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DEALING WITH DEFECTIVE AND DELINQUENT CHILDREN

Importance of Mental Health Education

Mr. K. Kanagaratnam speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Women's Conference in Colombo on Mental Health said:

The multiple aspects of the social side of the problem of modern education and the new responsibilities that achievements have brought in their train have been emphasized at the numerous Congresses and Conferences held since the last war by various groups of experts in the discussion of the problems of childhood on an international plane. In this respect, the present era marks a turning point in the history of education.

The Problem of the Child

In our country education has been imparted for many years in a most haphazard manner. No special attention was directed to understand and adjust the psychological problems of the child. In the same class room, children of varying degrees of intelligence and mental calibre were placed under a teacher who was not trained to diagnose the children's psychological health and to deal with cases of any kind of abnormality, with the result that a good number of the youth who would under correct methods of dealing have been useful in situations suited to their mental capacity, became misfits in their later life and discarded as mere waste of human society. The International Congress of Mental Health held in London in 1948 passed the following resolutions:-

(a) That since the value of including mental health services in Education departments is recognized, such inclusion be encouraged and strengthened wherever possible;

(b) That similar encouragement given to scientists in the field of education in their efforts to base educational prac-

tices on the principles of human development.

Mental Aptitude

The new educational policy recently brought into effect in this country lays great emphasis on assessing the mental aptitudes and adaptability of the child and giving him such education as will fit him into society to contribute his share to the national wealth of this country. The Selective Test which is proposed to be held when the child reaches the age of 14 in conjunction with the cumulative records kept in schools indicating the mental growth of the child stage by stage would help immensely in finding suitable vocations for the child and make it useful to society. It does, not however, make adequate provision for the needs of the defective or delinquent child, and in this respect, I daresay a good deal will have to be done both by educational authorities and societies interested in the mental health of the child.

What Does Delinquency Denote?

The British Minister of Education stated at a conference held in London on 2nd March 1949 that every delinquent child is evidence of the bankruptcy of education, for which the family, the school, and the whole social system are responsible. He further stated that the vital task which the school must accomplish in co-operation with the family and society may be summed up in the words: "The Training of Character". It is the discovery of the socio-educative aspect of a question formerly entrusted to the Courts alone which for an effective struggle against delinquency, now take possible and

Hindu Temporalities Bill

All-Ceylon Hindu Conference Being Convened in Support

At a meeting of the Committee of Management of the Saiva Paripalana Sabai, Jaffna, the oldest and the most representative Hindu Society in Ceylon held on 15-7-51, presided over by Mr. R. Sivagurunathan, Dr. C. Durassamy moved, a resolution that an All-Ceylon Conference of all the Hindu Societies and prominent citizens of this island, who are in favour of The Hindu Temporalities Bill, should be summoned under the auspices of the Saiva Paripalana Sabai with a view to making a joint request to Government for immediate introduction of the Hindu Temporalities Bill. The resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority and steps are being taken to hold the All-Ceylon Hindu Conference in the 1st week of August.

necessary co-operation between all those specialists and technicians who are able to participate in this deeply human and universal task of understanding children and assisting their development in accordance with their needs. Education, and consequently the schools, must help not only to facilitate the social re-integration of delinquent children but also prevent the development of anti-social behaviour. That implies, firstly, a knowledge of the psychological mechanism which gives rise to such behaviour, and, secondly, a knowledge of the educational methods which directly affect that mechanism so as to prevent or rectify its functioning. In other words, in order to train the child it is essential to be familiar with its entire nature including the laws that govern its growth.

Training of Emotion

Much is still uncertain in the field of psycho-social or psycho-educational science, but the great progress of the last 50 years permits us to define the situation in the following terms: "Confirmed juvenile delinquency and, to a lesser degree, every form of anti-social behaviour expresses a pathological, emotional relation between the child and its social environment." On

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GLOBAL HUMANITY IDEAL FOR PEACE & PROSPERITY

HOWEVER lofty our theories and great our programmes, the practical procedure has always to wrestle with the realities of the situation. We must know that we do not have any ideal cohesive society today. We have some motley and some rigid societies but no cohesive ones of our comprehension. So the construction work will be necessarily slow. The main task to day before humanity is to give a determined direction of all human affairs towards the goal of such construction. We must first somehow get out of the prisonhouse of insanity into which we find ourselves today. We must anyhow gain time by staving off the destruction that seems to come inexorably rolling down upon us. How to do it? We can give here only some broad hints.

