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## Sankara—The Man of the Hour

King of Kings Among Gnanis  
His Great Service to Hinduism

(By SWAMI NITYABODHANANDA)

The birthday of Sri Sankara was celebrated all over Hindusthan during last week. The following article by Swami Nityabodhananda gives a glimpse of the life of that great Saint who effectively irrigated his genius for philosophic oneness into the visualisation of Hindusthan as a national and cultural unity.

IN his *Discovery of India* Jawaharlal Nehru paying a glowing tribute to this national hero says: "He was no escapist retiring into his shell or into a corner of the forest seeking his own individual perfection and oblivious of what happened to others. He was evidently a man who intensely conscious of his mission, a man who looked upon the whole of India from Cape Comorin to the Himalayas as his field of action and as something that held together culturally and was infused by the same spirit though this might take many external forms. He strove hard to synthesise the diverse currents that were troubling the mind of India of his day and to build a unity of outlook out of that diversity. In a brief life of thirty-two years he did the work of many long lives and left such an impress of his powerful mind and rich personality of India that it is very evident today. He built up, for the first time within the Brahminical fold, ten religious orders and of these four are very much alive today. He established four great Maths or monasteries, locating them far from each other, almost at the four corners of India."

Speaking of the unity Sankara realised, Pandit Nehru observes: "There is a significance about these long journeys of Sankara throughout this vast land at a time when travel was difficult and the means of transport very slow and primitive. The very conception of these journeys and his meeting kindred souls everywhere and speaking to them in Sanskrit, the common language of the learned throughout India, brings out the essential unity of India even in those far off days."

The India of today torn by class war and communal strife and bloodshed cries for Sankara to come and instil into her sons that all-comprehensive Vedantic outlook, *Paramarthika drishti*, that never condemns any other view-points nor fights but appreciates and conserves them all in one constructive and synthetic vision. We want men like Sankara to go about the country, preaching and transferring their synoptic vision and faith in a united India.

But more than all, we want the

Sankara who when asked by a Chandala near Kasi Biswanath temple why he objected to being touched by him, burst forth in his Advaitic eloquence the famous five verses known as the *Manishalanchaka*—"The one who has realised that the same differenceless Spirit dwells in all, from Brahman to ant whether he be Chandala or Brahmac, he is my Guru. This is my faith." This is the refrain of the most elevating poem. Here is Sankara, the bold social reformer banishing all differences of caste. It is not for nothing that Sankara is glorified as the consolidator of Hindu society, for, side by side with this most progressive and heterodox Sankara was the Sankara, the orthodox originator of the six religious faiths, the *Shanmatashabana acharya*.

Hinduism has lost much of its consolidating and cohesive *elan*. Instead of acting as a cementing force in society Hinduism has been, for the last centuries, fanning the flames of communal hatred and separatist tendencies and perpetuating numerous castes and sub-castes. Caste today has become a byword for exclusivism and a cover for the higher castes for persecuting the lower. Hindus refuse to realise that the practise of this exclusivism and persecution in the name of religion has accentuated the pace of conversions to Christianity in the south and to Islam in the north. And these new converts have ranged themselves as the enemies of Hinduism and are fighting the war to a finish in the various fronts in the North India especially in Bengal. The only way of stopping this Hindu-Muslim war is to realise the real nature and purpose of caste and to answer fully the demands made on our character.

The institution of caste is a sort of functional organisation and the divisions were not made by its originations according to birth but according to function. Time and again has Sankara reiterated that a Brahmana is one who has the Brahminic qualities, who takes the least from society and gives it most. Even a Chandala who has the

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### Buddha Gaya Again

#### Buddhists Agitate For Restoration

An appeal to restore Buddha Gaya to Buddhists has been addressed to Pandit Nehru.

A large number of prominent persons representative of Buddhist Asia, who were either delegates or visitors at the recent Inter-Asian Conference, have signed the appeal.

In their appeal to the Panditji they say: "We take great pleasure in giving you the unique opportunity of winning the everlasting goodwill, love and admiration of millions of Buddhist men and women in Asian countries by procuring to Asia that one of your first acts as Prime Minister of Free India will be to hand over Buddha Gaya Temple to the Buddhists of Asia."

"Knowing as we do your chivalrous disposition we have no doubt whatsoever that you will accede to our request and triumph over all the obstacles that may confront you in your endeavor secure for the Buddhists the absolute freedom to establish a centre of world Buddhist culture there in the Holy Temple of Buddhagaya in accordance with the purest traditions of the Dharma."

The Ceylon signatories include Mr. M. W. H. de Silva Representa-

### Jinnah Pilloried

#### London Muslims Against Partition

Criticism of the policy being pursued by Mr. Mohamed Ali Jinnah and the Muslim League was voiced by members of the Muslim community in London at a meeting organised by the National Muslim Committee of Great Britain.

Mr. Chowdhury Akbar Khan, President of the Indian Workers' Association, referring to the conduct of the Muslim League said that history scarcely provided another instance in which a section of the community had lost all reason and the League's campaign was anything but the teaching of Islam.

