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## Religion—What and How is It?

### Outcome of Man's Inner Urge For Freedom of Happiness

(BY SRIMATH SWAMI PAVITRANANDA)

RELIGION has always been the subject of much controversy. But recently that controversy has become greater. Some say religion is the panacea for all the ills of life. Some say religion serves no useful purpose: it is the opiate of the people, it is a tool in the hands of the higher classes to exploit the masses to keep them under subjection. Of those persons who can ventilate opinion, a larger number perhaps talk against religion than for it, and there are some who are aggressive in their attitude to suppress or crush religion altogether. But still religion is persisting. It is changing colour, taking new forms. It is not dead. It cannot die.

#### What is Religion

In any controversy one must be very particular about the definition of the terms used. Otherwise no conclusion can be arrived at. Sometimes two contending parties talk, argue, discuss and get excited over a thing, but they do not probe deeply into each other's words. The result is that no decisive conclusion is reached at all. If this is true of other things it is much more so of religion. Therefore in order to find out whether religion will survive the present onslaught, whether it has proved false to its professions, we must know what is meant by religion.

Each particular religion defines religion in its own way—in terms of its creeds and dogmas. But such a definition represents a partial aspect of religion—if it does that much even; and in the very nature of things it is not real religion. Christianity says one thing about religion, Islam interprets it in another way, Buddhism raises an altogether different note and Hinduism has its own view about it. The result is that those who have not only an indifferent interest in religion, are in great dismay: they want to keep themselves at a safe distance from any religion whatsoever.

#### Religion Defined

There are certain things which are so very familiar to us that it is very difficult to define them. We see them, we feel them, but we cannot say in so many words and with any degree of accuracy what they are. Religion is one such thing. Religion is the outcome of man's inner urge for freedom; it is the outer manifestation of his great

hunger for the Infinite. Different religions represent different aspects of that struggle, but the whole of mankind consciously or unconsciously is moving towards that goal which is the end of religion. No man is satisfied in life. If he gets one thing, at once he longs for another. He covets a particular situation thinking that that will give him joy and happiness. But the moment he has got it he is fed up. He sees the emptiness of it, and he wants some thing else. Thus he goes on eternally dissatisfied, always unhappy; ceaselessly struggling for what he himself does not know. That is his life on earth. That is the great characteristic of human existence.

#### Are There Any Irreligious?

This eternal dissatisfaction indicates that man wants Infinite Freedom. Man wants more and more; he will be content with nothing short of that, beyond which there is nothing else to aspire after. That means he wants to reach the Infinite. But man usually seeks the infinite in the finite world, and as that is impossible he suffers. Those who are experienced and wise easily see the futility of seeking the Infinite in the finite world and turn to a direction different from what the ordinary people spend their energy on. That is religion in the true sense of the term. But nevertheless those who are trying to find permanent joy in the material world should not be called irreligious, for are they not also in search of the Infinite? May be, they have not found the right direction. But they are also pursuing the same goal, though unconsciously. This search for the Infinite is in the very constitution of man; it may be conscious or unconscious but it is there. As such it cannot be said that religion can be suppressed, religion is dying, or man is growing irreligious. Those who talk vehemently against religion—we mean orthodox or credal religion—are no less religious. For they see the emptiness of the orthodox churches and religious institutions and while the so-called religious people are too timid to say anything against traditional views they are sincere and bold enough to speak out openly what they feel or see. It may be that they have not been able to see things deeply and to come to right conclusions, but what doubt is there that some of those who talk against religion are

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### Indian Workers' Names Removed From Voters Lists

The Gampola District Registering Officer has removed from the voting list the names of the Indian labourers already registered there, it is alleged by the Gampola District Committee of the Ceylon Indian Congress.

Declaring that the Registering Officer insists on property qualification or certificate of permanent settlement, the Committee say that he rejects the actual test of residence and other evidence of intention to have Ceylon the claimant's home, objections having been upheld even in cases where the claimants and their parents have been born in Ceylon.

