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## Utopia—Can It Be Achieved?

Politics Cannot Solve the Problem

Peace and Happiness through Love

(By U. C. KRISHNA MURTHI)

FROM time immemorial many great men—prophets, scholars and philosophers—had visions of an ideal world to be. Indeed, from Isaiah to Karl Marx the prophets have spoken with one voice of the ideal goal of human life and the royal road to the Golden Age. But from the absolute stand-point the future is here and now in the "Archetypal World". In the words of C. Jinarajadasa, the President of the Theosophical Society, the Universe down below is being shaped to reflect the ultimate perfection of that Archetypal World.

What do we mean by Utopia? Utopia is a perfect condition of happiness, and it is indeed a paradox that every one wants to be happy, yet none is truly happy.

Plato in his *Republic* describes such a world where wise men were chosen to rule as Philosopher-Kings. Plutarch's *Egyptus*, St. Thomas More's *Utopia*, Bacon's *New Atlantis*, Campanella's *City of the Sun*, Voltaire's *Candide*, and Rousseau's educational dream in *Emile* may all be described as the prefigurings of what the world become. In recent times H. C. Wells' *Men like Gods*, *Outlook for Homo Sapiens*, and *Phoenix*, and the workers of George Bernard Shaw, Douglas Reid, Clarence K. Streit and Lenin are also inspired by this idea and form a notable contribution to this topic. Quite recently, the Sankey Declaration, the much talked of Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms of President Roosevelt testify to the ever-present yearnings of the human soul after an ideal Society under which humanity may best fulfil its destiny. That great Persian poet and astronomer, Omar Khayyam, writes in his wonderful *Rubaiyat*:

"Ah Love! Could'st Thou and I with Fate conspire  
To grasp this sorry scheme of things entire,  
Would not we shatter it to bits—  
and then  
Remould it nearer to our hearts'  
desire?"

### At the Cross Roads

We are at present at the cross-roads. We are living in an age when the appointed time of great Renewal draws near when the world's thoughts and destinies are being refashioned. The world is passing through a crisis unprecedented in its intensity and magnitude.

Never before has society been so shaken to its foundations. Mighty forces are at work moving the world towards a precipice. The civilization of the world's greatest nations has committed acts of which savagery would be ashamed. The world is in a delirium of hatred. Never has the need been so crying and piteous as today, when men are disillusioned and threatened with despair.

The great war of 1914-18 was called a war to end war, a war to make the world safe for democracy, a war to give us a better and happier world fit for heroes to live in. But it led to none of these longed-for results.

The League of Nations which promised to usher in a new dawn more glorious than the world had ever seen, proved a tragic failure.

It certainly could have achieved the dream of Tennyson:

"Till the war drums throbb'd no longer,  
and the battle flags were furled

In the parliament of Man, the  
Federation of the World."

### Atomic Age and Annihilation

But the League of Nations failed miserably. There was no power behind it and so it fell to pieces. The New Era could not come. The real cause of this failure lies in the fact that the leaders of men have not yet tried to understand the great law of Unity. World War I stranded the surviving youth of the world on the sandbanks of depression and futility. After it we had the World Economic Conference and Disarmament Conferences. Why did all these fail?

The end of World War II find us in no better situation, and the birth of the new Atomic Age even threatens us with total annihilation.

On the other hand let us try to discern the Divine Working of the Great Law; the world is becoming increasingly united, in spite of all attempts to divide it into warring sections. Science and Economics have brought all parts of the world closer together. In social, political and scientific thinking there is an increasing community of ideas and ideas.

And yet this unity is neither real nor effective. The world is yet without a vision. The change we see today are only political and economic.

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## Ayurveda—Its Future

Bright Says  
Mr. Kularatne

To encourage Ayurveda and to put it on a scientific footing a separate Department of Ayurveda may be established if the recommendations of the Ayurvedic Commission are given effect to. The Ayurvedic Commission it is learned will recommend the teaching of modern scientific methods to Ayurvedic students.

Mr. P. de S. Kularatne a member of the Commission who has returned from India after attending to certain work in connection with writing of the Commission's Report, speaking to a Press representative stated that the future of Ayurveda in Ceylon would be bright.

Replying to a question Mr. Kularatne said he was greatly impressed by the work done at the Ayurvedic Research Institute at Bangalore, where all ayurvedic remedies were subjected to a very rigid test.

In Mysore great interest was taken in the promotion of Ayurveda. He met Capt. Sirinivasa Murthi,

the Principal of Madras School of Indigenous Medicine, and had talks with him with regard to the preparation of drugs.

In the Hyderabad State where Unani was popular, one interesting fact was that modern surgery was practised side by side with indigenous system.

### Higher Standard

Replying to a question Mr. Kularatne said it was the general view of the Commission that the standard of education at the College of Indigenous Medicine in Ceylon should be raised. There should be facilities for clinical treatment, the study of physiology and anatomy, and modern methods of scientific treatment for patients.

Ayurveda was an expanding science and was capable of assimilating modern methods which have been tested and found successful.

The opening of a herbarium and a laboratory for the manufacture of drugs were necessary, said Mr. Kularatne, and as such suitable suggestions would be made for their implementation.

An Advisory Board on Ayurveda which would lay down certain principles and guide the future policy of the Government on this subject was a vital necessity and as such the Commission would make suggestions for the appointment of such a body, added Mr. Kularatne.

