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## IMPRESSIONS OF THE EAST

### An Ex-Serviceman's Experience In Ceylon

ADDRESSING a public meeting presided over by Mr. Devar Suriya Sena at the Ramakrishna Mission, We'awatte, last week Mr. Frank Jordan of Devonshire, England, who was a Welfare Officer during the last three years in Ceylon, and formerly a producer of West Country (Eden Phillpotts) dialect plays at the B. B. C., and Political Agent at Bridgewater in Somerset to Mr. Vernon Bartlett, in a short and restrained talk entitled "My Impressions of the East" summed up in these words:- "In a superficial manner I entered the East by the Port of Bombay. At that time, October, 1944, a city of dirt and poverty to which, a few weeks later, Colombo was a contrast of cleanliness, wide streets and prosperity. Three years in Ceylon has not only made me revise many first outward impressions but but also made me realise how narrow in the West was both our teaching in schooldays and our understanding of anything East of Suez or Port Said. I have visited your Buddhist Temples, remote villages and even had the rare experience (especially to one who has never hunted animals nor is ever likely to) of being chased by a rogue elephant in the forest near Adampe.

Then in my own work as Welfare Officer, I have not merely contacted Europeans and men of the Dominions, but worked with subordinates of the colour of all those whose ancestry is of India, Ceylon and of the tropics. Naturally I have found many differences; differences in custom, differences in thought, differences of creed and of course, differences in colour, but, in the man beneath, not only have I found no essential difference, but even that in the widely varying outward forms of religion, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian and others, that the real aim goal and ideal is ever the same."

#### Contrasts and Hopes

During the course of his talk, Mr. Frank Jordan spoke of some of his B. B. C. experiences, touching briefly also upon certain fundamental aspects of English life which he hoped were not to be found here. Constructively he suggested the necessity of cleanliness in politics, which in England in election times, were of a very high standard of friendliness and co-operation between individuals no matter how much they fought on the Floor of the House. But also he stressed the need of re-writing many of our school books, especially those of Geography and History. Finally he stressed the

need of all, grown-ups as well as young men, to use their spare time constructively and healthfully.

He concluded by thanking Swami Siddhatmananda for the invitation and opportunity given him not merely to speak, but, as he was due to sail for England shortly, publicly to express his thanks for the very happy time the help, goodwill and friendship extended not only to him but also to many a Serviceman by all the Communities and peoples of Sri Lanka. "They had," he said, "in a few years, done more by their personal acts of kindness, villagers especially, to make with Englishmen and others a real foundation for true understanding between East and West than had any official or formal mission been able to do in decades." He added "Religion in the West has not been real, but here I have learnt two things: first the necessity of religion being a part of life and which should be taken into politics and 'vice versa' as the West had done for centuries and secondly the reality and value of religion when truly believed in and lived."

#### Moral Rearmament

Mr. Devar Suriya Sena, in summing up the talk, commented on some of the main points especially as regards the necessity of better Geography and History books and the need of cleanliness in politics, and added "I regret to say it is not yet the case here, though the nearly-due elections would give everyone a chance both to think and to vote cleanly for the right person in the right place, an opportunity which everyone present here has a duty to take."

Then by request and as a continuation of certain of the speaker's remarks, Mr. Suriya Sena spoke of the Moral Rearmament Conference which he and his wife recently had attended in Switzerland, an account of which appeared in a Sunday Journal on the 25th May.

Swami Siddhatmananda, while thanking the speaker and the president, emphasised on Mr. Jordan's statement that "this world will be a better and happier place to live in if there be closer understanding between the peoples of the East and West" and said that Mr. Devar Suriya Sena had rightly touched on the main points of the speech and had well interpreted the spirit and purpose of the Moral Rearmament Conference.

## Faster Trains Again

### Patrolling Also Dispensed With

Full normal conditions on the Railway have been restored from Tuesday.

The restriction on the speed of night trains, which ran at twelve miles an hour, was withdrawn and the normal speed of these trains resumed. The train to Talaimannar which was leaving Colombo Fort at 5 p.m. daily since the development of the recent strikes, again reverted from Monday to its scheduled hour of departure viz., 7.50 p.m.

The lifting of the restriction on the speed of night trains will be welcomed as long distance night mail trains in particular have been several hours late in arriving at their destinations consequent on their crawling throughout the night at twelve miles an hour when their normal speed is more than double that.

From Tuesday the night goods train service was also resumed. This has helped to clear the accumulated stocks of goods held up at some of the stations.

