at first hand conditions in those countries and explore the possibilities of extending Ceylon's trade with them especially in view of new developments during the war years. It is stated that in 1945 several countries other than the United Kingdom showed interest in lesser known lines of Ceylon products such as arecanuts, papaine, spices and precious stones.

It is understood that a thorough study of export production in the larger manufacturing countries of the world will be made by the delegation, which will also make efforts to obtain high grade machinery for Ceylon's development schemes in agriculture and hydro-electric development.

The supplementary estimate, to cover the expenses of the delegation, is to be introduced in the State Council shortly.

A Parliamentary Board

To Name U. N. P. Candidates

A Nominations Board of 12, headed by Mr. D. S. Senanayake, was elected by the United National Party's Executive Committee to draw up a list of nominees for the General Election.

The Executive Committee which met at The Palm Court, Albert Crescent, Colombo, on Saturday last agreed to the principle (first enunciated by the Sinhala Maha Sabha leader, Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike) that two or more U. N. P. members could, if they wished, contest the same seat; but in such event the party would normally support none of them.

This compromise is designed to preserve the unity of the various political organisations which comprise the U. N. P. and prevent breakaways over the choice of election nominees.

The Nominations Board will submit early a list of nominees to the committee. The members of the Board are Messrs. D. S. Senanayake, J. L. Kotelawala, S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, George E. de Silva, A. Mahadeva, H. W. Amarasinguriya, J. R. Jayawardene, A. R. A. Razik, T. B. Jayah, C. Ponnambalam, A. F. Molamure and A. Ratnayake.

Jaffna Lawyer Appointed Chief Justice of Seychelles

Information has been received here that Mr. J. M. Homer Vanniasingham, Legal Adviser and Crown Prosecutor of the Seychelles, has been appointed to act as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Seychelles.

Mr. Homer Vanniasingham was seconded from the Legal Draftsman's Department, Ceylon, for service in the Seychelles for a three year period.

Controls To Be Lifted?

To Check High Living Cost

TREASURY officials, who have been entrusted with the task of devising ways of bringing down the cost-of-living index, feel that the best method of checking the upward spiral is to remove all controls, as has been done in Singapore.

Discussing this subject Treasury officials stated that the immediate reaction to the removal of controls would be a sudden rise in the price of commodities. But this rise would be temporary and it was bound to decline soon. Such had been the experience in Singapore where prices, although still relatively high, had dropped after de-control.

The task of tackling the problem of high living costs was passed on to the Treasury by the Ministry of Labour, Industry and Commerce. The Treasury report will come up for consideration at the next meet-

ing of the Ministry.

The Treasury has put forward two alternative suggestions—either to do away with all controls or for Government to take over the importation of all essential commodities. The latter proposal, the Treasury officials think, involve in excessive administrative charges and require the setting up of a number of new departments.

If the first suggestion is accepted, traders will have a free hand to import articles of food from any country and free competition is expected automatically to bring down prices and kill the black market. In Singapore the removal of controls resulted in a glut of merchandise.

The Treasury does not favour a suggestion put forward by some members of the Labour Ministry that subsidies to essential foodstuffs should be increased on a broader basis, as it would involve further heavy taxation. Already the Government spends over Rs. 200,000,000 on subsidies alone and if this was increased, additional taxation would be inevitable.

END IMPERIALISM EVERYWHERE

COLONIALS IN BRITAIN AGITATE

A last-ditch campaign with the slogan "End Imperialism Everywhere Now" is being planned by Indian, African and colonial organisations in the north of England.

Backed by powerful Trade Unions in the great industrial regions of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Northumberland, Durham, Westmoreland and Cumberland these organisations aim to canalise indignation at the treatment of Indian nationals in South Africa, deadlock in the transference of power to India and the recent unrest in Trinidad, British African possessions and Indo-China so that it reaches the British, South African and French Governments.

Mr. Russell Talbot Secretary of the Lancashire Committee of the India League, has been in consultation with officials of the India League in London regarding the implications of the South African Indian question.

"Fifty resolutions a week are pouring into the India Office from Trade Union branches in north of England alone," Mr. Talbot said.

"They are all anxious that the deadlock in India should be resolved. Within the next few weeks, a similar number of resolutions will be reaching the South African

High Commissioner in London for transmission to his Government. Supporting the India League and the Trade Unions in the campaign are organisations like the Pan-African Federation and the new International Society. They like us to realise that the British Government has no jurisdiction over actions of the Union Government, but nevertheless we are going to protest to the Prime Minister at the way in which Britain is giving moral support to South Africa in this matter."