Mr. Akbar Khan added: "Enough rope has been allowed to Mr. Jinnah. It is a critical time for our country, and the time for action has come. Timidity may serve the country in a wrong manner. India will go forward to its goal with courage, boldness and fearlessness."

A pamphlet was distributed at the meeting expressing opposition to any form of partition in India.

Members of the Government of Ceylon in India, Mr. C. W. W. Kannakara, Minister of Education Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Minister of Local Administration, Mr. George E. de Silva Minister of Health and Miss Cissy Cooray.

## A SOLDIER THOU ART!

### Conquer Internal Enemies

By Swami Ramdas

When you are on the Godward path, you ought to shed the weaknesses, viz., vacillation of the will and timidity of the heart. You should march on like an intrepid soldier on the battlefield. You are out to conquer the internal enemies—lust, greed and wrath, by revealing the eternal splendour, power and joy of your real being. It is an indomitable will and purpose coupled with a sustained, steady unflagging struggle, that can alone fit you to the task and enable you to win the race.

To reach God is undoubtedly not an easy matter. You have to root out your narrow and self-seeking individuality and realise your all-pervading and infinite existence, so that you can become entirely God's own as His willing servant and blissful child.

The condition is—a fiery zeal

and an all-consuming aspiration to have Him. To behold God and to live for Him alone is not a playful matter, but it is of tremendous importance.

As you walk on the path, all the qualities of your lower nature gradually drop off giving place to higher qualities that transform your entire life and its outlook. While you have been perceiving only diversity impinging on your soul and creating darkness, doubt and misery, now you see in the very face of nature the light and beauty of the Divine who is the one-pervading essence and consciousness, and diversity is dissolved into one supreme unity. When you have reached this unique and exalted state, you know what you really are and what your mission in the world is.

Enter the path and regulate and mould your life for the ultimate and grand finale. Realise your Divinity, be a blessing to yourself and to humanity. Be an ardent devotee, tireless servant and a free child ever intoxicated with divine ecstasy.



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### KATARAGAMA FOR THE HINDUS

A LARGE NUMBER OF PROMINENT Buddhists representing Burma, Ceylon, China, Siam, Nepal and India have addressed an appeal to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to restore Buddha Gaya temple to the Buddhists. Some of the Ministers in Ceylon were among those who signed the appeal. Our contemporary the *Ceylon Observer* has published several statements made by several Indian leaders supporting the claim of the Buddhists to their sacred temple. Mecca is sacred to the Muslims; similarly Jerusalem is sacred to the Christians, Buddha Gaya to the Buddhists and Kataragama to the Hindus. It is an irony of fate that Buddhism is, for all purposes, extinct in India the land of its birth and Buddha Gaya the spot where Lord Buddha is said to have attained enlightenment is now the property of a Hindu Mahant, and Kataragama, the most sacred spot in Lanka where the Tamil War-God Murugan is worshipped not only by the Hindus of Ceylon but also by the Hindus of India and other parts of the world, is controlled by the Buddhists. It is difficult to understand how our Buddhist friends who claim Buddha Gaya for themselves turn a deaf ear to the Hindus' claim for Kataragama. Those who desire fair treatment must themselves be fair towards others. They should do unto others what they wish that others should do unto them. Buddhists who want Buddha Gaya for themselves must make up their minds to relinquish Kataragama to the Hindus. Buddhism failed in India because Buddhists do not believe in the existence of God and few Indians would subscribe to such dogma. At Kataragama Lord Skanda is the presiding Deity and according to *Purana* He is said to have wooed and won Valliamman at Kataragama. Because Kandyan kings in Ceylon were either Hindus or were married to Hindu consorts from South India Buddhists in Ceylon have been worshipping Deities of the Hindu pantheon, and several Buddhists congregate at Kataragama. There are also shrines dedicated to Ganapathi or Skanda in many Vihares in Ceylon where Buddhists also worship the Hindu Deities.

It is the paramount duty of every State to protect person

## THE KATARAGAMA SHRINE

### Hindus' Demand For Management

THAT the Hindu Shrine at Kataragama should be handed over to be managed by Hindus was demanded by a resolution unanimously adopted at the Special General meeting of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai held on Saturday last.

The resolution was moved by Mr. V. Karthigesu, Mr. T. Muttusamy Pillai, Crown Advocate, Jaffna seconding the resolution said that there was nothing extraordinary in their demand. Though the sylvan shrine at Kataragama was worshipped by Buddhists and Hindus alike, it was, it should be admitted, a Hindu shrine, and as such should be managed by Hindus. The Theivayanai temple at Kataragama was already under Hindu management, and the speaker was confident that the Leader of the State Council, Mr. Senanayake and the other Buddhist leaders in Ceylon would be only too glad to hand over the management of the temple to the Hindus.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The following resolutions were also passed at the meeting:

1. "This Sabai while condemning the teaching of ethics containing the truths of the same religion as that of the manager to children of a different denomination and the acts of running down the religion of the child by teachers who teach that subject requests the Government to take steps to make provision for the teaching of the parent's religion to every child by a teacher who professes that religion of the child.