"The procedure followed results in the wholesale elimination of plantation workers and is a gross violation of the Secretary of State's assurance in this connection" the Committee assert.

### Commission for Dr. Jennings

Dr. Ivor Jennings, Vice-Chancellor of the Ceylon University, has been appointed a member of the Commission that will investigate questions relating to the constitution, financing, staffing and other matters connected with the establishment of the proposed University of Malaya and the University

### Viet-Nam Thanks Ceylon

Mai Phe Chau, Viet Nam representative in Delhi in a letter to the Secretary of the Legion of Ceylonese ex-Servicemen, thanks the Legion for its offer to send a "Liberation Army" to fight against the French in Indo-China.

Chau adds: "It is not only of inestimable value to the freedom fighters of Viet Nam but to all oppressed peoples of the world. It is a convincing proof that solidarity among slaves knows no boundaries and that the moment has come when the oppressed peoples conscious of their common fight, have decided to go hand in hand in the struggle for a common cause. Time presses and every hour matters to those fighting to death for the freedom of Viet Nam."

College which will precede its establishment.

The Chairman of the Commission is to be Sir Alexander Carr Saunders, Director of the London School of Economics.

Dr. Jennings himself was a Lecturer in English Law at the London School of Economics from 1929 to 1933, and has had considerable experience of British and Indian Universities, and was, in addition, Professor of Political Science of the University of British Columbia just before he came to Ceylon in 1940 as Principal of the University College here.

During Dr. Jennings' absence from the Island Prof. M. D. Ratnasuriya, Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, will officiate as Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

## WORLD GOVERNMENT

### Fantastic Dream Says Pearl Buck

The United Nations are not realising the dream of World Government because "we are building no foundations for it" warns Mrs. Pearl Buck the famous American writer. "There is a house of some sort being built—on sand. A storm of hungry and angry people could sweep it away."

Writing in the first number of the *United Nations World* Mrs. Buck argues that people who are sure of food, health and education are the people who can make and keep the peace and they have tools for progress themselves. Had there been a realistic planning, the three top organisations would have been World Food, World Health and World Education. But unfortunately they are not functioning "in a world of slums where a few rich families are trying to feel safe in a vast neighbourhood of poverty-

ridden, ignorant and diseased people," says Mrs. Buck.

Declaring this is destined to fail unless saved by some sort of practical commonsense, Mrs. Buck confesses, she does not know where this commonsense can come from, "when the UNO is made up of persons supported by and with vested interests in Government-versus-people" "We seem doomed to learn the hard way," she adds. "The hard way ahead is rising up among the peoples of Asia so mighty and so far-reaching with potentialities so enormous for danger that sleepless nights are the lot of those who see it coming. This surge will not stop with Asia"; it will catch fire in any country where there are depressed peoples such as Negroes in our own country and the unemployed which is a necessary feature of any economic structure based on private capital. To dream to-day of World Government under such circumstances is little more than most fantastic dreams."



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SIVARATHIRI AND  
WORLD PEACE

THE DESIRE FOR DOMINATION has almost always been the cause of wars in the past and will continue to be so in the future. The United Nations have won the war but they have yet to win the peace; the lust for power appears to loom large in their deliberations. At this juncture it will be good to pause awhile and consider the significance of Sivarathiri which was observed by Hindus all over the world on February the 19th instant. According to Purana, Mahavishnu claimed to be the mightiest being in the universe; Brahma, the god of creation could not concede Vishnu's claim; they agreed that whoever succeeded in discerning the beginning or the end of the Divine light which manifested itself before them was to be considered the Supreme Lord; in the end neither succeeded and both conceded the superiority of Lord Shiva whom Santi Manickavasagar describes as "முழுவுதும் படைப்போன், படைக்கும் பழையோன், படைத்தலைகாப்போன்; காக்கும் கடவுள்," countless are the references to this duel between Thirumal and Nanmukan in the songs of Appar, Sundarar, Thirugnana-sampander and Manickavasagar all of whom emphasise that self-realisation is not possible without renunciation of self. To surrender our will to God's will is the only way of attaining salvation.