A vigilant watch on the railroad is to be continued for some time more by the Railway and the Police in

## The Lion Flag

### Is it Singhalese or National?

The historic Lion Flag of Lanka can yet be the banner in which Ceylon could go forward. There was no necessity for a Red Flag which symbolises hatred and violence, said Mr. George E. de Silva, Minister of Health, on the occasion of the opening of the Nachchaduwa Rural Hospital in the North Central Province, last week.

A few lads who had gone to England had come back with doctorates, added the Minister, and thinking that they were above the others and all-knowing, ran about the country with Red Flags, as if their own Sinhalese Flag, which had twenty-five centuries of glorious history behind it, was not enough for their requirements. He asked the villagers to give short shrift to such people who were running amok singing the song of hatred.

Recalling how Duttugemunu suppressed the invader and saved Buddhism the Minister told the villagers to banish Sania Samajists whenever they came to them because they were enemies of the country and religion.

view of recent happenings and the increase in thefts from moving trains. The patrolling of the railroad by fast moving units has, however, been dispensed with.

## BRITAIN IS "DOOMED"

### Socialist Philosopher's Views

BRITISH imperialism now requires a new basis in place of her vanished Indian Empire and the scientific exploitation of Africa takes the place of India as the primary problem, says Mr. F. A. Ridley, the Socialist philosopher, writing in last week's issue of the *Socialist Leader*, the weekly paper of the Independent Labour Party.

"Already the loss of India plus Britain's weakening grip on the world's market is leading to an internal crisis in Britain itself," says Mr. Ridley. Now that India has gone, Britain will have to find the necessary "bread" for its metropolitan slaves, the British workers, in Africa.

"Britain is now an African Empire first and foremost and henceforward the British people constitute a herrenvolk or master race living off the African, as formerly the Indian masses.

"It is the historic paradox of British Labour Governments that the economic circumstances under which they operate give them no option except to administer imperialism under a cloak of 'left

## India's National Flag

In order that India may have her own national flag to be unfurled on the day when power is transferred to the Indian Union by the middle of August, the President of the Constituent Assembly, will shortly appoint a Committee to go into the question and make recommendations for the consideration of the general session of the Constituent Assembly during its ensuing session.

The proposed Committee will also go into the question of National Anthem and submit a report.

It is understood that Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the President of the Constituent Assembly, had a discussion recently with Mahatma Gandhi on the above subjects.

phrases no more zealously than the Tories."

"Without their African Empire, Britain is doomed", Mr. Ridley adds.





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### TRAVANCORE

TIME WAS WHEN THE *Thesawalam* was known as the law of the Malabars of Jaffna. Those who have visited South India would have noted that the Tamils of Ceylon have inherited their culture from both Malabar and Tamil Nad. The Malayalees say that their language owes its origin to Tamil, and Malabars (from the Indian Coast) who settled in different parts of Ceylon have contributed to the prosperity of the island. Cultural ties between Ceylon and Malabar continue to exist. The State of Cochin has decided to co-operate with the Constituent Assembly in India and the Maharajah of Cochin has called upon all the rulers of the different States in India to join the Union of India. Travancore has during the last few decades earned for itself the reputation of being an advanced state in India. Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyer advised the Maharajah to declare the Pathmanadha temple at Trivandrum open to Harijans long before the big temples in South India were so opened. Education and industries received great attention and aid from the State. When the Cabinet Mission statement of May 16 was published, the Dewan of Travancore stated that the princes should co-operate with the Constituent Assembly. As soon as it was definitely known that India would be divided, the Dewan has openly changed his views and declared that Travancore would be an independent State as soon as Britain's paramountcy lapsed on August 15. The Dewan's attitude cannot be explained and reminds one that like diamonds we are cut by our own dust. Mohamed Ali Jinnah has stated that the States are free to be independent if they so chose, but eminent Congressmen and others like Dr. B. R. Ambedkar or the great jurist Sir Alladi Krishnaswamy Aiyer have expressed that States cannot be independent and that paramountcy will *ipso facto* be transferred to the successor government in India. It is strange that while Mysore, Cochin, and Pudukottah have decided to join the Constituent Assembly Travancore alone should contemplate being independent and nominate Mr. Abdul Karim Sahib as its Ambassador to Pakistan. The Dewan's attitude towards the State Congress also cannot be explained. That sovereignty

## Alleged Breach Of Copyright

Judgment was reserved by Mr. G. C. T. A. de Silva, Additional District Judge, Point Pedro, in the case in which Mr. V. Sivakolunthu, a teacher at Sivaguru Vidyasalai, Valvettithurai, and the author of "The New Tamil Arithmetic Book", is claiming damages in a sum of Rs. 5,000, from Mr. K. P. Fernando, Managing Director, Stella Tutor, Jaela.