2. This Sabhai condemns the act of some Christian bodies which try to adopt subtle methods for making children of a different denomination to follow their mode of worship and life and requests the Government not to grant any financial aid to schools managed by such bodies.

3. This Sabhai requests the Hindus to realise their responsibility and take immediate steps to develop and expand the existing Hindu Schools and to take steps to establish new schools wherever necessary for enabling all Hindu children to attend Hindu Schools.

and property. In the same way as the liberty of a person has to be jealously safe-guarded the proprietary rights of individuals should be safe-guarded. The rights of the Hindu Mahant to Buddha Gaya are rights which he inherited from his ascendants, and without his consent he cannot be deprived of his property; while we sympathise with our Buddhist friends who claim Buddha Gaya for themselves, we are unable to understand how they can deny the rights of the Hindus to Kataragama. It is necessary that those who appeal to justice must themselves be just. Buddhists must be made to see reason and hand over Kataragama to the Hindus as a condition precedent before Buddha Gaya is restored to them.

## World Police Force

### Agreement on Main Issues

The United Nations Security Council has voted unanimously to publish the report of its Military Staff Committee on the establishment of a World Police Force.

Russia and Western Powers are understood to be in agreement over the main points, but disagreed on these:— (1) Withdrawal of world police troops after an emergency, (2) How members of the United Nations would contribute forces and how many each would contribute, (3) Whether the various member States should agree to turn over their bases for the use international police force before and after an emergency arose.

Russia is understood to have argued that troops which had been called into a country should return to their homelands after an emergency and not be shifted to a nearby colony or dominion or some country with which their Government had a military agreement.

On contributing forces to the world police force, Russia insisted that they should be contributed equally by all—man for man, ship for ship and plane for plane. The Western Powers contended, for example, that a country with a larger air force than others should contribute more planes than a nation with a small air force.

On the question of making bases available for the police forces, Russia is said to have foreseen no necessity for any country turning over bases to the United Nations until an emergency developed. The United States and Britain took the view that the United Nations should be able to make agreements for bases with any country that is a member of the United Nations for use of the International Police Force.

## Ireland and India

Mr. K. P. Dalal, an Indian student at Dublin after an interview with the Irish Premier said that De Valera told him it would be "the greatest miracle" if Indian independence was achieved by June, 1948, without blood-shed.

He said de Valera assured him in an interview that Eire would lose no time in formally opening diplomatic relations with India. Dalal said de Valera expressed a wish to visit India sometime in the future.

## MATRIMONIAL

### Sanmuganathan—Aranthathy

The marriage of Dr. T. Sanmuganathan of the Civil Hospital, Jaffna, son of the late Mr. S. Thambirajah of Colombogam with Miss Aranthathy, daughter of the late Mr. R. V. Ganapathy Pillai, Proctor, and a grand daughter of the late Mudaliyar P. Rajagopal of Aiyankovilady, Van West was solemnised on Friday last (2.5.47) at the bride's residence, "Raja Vilas", Aiyankovilady, according to Hindu rites. A large number of relatives and friends were present and wished the couple success.

## Busmen's Strike

### Not Over Yet

The Peninsula-wide Busmen's strike is not yet over. Mr. C. B. Kumarakulasinghe, Assistant Commissioner of Labour who had been deputed by the Commissioner of Labour to investigate the strike of workers of the Valigamam West Bus Company conferred with the workers' representatives and their employers on Saturday last. An understanding was arrived at between the employers and the workers, but the workers do not want to return to work until the grievances of the workers of the Northern Omnibus Company and the Jaffna Central Bus Company who had struck in sympathy with them and the demands of the Jaffna—Point Pedro bus workers are gone into and redressed.

A. Velupillai who was arrested and remanded for having shot at two bus workers has been released on bail.

## Gandhiji Appeals To Arabs

Mahatma Gandhi has appealed to the Arabs to provide a home for the Jews.

The Arab League's Bulletin quoted Mahatma Gandhi as saying that the Arabs would maintain their great tradition of generosity by voluntarily providing a refuge for the Jews, but that they should struggle until death if the Jews tried to force their way into Palestine through "Anglo-American strength."

"The Jews are a persecuted people worthy of world sympathy and India sympathises with them," Mahatma Gandhi was quoted as saying. "There are energetic and intelligent and progressive. The Arabs are a great people with a great history and therefore if they provide refuge for the Jews without the mediation of any nation, it will be in their tradition of generosity."

## New Civil Servants

The Ceylon Civil Service Commission announces that the following candidates have secured the first ten places in order of merit in the open competitive examination of 1946 for Cadetship in the Ceylon Civil Service:

1. Mr. Theodore Felix Deeldar Abayasekera
2. Mr. Thiagarajah Rajathurai
3. Mr. Ambalavanar Ratnam
4. Mr. Wijayapala Tudur Jayasinghe
5. Mr. George Maxwell Sparkes
6. Mr. Alvaipillai Sivacoloundu Navaratnarajah
- Mr. Don Reginald Lionel Palisuriya
8. Mr. Vijaya Perera Vittachi
9. Mr. Charles Emmanuel Henry Ameresekera
10. Mr. Buddhisara Henry de Zoysa

## FOR SALE

A House Property at Nallur Pt. Pedro Junction, 1/2 mile off Nallur Kandaswamy Temple and adjoining Ramapillai Walavu, in extent about 5 lachams with a new commodious stone built house in modern style. Prospective buyers are requested to discuss terms with Sri Ramapillai Rajathamby, Nallur.

