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SPIRITUAL APPROACH TO MATERIAL PROBLEMS

[We reproduce below a talk given to the members of the Jaffna Rotary Club by its President Dr C. Gurusamy on the U. N. Day.]

Today we are at the 46th year of the Rotary and the 12th of our own small Club, and during this period Rotary has been trying its best to do service through its four avenues of club, community, vocational and international.

Service above self or service without the expectation of a reward is not new to the world outside Rotary. We read that this principle existed during most ancient times in India, even before the script period, when the teachings or principles of service were communicated verbally from father to son or from teacher to disciple. It is in the Rig Veda and Upanishads and given in the Maha Baratha as a duty of every man. We read in the Maha Baratha, Lord Krishna advising his disciple Arjuna in the battle field of Kurukshetra, "Do thy duty. Act rightly, renouncing all fruits of action, looking on pleasure and pain, success and failure with an equal eye." We find similar teachings in the New Testament. "Whoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also," and "if any man will sue thee at law and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also." Similar teachings have been expressed by Lord Buddha in his theory of Ahimsa and by the Prophet Mohamed. In spite of these precepts, rarely a century has passed in the Christian era without wars—one killing his neighbour and another robbing not only the coat but the cloak also.

Temptation's Way

All of us want to be good and do good. But when the moment of temptation arises, many act differently. The same question as to when we wish to be good, we commit evil, was asked by Arjuna from Lord Krishna. His reply was that this was due to inherent selfishness, wrath, lust and passion. The question arises as to how one is to get rid of these evils. Everyone is born with desires which the Hindus and Buddhists state are due to ignorance or Avidya. Westerners call it the animal mind. Methods of getting a complete control of the animal instincts are mentioned in Ramayana by Poet

Kambur. He describes in detail the character and virtues of Rama as an embodiment of all that one would expect to be the ideal in the Indian Culture and we see that Sage Vasishtha, Guru of Rama, advising him during His period of noviciate that he should have a pure conscience, abstain from food and drink that stimulates the carnal desires of man, and have one ambition—that he should be one with the higher self. To attain this aim, he was asked to meditate during certain hours daily. Meditation is only another form of prayer. Science has shown us that sound and light travel by certain vibrations in various wave lengths. The different colours we see are due to the same cause except that the wave lengths of the various waves vary. In fact, all images or objects we see are the results of the various wave lengths falling on the retina and felt by the brain and mind. Hence it is possible that certain vibrations caused in the mind by meditation affect the animal instinct of man and inhibit it to a certain degree. All the sages and wise men are people who have been through some kind of meditation.

Creating Soul Force

One does not realise ordinarily the tremendous amount of spiritual or soul force one can command if one can control and destroy one's animal instincts or desires or ignorance. One recent example of one who tried to live according to the principles of Ramayana in particular, and all that is best in other religions in general, was no less a person than Mahatma Gandhi. He devoted a life of service in South Africa for duty's sake and when he returned to India, by means of prayer and fasting cultivated large amount of spiritual force. So much so, one of the mightiest Empires of the world of our times agreed to grant independence to India without shedding a drop of blood. The secret of his success was by meditation and fasting to kill his animal desires and perform his duties towards

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British Policy On Chinese Representation On U. N.

The British Foreign Secretary gave the following reply to a question in the House of Commons on June 27 about the British vote on the subject of Chinese representation at the plenary session of UNESCO in Paris:

"The United Kingdom delegate voted for the proposal to postpone a decision regarding a change in Chinese representation in the general conference of UNESCO. Since the Chinese Nationalists have so far occupied China's seat in UNESCO, and since the rules of procedure provide for retention by a member delegation of its seat until a decision is taken to expel it, the Chinese Nationalist representative will continue to occupy China's seat at this session of UNESCO.

"This is, however, a very different matter from voting to admit a Chinese Nationalist representative. His Majesty's Government still believe that delegates from the Central People's Government should represent China in the United Nations.

"In view, however, of that Government's persistence in behaviour which is inconsistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter, it now appears to His Majesty's Government that consideration of this question should be postponed for the time being."