The lust for personal, sectional, creedal, or national victory permeates in various degrees the aspirations of the different societies of the world. This being the case the three main drives viz. economic, political and religious, which work for establishing relations among societies, are all reduced to the service of sectional victories.

Creative Victory Motive

But if we are to construct a humanity we must purge all the three drives of any sectional victory-motive and use them for that creative victory which defeats none.

The crisp answer which Arnold J. Toynbee gives to this problem is as follows:

"In politics, establish a constitutional co-operative system of world government. In economics, find working compromises (varying according to the practical requirements of the different places and times) between free enterprise and socialism. In the life of the spirit put the secular

superstructure back on to religious foundations."

This roughly will be the working form of renunciation as applied in the different drives for bringing about creative union among different societies. In other words none of the three working methods of saving humanity from destruction can function properly without making renunciation its very motive power.

Spiritual Rebirth

In the opinion of Toynbee:

"Of the three tasks the religious one is, of course, in the long run by far the most important, but the other two are the most urgent, because, if we were to fail in these in the short run, we might lose for ever our opportunity of achieving a spiritual rebirth which cannot just be whistled for at our convenience, but will only come, if it come at all at the unhurrying pace at which the deepest tides of spiritual creation flow."

A new kind of men, as it were will have to arise to work for this new task which this old world at this late hour has given birth to. The motto of their life will be in the inspiring words of Swami Vivekananda,

"Help and not fight", "Assimilation and not Destruction", "Harmony and Peace and Not Dissension."

Mankind of A New Type

They will be neither westerners nor easterners, but men, soulful hearty men born out of the unitive spiritual experience of the entire human race. They will be "heirs of Confucius, and Lao-Tse, as well as Socrates, Plato and Plotinus; heirs of Gautama Buddha, as well as Dentero-Isaiah and Jesus Christ; heirs of Zarathustra and Muhammad as well as Elijah and Elisha and Peter and Paul; heirs of Sankara and Ramanuja as well as Clement and Origen; heirs of the Cappa-

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Treasure These Thoughts

'Like the majority of men born to a belief, they demand the most vigorous proofs of any adverse belief but assume that their own needs none.'

—HERBERT SPENCER

THREAT OF A 'HOLY WAR'

KAESONG THE NEUTRALISED truce centre on the 38th Parallel has given a respite to the war-weary world statesmen. But Kashmir has moved into the ken of international star-gazers with surprising speed. Pakistan and India differ from each other in their conception of humanity in the same manner as the Communists and the rest of the world do in the context of global peace. The All India Muslim League of the late Mr. Jinnah's days effected the partition of India by firing Islamic imagination with rabid communal fervour. Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan trained in that very same trend of political diplomacy has failed to accept the hand of fellowship so very generously and magnanimously extended by Premier Nehru ever since the creation of the new Muslim State. Instead he has been taking recourse to the familiar formula of the filibuster taxing the endurance of even the man of monumental patience—Nehru. And now the two sister nations stand with swords drawn to settle a difference which they themselves could adjust by sober talks at a conference table.

'India's policy continues to be to preserve and ensure peace and avoid war' says Premier Nehru in his 'stop this talk of war' assurance to the Pakistan Premier. No statesman will dare deny the genuineness and sincerity of Nehru's assurance, nor can any international arbiter hold India guilty of aggressive intentions. If the frontiers of Kashmir are being militarily strengthened, it is because the preparations of Pakistan demand such a defensive action.

The mention of a Holy War against India for which Pakistan is said to be massing men and

material is almost an indictment against the United Nations. That the one country which for the last several decades has strived hard to remove and during the short period after the gaining of freedom had actually succeeded in removing all distinctions of race and religion in the administration of the nation should be accused of endangering the Faith of even a few people is a challenge to the integrity of all those nations which are having India along with them in the U. N. This cheap and notorious method of appealing to the sentiment of a people by making mention of the existence of a danger to a particular faith did have its effect once when the Partition of India was demanded. But India never more will allow such tactics to be employed against her by either friend or foe. The talk of a Holy War in the days of the Charter of Human Rights is only frivolous trumpery

Jaffna Municipal Council

Crowded Agenda at Monthly Meeting

As many as 56 different items were disposed of at the July meeting of the Jaffna Municipal Council held with Mr. C. Ponnambalam, Mayor in the Chair.