## My Pilgrimage To Kataragama

(By ARUL TYAGARAJAH, COLOMBO)

PILGRIMAGE forms a vital feature of Hindu Religion and is one of the factors that contribute to the catholicity of Hinduism. All religions of the world consider pilgrimage to Sacred Places as an indispensable item for their votaries. The Christians from all parts of the world claim it a great privilege to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Muslims extol highly their co-religionists who take a great trouble to make a pilgrimage to Mecca. The Buddhists take great delight and pleasure, in going to Buddha-Gaya. Though people of every religion have got their particular places of pilgrimage, it may be said without fear of contradiction that the Hindus have to their credit the largest number of such holy places from the Himalayas to Cape Comorin—nay from Mount Kailas to Mount Kataragama. India is essentially a religious country and every care has been taken from time immemorial to keep ablaze the fire of spiritual consciousness in the minds of the people through pilgrimages. Places of pilgrimage serve as an incentive to religious feelings. Even famous saints are said to have gone to sacred places for spiritual practice in the belief that their efforts will be crowned with success with greater

ease, in such places. Our Saiva saints and Achariyas went on foot to several holy shrines to worship the Beloved Father.

Among the recent Hindu rulers, Sri Krishnarajah Wodayar, the late Maharaja of Mysore, had the great fortune of making a successful pilgrimage to Mount Kailas which is considered as the most holy and most difficult of all the pilgrimages. From Ceylon Srimath Swami Viprananda had the rare fortune and honour of reciting the soul-stirring poetry of Saint Appar at the foot of Mount Kailas. It is said that the father of Sri Ramakrishna made a long pilgrimage to Rameswaram in South India and travelled the whole distance of nearly fifteen hundred miles on foot visiting various holy places on the way, and this pilgrimage lasted one year. Whatever may be the opinion of the sceptical minded persons of modern age, many people who make pilgrimage to holy places derive wonderful inspiration and testify to their influence on their minds. In Maha Bharatha also there is a description of a large number of tirthas (holy waters) which Yuthisdira visited, and they cover an area

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## Hindu Organ

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### THE ASIAN CONFERENCE

THE CONCLUDING SESSIONS OF the Asian Relations Conference was held on Wednesday the 2nd April. Over 20,000 persons were assembled inside the Shamiana in Puran Quila at the Conference. Delegates from all countries constituting Asia with the exception of Japan contributed towards the deliberations. It is regrettable that the Muslim League in India did not participate in the Conference. A permanent Asian Relations Organisation has been planned and a Provisional General Council with two representatives from each of the participating countries has been elected. Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Minister of Local Administration and Mr. George E. de Silva, Minister of Health, have been nominated to represent Ceylon, and Pandit Nehru has been elected the first President of the Council. Some attempt appears to have been made for bridging the gulf between India and Ceylon and solving the Indo-Ceylon problem; Mr. Bandaranaike states that he is hopeful and that his suggestion to defer consideration of the matter until the inauguration of Parliament under the Soulbury Constitution has neither been rejected nor accepted by Pandit Nehru. It is evident that the delegates have met in a spirit of goodwill and co-operation which will facilitate the solution of existing differences between the different countries.

The notable feature of the concluding session were the speeches made by Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. Gandhiji urged the ideal of one world and said that the delegates from the different parts of Asia "having come here and having met together should carry away sweet memories of the meeting and make every effort to build that great edifice of truth." Referring to the communal disturbances in India Pandit Nehru told the delegates, "We are having trouble, we may have more trouble, but big things are happening in the world, in Asia and in India; and when ancient Empires are up-rooted, the ground shakes. You cannot have the birth of complete freedom without the labour pains that accompany every birth. So while we regret what is happening and we try to put an end to it, to find a peaceful way of progressing, we also realise that sometimes it is in-

evitable that this kind of thing happens. And we have to face it and try to conquer it as undoubtedly we shall, and as undoubtedly you will wherever you may come from". He concluded, "So I want you to place these difficulties and troubles in Asia as elsewhere, with confidence in yourself and in the future of your country and of Asia." Mrs. Sarojini Naidu terminated the proceedings. She stated that she heard in all the speeches made by the different delegates the same echo, the same urge and desire that there should be understanding, friendship and cooperation and there should be a free and united Asia. The foundation had been laid for a new world of brotherhood, not an empire which monopolised power for any one section or another, but a federation of free peoples where every individual was as great as the next, where there would be no leaders and no followers, but all would be brothers in a mighty task of regeneration.

Never before in the history of Asia has a conference of this magnitude been held. The group reports on labour problems, social services, and the status of women and their movements adopted by the Conference show the great care that has been taken in these matters. It has been decided on the suggestion of Mahatma Gandhi to hold conferences of this kind periodically and the next Asian Conference will be held in China in 1949. The Conference has been a great success. It is clear that the peoples of Asia are determined to be free and hope to achieve their object not by exploitation but by friendship and co-operation.

### U. N. O. Undermined

#### Elliot Roosevelt's Warning

Mr. Elliot Roosevelt, son of Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the late U. S. President, in the course of a statement issued at New York last week condemned the action of the American Government in giving financial help to Greece and Turkey and said: "Our Government leaders by their actions have undermined the future of the United Nations."