Ceylon's Share in Atomic Energy Product

Ceylon is to send her entire output of Thorium—a radio active metal used in atomic energy production—to the United Kingdom. Machinery for processing the thorium-bearing monazite sands arrived from Britain some time ago and is now being installed in Katukurunda. Monazite sands are found in the south-west coast of the island. The factory—the first of its kind to be set up in Colombo is nearing completion and is expected to go into production by the end of July.

RAJAJI SUGGESTS WHEELED SCHOOLS

Bringing Round The Unlettered

[Sbri C. Rajagopalachari, Home Minister in the Indian Government dwelling on the true aspect of Education in the course of a speech at the opening of a school pointedly refers to how the 'unlettered' class have been neglected to the detriment of the nation. Here are his weighty words.]

Unless we develop the inner law of conscience and an attitude of reverence, life can not be orderly. Education cannot be complete unless this is included in it. We should take care that arrogance is not developed by little knowledge. We should make people realise the vastness of this ocean of mystery in which we float holding on to little rafts of limited though growing knowledge. We should develop an attitude of love and reverence towards the great open secret of the Universe. Education cannot be complete unless this is included in it. Social progress requires spiritual as well as intellectual and artistic education. Our temples and mosques, our fairs and our festivals, the sacredness of our streams, these and the like, are indispensable guardians of national character. Every educational effort in our country must pay attention to the cultivation of true reverence and devotion. Whatever be the religion or denomination in which we are born and brought up, it makes no difference. True reverence and devotion are common to all.

Oral Instruction

"Born out of our ancient civilisation and deep-rooted culture, here is a widespread appreciation of the advantages of education among all classes of our people including the most illiterate. Not depending on schools alone, we can put education on wheels, so to say and take the means of attractive and easily assimilable oral instruction in jeeps and lorries to the countryside from suitable centres of operation. There is nothing gained but much is lost, by divorcing the children of the farmers and the weavers from the life and work of their parents, sentencing them to long terms of imprisonment in what we call schools, divorcing them from the culture of their homes and unconsciously creating in their tender minds a complex of inferiority, in respect of the simple unlettered life of

their own families. It would be a sad and heavy loss for a trifling advantage. Let them carry on with their parents, their cattle and their looms, but let us take in a moving vehicle for two days in the week such oral education as we can impart, through a pious story-telling teacher, with pictures and things to show. I know our peasants eagerly desire literacy for their children however unimportant it may be, in my opinion. This can also be given along with plenty of oral education just by way of attraction and encouragement. The real thing is what is given orally. These wheeled schools can transform the face of the country blessing those that give, as well as those that receive.

Reception To Mudra S. Kumaraswamy

A Public Reception was accorded to Mudrahyar S. Kumaraswamy, Planter, Batticaloa, at his home village in Jaffna by the public of Vaddukodai. Mr. Kumaraswamy had undertaken the reconstruction of the main hall and building of the Vaddukodai Hindu English School, towards which he has spent over Rs. 50,000. The building is now nearing completion.

In recognition of this great gift to a public institution, Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, Acting Minister of Education, who presided over the function, made a significant reference that titles are really intended to honour public men for public services, and in this case the Government has enhanced the value of the title in conferring it on Mr. Kumaraswamy who has spent large sums of money on charity work in Batticaloa and in Jaffna.

Mr. S. Nadesan, Principal, Parameshvara College, Mr. T. Muttusamipillai, Crown Advocate, Jaffna, and a number of others eulogised Mr. Kumaraswamy for his benefactions and wished him and his wife many long years of life in order to continue their noble work to their country.



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Treasure These Thoughts

Blessed are they that expect nothing It is wrong to rehearse a calamity. It is enough if we hold ourselves prepared for the worst.

—MAHATMA GANDHI.

KATARAGAMA

THE High Festivals at the Sylvan Shrine of Kataragama are being celebrated and Hindus from all parts of Ceylon and elsewhere have begun to flow in streams to worship Lord Muruka. People of other faiths also join with the Hindus in the worship. In Tamil Literature of the Sangam period, the different parts of the globe were classified into five main divisions, *Kurunchi*, *Mullai*, *Palai*, *Marutham* and *Neithal*. *Kurunchi* or hill country has for its presiding deity MURUKAN, which connotes perennial youth, exquisite beauty, infinite grace and endless odour of the finest choice. Poet Nakirar of the third Sangam and Arunakir-nather among other poets have sung in praise of Murukan. May *bhaktas* all over the world lift their hands in prayer to Lord Skanda of Kataragama and receive His Blessings.