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# MY PRAYER

Lord, give me the strength to bear Thy standard to whom Thou hast been pleased to give it. Give me the devotion to bear the great pain that is unavoidable in Thy service. Thou mayest fill my heart with the great pain.

I do not want even to get rid of this gift of suffering that Thou art giving me with Thine own hands. This misery will be my crest-jewel if with it Thou givest me also devotion to Thee. Give me work as much as Thou likest if Thou dost not allow me to forget Thee, nor my heart to get itself caught in the entanglements of the world.

If Thou wishest, do Thou bind me as much as Thou likest, but



keep my heart open to Thee. Do Thou not allow me to forget Thee on any account.

—Rabindranath Tagore

## Jaffna Communists

### Support Bus Workers And Clerks

The demands of the Jaffna bus workers for the immediate implementation of Wages Board decisions and the proposed rally of the Government clerks in Jaffna to agitate for trade union rights are strongly supported by the Jaffna Committee of the Communist Party in a May Day manifesto issued last week.

Referring to the significance of May Day, the manifesto states that "on this day the working class of the Soviet Union, which has established its state power, will review its achievements and lay plans for further victories" and in the world as a whole "the 80 million strong World Federation of Trade Unions will show the world workers how to strengthen their unity."

The manifesto calls on all workers "to establish a single trade union movement in Ceylon" and thereby "link up all their unions with the World Federation of Trade Unions," to fight for "the political, economic and social independence of Ceylon," to agitate for the lifting of the election ban on Dr. S. A. Wickremasinghe, M. S. C. the representative of Ceylon workers on the General Council of the World Federation of Trade Unions, and to demand the declaration of May Day as a public holiday.

With reference to the bus strike the manifesto declares: "The bus services must be run to the satisfaction of both the public and the bus workers. If this is not done, the State must nationalise them."

It concludes with an appeal for a united workers' celebration of May Day in Jaffna.

## Food Position

A shipment of flour amounting to 8,000 tons is expected from Australia this week. At the same time 7000 tons of rice are also expected to arrive in Colombo from Burma.

300 Tons of potatoes are expected in Colombo from Egypt during the middle of this month.

## Oldest University to be Excavated

A two-thousand-year old University, believed to have flourished in Bhagalpore district in Bihar, is to be excavated. The ancient Bikramshila University, which is stated to have existed more than two thousand years ago and is presumed to be older than Nalanda and the Taxila Universities, is lying buried in Bik.

"The white man goes to India and is revolted by the cruelty, filth and obscenity. The Indian who goes to Europe is disgusted by our materialism, crudeness and lack of spirituality. Each according to his own scale of values, is right. Each, according to the other's scale of values, is wrong. Neither is any better for passing judgment on the other; but each could learn from the other. The Indian would be happier with a healthier and a more practical way of life and we should be happier with some of his disregard for those pleasures and amenities which never seem to satisfy us anyway.—Lions Hagen in "Indian Route March."

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ramshila in the district of Bhagalpur.

Mr. Anand Mohan Sahay, a former member of the Azad Hind Government who is taking a keen interest in its excavation told the A. P. I. that recently he met Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Food and Education Member respectively of the Interim Government and held discussion with them, concerning its excavation.

## Britain's Atom Scientist

The British Ministry of supply have published a group of reports on atomic research and have disclosed the name of Britain's top-rank atom scientist.

He is Prof. Paul Dirac, the shy 41 year old mathematician who won a Nobel Prize of 9,000 pounds in 1933 for his work on the atom. He was at that time the youngest professor at Cambridge.

His name has never before been mentioned in connection with wartime atomic research, but he is one of the greatest authorities on the subject in the world.

## The Next Judge?

### Who Will Succeed Mr. Nadarajah

Who will succeed the late Mr. N. Nadarajah as Commissioner of Assize. There is much speculation in legal circles as regards the person likely to be appointed.

The names mentioned in this connexion are those of Dr. L. A. Rajapakse, K. C., Mr. P. C. Vilavarayan, Legal Draftsman; Mr. R. R. Crossette-Thambyah, acting Public Trustee; Mr. H. A. de Silva, District Judge of Kandy; and Mr. V. L. St. Clair Swan, District Judge of Colombo.

### Second Commissioner

There is also the possibility that a second Commissioner of Assize will be appointed soon in view of the heavy calendar of criminal trials.

At present the Western Province Assizes have been triplicated—two Courts are functioning in Colombo and a third at Kalutara—and all three Courts are presided over by Puisne Judges. Two Judges are presiding at the Kandy and Galle Assizes respectively. Two other Judges, Sir Francis Soerz and Mr. Justice Cannon, are out of the Island leaving only two Judges for Appeal Court work.