"There is no doubt that the major part of our Government's consideration of international problems is predicted on American big business expansion throughout the world."

Mr. Henry Wallace, former U. S. Secretary for Commerce, condemning the Truman doctrine of aid to Greece and Turkey urged that the United Nations should establish regional commissions for the reconstruction of Europe, the Middle East and other areas as part of an overall plan. "We ask that the United Nations face the problem of security not piecemeal but on a world wide basis," Mr. Wallace said.

"This means internationalisation of the Dardanelles, the Suez and Panama Canals. This means disarmament and world control of atomic energy. Sooner or later Mr. Truman's programme of unconditional aid to anti-Soviet Governments will unite the world against America and divide America against itself."

### INDIAN NEWS FRONT

## NO SURRENDER TO THREATS

### SARDAR PATEL HITS OUT

#### Jinnah Meets

Mr. M. A. Jinnah the President of the All-India Muslim League met the Viceroy on Saturday last and both had "a friendly and informal" talk lasting nearly two hours. As in the case of the Viceroy's meeting with Mahatma Gandhi the talk was general and of a preliminary nature. The talks are being carried on. On Sunday last Mr. Jinnah and his sister dined with the Viceroy.

#### "Divide the Army"

Sir. Feroze Khan Noon, a Muslim League leader of the Punjab in the course of a statement issued during the week-end demanded the division of India's armed forces and military equipment before June 1948, the proposed date for the transfer of power by the British into Indian hands. "Whoever gets the army will get India" he declared.

#### Congress and Hindus

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, former President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, has sent a telegram to the Viceroy, Lord [Louis Mountbatten, requesting him to invite the President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha and Master Tara Singh for discussions "before any fundamental constitutional changes affecting Hindus are effected."

Mahatma Gandhi or the Congress "on their own confession do not and cannot represent the Hindu public as such," he says.

#### Pakistan Cannot be Achieved by Threats

In reply to Mr. Jinnah's recent speech re-affirming the demand for Pakistan, Sardar Patel speaking at Ahmedabad on Thursday last said that Pakistan could be attained only on the basis of justice and not by force of arms or the sword. The Muslim League, Sardar Patel said, was trying to capture power in the Punjab and the Frontier and to invade Assam and to establish Pakistan. But it was not an easy thing. Referring to the offer of truce made by Mr. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, in Bombay recently, Sardar Patel asked how there could be truce on the basis of Pakistan or Akhand Hindustan. "Truce in the real sense meant giving up arms and the use of the sword. Pakistan can be established only on the basis of justice. There are impartial agencies or tribunals who can decide the question. The Congress is ready to sign a truce if the question of Pakistan is referred to an impartial tribunal." That implied he said, that there should be no killing. Political problems were not solved by fight or resort to arms. The Congress has made its decision—declared Sardar Patel, "when it invited the representatives of the League to meet Congress representatives and come to an understanding. The Congress will not submit to any injustice. Truce has no meaning if the Congress is called upon to submit to any dictation by the League."

#### Partition of the Punjab

Details for the division of the Punjab are understood to have been considered at a meeting of the Panthic Akali Party in the Punjab Assembly held in Lahore. Sardar Swaran Singh, Leader of the Party, presided. Besides all members of the Party, Master Tara Singh and Bawa Harkishan Singh, President of the Pritinidhi Panthic Board, were present by special invitation. It is

understood there was complete unanimity among the members on the demand for partition of the province.

The party passed a resolution urging that the inadequacy of non-Muslims in the Punjab police may be made good by special efforts on the part of the Government. By another resolution the meeting criticised the imposition of collective fines on the Muslim and non-Muslim communities at Multan and urged that it should be in inverse proportion to the losses incurred by the communities concerned.

#### India to Guarantee 'Freedoms'

Guarantee of property rights equality before law; liberty of speech, association and correspondence; adult franchise; secrecy of election; the right to change the Government; and abolition of Untouchability in all its shapes and forms, are some of the salient features of a tentative report which is understood to have been drafted by the Fundamental Rights Committee of the Constituent Assembly.

The Congress President, Acharya Kripalani, is Chairman of the committee which is a sub-committee of the Advisory Committee on the Minorities.

The committee will meet again to finalise the draft which will then be considered by the main Advisory Committee of which Sardar Patel, Home Member in the Interim Government, is chairman.

The Constituent Assembly is meeting on April 28, and will discuss the report in its final form.

## Burma Const. Assembly

U / ung San's Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League has already won—without contest—nearly half the number of general seats in the Burma Constitution Assembly it was revealed here to-night by U Hla Shain, Election Commissioner.

A. F. P. F. L. candidates returned unopposed now total 88 and a dozen other nominees of the party are likely to be elected with a large majority of votes.

### Indonesia's Thanks

Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, Premier of Indonesia has conveyed a message to Ceylon, through Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike thanking Ceylon for "gallantly championing our cause, when in the early days of the struggle, it seemed we stood alone with the forces of imperialism marshalled against us."

### TENDER NOTICE

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, N. P., up to 12 noon on Tuesday: April 29, 1947, for strengthening and turfing the tank bund and providing locking arrangements for the Sangupiddy Flood bund in the Chavakachcheri, N. P.

Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the Kachcheri, Jaffna, where all particulars can be obtained. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Saturday, April 26, 1947 only on production of receipt for Rs. 50.00 deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kachcheri. (G-10. 8)



# Love--The Message of the East

Mahatma's Inspiring Call to Asia

## Christianity Disfigured in the West

IN the course of his farewell address to the Inter-Asian Relations Conference, Mahatma Gandhi made an earnest appeal to the Asian delegates assembled to carry the message of love and peace. Speaking about India itself, he said that what the delegates had seen of India was not the real India. The real India lay in the 700 thousand villages of India, where thirty-eight crores of people lived. "Perhaps if you see a few villages, you will see real India where miserable specimens of humanity with lustreless eyes live. Yet in those humble cottages, in the midst of these dung-heaps are to be found the humble bhngis."

Stating that wisdom had come to the West from the East, Mahatma Gandhi said that all the great teachers of the world had belonged to the East. "Zoroaster belonged to the East. He was followed by Buddha, he belonged to the East—to India; Moses belonged to Palestine. Then came Jesus. Then came Mohammed. I omit Krishna, Mahavir and others unknown to the outside world. All the same, I do not know a single person to match these men of Asia and, then what happened? Christianity became disfigured when it went to the West. I am sorry to say it, but that is my view.

"I want you to understand, if you can, that the message of the East, the message of Asia is not to be learnt through European spectacles. If you want to give a message to the West, it must be a message of love and truth. I want you to go away with the thought that Asia has to conquer the West—through love and truth."

Gandhiji referred again to what he said previously about "One World" and said: "Of course, I believe in 'One World'. How can I possibly do otherwise, when I became an inheritor of the message of love that these great unconquerable teachers left for us? You can re-deliver that message now in this age of democracy, in the age of awakening of the poorest of the poor. You can re-deliver this message with the greatest emphasis. Then you will complete the conquest of the West—not through vengeance because you have been exploited in the past, but through love.

### West Pining for Wisdom

"If all of you put your hearts together and not merely your heads and understand the secret of the message of all these wise men of the East and if we really become worthy of the great message you will easily understand that the conquest of the West will be complete and that conquest will be loved by the West itself. The West to-day is pining for wisdom. It is today in despair of the multiplication of atom bombs, because the multiplication of atom bombs means utter destruction not merely of the West but the destruction of the world; as if the prophecy of the Bible is going to be fulfilled and

there is to be—heaven forbid—a deluge.

"It is up to you to deliver the whole world, not merely Asia, from that wickedness, from that sin. That is a precious heritage your teachers and my teachers have left to us."

### Flour Position Satisfactory

It is understood that the flour position is satisfactory. It is learned that the bakers' ration will be increased shortly.

### Letters to the Editor

## TAMIL CONGRESS & MR. NATESAN

Sir,

Our attention has been drawn to the report of a meeting where Mr. S. Natesan, Member for Kankasanturai, assumed the role of an injured innocent and complained that the Tamil Congress was spreading a rumour, that he had made overtures to be taken back into the Congress fold. Certain well known and respected gentlemen whose impeccable statements were then obtained had earlier brought this subject of Mr. Natesan's expressed desire for approachment to the Tamil Congress to the notice of some leaders of the Congress. Those leaders considered the request and decided to put no undue obstacles in the way of Mr. Natesan's readmission, but insisted that a proper application for membership under Article 4 (b) of the constitution should be made by him and his application like all other applications be submitted to the Congress Committee for its consideration.

It was only after Mr. Natesan's application for membership was accepted that the question of his contesting either Kankasanturai or Kopy seat would arise. Here again the decision was in the discretion of the Congress Parliamentary Board.

We understand that Mr. Natesan has since withdrawn from his earlier inclination. Perhaps he did not relish the unspectacular method of re-entry prescribed by the Congress.

It must however be evident to all that Mr. Natesan must have even at this early stage in his election campaign entertained grave doubts about his ultimate success at the polls and still graver doubts of "Ministerial preferment" by the Master of the U. N. P. even if he were to scrape into the Parliament. No other explanation can account for his earlier action.

Yours etc.

E.-M. V. Naganathan,  
Joint General Secretary

All Ceylon Tamil Congress,  
Colombo,  
31-3-47.

### French Communists and Viet Nam

Sir,

In your issue of 28-2-47 you had published in your Notes and Com-

### Communist Rally In Jaffna

A call to the Youth of Jaffna to join the Ceylon Communist Party of Ceylon was made by Mr. Pieter Kueneman in the course of a speech he delivered when declaring open the Jaffna Branch Office of the Communist Party on Sunday last at Stanley Road Jaffna.

Mr. Kueneman traced the growth of the labour movement in Ceylon and said that the Communist Party had emerged out as the only institution working for the emancipation of the people from the clutches of imperialism. The Communist Party had pledged itself, said Mr. Kueneman to co-operate with all progressive elements to work for the salvation the country.

Mr. S. K. Kandiah presided.

### Indo-Ceylon Talks

Will be Resumed Early

Ceylon's Ministers who returned from the Inter-Asian Relations Conference during the week-end are hopeful of an early and amicable settlement of the question of Indo-Ceylon relations, writes the Political Correspondent of the "Times of Ceylon". He states:

"Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Minister of Local Administration, who led the Ceylon delegation, told me that he had a long discussion with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, vice-President of the Indian Interim Government on this vexed question and had no doubts that after the inauguration of the Ceylon Parliament the entire question of Indo-Ceylon relations would be discussed in a friendly atmosphere.