Thiru - Muruk - Arru - p - Padai (திருமுருகர் அருபடை) is the poem of Nakirar. The word is made up of the Tamil words திரு, முருகு, ஆடு and படை which literally mean that which puts one into the path leading to Muruka. Sir P. Arunachalam has aptly called it the Guide to Muruka, and has translated it into English. Mr. K. V. Jaganathan, a great Tamil scholar and disciple of the late M. Ba Mahopadhyaya U. V. Swaminatha Iyer, has published a paraphrase of the poem in Tamil and called it கழிசாட்டி. No one will fail to appreciate the correct interpretation of the poem by both Sir P. Arunachalam and Mr. Jaganathan.

It will not be possible even to give a summary of the praises of Lord Murukan as found in the poems of Nakirar or Arunakir-nather. Suffice it to say that the main theme underlying the poem of the former consists of a description of Murukan as

conceived by the poet, what praises one in search of Him could sing, the six main shrines and other places at which one could worship Him and attain bliss. Sir P. Arunachalam appears to be of the view that the sixth canto Pazha Muthir Solai (பழமுதிர் சோலை) refers to Kataragama; commentators generally are of the view that it refers to Alagar Kovil in South India. We need not enter into a discussion as to the correctness of either view. Those who read the poem will not fail to understand that Kataragama can be conceived of as one of the abodes of Murukan as set out by Nakirar. The words சேன் கின்று இழுமென இழி தரும் அருகிப் பழமுதிர் சோலை மலை நெழுவோனே may well refer to Menik Ganga, Kataragama and Lord Skanda.

Certain Hindu Associations like the Saiva Paripalana Sabha, Jaffna, The Vivekananda Society, Colombo, and the Servants of Kataragama Pilgrims Society have made an appeal for the restoration of the management of the temple at Kataragama to Hindus. The claim of the Hindus to the Temple cannot be resisted. It is at once reasonable and just. Buddhists have no faith in God. The speech from the Throne read by His Excellency, the Right Hon. Lord Soulbury, Governor-General of Ceylon, at the opening of the last session of Parliament was marked by the omission of any reference to God. Lord Skanda is the All mighty, Omniscient God and Hindus worship Him to free them of their births and attain bliss. The claim of the Buddhists to this temple cannot be supported.

Hindu Temporalities Report

Inuvil Seva Sangam's Support

Under the auspices of the above Sangam, a Public Meeting was held at 6.30 p. m. on Friday the 29th June 1951 at Inuvil and it was unanimously decided to request the Government to adopt the report submitted by the Hindu Temporalities Committee and to take all steps to introduce legislation at an early date as the abuse of Temple and Trust funds is rampant in Ceylon.

Several speakers explained to those present the necessity of such a piece of legislation and the conditions prevailing all over India as the Vedas Agamas and Shastras are copied from India for ages by the priestly classes and Hindus in general.

CHOOSING THE WAY AT THE CROSSROAD

Spotting The Path of Democracy

In the course of a lecture at New Delhi Mr. G. A. Mann, Public Affairs Officer of the American Consulate General dwelt on how to find the road that goes along the domain of democracy.

"The way democracy goes", he added, of course, is the way that the separate nations go. And the way a nation goes ultimately is determined by the way its individual citizens go. Choosing a way at a crossroad then, is not something that can be left to any vague impersonal abstraction. It is something that must be done by each of us in one way or another, since the exertion of individual influence adds up to the decision of a nation and the decisions of nations in co-operation—or conflict—determines the future of the world".

"With the world itself used to label so many different and often essentially different concepts" he continued, it is well to know what is meant. For one thing the road of our kind of Democracy is one of respect for the individual and his rights and dignity. For another, it is a road of freedom—freedom not only for individuals but for nations to pursue their undominated way, a road on which it is recognised that substantial improvement in the lot of the individual is the means to insure his enjoyment of his rights and enable him to make his best contribution to the common good; a road on which exploitation is out of place, whether practised by person against person or by nation against nation and it is a road of peace. If any so-called democracy is not of this road, it is not a true democracy.