A meeting of the executives of nationalist organisations and certain trade union leaders was held in Manchester last week when final details for the "End Imperialism Now" campaign were drawn up. It is likely that the campaign will take two forms: intensive "bombardment" of 10, Downing Street, the South Africa House and the French Embassy with resolutions of protest against British support of South African action against Indians and against French action in Indo-China and petitions from all northern towns on similar lines.

A delegates' conference of nationalist organisations in the north will take place at Liverpool on March 22, followed a day after by a mass meeting at Blackpool.

Bribery at Mayor's Election

Member's Revelations

ALLEGATIONS of a serious nature against certain aspirants to the Mayoral seat in the Colombo Municipal Council were made by Mr. P. Givendrasinghe in the Colombo Municipal Council meeting held on Wednesday last.

Mr. Givendrasinghe moving a resolution that in view of "persistent rumours" H. E. the Governor be requested to appoint a Commission, said that there was a "talk" that members were bribed at the Mayoral election.

He had been approached by a bookie and a former councillor who offered him Rs. 10,000 to vote for a certain candidate.

He had also evidence to show that certain transactions had taken place in regard to the Mayoral election.

He could summon seven witnesses to prove that a bookie and a former Councillor had given three members of Council Rs. 5,000 each.

He had evidence to prove that a member had told another member: "You are a fool for not making money now. I will vote for the person who gives me Rs. 5,000."

Another member had been promised, he alleged, a motor car, a house and Rs. 5,000 by a candidate for the Mayoralty.

A candidate, for the office of Deputy Mayor had offered a bribe of Rs. 1,000 and a case of whisky.

Mr. A. E. Goonesinha, who seconded the motion, pointed out that a body of Councillors composed of responsible men could not support a motion based on rumours. Listening to Mr. Givendrasinghe's speech he felt there were facts which were convincing. After the

Palestine Problem for U.N.O.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the Arab delegates at the final session of the Palestine conference that the British Government had decided to refer the whole problem of Palestine to the United Nations, as no proposals put forward by Britain had proved acceptable as a basis for further discussion by Jews and Arabs.

statements made by the proposer, a Commission was inevitable. A Commission was necessary to remove the stigma attached to the Council.

Mr. Doric de Souza moved as an amendment that the Council should appoint a Commission of its own. He was opposed to the principle of the Governor appointing a Commission. He personally had no faith or confidence in Commissions appointed by the Governor.

The Mayor (Mr. R. F. S. de Mel), explained that the Council had no power to appoint a Commission, as it would have no legal status.

Mr. M. S. Aboobaker said that the Mayoral election had made the proceedings of the Council a mockery.

Mr. T. Rudra said that bribery and corruption had been prevalent during the last four years and asked why this motion was brought in now. It was rather belated and aroused suspicion. None of the candidates had offered him any bribes, although all of them visited him in connection with the Mayoral elections. Many others had similar experience.

After Mr. Givendrasinghe had replied, the motion was put to the house and carried.

STIMULUS TO LOCAL ENTERPRISE

With the object of giving an impetus to the manufacture of bicycle tyres and tubes in Ceylon the Government proposes to reduce the import duty on certain items essential to the manufacture of these articles.

This is one of the measures that the Government has decided to introduce for the purpose of encouraging the manufacture of rubber goods in the Island and thereby helping our rubber industry.

Among the items on which import duty is proposed to be reduced are tyre-building machines, tyre fabrics, carbon black, stearic acid, vulcanising presses and other material accessories.

NOTICE

Sealed tenders marked "Tenders for the purchase of Dealwood Boxes and Bale ends" will be received by me till 12 noon on March 10, 1947 for the purchase and removal of Dealwood Boxes and Bale ends which are lying at the Paper Control Stores, Ambikai Buildings, Kankesanthurai Road, Jaffna.

These articles may be inspected on any week day between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.

The Controller of Paper reserves the right to reject any or all of the tenders.

A. C. RICHARDS,
Controller of Paper.
Paper Control Department,
Colombo, 14-2-47.
(G. 146. 18-2-47.)

Distribution of Dried Chillies

Dried Chillies will be issued to all consumers in the Jaffna District other than those served by Co-operative Stores at the rate of one-half ounce per consumer for period 17-2-47 to 23-2-47.