The plaintiff alleged that the defendant had infringed the copyright of the plaintiff in that the defendant had copied in his correspondence course various extracts from "The New Tamil Arithmetic Book."

The plaintiff in examination-in-chief stated that he printed 2,000 copies of the book in 1937. The publication was in short supply during the emergency period, owing to paper shortage, and he had obtained a permit for paper in order to print 3,000 more copies of the publication in 1946, but that he did not do so, as the defendant had copied large portions of the book in his correspondence course.

In cross-examination the plaintiff stated that owing to the shortage of copies of his book he had no objection to teachers making several copies of the various arithmetic problems, in order to teach their students, or to students making copies for themselves. But he definitely objected to persons cyclostyling and issuing copies to students for monetary consideration. He was unaware that correspondence tutorials issued correspondence tuition on the understanding that the courses would be returned to the tutorials within two weeks of the examination.

Two correspondence students from Point Pedro were called by the plaintiff to prove that the cause of action arose in Point Pedro.

Mr K P Fernando, the defendant, giving evidence, stated that he could neither read nor write Tamil and that he had entrusted the preparation of the course to a Miss Ariaratnam, a graduate and a teacher of Newstead, Negombo. He was unaware that Miss Ariaratnam had copied major portions of the plaintiff's publication in the correspondence course set by her.

Mr A V Kulasingham with Mr T Ramalingam, instructed by Mr M Esurapatham, appeared for the plaintiff. Mr N Nadarasa, instructed by Mr C Mutturajah, appeared for the defendant.

rests with the people is universally accepted except perhaps in Travancore and Hyderabad. Sir Walter Monckton K. C. who was lately mentioned as defendant in two uncontested divorce cases in England is the legal adviser to the Nizam and Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyer continues to guide the Maharajah of Travancore. When no country can be said to be utterly independent in the strict sense of the term, the decision of Travancore to cut itself off from the Union of India is surprising. It is to be hoped that Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyer will think better of the situation and do whatever may be necessary to make Travancore join the Union of India.

## IMPLEMENTING INDIAN DIVISION

### EXPERT COMMITTEES AT WORK

THE work of the division of assets and personnel between the future Governments of Pakistan and the rest of India is proceeding briskly and the several Committees appointed in this connection have already begun work. Nine Expert Committees have already been appointed and an Expert Committee on armed forces is being formed shortly. The composition and terms of reference of the Armed Forces Committee and its Sub-Committee are understood to be under consideration.

The Expert Committee No. I deals with questions concerning organisation, records and personnel. The Committee consists of Messrs. Yaqub Shah, Ikram Ullah, S. A. Venkataraman, and Bhattacharjee. The Secretaries of the Committee are Messrs. M. Ayub and P. V. R. Rao.

#### Assets and Liabilities

The Expert Committee No. II will deal with assets and liabilities. The terms of reference of the Committee will be to compile a list of the assets and to suggest ways and means for the division of such assets. In cases where division is impracticable the Committee will recommend mutual assistance or joint administration for the Interim period. It will also make suggestions for financial settlement between the two Governments arising out of the above or from the allocation of the public debt, pensions, etc.

The Committee consists of Messrs. Ghulam Mohammad, Mumtaz Hasan, M. Shoaib, V. Narahari Rao, S. Ratnam and Rangachari. The Secretaries are Messrs. Anwar Ali and Neogi.

The Expert Committee No. III deals with the Central Revenues. It is divided into two sections. One will make recommendations for the collection and distribution of Income-tax, Customs and Central Excise for the current year. It consists of Messrs. K. R. K. Menon, Ranga-

nathan, Rahman and A. Qadir.

The second section will deal with revenues other than those dealt by Section one. The members are Messrs. Mumtaz Hasan and Rangachari.

The Expert Committee No. IV will deal with the allocation of liabilities, such as pending litigation for contracts entered into by the present Government. The Committee members are: Messrs. Bhattacharya and Handle.

Expert Committee No. V deals with currency, exchange, etc.

#### Administration of Economic Controls

Expert Committee No. VI will examine the effect of the partition on the administration of the existing economic controls and suggest alternative arrangements, if necessary. The Committee members are: Messrs. Vishnu Sahay, Boothalingam, Kamat, Hasnie, Mahammedi and Rahman. The Secretaries are Messrs. P. A. Nayak and Ikramul Haq.

The seventh Expert Committee will examine matters relating to trade and its members are: Messrs. Boothalingam, Saxena, Ikramullah and Rahman, and its Secretaries: Messrs. Jai and Javaid.