### Supreme Court Vacancies

With the departure of Mr. Justice Cannon and the impending retirement of Mr. Justice Keuneman there will be two vacancies on the Supreme Court Bench shortly.

Mr. Justice Nagalingam, who is acting as a Puisne Judge is expected to fill one vacancy, while the other is likely to be filled by a Judge from abroad if a suitable person is found who is ready to take up the appointment.

It is stated that there is considerable difficulty now in getting judges from abroad.

### Commissioner of Assize Appointed

According to the *Ceylon Observer* Dr. L. A. Rajapakse K. C., has been appointed Commissioner of Assize, Colombo, consequent on the death of Mr. N. Nadarajah K. C. It is learned that Mr. Rajapakse will take his oath on May 12.

## 56 Candidates!

### U. N. P. Selects its Nominees

A total of 56 nominations to the new Parliament has been decided upon so far by the United National Party.

About twenty seats are to be declared "open seats" so far as the Party is concerned as more than one U. N. P. candidate has come forward to contest them and none of them would stand down as each feels fully confident of his success.

The question of nominating candidates for the balance nineteen seats is to be taken up for consideration later.

The Nomination Board of the U. N. P. was busy the whole week considering the nominations and interviewing the candidates seeking nomination. It is gathered that over 250 candidates of the Party had come forward seeking nomination and the large majority of them was interviewed by the Nomination Board which concluded its deliberations for the present last week.

In some of the electoral areas as many as four candidates from the Party had submitted their nominations for one seat and the Nomination Board had a difficult task in picking out the right candidate who in its opinion commanded the majority of the votes.

The Board sought in such cases to persuade the candidates to come to some amicable settlement among themselves and where such efforts failed the seat was declared an "open seat" leaving the candidates to contest among themselves.

Even in such cases the Nomination Board explained to the candidates that it reserved to itself the power to intervene even after nomination day in the event of a candidate from another political party contesting the seat.

It is proposed that in such an eventuality the interests of the Party should be the prime concern and that the Nomination Board had the right to request all but one of the U. N. P. contestants for the seat to withdraw so that the Party may win the seat against the candidates of other parties. If the contest, however, is restricted to U.N.P. members the Executive of the Party would not interfere in the contest.

## Teachers and Elections

### Mr. Coomaraswamy's Advice

MR. C. Coomaraswamy, retired Government Agent of the Northern Province, advised a large gathering of teachers at Kayts on Friday last not to take an active part in promoting the candidature of any particular person during the coming parliamentary election, because it would not be in keeping with their function as teachers.

They should, however, teach pupils and parents their civic duties and warn parents against being influenced by money and arrack.

He was addressing the teachers of the Island's Circuit at a refresher course held at St. Anthony's College hall, Kayts.

Mr. Coomaraswamy said the methods adopted today by candidates for parliamentary honours were often despicable. "I could not make up my mind to enter politics, and be obliged to do similar things," he said.

Had he entered politics he would have had to sell his conscience in the game of promising favours and soliciting the support of voters.

Mr. S. Natesan, M. S. C., who also spoke, criticised the Communists and the Tamil Congress. Communism, he said, was the brutal method of the shortest cut to creature comforts.

### Secret German Methods

British and American scientists behind locked doors in Queen Mary's Hospital in Roehampton, London watched a German woman doctor brought to Britain under escort perform an operation to demonstrate secret German surgical methods. Operation over, she returned by air to Germany with her escort.

## A Great Hindu 14,783 Missing Voters

### Tributes to the Late K. C.

"He was an ornament to the Tamil Community and a pillar to the Hindu Society; both the Community and Hindudom are today poorer by his untimely death" declared Mr. M. R. Karalasingham, Proctor while seconding a resolution, at the Special General Meeting of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai held on Saturday last, touching on the premature death of Mr. N. Nadarajah K. C.

Mr. R. Sivagurunathar President of the Sabhai moved the resolution. In moving the resolution Mr. Sivagurunathar said how the Tamils were shocked when they heard the news of the death of Mr. Nadarajah who only a fortnight before his death accepted the post of Commissioner of Assize, Colombo. Mr. Nadarajah, the speaker said was unswerving in his duties and by his large-heartedness helped many a junior to climb up the ladder in the legal profession.

Mr. M. R. Karalasingham seconded the resolution, and stated that the late Mr. Nadarajah in spite of all his professional success was very modest and unassuming. The speaker recalled how Mr. Nadarajah as Commissioner of Assize just before the day of his death sentenced two men to death and how he felt over that sentence. It is said that Mr. Nadarajah was sad over that episode and stated so to some of his intimate friends and intimated to them his desire to wash his hands off the whole affair where a mortal was empowered to take the life his fellow human beings. "Those of us who intimately knew Mr. Nadarajah were aware that he took this episode rather seriously to heart and in fact he was

The total number of claims made by Jaffna voters for insertion of their names in the voter's Register is 14,783. None of these claims have as yet been disposed of.