M. SRI KHANTA,
for Govt. Agent, N. P.
Jaffna, 12th February, 1947.
(G. 145. 18-2-47.)

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The following resolutions were passed at the meeting of the Board of management of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai on 9-2-47.

1. The Board of Management of the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai resolves to request the Educational authorities, the school managers and the teachers not to use as text books in the schools of Ceylon books the subject-matter of which ridicules or are contradictory to the texts of the Hindu Religion.

2. The Board of Management of the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai requests the Director of Education to substitute another suitable book in place of 'புராண வரலாறு' by Rev. Kingsbury Thamocharampillai as it contains versions which will make the youths of our land lose their faith in the Mahabharatha one of the noblest of the epics of the world.

3. The Board of Management of the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai requests the Minister of Education and the member for Kankesanthurai to take early steps to establish a State school at Navakiri in Puttur as the Hindu children there have no Hindu school to attend.

4. The Board of Management of the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai requests the Hon'ble the Home Minister to be good enough to declare the Deepavali Day as a public holiday as it is one of the most sacred days to the Hindus.

5. The Board of management of the Saivaparipalana Sabhai requests the Hon'ble the minister for Communications and works to take early steps to improve the road between Tissamaharama and Kataragama and the road between Kataragama and Selva Kataragama.

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- (e) Salt Commissioner, 37, Lauries Road, Bambalapitiya.

E. B. TISSEVERASINGHE,
Actg. Salt Commissioner.
Salt Dept, P.O. Box 539,
Colombo, 11th. Feb, 1947,
(G. 144, 18 & 25)

Order "Nisi" Declaring Will Proved &c.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 662
Kumaraswamy Satchithananda of
Venaracennai East and presently
of Colombo. Petitioner.

- Vs.
- 1. Maheswari widow of V. A. Thillainathan
 - Minor 2. Logeswari daughter of Thilainathan both of Chithankerny Vaidikodai. Respondents.

In the matter of the estate of the late Vairavananth Arumugam Thillainathan deceased of Vannaracennai East, Jaffna.

This matter coming on for disposal before Robert Ratnayagam Selvadurai Esq. District Judge, Jaffna on the 29th day of January, 1947 in the presence of Mr. A. Arunabalam proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the abovesaid petitioner dated 24th January 1947 having been read:

It is ordered that the will of the late Vairavananth Arumugam Thillainathan deceased dated 12th June 1946 and numbered 192 and attested by Mr. A. Arunabalam Notary Public be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the respondents shall on or before the 28th day of February 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the said first respondent Maheswari be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the second respondent and that the said Kumaraswamy Satchithananda petitioner is the executor named in the said will and that he is entitled to have probate of the same issued to him accordingly, unless the respondents or others shall on or before the 28th day of February 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 29th day of January 1947.
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
(O. 147, 18 & 25) District Judge.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
(held at Point Pedro)

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 335 PT

In the matter of the intestate estate of Subapathipillai Aiyadurai of Karaveddy North Deceased. Aiyadurai Rasanayagam of Karaveddy North Petitioner. Vethapayagam widow of Aiyadurai of do Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before G. C. T. A. de Silva Esq., Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 17th day of January 1947 in the presence of Messrs. Kandaiya and Mailvegam Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 15th day of January 1947 having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner is the Administrator of the estate of Subapathipillai Aiyadurai the deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration issued to him unless the respondent or any other person shall on or before the 21st day of February 1947 show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 17th day of January 1947
Sgd. G. C. T. A. de Silva,
Addl. District Judge.
(O. 145, 14 & 18)

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. Vs. Petitioner

- 1. Samuel Thevarul Gnanathurai
- 2. Puhpam Gnanathurai
- 3. Victor Thiruvathangam Gnanathurai
- 4. Richard Thevarnesan Gnanathurai all of do.
- 5. Samuel Alfred Chelathurai, Sanitary Assistant Wewale, Kesbawa 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 administrator 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 25th day of November 1946 in the presence of Mr. C. R. Tambiah Pro-

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(Mis. 261, 6-12-46 to 5-11-47) (r)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 652

In the matter of the estate and effect of the late Sellammah wife of Kanagasabai Thirunavukarasu of Karainagar East Deceased.

Kanagasabai Thirunavukarasu Karainagar East Petitioner's

Vs.