Correct Choice

It is possible for democracy to continue upon this road, undeflected, if it is alert and vigilant and prepared. The greatest difficulty probably is in regarding the signs clearly at this crossroad. Where the road forks, one way represents a continuation of democracy upon its soundly chosen path. The road so far has led the world forward; but not nearly far enough. Much more necessary progress lies ahead along the right road. Right here in India, for example a great nation is searching for means to self-improvement. I hope that India finds those means and, with what help is wanted and can be given from outside, makes ever better progress, faster progress, more substantial progress with new and growing benefits to more and more of its people. It would be a tragic pity if fulfilment of these legitimate hopes were frustrated by

diversion. Then there is the other fork of the road. It looks at crossroads very much like the first. But beyond, the way is uncertain. It may narrow, with the pavement soon ending, and lead into a morass. As I said, it is a bit difficult to tell one fork from other at times. Some people are busy putting up new signpost of their own, indicating the way in their own, indicating in their own terms which may or may not be reliable or, on the other hand quite misleading.

The United States of America, he said, had chosen to try to aid in making democracy's choice of a path a free choice not only by increasing strength to defend if necessary, but by increasing economic and social strength by such peaceful and constructive means as giving economic aid and Point Four technical assistance. It had also chosen to try to aid in developing an enlightened choice by offering help to peoples of other lands in acquainting themselves with facts, as through the information and cultural and educational exchange programme.

Jaffna Hindu College Sports Day

The Annual Inter House Sports Meet took place on the college grounds on Saturday the 30th of June. There was keen rivalry among the Houses. Sabapathy and Pasupathy Houses ran neck to neck till the last two items and finally Sabapathy House emerged as champions. Two new records were created. Joe Edward lowered a ten year old Record in the Intermediate Pole Vault Event. K. Sothirajah bettered his own record in the Junior High Jump event. The Maheswary Sivagurunathan Challenge Cup for the best performance was won by S. Sathiamoorthy.

As usual there was a large attendance of old boys, parents and friends. Dr. V. T. Pasupati, a distinguished old boy of the school was the Patron of the meet and distributed the prizes. Mr. D. J. N. Selvadurai another old boy and Upali S. Goonaratne acted as referees.

Letter to the Editor

"Caustic Soda Factory"

Sir,
Mr. O. B. Forbes, Mr. R. Subramaniam and the "Ceylon Daily News" Political correspondent speak with one voice that the Government should establish early "a local Caustic Soda Industry".

One concludes from all that have appeared in the Press about this subject that the Government has already decided to put up a Caustic Soda Factory. But as usual in the Island of ours there seems to have arisen, as it were "a battle of the Sites".

Mr. Forbes in his closely reasoned plea for the early establishment of a Caustic Soda Factory suggested quite frankly to manufacture it at Elephant Pass. It should receive whole hearted support from all.

But Mr. R. Subramaniam of Wellawatta while endorsing the view of Mr. Forbes about the "need of a Caustic Soda factory", states what does "not find favour with the Cabinet is for a Caustic Soda factory at Elephant Pass, where cheap electrical energy is not available". He adds further that, "Mr. Forbes' hopes of coordination with other industries would have been ruined by distance and transport costs".

Of the three salterns, Hambantota, Kalpitiya and Elephant Pass, the last would by far be the best site for the Caustic Soda Industry. Distance and transport costs do not stand in the way of Elephant Pass as with Hambantota or Kalpitiya in the face of the fact that Elephant Pass is a fast growing Railway Station of importance on the Northern line in close proximity to Karubchi-Irriyanamaduru irrigation scheme, in these days of quick and easy road and rail transport. Besides Elephant Pass never experienced a drought like other areas.

There will be hardly any difficulty in getting the daily quota of seven and a half (7½) tons of sea salt from Elephant Pass; and the smaller Salterns at Thondamannar and Upparu could supplement this with their supplies - an advantage which could not be had in other areas.