The report of the sub-committee consisting of Mr. E. T. Hitchcock (Chairman) and Messrs J. J. Sebastiampillai and T. S. Durairajah regarding the Grand Bazaar stalls was adopted.

A grant of Rs 3000/- to the Jaffna Health Association for the purpose of establishing a Central Health Institute was passed.

At Holy Kataragama

Non-Stop Prayer Meetings

Religious societies vying with one another in sacred motive succeeded in charging the precincts of the Sylvan shrine of Lord Skantha with invigorating atmosphere.

Bh-jana parties serve night and day and the touching chanting of *Murugan* has transformed the entire Kataragama into a 'spiritual opera'. Fire-walking ceremony took place on July 19th.

A vast concourse of pilgrims from all parts of Sri Lanka, India, and Malaya kept on pouring into Kataragama until the climate was reached yesterday.

In the House of Representatives

OPPOSITION IN FULL FURY

Government Manoeuvring For Vantage Point

The Ceylon Indian Congress representative obliging the Opposition started the 'Budget Battle' from the other side. 'The Mirage Budget' was a poor comparison to the Sir Baron Budget of old ridiculed the member for Maskeliya. His main theme was that the U. N. P. had by its several acts of 'aggression' against the Ceylon Indians, brought upon itself retribution in the shape of a defeat during the First Parliament.

The Communist Member for Matara could look only to the U. S. S. R. for an example of a country that was not worried with the cost of living.

Mr. Rosslyn Koch was of opinion that there were a large number of persons in this country who were not being taxed.

Mr. Reggie Perera (Dehiowita) described the Finance Minister as a 'Gogia Pasha in finances' and saw in the present budget the beginning of the end of the U. N. P.

'Prosperity Budget'

It was no mirage, it was actual prosperity—that was how Dr. M. C. M. Kaleel (Colombo Central II) felt about the Appropriation Bill examining it dispassionately.

The Muslim M. P. told the Ex-Minister of Health that his calculations about the need for 3000 more doctors were all wrong and that it was un-national for the Sinhala Maha Sabha Leader to lose sight of the 3000 Ayurvedic Physicians already there.

Mr. L. Rajapakse (Hambantota) accused the Government of allowing personal differences to affect the administration of the country and said that the 'last will' of the Government was as bad as the earlier Budgets.

The same old thing but with some trimmings—was how the M. P. for Matugama criticised what he called the 'personality budget'.

Mr. S. A. Pakeman was full of praise for the Finance Minister.

Distortion of Facts

Mr. V. Kumarasamy M. P. Chavakacheheri crushingly replying to the Opposition twitted the

member for Galle for saying that children had been neglected whereas the fact was that the State had opened several Milk Feeding centres all over the Island and exclaimed that the Opposition perhaps wanted the Government to bathe the children with milk. The Member for Chavakacheheri also referred to the existence of Ponnaphobia and declared that no amount of artificial agitation would unsettle the T. C. Chief.

Mrs. Florence Senanayake (Kiriella) challenged the Finance Minister to support by means of statistics his statement that the Island has been progressing.

The Leftist Member for Badulla appealed to the Government to resign at the end of the Budget debate to enable the formation of a new Government after a General Election.

Mr. K. Herat (Nikeweratiya) who crossed the floor a few minutes earlier expressed his gratification at the presentation of the best budget ever.

Mr. Henry Peiris (Panadura) opened fire at the Ministry of Industries and referred caustically to the Caustic Soda Factory project and the selection of sites.

P. M. Misted

The Member for Kurunegala made the debate reach great heights of rhetoric when he made a witty oration in which he watched the interests of the Ex-Minister who started the 'Crossing over' and pitied the P. M. who, he thought, was being misled. Mr. Nissanka raised a constitutional poser about the appointed members intervening in a voting affecting the people whom they were not representing to keep afloat the listing ship of State.