Expert Committee No. VIII will report on matters relating to domicile and nationality of the inhabitants of British India and on the position of Indian nationals abroad.

The members of the Committee are: Sir Dhiren Mitra, Mr. Shankar, Mr. Justice Rahman and Mr. Aziz Ahmed.

The Ninth Expert Committee will deal with foreign relations. It will examine and recommend on the relations of the successor Governments with each other and also with other countries as well as on India's diplomatic representation abroad and her membership of the International organisations. Messrs. A. V. Pai and P. Achuta Menon, Maj. Shah and Lt.-Col. Iskandar Mirza are the members of the Committee.

## To England?

### Mr. Senanayake's Next Mission

Mr D. S. Senanayake, Leader of the State Council, will fly to England soon after the inauguration of the new Parliament to discuss with Mr. Creech Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies, the terms of the agreements for the grant of Dominion Status for Ceylon writes the Political reporter of the "Times of Ceylon."

Mr. Senanayake had a long distance telephone conversation on Monday with Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, Ceylon's Financial Secretary, now holidaying in England, on various subjects, more particularly on the question of the grant of Dominion Status.

It is likely that before Sir Oliver Goonetilleke leaves England, he will have preliminary discussions with the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the terms and scope of the proposed agreements and will report to Mr. Senanayake on his return to Ceylon. Sir Oliver is expected home next month.

Pandit Govind Vallabh Pand, Premier of the United Provinces will represent India at the International Conference of Food Ministers next month in Paris.

## The Malayan Ceylonese Association Jaffna

The Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the above Association was held at Keerimalai on Friday the 20th June 1947 at 10 a. m. Mr. V. Suppiah J. P., the President, occupied the chair. The following Office Bearers were elected.

President: Mr V. Suppiah J. P.  
Vice President: S Thilliampalam  
Hony Secretary: A. Tambyrajah  
Hony. Asst. Secy: S. Muttiah  
Hony. Treasurer: V. N. Bartlett  
A strong and influential committee was also elected

### NOTICE

#### Tender For The Supply of Cadjans

The undermentioned will receive sealed tenders for the supply of double cadjans for a period of 24 months from July 15, 1947 to September 30, 1947.

2. Cadjans should be with a minimum length of 6 feet and an average woven width of 8 inches.

3. Rate per 100 delivered at the nearest Railway Station and loaded into waggons which should be arranged by the contractor himself.

4. Tenders, which should be marked "Supply of Cadjans" on the left hand top corner, close on the 2nd July, 1947 at 12 noon.

5. For full particulars see Government Gazette of 27-6-47.

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Kilinochchi, 9th June, 1947.  
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# G. G. Warns Br. Government LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Against Secret Manoeuvres

It is strange that the Board of Ministers, which has officially stated more than once that it has no right to pre-judge such comparatively minor issues like the question of Indian citizenship rights and the granting of trade union rights to public servants, on the eve of the inauguration of the new Constitution should be carrying on negotiations with His Majesty's Government on such a vital major issue, behind the back of the State Council, at a time when that body is about to come to an end; and it is admitted that the present State Council, which has outlived its statutory age-limit cannot, in keeping with accepted democratic principles, be said to retain the confidence of the electors.

Thus stated Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, M.S.C. President, All Ceylon Tamil Congress in the course of a statement issued to the "Times of Ceylon" on the recent announcement of His Majesty's Government concerning the future constitutional position of Ceylon. Continuing Mr. Ponnambalam said:

"The Board of Ministers being the creature of such an unrepresentative body, cannot therefore be said to derive any popular authority.

### Reveal the Facts

"The impression is widespread among large sections of the population that the present move is the culmination of a pact of mutual assistance between a group of Ceylonese politicians, who are bent upon establishing one-party rule in this country, and those in authority in England, who, though socialist in name, are compelled to bend their energies in an attempt to salvage the vanishing imperialist fabric.

"If those who are carrying on the negotiations have nothing to hide, it is their clear duty to let the 'peoples' of Ceylon—to use the expression which His Excellency the Governor took care to repeat—know all the facts.

"Even if the documents now in the process of drafting are merely the 'heads' of the agreements it is imperative that they should be published. The 'heads' are bound to be sufficiently indicative of underlying policy.

"This question would then become a real political issue and the coming General Election could be fought on it, instead of keeping it confined to poisonous communal antagonism, as is being assiduously done by Mr. D. S. Senanayake's United National Party through its Sinhalese-language propaganda sheets.

"I desire gently to warn those concerned, especially His Majesty's Government, that it will do nobody any good to continue this process of secret manoeuvring. It may ultimately result in the early emergence of tremendous popular opposition to the association of Ceylon with the Commonwealth.