As for cheap Electric energy Mr. Subramaniam should know that establishment of a big factory of any industry could bring in a natural and necessary concomitant Electric power. For instance the Cement factory at Kankesanthurai supplies ample electric current to Jaffna and other places.

Now that there exists an urgent need for a Caustic Soda factory as an aid for other Industries, the Prime Minister and the Cabinet will have no opposition from any quarter in giving a priority claim to the establishment of this factory. Elephant Pass is the best place for the Caustic Soda factory looked at from the new-point of the National Industrial development of the country.

Yours etc.
R. T. CHELLIAH.

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everybody in a spirit of service and fellowship without the expectation of anything in return. This reminds us of an incident in Ramayana. Rama was to be crowned king on a particular day. His step mother Kaikeyi demanded from her husband, King Dasaratha, that her son Baratha should be crowned instead. Dasaratha agreed and Rama was informed by his father that he should leave the Kingdom and permit his step brother to be crowned. When Rama heard this, his face bloomed with joy and left his country with the same happiness and pleasure as if he would be crowned. For him, it was his duty equally great in his home land as king, or elsewhere as a peasant.

I have mentioned all this because Rotary International expects every Rotarian to be a loyal member of the Church or religious community to which he belongs and personally exemplify by his every act the tenets of his religion.

The Rotary Method

Today, the United Nations Day is being celebrated by 7203 Rotary clubs in 83 countries consisting of about 344,000 members. Service above self, thoughtfulness and

helpfulness to others are principles accepted by people of every race, creed and brand of politics. Quoting a Havana Convention Resolution, "Each rotarian is called upon to exert his influence and exercise his strength to protect these principles and help hasten the day when war need no longer be used as an instrument for settling international disputes." What the world actually wants today, in the word of William James, "What we now need to discover in the social realm is the moral equivalent of war; something heroic that will speak to men as universally as war does, and yet will be as compatible with their spiritual selves as war has proved itself to be incompatible." Many members here have asked me last year as to what the United Nations have to do with the Rotary. You may be surprised to hear that when the U. N. Charter was framed at San Francisco, eleven prominent members of the United States Delegation were Rotarians. They influenced to a great deal the principles of the Charter that was framed and since then Rotary has been disseminating information about the United Nations. Both Rotary and U. N. strive for the same goal. One through governmental and diplomatic

channels and the other through simple friendly fellowship of business and professional men the world over united in the ideal of service. In the words of Rotary International President, Laou-ux, "Power, wealth and diplomacy are not tools for Rotary's use. They are far simpler, but none the less important. Rotary's tools are in every man's hands. They require no immense organisation, no great sums of money. What are they? Friendship and service."

Care of Student Population

Two years ago, you decided that we should take up work of correcting malnutrition and improving the character and integrity of school children as our chief aim and object. The Chairman and the Committee of Community Service visited all the schools in the Municipal area and some schools in the suburbs. I have great pleasure in informing you that the health and the physique of the children of schools that we visited have appreciably improved though no statistics have been maintained. But we have not been able to achieve anything substantial in improving the moral aspect of life in schools. We know that there is conscription in some European countries where every school boy is trained in the use of arms so that he may be able to defend his country

In the Northern Assize Court

RE-TRIAL IN RAPE CASE

SEVEN YEARS FOR CULPABLE HOMICIDE

The July sessions of the Northern Circuit of the Supreme Court began on Monday last with Mr. Justice F. M. S. Palle on the Bench. The first case that came up for trial was one in which one Kandiah Veerasingam of Karamban was charged with committing rape on a young girl of the same place. The Jury returned a 4 to 3 verdict of guilty. His Lordship thereupon ordered a retrial of the case.

Advocate A. Sambanthan with Mr. S. Kathiravelupillai appeared for the accused instructed by Messrs Mr. S.C.

Kathiravelu and K. Rudrasingham.

Kilinochchi Murder Case

The case in which Arunasiam Cumarasamy of Navaly was charged with committing the murder of one Karupiah of Kilinochchi was next taken up for trial.

The story for the prosecution was that the accused had gone armed with a mamoty to the deceased and given the death-dealing blow.