"He made it clear to Pandit Nehru that all aspects of Indo-Ceylon relations should be discussed as a whole and not piecemeal. For instance, the status of Indians in Ceylon should not be discussed by itself.

Mr. George E. de Silva, Minister of Health, who was in the delegation, said he did not foresee any serious difficulty in arriving at a satisfactory solution and added that Pandit Nehru had agreed that Indo-Ceylon talks should begin after the two countries had 'settled down.'

Communist attitude. The news-item reported:

"There was an angury scene when the Right-wing Deputies stormed at Communists for not getting on their feet and cheering as other parties did when M. Ramadier paid a tribute to the French troops 'fighting courageously in Indo-China.'"

It should be obvious from the above that the attitude of the French Communists has not changed and that the action of the Parliamentary Group of the French Communist Party was no betrayal of the cause of Viet Nam but was an action taken to define the strong support of the French Communist Party for the cause of Viet Nam in such a way as not to jeopardise the democratic French Constitution and the other many equally important peoples' causes which the French Communist Party as a responsible party of democratic action has to, and does, serve in the course of its governmental and other duties.

One final observation. The French Communist Party is no doubt the leading political party in France today. But it does not command a majority in the French National Assembly. The French Government is a four party coalition and therefore the French Communist Party cannot achieve as many and as completely progressive solutions of problems as it would like to. But as Duclos said, in France to-day it is impossible to govern without a coalition. The break-up of the coalition would mean the break-down of the constitution and the possible menacing Fascist dictatorship of De Gaulle or some other outworn political adventurer. By maintaining the coalition the French Communists are doing all they can to check

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# MY PILGRIMAGE TO KATARAGAMA

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extending from the Himalayas to the South beyond Mount Vindiyas.

Now it would not be inappropriate to say a few words about Kataragama a holy shrine dedicated to Lord Subramaniya or Muruga and situated on the South East coast of Ceylon. According to Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam "Kataragama is sacred to God Karthigeya from whom it was called Kathigeya Grama ('City of Karthigeya') shortened to Kajaragama and then to Kataragama. The Tamils who are the chief worshippers of the shrine have given the name a Tamil form Kathirgamam a city of divine glory and love. Lord Muruga is held in great reverence by the Tamils. They regard Him as the guardian of their race, language and literature and are bound to Him, by special ties. Lord Muruga is reputed to have arrived in Lanka (Ceylon) in a remote age when it was a vast continent—the Lemuria,—stretching from Madagascar to near Australia—and was ruled by a Titan the terror of the Celestials. In answer to their prayers, the God was incarnated as the son of the Supreme God Mahadeva or Siva. He led their hosts to Lanka and destroyed the Titan. Afterwards Lord Muruga according to Ceylon tradition, wooed and won Valli the Veddah princess at Kataragama and thousands of pilgrims from South India and Ceylon go with eager devotion to worship Lord Kumara." Several fervent devotees walk from Jaffna to Kataragama along the Eastern Coast of Ceylon on pilgrimage. It is said that in the thirties of the last century when good roads were scarce in Colombo, the grand mother of Sir P. Arunachalam walked bare-foot the whole way to Kataragama and back in fulfilment of a vow for the recovery from illness of her child, the future Sir Muttucoomaraswamy. The hardship then endured as such was really borne with cheerfulness by thousands travelling on foot along the jungle tracks of the Northern, Eastern and Uva Provinces and from India. Nearly all are convinced of the gods ever present grace and protection and have spiritual experiences to tell or otherwise notable boons, recoveries from illness, help under trials and dangers, warding off calamities. Mr. Justice Krishnaswamy Iyer told me during the conversation I had the privilege of having with him, that the sanctity of Kataragama must undoubtedly be very high, as it has been sung by sages and, as Kathirgamam was as holy as Chidambaram and Tirupathi.

It was on the 1st of January 1946 I happened to be at the Holy Shrine of Chidambaram. Then I came across a great devotee who drew my attention very much, and told me that I should always try to be at a Holy Shrine on a New Year Day. When I came to Ceylon I made up my mind to be at Kataragama on the last Hindu New Year Day. Incidentally Mr. K. Kanagaratnam retired acting Auditor General made me understand that Tirupugal Mani T. M. Krishnaswamy Iyer will be coming to Colombo en route to Kataragama. He also added that a party will be joining him from Colombo.

Rajiyasevapravina Thirupukal Mani T. M. Krishnaswamy Iyer and party arrived in Colombo on the 9th April 1946 and were accommodated at "Lakshimivasam" Dawson Road, Colombo, the residence of Mr. Kanagaratnam. On Thursday morning 11th April 1946 a large number of devotees consisting of ladies, gentlemen, and even small children, from all parts of Ceylon and from all professions, Government Service, trade, and other walks of life assembled at "Lakshimivasam" to go to Kataragama. As I went to "Lakshimivasam" I observed Tirupugalmani conversing in a pleasant manner with several devotees who were assembled there occasionally singing hymns from Tirupugal and Thiruvagupu of Saint Arunagiri, and he requested us to join him in singing. When I sang in a low pitch he told me not to 'ration' singing the hymns of Lord Kumara. At about nine o'clock we got into two comfortable 'Bedford' buses and began to proceed to Kataragama. There were shouts of "Harohara; Harohara!" Among the coterie of Tirupugal Mani, Murugadas ranks as a very great devotee who could elevate his listeners and onlookers with his intensive singing and unstinted love for the Lord, to a higher plane.