### A Political Issue

"If what is offered to this country is really the status contemplated by the Statute of Westminster, which was primarily intended to apply only to the former white colonies of the United Kingdom, and if the proposed agreements ensure the in-

## Reinstated

### Govt. Servants who were Interdicted

The six public servants interdicted in connection with the convening of a public meeting on Galle Face have been reinstated.

An interim report of the Committee of Inquiry, dealing with the cases of the six public servants has been received.

A communique issued states that while the Chief Secretary considers that a clear breach of a Public Service Regulation occurred in connection with this meeting, he has decided in accordance with the Committee's advice that the explanations given by the following officers in regard to their conduct in the matter should be accepted, and that they should be reinstated forthwith:—

Messrs. C. Sivasambo, Public Works Department; N. Ramanaden, Ceylon Savings Bank; J. R. Grenier, Excise Department; K. W. Perera, Government Press; S. R. Yapa, Survey Department and D. C. A. Senaratyapa, Survey Department.

## Woman Missing

A woman named Theivanay Pillai aged about 26, wife of Ponner Suppiah living near the Temple at Mullaitivu is missing from her home with her two female children aged 2 years and 3 months respectively from the night of Tuesday before last 10-6-47 all efforts to trace their whereabouts have been unsuccessful.

It is understood that the woman had left her house with the two children while the husband was absent having gone to thrash paddy in the adjoining paddy field.

It is suspected that she had fallen into the sea with her two children. —Cor.

## Sailing Vessel Runs Aground

The sailing vessel "Pathuma Maler" weighing 49 tons the largest in the Island ran aground striking against the sand-bank near the old light house off the port of Mullaitivu on Thursday last at about 1 a. m. with 125 cubic yards of fire wood weighing 840 cwt., and 200 coconuts with husks, with her crew nine in number. The master of the vessel T. Kanagalingham and eight other crew have escaped. It was destined to Point Pedro from Mullaitivu and the boat belongs to one K. Veerachamy of Kayts and another.

Efforts are being made to remove the vessel from its present site at a cost of Rs. 1000/— —Cor.

terests when these conflict, there can be no reason why the "peoples" of Ceylon should not accept it.

"The greater the reason therefore to take them into confidence. In the process of making it a first class political issue at the General Election, sanctions would be forged to enforce the national will, in the event of disagreement with the British Government."

## Mr. Natesan, Mr. Sivasubramaniam And The Truth

Sir,

I felt that Mr. Sivasubramaniam's reply merited no rejoinder from me but as I now find that there is a misunderstanding on two specific points in the minds of some sections of the public I think that a personal explanation from me is necessary. My first point, Sir, is to explain why I am positive that the long (and uncalled for) statement made by Mr. Sivasubramaniam in reply to Mr. Natesan's simple query is imaginery and unreal and why I believe that "a number of interviews on the subject" could never have taken place between Mr. Natesan and Mr. Sivasubramaniam during the relevant period. My proofs are three:—

Firstly we have Mr. Natesan's letter. If as Mr. Sivasubramaniam wishes us to believe he had several interviews with Mr. Natesan over this matter surely it would have been the most natural thing for Mr. Natesan to have referred to them all. But in his letter he has only drawn Mr. Sivasubramaniam's attention to one specific occasion when he met Mr. Sivasubramaniam with Mr. I. X. Pereira at one particular room in the State Council.

Secondly there is Mr. Sivasubramaniam's own testimony to me. Mr. Sivasubramaniam and I were closely associated as Joint Secretaries and consulted each other or kept each other informed on all matters of the slightest importance. It is difficult for me to believe (and it is not to Mr. Sivasubramaniam's credit for him now to state in the press) that I knew nothing of his several visits and rebuffs from Mr. Natesan. The only occasion when I was informed was after his abortive visit to the State Council in the company of Mr. I. X. Pereira. On that occasion Mr. Sivasubramaniam was exasperated by Mr. Natesan's "lame excuses" and he told me (and several others who were present) that from then on "Mr. Natesan was not to be trusted as he was slipping away into the other camp".