Peace is a process and cannot be achieved by the victorious nations so long as they are motivated by the lust of power; as Bevin said, they must build their faith in the United Nations Organisation which alone must have full control over armaments and atomic energy; otherwise enduring peace will only continue to be a dream. Nations are like individuals and the renunciation of the natural 'ego' is essential for their salvation. If we seek to benefit one nation at the expense of another, war will be inevitable. Peace will be possible only if it assures the well-being of humanity in general without reference to any groups of human beings. Never before has there been a greater need for a religious outlook in the world than at present.

### SCRAMBLE FOR HONOURS

It is gratifying to note that the State Council has unanimously passed a vote of Rs. 2,226,000 for Karaiyoor, which has been described as No 1 slum in the island by the Minister of Local Administration. It cannot be denied that the Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council succeeded in persuading the Commissioner of Local Government and the Minister of Local Administration to take the necessary action; nor could the vote have been passed without the co-operation of the Board of Ministers and other members of the State Council. But the scramble for honours is unseemly and the statement of the Minister of Local Administration that the Government will have to pass the vote annually is not encouraging. It is to be hoped that there will be no slip between the cup and the lip regarding relief to Karaiyoor which has failed to receive any attention from Government for over quarter of a century.

### Inter-Zone Cricket

#### South vs. North

A record crowd was present to witness the above match played last week-end on the Central College Ground.

North batting first, put up the meagre score of 68 runs against some good bowling by Samaraweera and others. South replied with 162, M. D. Jayasingha, Rajawasana and Karunaratna being the chief scorers with 48 not out, 44 and 32 respectively. S. Cumarasamy bowled well and Ponnampalam did very good work behind the stumps.

In their second essay North scored 184. R. Cumarasamy, S. Cumarasamy and Ponnampalam were the chief scorers with 53, 58 and 22 respectively. In dismissing the first-named, Karunaratne, who consistently shone in his fielding, made a difficult one-handed catch off a mighty hit, running backwards near the boundary line to make it. M. D. Jayasinghe got 5 wickets for 43.

Set with 91 to make a win, South easily managed it for the loss of 3 wickets, thanks chiefly to Karunaratne, Abeyagoonewardena and D. D. Jayasinghe.

### Aid to France Against Viet Nam

In the State Council last week Dr. S. A. Wickremasinghe (Morawaka) gave notice of a motion urging that facilities in Trincomalee or in any other naval base in Ceylon should not be granted to French troopships carrying ex-Nazi or French troops to suppress the Viet Nam Republic, the peoples of which are fellow-Asiatics and Buddhists, and further requesting the Board of Ministers to take immediate steps to prevent any direct or indirect assistance being given from Ceylon to the French Government for the purpose of suppressing the Viet Nam Republic.

### PERSONAL

Mr. V. Kanagaretnam of Pirampadi Kokuvil who was in Malayan Govt Service in the Railway Depot (Transportation Manager's Office K Lumpur) has arrived in Jaffna on retirement after having served for about 31 years.

## Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa

### An Angel of Peace and Serenity

#### He Made Men Whole

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa's 112th birthday was celebrated all over Hindusthan on 23-2-47:

We live in the days of the ordinary man and woman. The tremendous moral and spiritual and intellectual battle to find the real values of life and to stick by them, is the biggest war we have yet faced. Subtle, elusive, psychological—this is not a war carried on by massed forces. It is the lonely, hideous jungle warfare of the market-place, the council-chamber, the tortured being of the scientist, scholar, artist, teacher, patriot—faced with success on the left hand, or ruin, failure, on the right. Which? The choice is not nowadays made by a mundane power above. If we accept the democratic ideal, and are going to put it into practice, each choice between the liberation and the enslavement of human spirit will have to be made by ordinary men and women alone—and the results of their choice accepted and stood by—alone. Nothing less than this is democracy. And the only thing that can make democracy work, is God. Thus says Ramakrishna: 'The real cleverness is the cleverness by which one realizes God.' Somebody was worried about this, and asked the Great One how it could be done. There is no royal road. 'People shed a whole jug of tears for wife and children. They swim in tears for money. But who weeps for God? Cry to Him with a real cry.....As the mother loves her child, the chaste wife her husband, and the worldly man his



wealth—add together these three forces of love, and give it all to God.' The only solvent for each one is to be found in the crisis in which the soul is reborn. Ramakrishna has the faculty of bringing on that crisis. That, of course, is a recognized power of the Paramahansa. He is always a *doer*. By his touch, he made men whole. Many aver—and not without reason—that the all-hallowed Ramakrishna continues that ministration—that the veil between him and us is very thin. That, of course, is a matter for personal experience; but before denying its feasibility, let people seriously, sincerely, and intently mould life on his teaching, and prove the reality of Ramakrishna for themselves. Lazy people have neither the thought to affirm nor to deny. 'The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force,' said Jesus.

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strong and sincere enough to be in the vanguard of religion?

#### A Deliberate and Conscious Attempt

The Upanishad says: 'From Great Joy the world has come into being, through that Great Joy the world lives, and to that Great Joy the world enters in the long run.' From that standpoint no one—not even a confirmed atheist—is out of the ambit of religion. For every one will in the end enter that Great Bliss, and every one is sustained in his very daily existence through that Bliss.

So many may be unconsciously religious, but religion, in its usual sense, means a deliberate and conscious attempt to reach the goal which otherwise one will attain after long, long, waiting. Religion means squeezing many lives into the present one life. A really religious person is impatient of any delay. He wants to reach the goal now and here. Hence he is out of the ordinary—he looks strange and his outlook on life is inexplicable to all but those who are in sympathy with his ideals.

#### Why is Man Unhappy?

Why is it that man cannot find any lasting joy in this material world and how can he go beyond the confines of the finite to reach out to the Infinite? It is a fact that man, barring exceptional cases, is not happy; he has not found the clue to the lasting happiness. This sounds like pessimism, but it is a fact. In his heart of hearts, every

### Irish Bishop Pleads For Franco

Eighty-six-year-old Dr. Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, County Clare, Ireland, said in a pastoral letter that the removal of Franco would bring a new civil war to Spain as devastating as ten years ago when Soviet Russia tried to establish the "rule of Satan."

His pronouncement was one of many read in churches throughout Eire in which Irish bishops warned of the spread of Soviet influence through Europe.

Bishop Fogarty asked for prayers for both Spain and Poland and said: "General Franco is the one man whom the Communists dread."

one knows how true it is. In life if our happiness increases in arithmetical progression our unhappiness multiplies in geometrical progression. There is always 'some fly in the ointment' There is always something to disturb our peace and happiness. Man has been living in this world for thousands of years, but still the condition of the world is such that no one is safe and secure in his life. A rich man is enjoying all the luxuries of life. He suffers more from surfeit than from want. There comes a war. At any moment he may find himself in the same condition with the poorest of the poor. Modern amenities of life are immense. Science has made and has been making wonderful discoveries to make man's life on earth happy and comfortable but with each discovery there has arisen a problem which the world finds it difficult to tackle. So if a man does not admit that man is unhappy and miserable on earth, he is denying hard facts, ignoring a stern reality.

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# Governor Acting Arbitrarily

## Dr. Wickremasinghe To Fight Issue

*"Repugnant to give undertaking"*

**D**R. S. A. Wickremasinghe who won the Morawaka seat by a record number of votes has flown to London to attend the world communist rally. While in London, it is understood Dr. Wickremasinghe will make a political issue of the ban imposed on him under the Soulbury (Constitution) Order-in-Council. Dr. Wickremasinghe will interview the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Communist Members of Parliament over this matter.