The defence was that on the day previous to the incident water was being supplied for the first time in 3 months for irrigation purposes at Kilinochchi and that the deceased had cut off the supply to the land of the accused. On questioned by the accused the deceased along with two labourers armed with a mamoty started an altercation and set upon the accused who thereupon snatched the mamoty. In the course of the struggle the deceased came by the injury which proved fatal.

The Jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty of the charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder. His Lordship sentenced the accused to 7 years rigorous imprisonment.

Advocate A. Sambandan with Advocate S Kathiravelupillai instructed by Messrs V. S. Karthigesu and K. Rudrasingham appeared for the accused.

when called upon to do so. Will I be asking too much if I request that the school children be requested to devote a few weeks each year to undergo training in the principles of controlling and destroying their animal instincts of selfishness, wrath, lust and passion as carried out in practice by Rama of Ramayana. If this could be done, you will be evolving a new era where everybody will be in harmony and fellowship without any distinction of caste, creed or colour.

I am pleased to note that the President Elect, who, by vocation, educates a large number of children not only by imparting their general knowledge, but also by teaching them how to overcome their animal instincts, is a most suitable and worthy guide to our activities in the course of next year. I hope and pray that by the time his tenure of office is over, we would see that school children are raised to higher standard of physical fitness and moral integrity.

A PUBLIC LECTURE

WILL BE DELIVERED BY

His Holiness Swami Vireswaranandaji

Assistant General Secretary Sri Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, and President Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch)

ON

The Need for Religion Today

at the

Vaidyeswara Vidyalaya

on

Saturday, 7th July, at 6-30 p. m.

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Jaffna, 5-7-51 (M. 49. 6-7-51)

S. Ambikaipakan, Principal.

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRI PATY"

FROM 8-7-51 TO 14-7-51

ARIES Aswini, Barani, Kartikai 1st part [Medha Rasi]

There are hints of mischief-making and jealousy among your intimate friends this week. Avoid quarrels. End of week promises some financial gain.

TADRUS Kartikai 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mirugasirisha 1, 2 [Idapa Rasi]

Except for the last day of the week, this promises to be an excellent week. Don't waste time interttering with other peoples affairs. Social opportunities for which you have been longing will materialize on Wednesday.

GEMINI Mirugasirisha 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Punarpusam 1, 2, 3 [Mithuna Rasi]

An unsettled week. There will be some unpleasantness in your family circle. Avoid troubles with senior officers and friends of the opposite sex.

CANCER Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

Likely to be a strenuous week but a profitable one. Some gains through travelling or good news from overseas promised week end.

LEO Maha, Poora, Uttira 1, [Singha Rasi]

Some gain and favours from old friends this week. You may have to face some criticisms and scandals midweek. Week-end profitable for business deals.

VIRGO Uttira 2, 3, 4, Atta, Chittirai 1, 2 [Kanni Rasi]

An unsettled week but on the whole a fortunate one. Ready cash rather difficult first part of week. A romantic week end promised.

LIRRA Chittirai 3, 4, Swati, Visaka 1, 2, 3, [Thula Rasi]

There will be some quarrels and misunderstandings in the family circle this week. Troubles in the office also not ruled out. Week end promises some improvements.

SCORPIO Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

A good week for changes and new deals. But health needs better attention till the end of this week. Financial gains and mental harmony shown mid week.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thanu Rasi]

An unexpected journey or change of place shown this week. Things will not go according to plan. You will have to work hard for your success.

CAPRICORNUS Uttiradam 2, 3, 4, Thiruvonam, Avittam 1, 2. [Makara Rasi]

The first two days of the week must be spent with care. Avoid hasty decision and rash actions. Stormy discussions shown in the official circle.

AQUARIUS Avittam 3, 4, Satayam, Pooraddati 1, 2, 3 [Kumbha Rasi]

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning must be spent with care. Improvements promised after Friday. Financial gains and fame indicated week end.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revati. [Meena Rasi]

Except for the last day this week promises to be a profitable one. Success in new undertakings and favours from foreigners promised. Go ahead with new plans.

COMMENTARY ON THE COLOMBO PLAN

Stage Well Set: Operation Begins

July 1st, 1951, may prove to be a memorable date in history. On this day the Colombo Plan for the economic development of South and South East Asia came formally into operation. This date was chosen last year when the countries of the area drew up 6-year development programmes, to start from the summer of 1951. The months since the publication of the Colombo Plan have been well used to set the stage.