- 1. Manonmani daughter of Thirunavukarasu of do
- 2. Bajawani daughter of Thirunavukarasu of do
- 3. Thavamni daughter of Thirunavukarasu of do
- 4. Thirunavukarasu Sivasubramariam of do
- 5. Sineskuddy widow of Ampalavenar Karainagar North Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge Jaffna on the 9th day of January 1947 in the presence of Mr. P. Sabaratnam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 8th day of December 1946 having been read:

It is ordered that the 5th respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the first to fourth respondents who are minors and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased abovesaid be issued to the petitioner as the legal widow of the said deceased unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 25th day of February 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 20th day of January 1947
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.
(O. 150, 8 & 25)

For 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 abovesaid 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 1946 at 10 a.m.

Extended to 17-2-47.
This 26th day of November, 1946.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge
Sgd. C. K. Tambiah
Proctor for Petr. (O. 143, 11 & 14)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 654.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Veeragathy Nagalingam of Kokuvil Deceased. Nagarathammah widow of Veeragathy Nagalingam of Kokuvil

Vs. Petitioner

- 1. Arunthathinayagam
- 2. Thivalayagi
- 3. Sivaayagi [gatty Nagalingam]
- 4. Shanmugathan children of Veeragathy
- 5. Pennambalam Somasundram all of Kokuvil Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge Jaffna on the 10th day of January 1947 in the presence of Mr. V. Manickavasagar Proctor on the part of the petitioner and her affidavit dated 18th day of December 1946 and the affidavit of the witnesses to the Last Will and Notary Public who attested the said Will dated the 18th December 1946 having been read:

It is ordered that the abovesaid 5th Respondent be and he is hereby appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 1st to 4th named Respondents for the purpose of watching their interest in these Testamentary proceedings unless the Respondent shall appear before this Court on the 26th day of February 1947 and show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

And it is further ordered that the Last Will and Testament of the deceased being dated 23rd September 1942 and attested by V. Manickavasagar Notary Public under No. 6590 the original of which was produced and the same is deposited in Court be and the same is declared proved and that the petitioner is the Executrix and sole heiress named in the said Will unless the Respondents shall appear before this Court on the 26th day of February 1947 and show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 10th day of January 1947.
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.
(O. 149, 8 & 25)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1147.

In the matter of the estate of the late Sellammah wife of Venasithambay Muttiah of Vaidikodai East Jaffna, who died at Segamat, Johore in Malaya. Deceased. Murtgesu Kandasamy of Vaidikodai East. Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1. Muttiah Kanthasamy of Vaidikodai East, presently of Johore in Malaya
- 2. Muttiah Raj ratnam of do
- 3. Muttiah Loganathan of do
- 4. Maheswari daughter of Muttiah
- 5. Muttiah Thambirajah of do
- 6. Rajaladehmy daughter of Muttiah of do Respondents

This matter of the petition of the abovesaid petitioner coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 12th day of September 1946 in the presence of V. Nagalingam, Proctor for Petitioner having been read; it is ordered that the abovesaid 1st respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minors 2-6 respondents and that letters of administration of the estate of the said deceased be granted to the petitioner unless the said respondents shall appear before this court on the 13th day of November 1946 and show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 12th day of September 1946,
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

Extended to 26-2-47,
(O. 146, 18 & 21)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 544
Paramu Velupillai of Sarasalai
Vs.

Dead—Sinnachchy widow of Veerakathy Vs Petitioners.
Paramu Velupillai of Sarasalai Vs. Petitioner.

1. Veerakathy Kandiah
2. Nagamuttu alias Apiramy wife of Sellappah Velupillai
3. Sellappah Velupillai of do

Respondents.
In the matter of the Estate of the late Ponnu wife of Paramu Velupillai deceased, of Sarasalai

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr., District Judge, Jaffna on the 26th day of December 1946, in the presence of Mr. V. Canagasabai, Proctor on the part of the petitioner, and the affidavit of the above-mentioned petitioner dated 25th November 1946 having been read, and the evidence heard:

It is ordered that the abovenamed respondent be substituted in the record in the room of the deceased respondent Sinnachchy and that the petitioner be declared and entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate as her lawful husband unless the respondents or others interested shall on or before the 21st day of January 1947,

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

show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 26th day of November 1946
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge.

Order Nisi extended and reissued for 18-2-47.

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(O. 148. 18 & 25)

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