In an interview, Dr. Wickremasinghe, before he started on his flight to England emphasised that the Governor was using arbitrarily and against the wishes of the people the discretionary powers vested in him. This law was not wanted by the people.

It would amount to a negation of democracy to keep out any member of the legislature for political offences.

Such a law had not operated in any democratic country, he said, and explained that if such a law had been operated in India, most of the members of the Nehru Cabinet would not be in office.

He further added that the Morawaka by-election was fought mainly on this issue and his return to the Council by such a convincing majority proved that the people of this country were not in favour of such legislation.

He also maintained that it would be repugnant for him to give an undertaking to the authorities not to repeat similar offences.

He said that he had to break the law recently in connection with

the Matara 'bus strike and he should be free to do so under a democratic Government. If he had not broken the law in that instance an employee would have been out of job.

Dr. Wickramasinghe said that the law under which he was charged for sedition had been repealed and it was ironical that he had been refused a pardon even after its repeal.

### M.P.'s view

A member of the British Parliament, who was in Colombo when the Morawaka election took place, stated that the sweeping majority obtained by Dr. Wickremasinghe, was a sign that the consciousness of the working classes in this country was being awakened.

"I do not pretend to know much about Ceylon politics," he said, "but judging from what I have learnt during my short stay here, there will be an appreciable swing to the left when the elections to Parliament take place this year."

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## The Greatest Servant of Shiva

"He who wants to serve Shiva must serve his children—must serve all creatures in this world first. It is said in the Shastras that those who serve the servants of God are his greatest servants. Unselfishness is the test of religion. He who has more of this unselfishness is more spiritual and nearer to Shiva. And if a man is selfish, even though he has visited all the temples, seen all the places of pilgrimage, and painted himself like a leopard, he is still further off from Shiva."

—SWAMI VIVEKANANDA.

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## Expression of Goodwill

### Mr. Mahadeva on Karaiyoor Vote

**T**HE State Council has passed the supplementary estimate of Rs. 2,266,000 for carrying out a comprehensive Housing Scheme covering the whole of the Karaiyoor reclamation area within the Jaffna Urban Council limits. The vote was moved by Mr. D. S. Senanayake.

Mr. A. Mahadeva (Minister of Home Affairs) expressed his thanks to the Minister of Local Administration for submitting this housing scheme for Karaiyoor. He said that this was the culmination of the efforts of many persons, and made a particular reference to the late Fr. Francis, parish priest of Karaiyoor, who had made this his life's object, and to Mr. C. Ponnambalam, the Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council, who had been persistently agitating for it.

Mr. Mahadeva added that he accepted this vote as an expression of goodwill towards matters concerning the Northern Province. He knew that there were persistent efforts made to discount any measures that would benefit the Northern Province by attributing them as it had been actually done in this in this instance, to merely paper votes that nothing would be done and this was a method of

## The Jaffna Hindu Youngmen's Mahasabai

The 3rd Annual General meeting of the above Mahasabai was held in the library hall on 9-2-47 with Mr. R. C. Manmatharayan in the chair.

After the adoption of the Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's statement of accounts the following office bearers were elected:-

Patron: The Chairman U. C. Jaffna.

Senior President: Mr. C. Nagiah, Teache.

Senior Vice President: Mr. R. C. Manmatharayan

President: Mr. S. S. Naderajah

Vice Presidents: Mr. C. Velupilai and Mr. S. Kandamoorthy.

Hony: Secretary: Mr. V. P. Sanmuganathan

Asst: Secretary: Mr. S. S. Arumugam

Treasurer: Mr. A. Seenivasagam

Asst: Treasurer: Mr. S. Ratnasabapathy.

Members of the Committee were also elected. —Cor.

## Conversion of Lagoon

### Scheme Approved by Committee

A scheme for the conversion of the Vadamardchi Lagoon in the Jaffna Peninsula into a fresh-water lake has been approved by the Executive Committee of Agriculture and Lands.