The total number of claims made by voters in the whole of Ceylon is 260,957. Of these claims 70,541 have been allowed in respect of 62 electorates. The other claims have not been settled yet.

on the point of submitting his resignation of the post then and there" continued Mr. Karalasingham and said: "But his friends dissuaded him from taking such action. Yet he was not satisfied; his mind became restless; with that thought viz one mortal ordering his fellow beings to be hanged, in his mind he retired to bed that night. Some time later, he felt a pain in his heart. He knew, perhaps that his mission in life was at end; he had his friends and relations summoned. His soul yearned to hear hymns in praise of that Great Maker. His friends chanted the great work of Manickavasagar, the *Shiva Puranam* and Mr. Nadarajah silently listened to it with his mind concentrated on his Creator. After a little while the soul departed to its goal."

Mr. Karalasingham then recalled the many munificent acts of the late Mr. Nadarajah and said that it was impossible for any one to fill up the gap created by the premature death of this great son of Hindustan.

The resolution was passed unanimously, all the members of the Sabhai standing.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jaffna Hindu College and Branch Schools held on Sunday last a vote of condolence at the death of Mr. N. Nadarajah K. C., a member of the Board of Directors was passed unanimously.

## The Shipping Company

### Tentative Proposals Agreed to

CERTAIN proposals for the Government-sponsored Shipping Company have been agreed to in the course of exploratory talks Mr. Rajah Hewavitarné, Minister for Labour, Industry and Commerce, has had with two groups of Indian commercial interests engaged in shipping.

The talks were initiated by the Minister for the purpose of ascertaining the possibilities of establishing a mercantile fleet.

Messrs. S. N. Marirjee and J. P. Mehta represented the Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. Sir Fazal Rahimtoola, the Bombay business magnate, and Mr. F. H. Dinshaw, represented another group interested in the project.

It is learned that according to the tentative agreement reached by the parties, it has been decided that with regard to the selling of shares in the Government-sponsored Company 60 per cent. should be subscribed by Ceylonese.

With regard to the composition of the Board of Directors it is to be in the ratio of six Ceylonese to four

Indians. There are also to be two directors representing the Government on the Board.

It is estimated that the whole scheme would cost Rs. 10 million.

The principle of a Government-sponsored shipping company, it is learned, has been approved by Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, the Financial Secretary, who had requested the Minister to initiate the talks.

The agreement reached by the Minister and the two groups is of a tentative nature. It will form the basis for further talks.

Interviewed by a press reporter Mr. Hewavitarné said it was necessary that Ceylon should have ships of her own for the transport of goods. One lesson they had learned during the war was the extreme dependency of this country in the way of getting freight allocation on foreign shipping. He was hopeful that the talks he had would materialise and would provide fresh avenues for Ceylonese enterprise.

Mr. Hewavitarné was confident that if the scheme worked according to the plans drawn out, it would be possible to train Ceylonese to man their own ships, as India would be prepared to give all the training facilities.

Letter to the Editor

## ANOTHER CHALLENGE

Sir,

Week before last we had news about Mr. Pieter Keuneman's acceptance of Mr. Kotelawala's challenge to debate the subject of Marxist politics. Last week Mr. Keuneman stated that he had not so far heard from Mr. Kotelawala. While one does not know what Mr. Kotelawala is going to do about the acceptance of the challenge, news comes of another challenge to him from the Soviet Union.

Let not readers get startled. I refer not to any Soviet attempt to back up Mr. Keuneman. I refer to the following news item in an Indian paper which constitutes a challenge to Mr. Kotelawala's Hydro electric policy. We all know how he prides over his first stage and second stage for this one Hydro-electric scheme. We have heard of how the Colombo power potentiality is fully exhausted and how 1,500 applicants for electricity are on the waiting list in the metropolis.

But read the following report about electricity schemes in the Asian Republic of Soviet Uzbekistan:

"Electrification in Uzbekistan has made great progress during 1946. Three powerful hydro power stations were started.

"The Farkhad hydro-power station, one of the biggest in the Soviet Union, will start producing electric power this year to supply the Uzbek capital, for iron and steel works and dozens of different factories.

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What has Mr. Kotelawala to say? Mr. Keuneman has struck a blow at the propaganda Chief of the U. N. P. The Soviet Union has struck a blow at the Minister for Communications and Works.

Yours etc,  
Neervely North, S. K. Kandiah.  
Kopay.

### ORDER NISI

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

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 340

In the matter of the Estate of the late Sellathurai Sithamparapillai of Puloly East. Deceased. Sithamparapillai Sellathurai, watch repairer, Puloly East, Point Pedro. Petitioner.

Vs.  
Sinnammah widow of Velupillai Kandiah of Puloly East. Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. C. T. A. de Silva Esquire on the 2nd day of April 1947 in the presence of Mr. P. V. Senathiraja Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner having been read,

It is hereby ordered that the Petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to take out letter of administration to the above estate as the father of the deceased and the letter of administration be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondent abovenamed appear and show cause to the contrary on or before the 8th day of May 1947.