On the way he began singing "Haroharohara Swami Haroharohara." All the pilgrims shedding their various complexes, and shyness, joined him in repeating the several Holy names of Lord Muruga. Tirupugal Mani sang his favourite hymns in Tirupugal. Thus we reached Matara where we were entertained to Lunch by Mr. N. Thillaiampalam. Leaving Matara we proceeded to Hambantota where we were entertained by Dr. M. Kandasamy—the son-in-law of Mr. P. S. Thuraiappah J. P. General Secretary, Colombo Vivekananda Society. We spent that night at the Hambantota Rest House. On Friday the 12th April we continued our pilgrimage and reached Kataragama by about noon. As we crossed the hanging bridge over the Manika Ganga (Kataragama river) and came in sight of the temple of Mother Valli, the joy of Murugadas knew no bounds and he spontaneously sang the following psalm.

“மாதவனேர் மாதவனும்  
மாதவன் செய்திடலும்  
வணமாளும் வந்தெதிர்ந்த  
மலர்மாணப் புணர்ப்  
பூதல மங்கையருருவாய்  
யவதரித்து வள்ளிப்.....  
.....  
கண்ணி யெனும் வள்ளி  
கழல் உண்ணி வருத்திடுவாம்.”

Then we proceeded to the main temple. Several hundreds of devotees who have come to know early about the pilgrimage of Tirupugal Mani were awaiting solemnly and anxiously to have a Dharsan of Tirupugal Mani. As soon as we entered into the precincts of Lord Kumara, Murugadas in his frenzy of love towards the Lord, fell into a divine trance. This is really an unforgettable sight. After about half an hour he regained consciousness. Having paid our respects to our Lord we rested in the different Choultries that had been arranged for us beforehand.

On the 13th April at about 5 p. m. Tirupugalmani gave a small discourse about the significance of the New Year and the worship of the Lord to all the devotees who came to Kataragama.

This came to an end at about 6 p. m. The devotees went to the temple for the worship and the Tirupugal "Koshdi" started singing. It is significant to note that Swami Yogaraja Sri Nitya Ananda Kavishwar-Sarvathikar of his Holiness Jagat Kuru Sankarachariya of Jyotir Mutt, Himalayas also joined the devotees in repeating "Kantar Anuputhi" a collection of divine hymns sung by Saint Arunagiri, who had obtained the grace of Lord Muruga. I was really overwhelmed when Mr. V. Ramakrishnan Chettiar of Tiruvanduram sang the Tirupugal.

தோண கனக வாசலில் முழங்கு  
தோல் முடிசூதிர்—முடிசூத  
தோகையர் கவரிவீச வயிரியர்  
தோர்வலி புதழ்—மதபோப  
வரண ரதப் தாகினி தூக  
மாதிரி க்றைய—அராதரி  
வாழினும் வறுமை கூரினும் கினது  
வார் கழலொழிய—மொழிபேண”

While the Yantra of Lord Muruga was taken to the temple of Mother Valli on the elephant's back one could easily observe the height of religious fervour, zeal, ecstasy and enthusiasm displayed by the devotees who moved like one unit. Even an atheist who sees such a splendid and lovely sight will become god-intoxicated for the moment. At this time Tirupugal Mani poured out his religious feelings welling forth from the depth of his being. They bespoke his deep devotion, pure and unselfish love, for the Lord. The New Year festival ended late in the night and we worshipped the Lord again, and retired to bed. On the 14th April (Sunday morning) after worshipping our Lord, all of us left for Colombo. On the way Tirupugal Mani gave short discourses and lectures at Tangalle Matara and Galle as he was prevailed upon by several Hindus, Buddhists, and Christians alike. We even as pilgrims were very much overwhelmed by the characteristic hospitality and courtesy of our Sinhalese brethren during our pilgrimage.

I would be failing in my duty if I fail to mention the person who was really responsible for this happy ending. He is no less a personage than Mr. K. Kanagaratnam the retired Acting Auditor General. His large heartedness, winning manners, unflinching courtesy, and catholic outlook, have earned for him the respect and affection of Tamils, Sinhalese, Muslims, Burghers and Europeans alike. Tirupugal Mani rightly described Mr. Kanagaratnam as an expression of Tamil culture.

Tirupugal Mani delivered several lyrical lectures and gave discourses in several parts of Colombo, Jaffna including the All Ceylon Saiva

# Letters to the Editor

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reactionary measures in their national, colonial and foreign affairs.

On the very question of Viet Nam too, the result of the Communist stand has led to the modification of attitude of the French Colonial Minister, Moutet. This same man, who during his visit to Viet Nam refused to meet Dr. Ho Chi Minh and who subsequently has questioned the stability and representative character of the Government of Dr. Ho Chi Minh, has lately declared that the French Government was prepared to negotiate with representatives of Viet Nam. It has also been reported that the new French High Commissioner to Viet Nam has been instructed on his arrival there to start negotiations for a settlement of the Viet Nam question. As we see, the Communist stand in the French National Assembly is producing progressive modifications in the French Government's attitude and we may be sure that the French Communists will in the future also so act as to safeguard the peoples' interests in France as well as in colonial and foreign affairs. The French Communists therefore have not somersaulted over the Viet Nam question. They have manifested their progressive attitude to world affairs in a manner strengthening their many sided struggle as a Government Party in France.