The scheme which will be the first of its kind to be undertaken in the Island, is likely to be the forerunner of similar schemes in other parts of the Island if the success that is hoped for it is achieved.

### Incalculable Benefits

The conversion of the Vadamardchi lagoon into a fresh-water lake would bring almost incalculable economic benefits to the people of that part of Jaffna. More than 15,000 acres of land which are now either waste land or pasture land subject to periodic inundations will be reclaimed, and of these about 8,500 acres, it is stated, could be brought under paddy cultivation during the wet season.

The entire project is estimated to cost Rs. 1,100,000 but of this amount it is proposed to spend only Rs. 150,000 during the present financial year. The work is spread over several years and the first stage is to be undertaken this year. The main object of the scheme is to prevent the entry of sea water into the lagoon and to store fresh water during the dry weather which would improve the quality of water in the wells around the lagoon and also provide a source of fresh water for the irrigation of the large extent of land that is reclaimed.

### Costliest Item

The heaviest item of expenditure will be the construction of barrages across the two places where the lagoon connect with the sea. These are estimated to cost about six lakhs.

## Saiva Mangaiyar Kalagam, Wellawatte

The 17th annual General meeting of the above was held at the Kalagam Hall, 4th lane Wellawatte on Wednesday February 12th at 5 p.m. Proceedings began with Pooja at the Temple and singing of Thevaram.

The President took the chair. The Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's balance sheet were read and confirmed.

The annual income as shown in the balance sheet was Rs. 20,551.68 while the expenditure was Rs. 18,391.96. The Building Fund donations promised so far amounted to Rs. 35,000.

The office bearers for the ensuing year are as follows.

President: Mrs. K. Sathasivam (Re-elected)

Vice Presidents: Mrs. A. Sellamuttu, Mrs. M. Tambiah, Mrs. K. Namasivayam, Mrs. R. Doresamy, Mrs. K. Kanagasatnam, Mrs. Velupillai. Re-elected.

Hony Secretary: Mrs. T. Nallaiathan (Re-elected)

Hony Treasurer: Mrs. A. Sabaratnam (Re-elected)

A Committee of nine ladies was also elected. —Cor.

## De-controlled

The Government of India have de-controlled the export of the following further articles which can now be exported freely:

Walnuts; pickles, chutneys and vinegar, surgical and veterinary instruments, apparatus and appliances, rubber fabrics, rain coats, hospital sheeting, certain processing materials for rubber tyres, certain drugs and disinfectants, preparations of indigenous manufacture containing certain drugs or medicines.

Bitumen, poppy seed, glass bottles of crown cork pattern, empty or when in use as container, printers and lithographic ink, spectacle frames, fountain pens, lead pencils, pins, certain tanning substances excluding gallnuts, wattle bark and extracts thereof and turpentine and waxes excluding paraffin wax are also available.

### AUCTION SALE

150 logs of Palu will be sold by Auction on Friday, 28th, February 1947, commencing from 10 a. m. at the Forest Department Timber Depot, Jaffna Customs, Jaffna. Further particulars of the sale can be had from the Divisional Forest Officer, Northern Division, Jaffna.

H. E. C. LUSHINGTON  
Conservator of Forests,  
Jaffna, 17-2-47.  
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## Annamalai University Ceylon Youths' Union

The members of the Ceylon Youths' Union, Annamalai University, in response to an invitation extended by Rao Bahadur Arulanandasamy Nadar, and family, went on a tour to Tanjore on the 8th inst.

The excursion party was accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. A. Chithamparanathan Chettiar, Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Poduval and Mr. Subbiah.

Mr. T. Thiravathavoorar, Secretary of the Union, expressed his deep sense of gratitude to Rao Bahadur Arulanandasamy Nadar and family on behalf of the Annamalai University and on behalf of the Ceylon Youths' Union in particular. —Cor.

hoodwinking the public of Jaffna. He wished to point out that there was not only this vote, but many other schemes of improvement which had been projected for the Northern Province which could expect justice and even generosity at the hands of this House.