This 2nd day of April 1947.  
Sgd. G. C. T. A. de Silva,  
Addl. District Judge.

Point Pedro.  
(O. 13. 2 & 6-5-47).

## Jaffna Co-operative Hospital

### Visitor Greatly Impressed

Mr. Boyd Wilson, Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Northern Rhodesia is on a visit to Ceylon to study the Co-operative movement here. He has been here for a month and will be flying back this week.

Mr. Wilson has been struck by the fact that the movement in Ceylon covers almost every aspect of co-operation but what has impressed him most is the Co-operative Hospital in Jaffna.

"It is the only Society of its kind I have ever heard of, and it is an extremely fine Society," he said. "The people there evidently found that they had not sufficient medical facilities and decided to join together to provide them. The Society now employs three doctors and a large staff of nurses and is doing wonderful work."

The Malayalam Tobacco Sales Society which exports tobacco to Travancore has also impressed him as an example of the peasant-growers combining to defeat exploitation by the middlemen and to obtain reasonable prices for their product which they had never received previously.

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#### (3) Unani Section.

- J. S. C. English (for Muslims only).
- S. S. C. English, London Matriculation or any other Higher Examination in English.

A. N. N. Panikker,  
Principal,  
College of Indigenous Medicine,  
Colombo,  
18-4-47.  
(G. 21. 2 & 6-5-47).

# Sankara — The Man of the Hour

(Continued from page 1)

Brahminic qualities is a Brahmana, says Sankara, and a Brahmana by birth who does not live a spiritual life is a Chandala. And Sankara records his faith at the beginning of his commentary to the Gita that more and more Brahmanas (spiritual men) are required to hold human society together and save it from disintegration. Here is again another aspect of Sankara which gathers to his teaching a refreshing topicality.

It must be profitable to get at least a distant glimpse of the Advaitic philosophy which was the real fount of strength and power. For he was first an Advaitin and then anything else. In the hands of Sankara the Advaita philosophy turned into the Gospel of robust optimism and strength. He started with the assertion that the divine, all-comprehensive reality, the Brahman, which in fact is our innermost reality, is the only reality and all other things are unreal. Not that the world with all its gods was absolutely unreal. He gave them only relative reality. By the side of the residual and incidental reality in us the Atman-Brahman the eternal Consciousness by virtue of which we know everything, the objects of our experience are unreal. Pleasure and pain and the other opposites and contradictions of everyday experience are all pictures coming and going on the canvas of our Consciousness. The sun and the moon shine because of this Consciousness in us, as without its light these would not have been objects of our experience. And this Consciousness shines although our three states—waking, dream and deep sleep. In deep sleep when all powers of perception are in suspended animation and even the mind is dormant, this Consciousness shines in all its splendour. Otherwise how can we wake up from sleep and say that I slept well. In this Consciousness is self-luminous, *svayamprakasha*, eternal and spiritual. As we enshrine this Consciousness, we are always, eternal infinite, free and pure.

Why then, it will be asked should we feel the besetting sin of our life? Because of our ignorance of our real nature, because of the super-imposition that this ignorance works up. We mix up spirit and matter, our body gets and we say, we are sick and forgetting that the spirit in us is beyond all disease. Our relations die and we say O, we are gone. These super-impositions obscure our real, pure and free nature and so our constant vigilance must be to divert ourselves of these super-imposed limitations and manifest our real spiritual nature. The more we do so the more divine and spiritual we become. So then life lived in the light of the above wisdom is a progressive march from knowledge to more knowledge from darkness to light, from death to immortality. The world or Maya was not an illusion to Sankara but an arena for the progressive realisation of our inner spirituality and our infinity. And this realisation is not through work or Bhakti, but through knowledge. For the perfection is already there in us waiting to be won and we would not have to work it up. We have only to know that we are already perfect and then we become free and immortal. *Jnaneva tu Kaivalyam*,

## INDIAN NEWS FRONT

# ANGLO — MUSLIM ALLIANCE

## Jinnah's Tactics to Gain Pakistan

### Leaders Interview

Both Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. M. A. Jinnah had interviews with Viceroy Mountbatten on Sunday last. It is understood that Lord Mountbatten gave an idea of the proposals he intended to submit to the British Cabinet through Lord Ismay regarding the settlement of the Indian question.

### The Next Move

Lord Ismay, Lord Mountbatten's Chief of staff has gone to London to acquaint the British Government with the latest developments in India. Till the return of Lord Ismay, the Viceroy will not take any positive action on the Indian Political impasse. In the meanwhile Mr. Jinnah it is learned has advised the Muslim Leaguers to be prepared for a separate Constituent Assembly for Western Pakistan. He is reported to have agreed to the separation of Ambala Division from the Punjab, but not the Julundur division unless Sikh opinion demands it by an overwhelming majority.