The Government suffers from not only imbecility but also paralysis said the Galle critic in a speech that was directed against the Industries side of the budget.

Mr. C. V. Velupillai (Talawakelle) commented on the Companies (Donations) Bill that helped the U. N. P. fund and gave support to the accusation made by the Minister who crossed over 'of subtle sabotage'.

WORLD YOUTH "PARLIAMENT"

Forty Countries Sending Delegates

ABOUT 500 young men and women from some 40 countries will go as delegates to the first meeting of the Assembly of WAY (the World Assembly of Youth) which will be held at Cornell University Ithaca, New York State, in August.

These delegates are drawn from every type of organisation—social, cultural, political, religious—and from all kinds of jobs. They include students, agricultural workers, apprentices, girls from shops and offices, factory operatives and skilled workers in many crafts.

The history of WAY began in London, when, in 1948, an international youth conference, arranged by the National Council of Social Service, was held in Church House, Westminster. This conference, to which countries that were members of United Nations were invited, resolved to set up an organisation which would provide all young people, without distinction of race, creed or political allegiance, with a forum for the exchange of ideas, and through which they could take action in the interests of youth, regionally and internationally.

The Charter

The spirit of freedom and democracy is reflected in the Charter of WAY, under the terms of which Colonial or other dependent territories have exactly the same status and voting rights as sovereign states. Already WAY has been granted consultative status on the International Labour Organisation, the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. It has appointed a permanent observer to the United Nations at Lake Success.

Although the first years of an international organisation must be occupied to a large extent with foundation work, with the establishment of its headquarters now in Brussels, at 15 Rue d'Arion, with the completion of its Charter and other procedural matters, WAY has been active in on any directions.

Rural Conference

A rural youth conference held in Brussels last February, for instance, dealt with some fundamental (Continued on page 3)

World Youth "Parliament"

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problems affecting those who work on the land. It was the beginning of an attempt to awaken in youth a consciousness of the interdependence of industry and agriculture; to encourage a deeper understanding of the problems affecting these two great divisions of workers.

Here, as in the earlier Councils, such questions as illiteracy, vocational guidance, the status of women and girls, workers' exchange, paid holidays are ventilated, and methods of tackling them are thought out. Many such fundamental issues will form the subject of study and discourse at the Assembly. The chosen theme, "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights", with its special application to youth problems, will be discussed in detail in 12 "Workshops", for which national committees are preparing their delegations; and in more spontaneous "Forums".

Basis For Free Society

WAY is anxious that through this careful examination of a great Charter of liberty, the youth organisations will discover the essential principles upon which a free society may grow and reach a common ground upon which to carry on their work in the future.

Such is WAY—a young organisation, but firmly rooted, and beginning to play a responsible part in world youth affairs. The enthusiasm, friendships and understanding gained at Cornell, will give it the

New V. C. Chairmen

Mr. N. Ramalingam was elected unopposed as Chairman of the Kaithady V. C.

Mr. S. Muthiah secured a majority of one vote in the election of the Chairman of Chempianpattu V. C.

The coin decided the contest at Kuddathanai giving the Chairmanship to Mr. K. Periatnamby.

Mr. S. Veerasingham, retired School-Headmaster, was elected Chairman of the Atchuvely Village Committee without a contest.

Moolai Co-op Hospital

Dr. (Miss) Aley Thomas M. B. B. S. has arrived from Tiruvalla, Travancore to take up work at this Hospital as its Lady Doctor.

Punniyanachy Trust

The Secretary, Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabai calls for Tenders for the lease of the paddy fields vested by Law in the above Sabai and which are situated in the village of Maravan Pulo in the Jaffna District.

Particulars with regard to the above can be obtained from the Manager, Saiva Prakasa Press, Jaffna.

Tenders close on 30-7-51 at 3 p.m. and they may be deposited at the Manager's Office, Saiva Prakasa Press, Vannarponnai.

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Hony. Secy.

Saiva Paripalana Sabai
Jaffna
17-7-51.

encouragement and inspiration necessary to carry on the heavy programme of practical work for the next three years.