Yours etc.  
S. K. KANDIAH

Nervely North,  
Kopay,  
2-4-47.

[Our correspondent admits that the Communist Ministers voted with the Government. It is apparent, therefore, that these members of the Communist Party who were important enough to be Ministers had failed to help Indo China attain "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" which every Frenchman is supposed to hold dear to his heart. The action of the Communist Ministers cannot be justified in the circumstances.—Ed. H. O.]

Conference and Ramanathan College, Trincomalee and Anuradhapura. In short Tirupugal Mani has deluged the whole of Ceylon with the flood of his deep feeling and love for Lord Muruga. We worship the Lord so that he may enable us to worship him more and more and over and over again.

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## Utopia—Can It Be Achieved

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social and moral, but the spiritual revolution has not yet come. No doubt, schemes of reconstruction and readjustment are necessary, but by themselves they will not inaugurate an era of human happiness. Must these stupid cycles of alternating peace and war go for ever? Politics, economics and science, if they fail to organize the world, can do no better than give us wars as in the present day. It is beyond politics. Politics have failed. Systems have been found inadequate. Leaders have not led us out of chaos; and once more we ask the question: "Where is the way out."

One defect in all our schemes is that only the physical aspect of man is stressed. This indeed is the tragedy of modern schemes. Biological man with the moral code of a cave man is trying to dominate the civilized man; biological man is ruthlessly trampling upon the spiritual man. Economic values are frankly reckoned above the moral and the spiritual.

If the world is in a sorry pass today, and if wars and persecutions disfigure the world today it is due to the lack of love and human fellowship.

### Law of Love

The world as it does not yet see the truth of the law of Love. It still believes in strife and conflict. And the modern world, dominated by desires and self-seeking, listens not to the new message. Yet along this road is still the hope of our dark and lonesome world and the nations will not be free until they rise above all exclusive cults to a vision of cooperation and brotherhood.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you." So said Jesus. It is a reaffirmation of the teaching of the Upanishads: "Realise the Divine Life the Divine centre within you." The consciousness of the identity—of the oneness—of life in oneself and the realisation of the Divine in all being about concord and unity and that is verily and truly the Fellowship with Life. The future lies with Fellowship—Fellowship first and foremost.

The greatest need today is to bring home to the mind of man the fact of the Universality of Life and the need for co-ordinated functioning of head and heart.

Only through the recognition of this fact can we save humanity from suicidal strife and mutual destruction. And the words of the Isava-yopanishad are significant and inspiring:

"He, who uniformly sees all being even in his self and his own self in all beings does not feel repelled by them"

Well has Sir S. Radhakrishnan said, "Only when the life of Spirit transfigures and irradiates the life of man from within will it be possible for us to change or renew the face of the earth"

### New Spirit and New Vision

The need of the world today is for a new spirit and new vision.

The world today is in search of a new synthesis. A new idealism is the need, the imperative need of the world. The task today is to impregnate the world with a new idealism. Let us make a small beginning. To bring about stability, we should try to establish a synthesis amidst the strife and differences. This will come about

## Hindu Devotional Songs Contest

The Hindu Devotional Songs Contest arranged by the Vivekananda Society took place on Sunday 30th March at 5 P. M. at the Society Hall, Hill Street, Colombo. The Hon'ble Mr. N. Nadarajah, K. C. Commissioner of Assize and President of the Society presided and Mrs. Nadarajah gave away the prizes. Mr. Nadarajah, Mr. W. Sathasivam Proctor and Miss Sarada Hariharan acted as Judges at the contest. Candidates from all parts of the Island took part in the contest and nine prizes were awarded on the results of the examination. The prizes which were in the form of gold medals were donated to the Society by Mr. H. V. Ramaswera Proctor and Mr. P. C. Kathirvel, merchant and landed proprietor, two members of the Society.

The following are the results of the contest

### Upper Division

- 1st Prize Miss. S. Thilagavathy, Ramanathan College, Chunnakam
- 2nd Prize Miss-Ponmani Chelliah, Colombo
- 3rd Prize Master. S. Namasivayam, Mahajana College, Tellippalai

### Intermediate Division

- 1st Prize Master G. Balasubramaniam Sivananda Vidyalayam, Batticaloa
- 2nd Prize Master Theiventhiram, Mahajana College, Tellippalai
- 3rd Prize Miss. S. Thevaki, Ramanathan College, Chunnakam

### Lower Division

- 1st Prize Master S. Sivanaiah, Saivaprakasa Vidyasalai, Tellippalai
- 2nd Prize Miss. R. Vijayalakshmi, Colombo
- 3rd Prize Miss-N. Annalakshmi, Colombo (Cor).

## NOTICE FOR SALE

Forty (40) bags of gingelly seed will be sold by public auction by the Stock Inspector, Jaffna Kachcheri, on Tuesday the 15th April, 1947 at 4 p. m. at the Vali North and East Onions Society's Godown opposite to the Chunnakam Railway Station.

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M. SRI KHANTA,  
A. G. A. (E), Jaffna.