### Anglo-Muslim Alliance?

The western zone of Pakistan comprising Sind, Baluchistan, North-Western Frontier Province and the Punjab, barring Ambala Division if Mr. Jinnah has his way) may go far to satisfy critics of the scheme from the defence standpoint by remaining for the present within the British Commonwealth and making several concessions, both commercial and strategic. At least one prominent Muslim League member of the Interim Government seems to have given the assurance that British personnel in the permanent services need have no fear of being thrown out of employment. A comprehensive Anglo-Muslim League alliance is the bait which Mr. Jinnah hopes will persuade the British Cabinet to accept Pakistan—truncated by the exclusion of Bengal and Ambala Division of the Punjab.

### Joint Appeal a Failure

The joint appeal made by Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. M. A. Jinnah has failed to bring about communal peace. Mahatma Gandhi re-

ferred to this in his prayer meeting at New Delhi during the last weekend. He held that it was not open to Jinnah Sahib to plead his followers did not listen to his appeal. That would be cutting the whole ground from under his feet because he was the undisputed President of the All-India Muslim League which claimed to represent the vast bulk of the Muslim population. Where was the authority of the League if the Muslims resorted to violence for gaining a political aim which was summed up in the word Pakistan? Was the British Government to yield to the force of arms rather than the force of reason, he asked. The speaker had expressed his doubts as to the wisdom of issuing the joint appeal unless it was certain that it meant for both the signatories all that the words thereof conveyed.

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### Working Committee Meets

The Congress Working Committee met in New Delhi on Thursday and Friday last. The political situation in the country, the disturbances and their background and the agitation that has taken shape for division of Bengal and Punjab formed the subject matter of discussions lasting over 5 hours. Gandhiji too was present. At the Friday's session of the committee, the Frontier situation was discussed with particular reference to the reported desire of the authorities to hold fresh elections in the province. The Committee is believed to have addressed a letter to the Viceroy opposing the holding of any general elections now and stressing that the first concern of Government should be to restore law and order. It is believed that the Committee's opposition to holding elections was mainly due to the fact that the elections in the N. W. F. P., held only last year, resulted in the success of the present Ministry. The Committee is understood to have been of the opinion that elections should not be held in response to disorders engineered for upsetting Government and the interest taken by certain highly placed authorities in favour of fresh elections would be construed as a partisan attitude. Congress quarters pointed out that the League was for liquidating the present Ministry or alternatively for having a fresh election.

### Position of Princes Chamber

Strong exception has been taken by representatives of some of the States now participating in the Constituent Assembly to the claim of the Chamber of Princes that it is the spokesman on behalf of the entire body of States. Out of 93 million people in the States the Princes who accept the authority of the Chamber cannot claim more than 20 million—even assuming that these Princes reflect the views of their subjects. Hyderabad, Mysore, Travancore, Baroda and Kashmir which have always been outside the Chamber, have a population of about 36 million States which have entered the Constituent Assembly or will shortly do so, have nearly the same population. Therefore, it has been urged the Chamber of Princes can speak at the most for a small number of States, representing a mere fraction of the total population of the States. Past practice has been to permit the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes to nominate representatives on behalf of States to all international conferences. In view of the considerable diminution in influence and prestige of the Chamber the continuance of this practice is likely to be challenged by progressive States,

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Sir Akbar Hydari, Governor of Assam has assumed duties on Saturday last.

The controlled distribution of coconut poonac has ceased to operate from May 1.

Vittorio Mussolini, son of the late Dictator of Italy has been permitted to take up residence in Argentina.

It is learned that the Burma Constituent Assembly will be augmented by a further 45 seats for the Frontier areas.

The General Clerical Service Union has started a campaign to organise a Trade Union Fund of Rs. 25,000.

Messrs. Bartleet and Co, Colombo have reported to the Police the loss of cash Rs. 107,114 from the iron safe of the firm.

Over 200 Sinhalese residents in the Jaffna Town electorate will be able to vote at the coming elections owing to the initiative of the Jaffna Committee of the Communist Party a report states.

The Mysore Government have granted a site of 7,220 square yards in Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore City to the Maha Bodhi Society of Ceylon to enable it to build a Buddhist temple and cultural institute there.

The rationing of yarn is to be lifted according to the Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce. This is as a result of the arrival of a million pounds of yarn from the American authorities in Japan.

In a memorial to the Governor, the Association of Urban Councils of Ceylon are urging that special representation should be provided for the Local Bodies in the Senate under the Soulbury Constitution.

The Indian Constituent Assembly during the discussion of justifiable fundamental rights last week adopted the clause abolishing untouchability in any form and the imposition of any disability on that account to be an offence.

About 1400 persons were killed, 150 stabbed, 300 forcibly converted and 50 of them kidnapped during the Muslim League movement in the North-West Frontier Province. 600 houses and shops and 40 places of worship were burnt.

The price of black-market paddy has fallen below the controlled price at Kalmunai in the Batticaloa District. People prefer buying this to getting imported rice, as a result of which most Co-op. Stores do not intend purchasing their full quota of rice this week, a report states.

A meeting of the Sama Samajists of Jaffna was held on Sunday last at the Jaffna esplanade. Dr. N. M. Perera was present and addressed the local Sama Samajists on the need for unity among them. The meeting expressed its determination to carry on the present bus workers' strike till the demands of the workers were met.

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