U. K. I. S.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Several members of the Public of Jaffna town have individually and collectively brought



pressure on me to come forward as a candidate for the coming Jaffna Municipal Council election assuring their whole-hearted support.

After careful consideration I have agreed to come forward as a candidate for the Fort ward (No. 1) My services are offered to the Tax payers without any obligations. All

R. T. CHELLIAH

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dorian Fathers of the Orthodox Church as well as our African Augustine and our Umprian Benedicts; heirs of Ibn Khaldun as well as Bossuet; and heirs of Lenin and Gandhi and Sun Yat-Sen as well as Cromwell and George Washington and Mazzini. They will indeed be the heirs of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda who represent the synthesis of the diverse spiritual attainments, of the entire human race down the ages.

Hope Must Not Be Localised

Explaining his reasons for resigning his post as the Minister for Labour in the British Cabinet Mr. Aneurin Bevan is reported to have said on April 23, '51 before a crowded House of Commons:

"This great nation (meaning the British) has a message for the world, which is distinct from that of America or the Soviet Union. There is only one hope for mankind and that remains in this little island."

We say, as long as the hope of humanity remains

plotted in any little island or diffused in any particular far away continent, there is no hope for humanity at all, for that world is already dead. Hope, to be genuine, must sparkle everywhere. In a living world, hope of humanity is in every individual. Every soul, every grain of sand, every drop of water reflects the Infinite, nay, is the very centre of it. Every blade of grass is the banner of the Infinite. As Sri Ramakrishna said, what is, is here too. But this cannot be known without renunciation.

Give up, and the world is in order, a symphony. Clasp, and it is a hideous chaos. If we want to create a symphony out of the chaos that the world is to-day we, must humbly learn our every individual's lesson to make our lives pieces of applied renunciation. There is no other way, absolutely none. What has been said in the first sloka of the *Isha Upanishad* is indeed the only plank for the purposive construction of global hu-

manity:

Whatever there is changeable in this ephemeral world—all that must be enveloped by the Lord. By this renunciation (of the world) support yourself. Do not covet the wealth of any one.

When shall we cover this ephemeral world with the eternal Lord? Only when our renunciation will be genuine and pervasive.

Then and then alone will the global humanity be constructed, and here will be peace, prosperity, joy,—a victory that defeats none but enlivens and ennobles aught that breathes in this our demented world

(Vedanta Kesari)

R. K. M. Valdyeshwara
Vidyalaya, Jaffna

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Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRI PATY"

FROM 22-7-51 TO 28-7-51

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

Your friends will be of much help to you this week. Domestic upsets possible middle part of week. Week end promises financial gain.

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

Success in new undertakings promised. Ruin to enemies and mental harmony also shown. You will be able to inaugurate important changes in business affairs week end.

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

Your health and financial conditions should improve from this week. A good week for any deal with foreigners. Gain through friends of the opposite sex also promised.

CANCER Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

Be tactful and patient to with your married partner first day of the week. Domestic upheavals and ill health shown. Official troubles also not ruled out.

LEO Maha, Pooru Uttira 1, [Singha Rasi]

The first half of the week likely to upset you a lot. Things will not turn up as expected. Scandals and troubles through secret enemies also shown. Second half promises some improvements.

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

Make use of first half of the week for any important deals. Wednesday afternoon Thursday and Friday must be spent with care. Week end promises some financial gains.

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

This week is favourable for social and personal affairs. Your expenditure will be on the rise but you will have some mental peace and happiness. Take care of health last day of the week.

SCORPIO Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

You will find the 'tension' easing in your affairs this week. Fame and success in new undertakings promised. Don't rely much on friends of the opposite sex week end.

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

This will be an excellent week. Mental worries and official troubles indicated. Postpone new ventures for some time. Health must also be given particular care.

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

There will be some quarrels and misunderstanding with the marriage partners this week. Don't do anything rash or decide anything in a hurry. Troubles through paternal relatives also indicated.

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

A good week financially. But you will have no mental peace. Domestic troubles will upset you. Week end promises some substantial success.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revathi [Meena Rasi]

Health needs better care for some time. But financial success shown. You will have to work hard throughout this week. Week end promises some great success.

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