Of course, in the present state of the world nobody can see very far ahead. Even the best conceived enterprises may come to shipwreck. But it is at least on the cards that in a hundred years time, people may look back on the start of the Plan as a turning point in Asian affairs.

If all goes well, the Colombo Plan will, in the long run, affect for the better almost every inhabitant of South and South East Asia. It is therefore important that there

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should be a clear understanding about what the Plan is, and what it sets out to do. This is the more necessary because the Colombo Plan is rather different from what a "Plan", in the political and economic jargon of today, is usually taken to signify.

It is, for example, not a plan or economic policy imposed from outside on the countries taking part. It is the summing up of a number of separate 6 year economic plans made by the separate Sovereign countries taking part—that is, the Commonwealth countries in Asia and it is hoped some or eventually all of the countries of South East Asia. It also carries with it offers of financial assistance by the countries outside the area, guaranteed releases of war-time Sterling balances held in London, and offers of technical assistance. The value of weaving all the programmes into one whole is, that each country, pursuing its own plan, may see that it is engaged on a common enterprise.

Mutual Aid

Each country will stimulate and encourage the

others. Individual plans can be dovetailed, adjusted and made complementary to one another to the advantage of each and all. By stating the plans in a composite and dramatic form, it is made easier for the West to give a striking demonstration of its wish and purpose to help the East in its great experiment.

The total Plan, published last November, was the result of three International Conferences and a great deal of very hard investigation by economic experts from all the participating countries. When the plan was announced there was at first a lively interest and expectation. Then came a lull. Six months went by during which nothing much seemed to happen. The cry went up that the Plan was a mirage; hopes were dashed.

Bilateral Arrangements

But the delays were more apparent than real. During all this time, discussion had been going on about one of the major problems of the Plan its financing: It cannot be said yet that this part of the problem has been entirely solved: each country has to make its own financial arrangements, bilaterally. But, it is clear now, that the capital disposed of by the Asian countries themselves, including their sterling balances held in London, and other help by Britain and other Commonwealth countries, and the aid which can be hoped for from America and the World Bank, is enough to finance the first year's operations. And once the Plan starts and shows results, it will be very unlikely that it will have to be halted for lack of money in the succeeding years.

Each of the countries has concentrated on particular schemes according to its needs and geographical circumstances. Some of the most spectacular projects are in India. The great hydro-electric schemes there, may catch the imagination of Asia, just as the Tennessee Valley Scheme in America caught the world's imagination two decades ago. They will be a vivid example of man's peaceful

Sports Day At Mahajana College

The Annual Inter House Athletic Meet of the Tellippalai Mahajana College came off on Saturday 30th June 1951 under the distinguished patronage of Mr. M. B. Noordeen, Education Officer Jaffna. The meet commenced at 3 p. m. with the saluting of the College Flag and the singing of the Kodikkavi. Some of the spectacular events of the day were the Air Hostess Race, the moving pyramids and the International parade. Lawton House with 256 points annexed the Sri Sanderamoorthy Challenge Cup.

The most outstanding performance was by R. Bhaskaralingam (under 16). He did the 100 yds. sprint in 11.9 secs. and the 220 yds in 30 secs. V. Sivasubramaniam did well in the senior group finishing his 100 yds. in 10.9 secs.

In giving away the cups Mr. Noordeen, congratulated the winners on the high standard reached and wished them all success at the All Ceylon Public Schools Athletic Meet. Mr. T. T. Jayaratnam, the Principal, thanked Mr. Noordeen and the officials of the meet.

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conquest of nature.

Gal Oya Example

Another good example is the Gal Oya multipurpose project in Ceylon. This will bring a further two hundred thousand new acres of land under cultivation, most of which is at present still jungle. On the new land will be settled some twenty-one thousand peasant families. The work on this project is going very well and the main dam, which is 36,000 feet long and 154 feet high, will be completed this autumn. The constructional work at the Sindri Fertiliser Factory in Bihar is expected to be completed this summer, and production capacity of 6,000 tons of ammonium sulphate should be reached by March of next year. By the end of 1952, the Indian factory for the manufacture of penicillin, sulphonamide and anti-malarial drugs will be complete. There are countless other examples.