Jaffna, 5-4-47.  
(G. 3. 8)

## TENDER NOTICE

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, N. P., up to 12 noon on Tuesday, April 29, 1947, for Providing planking arrangements to culvert No. 9/1, 9/2, and 9/4 on the Jaffna-Kayts P.W.D. road, N.P.

Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the Kachcheri, Jaffna, where all particulars can be obtained. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Tuesday, April 26, 1947, only on production of receipt for Rs. 50.00 deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kachcheri.  
(G. 6. 8)

very slowly. We should not of course, expect all of a sudden any miracle or millennium. It needs a long time to establish such a happy state for all. What is needed is the marshalling of the goodwill and idealism of every individual. Then it will be possible to establish a long peace and happiness. We shall then be on the quick road to Utopia. Then Utopia will not remain a dream of the idealist, but will burgeon forth into a living reality.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

\* The Marquis of Salisbury (85) former Leader of the House of Lords died in London on Friday last.

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Mr. N. E. S. Raghavachariar has been appointed Agent of the Government of India in Ceylon.

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Dr. Sutan Sahrir, the Indonesian Premier lunched with Lord Louis Mountbatten on Saturday last.

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Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek would visit London and Washington within a few days says the Associated Press of America.

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Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor of the Benares Hindu University has intimated his desire to resign from the Vice-Chancellorship.

x x x

Two Japanese Officers were sentenced to death by a War Crimes Court at Singapore last week for the massacre of Chinese.

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The name of Mr. E. F. Grady has been submitted to the Indian Government for the post of U. S. Ambassador in India.

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The Madras Temple Entry Authorisation Bill has been passed by both the Houses of the Madras Legislature, and has been passed into law.

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It is reliably learned that Mr Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary may leave the Foreign Office to take over the job of Supreme Planner of British economy.

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Large consignment of imported gold continue to arrive in India. About 16,000 ounces of gold arrived last week. The consignment includes 400 lbs of gold from Oslo and 600 lbs. from New York.

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Sri Muruga Kripananda Vari delivered an inspiring byric lecture on the Greatness of Sri Muruga at the Athiady Pillaiy Temple premises on Sunday last. The lecture lasted four hours and was attended by many thousands of people.

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A meeting to support the candidature of Mr. A. Mahadeva, the U. N. P. nominee at the forthcoming Parliamentary elections was held on Sunday last at the Sri Namasivaya Hall, Koddady. The meeting was according to U. N. P. sources a huge success and was attended by a large number of people.

## TENDER NOTICE

The Government Agent, Northern Province, Jaffna, or will receive tenders up to 12 noon on Tuesday, April 22, 1947, for the construction of incorporating flap gates to culverts No. 4/4a and 5/1 on the Jaffna-Kayts P.W.D. road, Jaffna District, N. P.  
(G. 4. 8.)

## TENDER NOTICE

The Government Agent, Northern Province, Jaffna, will receive tenders up to 12 noon on Tuesday, April 25, 1947, for the widening of and levelling of Nollai drainage channel from Karugampanai Uchchalaikulam in Tellippalai, Jaffna District, N. P.  
(G. 8. 8)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 682

In the matter of the Intestate estate of the late Ponnampalam Veluppillai of Thirunelvely East

Deceased

Annappooranam widow of Ponnampalam Veluppillai of Thirunelvely East. Petitioner

Vs.

- 1 Veluppillai Mathiaparanam
- 2 Veluppillai Parameshwari
- 3. Veluppillai Kunabalasingham and 4. Sinnathamby Sellathuri, all of Thirunelvely East

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the Petitioner coming on for disposal before R. B. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna on 19th March 1947 in the presence of Mr. S. Visuvalingam Proctor for the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased be granted to the Petitioner as his lawful widow and that the said 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad-litem over the minor 1st to 3rd Respondents unless the Respondents or any other person appear before this Court on 23rd April 1947 and state objection to the contrary.

(Sd) R. B. Selvadurai  
District Judge.

Drawn by

S. Visuvalingam  
Proctor for Petitioner

(O. 3. 8 & 11.)

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**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 323 PT

In the matter of the estate of the late S. V. Sivasampu,

Kanmany widow of S. V. Sivasampu of Valvettiturai. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Thangamany daughter of Sivasampu
  2. Sivasampu Balasubramaniam
  3. Maheswary daughter of Sivasampu all of Valvettiturai
- Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before M. M. I. Kariapper Esquire, Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 22nd day of November 1946 in the presence of Mr. M. Esurapadham Proctor on the part of the petitioner and on reading the Last Will dated the 13th day of August 1945 marked 'A' and filed of

record and the affidavits of the Petitioner and of the attesting witnesses to the said will having been read:

It is ordered that the said Last Will be and is hereby declared the Last Will of the deceased S. V. Sivasampu and that Letters of Administration be issued to the Petitioner as widow of the deceased with copy of the said Last Will annexed thereto, unless the Respondents appear before this Court on or before the 19th day of December 1946 and show cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 22nd day of November 1946,

Sgd. M. M. I. Kariapper  
Addl. District Judge.

Time is show cause extended to 18-4-47.

Int'd. G. C. T. A. de S.  
A. D. J.

Drawn by  
Sgd. M. Esurapadham,  
Proctor for Petitioner.  
(O. 1, 4 & 11)

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