My third reason is based on one of the scientific methods employed in historical research. If the truth loving section of the public would refer to the news items and comments in the local press during the period in question they will not fail to note that but for Mr. Senanayake's invitation to Whitehall the very idea of a minority deputation would never have arisen. The issue facing us then was not the acceptance or rejection of the Soulbury Report because its recommendations were unknown to us but the fear that Mr. Senanayake's ex-parte "conversations" with the Secretary of State for the Colonies would result in the whittling down or even in the non-acceptance by His Majesty's Government (in their White Paper proposals) of some of the recommendations in the Soulbury Report which might have been favourable to us. We were further faced with the problem as to whether or not the White Paper would be placed for acceptance before our superannuated State Council which was hostile to us, (Whitehall's declarations were ambiguous on this point) and whether it would be possible for us to obtain a Cons-

## The Asian Conference

### Malayan Delegate's Impressions

Under the auspices of the Ceylon Tamils Kalavirthy Sangam—Kuala Lumpur a public lecture in Tamil, was delivered by Sree La Sree Swami Sathiyanda on his impressions of his recent visit to India as a delegate from Malaya to the Inter Asians Relations Conference which was held in New Delhi.

In introducing the lecturer, the President, Mr. M. Kanagasabai said that the former was a Government servant some years ago, and yearning for spiritualism went to India where he joined the Ramakrishna Mission and having had initiation returned as Bramachari Kyalasam. During his recent visit to India he has been conferred the title of "Bharathy" and also ordained as Swami Sathiyanda.

The lecturer emphasised the ideals and motives which brought into being this unique conference of Asians which had no political colouring and was presided by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. He added that the delegates displayed a burning desire for the reawakening of Asian culture and their past glories. The special feature of the conference was that all delegates spoke in their mother tongue attired in national garbs. The discussions centred round eight fundamental principles as announced at the inaugural address by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the delegates joined various groups for discussion guided by their inclinations and attainments.

The lecturer extolled the services rendered by the students of Lady Irwin College in looking after the needs of the delegates emphasising that Indian womanhood had the rarest privilege to serve all Asian nations. That the message of Mahatma Gandhi to promote world brotherhood by such more conferences and to see true India through the several thousands of villages was revealed by the lecturer.

In South India the lecturer visited Thiruvannamalai to pay his respects to Ramana Maha Rishi and Puthucheri to Yogi Suththananda Bharathy and Swami Arabinda Ghosh to fulfill his desire to see the soul force of India as models of saintliness in these days of materialism.

With a vote of thanks by the President to the lecturer and the audience, the meeting came to a close at 7.45 p. m. —Cor.

tinent Assembly, a Round Table Conference or a newly elected and representative State Council to decide upon the expected White Paper proposals.

Mr. Sivasubramaniam in his reply has enumerated three points as his version of the relevant issues which faced the country at this point of time, and as the political background against which he and Mr. Natesan conversed on the "several occasions" they met each other. It should be noted that Mr. Sivasubramaniam does not even mention Mr. Senanayake's invitation to Whitehall as a relevant issue. I leave it to the intelligent section of the public to decide after a reference to the

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# VEDANTA MOOLA SARAM OR THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

(Continued from our issue of 20.6.47)

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## XVI. THE KAUSHITAKA UPANISHAD

Śruties Nos. 5 to 18 are in language similar to Nos. 3 and 4, which we have quoted here, the pairs as first stated by the brahmin and then elucidated by the King being the sun and the Vast One, the moon and food, lightning and splendour, thunder and sound, Akas and the full and unruffled Brahman, air and the unconquerable Indran, fire and irresistible power, water and light, mirror and likeness (or reflection), echo and the double (wife and offspring), sound and life, shadow and death, sleep and Yman, the (embodied) soul and the Lord of creatures, the right eye and speech (& fire & splendour), and the left eye and Truth. Most of these pairs are easily understandable, but some are obscure as, for instance, it is not quite clear why the left eye is mated to Truth while the right eye is coupled with speech and fire. The same sort of conversation between these two God-knowers is related in the Brihad Aranyaka Upanishad with some variations, but the eyes and their counterparts do not appear there.

The Śruti proceeds: Then verily Balaki became silent. Ajatasatru said to him "He who is the Maker of all those (you mentioned), He of whom all this is the work, He alone is the Being to be known (realized)." Then Balaki came with sacrificial fuel in hand, saying, "May I come to thee as a pupil?" Ajatasatru said to him I deem it improper that a king should teach a brahmin. Come, I shall make you know clearly." Then taking him by the hand, he went forth. And the two together came to a man who was asleep. Ajatasatru called him...but the man remained asleep. Then he pushed him with his staff and he rose at once. Ajatasatru then asked Balaki "Where did this man here sleep? Where was he? Whence came he thus back? Balaki did not know. Ajatasatru told him "Where this person here slept, where he was, whence he thus came back, is this: The arteries of the heart called *Hita* extend from the heart of the person towards the surrounding body. Thin as a hair split into a thousand parts, they stand full of a thin fluid of various colours, white, black, yellow and red. In these the sleeping person abides when he sees no dream (śruti 19).