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ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction

No. 1316

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Annaccody Crishikavalar Senathirajah of Tellippalai East Deceased
Rasapoopathy widow of A. C. Senathirajah of Tellippalai East Petitioner

Vs.

Minor 1 Chandra Leela daughter of A. C. Senathirajah
" 2 Vimalavathy daughter of A. C. Senathirajah
" 3 Andrew Gunaratnam Saththiyendran Senathirajah of Tellippalai East
4 E. S. Pararajasingam of Alaveddy Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before V. S. Jayawickrama Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 18th day of May 1951 in the presence of Mr. S. Ilayatambi Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner dated 17th and 18th May 1951 respectively and the affidavit of the notary and witnesses dated 13th March 1946 and the Last Will dated 17th March 1945 attested by S. Ilayatambi Notary Public under No. 2191 and now deposited in this Court having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the abovenamed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respondents minors and the said Last Will be declared proved and it is further declared that the said petitioner is the executor named in the said Will and that she is entitled to have probate of the same issued to her accordingly unless the abovenamed Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 10th day of July 1951 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The minors should be produced in Court on the same date.

This 18th day of May 1951

Sgd, V S Jayawickrama
District Judge.
(O. 52, 3 & 6)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1322

In the matter of the last Will and Testament of the late Mudaliyar Joseph Naganather Culanthavelu of Vannarponnai West. Deceased
Naganather Culanthavelu Rajanathan of Vannarponnai West Petitioner

Vs.

1. Sugirthamalar widow of Nallathamby Sabapathipillai,
2. Thirumalar widow of Balasubramaniam, 3. Nallamah daughter of Mudaliyar Culanthavelu, 4. Somasunderam son of Mudaliyar Culanthavelu, 5. Chitra daughter of Mudaliyar Culanthavelu of Vannarponnai West, 6. Rajeswari daughter of Mudaliyar Culanthavelu presently of Mental Hospital, Angoda, 7. Sarogini Daughter of Sanmugasasingam, 8. Balachandran son of Sanmugasasingam both

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ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1325

In the matter of the intestate estate of Kathiravelu Kumarasamy of Suthumalai, Jaffna Deceased,
Nagammah widow of Ramalingam of Araly North Vadukkodai Petitioner.

Vs.

1 Nagarany daughter of Kumarasamy and
2 Paripooranam widow of Kumarasamy both of Suthumalai, Manipay Respondents
This matter coming on for disposal before V. S. Jayawickrama Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 13th day of June 1951 in the presence of Mr. R. Sivasubramaniam, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 25th day of April 1951 having been read.

It is ordered that the 2nd respondent abovenamed be and she is hereby declared and appointed guardian ad litem over the 1st respondent abovenamed and that the petitioner abovenamed be and she is hereby declared entitled as mother-in-law of the deceased to have letters of administration to the estate of the deceased abovenamed issued to her accordingly unless the respondent abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 30th day of July 1951 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 13th day of June 1951

Sgd V S. Jayawickrama
District Judge
(O. 53, 6 & 10)

of Vannarponnai presently of Batticaloa 3-8 respondents by their Guardian ad litem. 9. Nagapillai widow of Mudaliyar Culanthavelu all of Vannarponnai West.
Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before V. S. Jayawickrama Esqr District Judge, Jaffna, on the 1st day of June 1951 in the presence of Mr. S. Canagasabai proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the petition affidavit of the petitioner, affidavit of the attesting notary and the two attesting witnesses having been read, It is ordered that the last will and testament No. 1932 dated 27th Sept 1944, and attested by J. T. Bartlett Notary Public, Colombo of the abovenamed deceased be declared proved and the petitioner as the surviving executor be declared entitled to have Probate issued to him and the ninth named respondent be appointed Guardian Ad litem over the 3-8th Respondents unless the respondents or any other person interested in the estate shall on or before the 16th day of July 1951 appear before this court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 1st day of June 1951.

Sgd. V S. Jayawickrama
District Judge.

Drawn by:
Sgd S. Canagasabai
Proctor for petitioner.
(O. 51. 3 & 6).