## What Imperialism Has Done!

### Communist Leader Wants to Expose

DR. S. A. Wickremasinghe before his departure to England to attend the Empire Communist Parties Conference has issued the following statement.

"We are holding this Conference in London in order to bring before the mass of British Labour and public who voted for the Labour Government the fact that this Government is continuing the Tory policy, not only in foreign affairs, but also as regards the colonial peoples.

"The delegates of the Ceylon Communist Party, will use this opportunity to place before the British public the aspirations and point of view of the national and working class movements of our country and to stress that the widest section of our people desire the freedom of Ceylon.

"We intend showing the British public and the world that the Labour Government, while talking of granting freedom to the colonies, is in fact strengthening the Imperialist naval and air bases in Ceylon and is using our political subjection to depress the prices and production of our principal commodities, deny us the freedom to trade and thereby plunge the country into an economic crisis which threatens to be far worse than that of 1929-1933.

"We will show them the appalling conditions of the people of our country as a result of the effects of British Imperialist rule.

"We will seek to establish joint action between the working class and trade union movements of the colonial countries so that the low wages and bad conditions in some countries cannot be used as an argument to depress prices and wages in other countries, as is happening today in connection with our rubber price.

"Instead of having our market dumped with imported luxury goods from Britain, we shall demand that Ceylon be supplied with the machinery we need for industrial and agricultural development and that this be charged against Rs. 1,300 million worth of sterling balances which Ceylon has in London.

"I think that Ceylon has hitherto suffered from the fact that it has not pressed its point of view energetically enough before the peoples of the world. The Indian, Burmese, Malayan, African and other colonial peoples have not made this mistake and, as a result, the peoples of the world know more about these countries than about Ceylon."

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**E.M.V. Naganathan**  
Joint General Secretary.  
(Mis. 327, 25)

#### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
(held at Point Pedro)  
Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. 332 PT

In the matter of the intestate estate and effects of the late Kanagasabai Varnakulasingam, late Town Overseer Dandagamuwa of Valvettiturai. Deceased.  
Kamadehiammah widow of K. Varnakulasingam of do Valvettiturai  
Vs.

1. Thavamany daughter of K. Varnakulasingam of do
2. Muttukumaru Balasubramaniam of do. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. C. T. A. de Silva Esquire Additional District Judge on the 17th day of January 1947 in the presence of Mr. K. Ratnasingham Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the 2nd Respondent be and he is hereby appointed Guardian-ad litem over the minor the 1st Respondent for the purpose of representing her and protecting her interest in the above testamentary proceedings unless the Respondents or any other person shall appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary on or before the 7th day of February 1947.

And it is further ordered that the Petitioner be declared entitled to take out letters of administration to the estate of the deceased and that letters of administration be issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person shall appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary on or before the 7th day of February 1947.

The 17th day of January 1947.  
Sgd. G. C. T. A. de Silva,  
Addl. District Judge.  
K. Ratnasingham,  
Proctor for Petitioner.  
7-2-47; Extended and reissued for 28-2-47.

Intd. G. C. T. A. de Silva,  
A. D. J.

(O. 151, 25 & 28)

## Britain to Quit India

### Time Limit Fixed University Entrance Exam.

BRITAIN will quit India at a date not later than June 19 1948. This is the purport of a statement made by Premier Attlee in the Parliament last week.

The Premier wished to make it clear that it was the definite intention of the British Government to take the necessary steps to effect the transference of power into responsible Indian hands not later than June 1948.

Mr. Attlee also announced the termination of the appointment of Lord Wavell as Viceroy and his replacement by Lord Louis Mountbatten.

It is clear from Mr. Attlee's statement that no drastic change would take place in the Interim Government. Both the Congress and League blocs, according to present indications are likely to stay on in the Interim Government.