The Upanishad concludes: Then is he (the sleeping man) merged in that Prāṇan (God). The speech goes to him with all names, the eye with all forms, the ear with all sounds, the mind with all thoughts. And when he awakes, then as from a burning fire sparks proceed in all directions, thus from that Prāṇan the prāṇas (senses) proceed to their respective places, with them the (presiding deities and with them the worlds. This is the true Prāṇan (God), identical with Prajñan (Great Knowledge, Chit Sakti). Entering this body and soul, He penetrates to the nails and hairs of the skin. Just as a razor placed in a razor-case or fire in the fire-place, even thus does the Atma (Paramatma, God), who is identical with Prajñan (Chit Sakti), enter the embodied Atma (Jivatma, soul), to the very hairs and nails. The inferior souls (Jivatmas) follow this Atma (Paramatma, God) as his people follow the master of the house. And as the master feeds his people, nay, as his people feed on the master, thus does this (Supreme) Soul, identical with Prajñan (Chit Sakti), feed with the other souls and those souls feed on (or follow) the (Supreme) Soul. So long as Indran did not understand that (Supreme) Soul, the Asuras (evil forces) overcame him. When he understood It, then having overcome the Asuras he obtained pre-eminence among all Devas with sovereignty and supremacy. Thus too is it with him who has this knowledge, having destroyed all sins; and he obtains pre-eminence among all beings with sovereignty and supremacy, who knows thus, Yea, who knows thus (śruti 20).—The reader will here note that the word *Prāṇan* is used here in two senses in the same śruti, first as indicating the (Supreme) Soul or God and then to indicate the functionaries of speech, sight, &c, just as the word *soul* is used in two senses, first to indicate the human soul and then the Supreme Soul or God.—We refrain from wearying our readers here by harping on the old tune of the Tripadārthas, (திரிபதார்த்தங்கள்), which are clearly pre-supposed in this concluding śruti of our Upanishad, to wit: the souls (Jivatmas or Pasu) which are many, God (Paramatma or Pati) who is One only and sins (bondage or Pasam) which have to be destroyed.

## Letter to the Editor

(Continued from page 3)

items appearing during this period as to whether or not Mr. Sivasubramaniam is again drawing on his confused imagination and trying to set up an artificial political background to suit the artificial and incompatible statements he had previously made. No one, Sir, not even Mr. Sivasubramaniam can take liberties with history, especially recent history!

My second point, Sir, refers to Mr. Sivasubramaniam's claim to a great victory in that I had "unwittingly admitted" that Mr. Natesan did not sign the demand for a deputation. He is entitled to his imaginary triumphs but I must point out that far from "unwittingly admitting," I had pointedly indicted Mr. Natesan for this lapse. Unlike the other two expelled M. S. C.'s his desertion from our ranks was not due to sudden panic at a crisis but was an act of premeditation and prior planning. Mr. Sivasubramaniam has obliged us (in paragraph 2 of his reply) with the reasons for Mr. Natesan's action. According to him Mr. Natesan silently retreated and went over to the other camp when he thought things were not going too well for his side. Mr. Sivasubramaniam's newly acquired philosophy may be summed up as *Fides Punita Floreat*.....Verb Sap!

Finally, Sir it is necessary for me to emphasise that the Tamil Congress put forward a demand on behalf of the Tamil people but it was not a demand for the Tamils alone but one that was then considered the best for the country as a whole (within the limits imposed on us by Whitehall). Our cause was and is today not a Tamil cause but the true cause of Lanka our common motherland.

Yours truly,  
E. M. V. Naganathan.

21.7.47,  
Colombo.

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 727

In the Matter of the estate of the late Mohamed Pathumma Nachchiya daughter of Mohideen Sahib Shagul Hameed of Vannarponnai West, Jaffna. Deceased.  
Mohamed Sultan Ussan Nachchiya widow of Sahul Mohamed of Vannarponnai west, Jaffna.

Vs. Petitioner,  
1. Mohamed Abdul Cader personally and as Guardian-ad-litem of his minor son  
Minor. 2. Thajudeen, minor represented by 1st Respondent  
3. Mohamed Sulsha Umma wife of Mohamed Abdulla  
4. Mohamed Nachchiya wife of Mohamed Meera Mohidee  
5. Mohamed Meera Sahib all of do. Respondents

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner coming on for final disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge Jaffna on the 13th day of June 1947 in the presence of Mr. M. R. Karalasingham Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 10th day of June 1947 having been read.