The Congress Working Committee has been called to meet on March 2. Mr. Jinnah the President of the Muslim League refused to comment on Mr. Attlee's declaration as he had not fully read it.

Though the Labour and the left wing English Papers applaud Mr. Attlee's statement, the Conservative Press views it with alarm.

Pandit Nehru, Vice-President of the Indian Interim Government said that the British Government statement on India was "wise and courageous".

He said the declaration that the final transference of power to India would take place not later than June, 1948, "not only removes all misconception and suspicion, but also brings reality and a certain dynamite quality to the present situation in India."

"It is a challenge to all of us and we shall try to meet it bravely in the spirit of that challenge", he added.

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

**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 Kokkivil Deceased Nagarathammah widow of Veeragathy Nagalingam of Kokkivil

- Vs. Petitioner
1. Arunthathinayagam
  2. Thiyalayagi
  3. Sivapayagi (Satty Nagalingam)
  4. Shanmugthasan children of Veeragathy
  5. Ponnambalam Soraundram of Kokkivil Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr. District Judge Jaffna on the 10th day of January 1947 in the presence of Mr. V. Manikavasagar 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 abovenamed 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

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(G. 148 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 Venesithamby Muttiah of Vadakkodai East Jaffna, who died at Segamat, Johore in Malaya. Deceased. Murugesu Kandasamy of Vadakkodai East Petitioner

- Vs.
1. Muttiah Kantasamy of Vadakkodai East presently of Johore in Malaya
  2. Muttiah Rajaratnam of do
  3. Muttiah Loganathan of do
  4. Maheswari daughter of Muttiah
  5. Muttiah Thambirajah of do
  6. Rajaladumy daughter of Muttiah of do Respondents

This matter of the petition of the abovenamed petitioner coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire 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 abovenamed 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 & 25)

deceased bearing dated 23rd September 1942 an attested by V. Manikavasagar Notary Public under No. 6990 the original of which was produced and the same is deposited in Court 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, 18 & 25)

**SALT DEPARTMENT TENDER**

*Weighing out salt at Chiviyateru Saltern*

Tenders are invited for weighing out salt at Chiviyateru Saltern from March 1st. 1947 to September 30th. 1947.

2. Closing date: 12 noon on Tuesday, February 25th, 1947.
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4. Security Deposit: Rs. 500/-
5. Tender Notices and forms could be obtained from:—
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  - (d) Asst. Govt. Agent, Vavuniya
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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 Vannarponnai East and presently of Colombo. Petitioner.

- Vs.
1. Maheswari widow of V. A. Thillaiappan
  - Minor 2. Logeswari daughter of Thillaiappan both of Chithankerny Vadakkodai.

In the matter of the estate of the late Vairavanantharam Pillai nathan deceased, of Vannarponnai 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. Arulambalam, proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the abovementioned petitioner dated 24th January 1947 having been read:

It is ordered that the will of the late Vairavanantharam Thillaiappan deceased dated 12th June 1916 and numbered 192 and attested by Mr. A. Arulambalam 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 ap-

**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 Petitioners.

- Vs.
1. Manonmani daughter of Thirunavukarasu of do
  2. Rajawani daughter of Thirunavukarasu of do
  3. Thavamani daughter of Thirunavukarasu of do
  4. Thirunavukarasu Sivasubramaniam of do
  5. Sinnakuddy widow of Ampalavenar Karainagar North Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr. 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 respondent who are minors and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased abovementioned be issued to the petitioner as the legal widower 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, 18 & 25)

pointed 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.

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**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 544  
Paramu Velupillai of Sarasali  
Vs.  
Dead—Sinnachchy widow of Veerakathy Vs. Petitioners.  
Paramu Velupillai of Sarasali 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 Sarasali

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. Kanagasabai, 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 abovesaid respondent be substituted in the record in the name 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 respondent or others interested shall on or before the 21st day of January 1947,

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Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai  
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