It is ordered and declared that the abovenamed 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minor the 2nd Respondent for the purpose of this case and letters

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
JAFFNA

ORDER ABSOLUTE IN THE FIRST  
INSTANCE

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 705.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Sinnathamby Muthuvelu of Pannakam, Chankanai West, Jaffna.

Deceased.

Annappillai widow of Sinnathamby Muthuvelu of Pannakam Changanai West. Petitioner.

This matter coming on for Disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge of Jaffna on the 15th day of May 1947 in the presence of Mr. M. K. Subramaniam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 20th April 1947 and the affidavit of the attesting Notary and of the Last Will, dated 15th. May, 1947 having been read;

It is ordered that the Last Will of the said Sinnathamby Muthuvelu deceased bearing No. 1560 dated 24th. November 1946 and attested by M. K. Subramaniam Notary Public and the original of which has been produced and is now deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved; And it is further declared that the said Annappillai widow of Sinnathamby Muthuvelu the petitioner is the sole executrix named in the said will and that she is entitled to have probate thereof issued to her accordingly.

This 15th day of May 1947.  
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

(O. 32. 24 & 27-6-47).

## NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Guardianship Jurisdiction No. 1254.

In the matter of the Estate of Sanmugam Ehamparam and Sanmugam Maheswary of Van. West—Guardian and Curatrix

The following half share of land belonging to minors together with the other half share of land belonging to the Curatrix personally, will be sold according to deed to intending purchasers who shall forward tenders within 21 days of this publication either to the secretary, District Court Jaffna or to the Proctor for the Curatrix as per address given below subject to the conditions that the highest tender above the appraised value shall be accepted and subject to further approval of Court.

Undivided half share of the land called "Thalaiyaly" in extent 9 lms, V. C. and 5½ kls. situated at Thalaiyaly in Vannarponnai East in Jaffna with cultivated and spontaneous plantations and bounded on the East by the property of S. Alagacane and others North by the property of Annappillai, wife of Thambipillay and Manikaratnam wife of Arunasalam, West by the property of Annappillai wife of Markandoo and others and on the South by the property of S. Kanagaratnam and front of byelane.

V. Sivasubramaniam,  
Proctor S. C. and Notary Public  
"Navalar Kottam",  
Vannarponnai.

(O. 33. 24 & 27-6-47);

of administration be issued to the estate of the abovenamed deceased to the Petitioner abovenamed unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 18th day of July 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

Jaffna this 13th day of June 1947,  
R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

Drawn by M. R. Karalasingham,  
Proctor for Petitioner.

(O. 39. 27. & 1-7-1947).

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## INDIAN NEWS FRONT

# Travancore's Stand

## Retaliation By Central Government

### Punjab Partitioned

The Punjab is to be partitioned at a meeting of the Eastern section Punjab Assembly members held on Monday, it was decided that the province be divided. The Western section voted against partition. As partition of the province is to take place even if one section demands it the Eastern section's decision is to prevail.

### Retaliation Against Travancore

Travancore is determined to declare its independence when paramountcy lapses in Aug. It has also decided to have diplomatic connections with the Pakistan Government, and has appointed Mr. Abdul Karim Sahib, retired Inspector General of Police as representative of the State to the Dominion of Pakistan when it is established. This decision has enraged all thinking sections in India and it is reliably learnt that the Government of India are issuing orders for taking a census of all Travancore State subjects who are employed by them either as officers or as subordinates in their many departments with a view to deciding what policy they should adopt with regard to Travancore State subjects. It is believed, according to informed quarters, that the Central Government are also examining certain steps to be taken against Travancore, which are "of a serious nature and may lead to crisis in the relations between Travancore State and the Indian Dominion." Many Travancore State subjects are now holding key positions in the Government including membership of the Interim Government. It is learnt that the measures contemplated are

mostly of an economic nature.

### The Constituent Assembly

It is officially announced that the President has convened the next session of the Constituent Assembly on July 14. Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly has nominated Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar as a member of the Union Constitution Committee. The President of the Constituent Assembly, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, has appointed an *Ad Hoc* Committee to go into the question of the national flag. The Committee will consist of the following: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Mr. K. M. Munshi, Sardar K. M. Panikkar, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Mr. Frank Anthony, Sardar Ujjal Singh and Mr. S. N. Mitra.

### "Travancore Will Join"

"Before long, Travancore will join the Indian Union on a footing of complete equality, whatever assertions to the contrary the Dewan has been making," said Mr. Pattom Thannu Pillai, President of the Travancore State Congress, at a Press Conference. Continuing, Mr. Pillai said: "The present struggle in Travancore is directed towards this goal and the Dewan will soon realise he is the only individual in Travancore who is against the State's entry into the Indian Union. The State Congress has issued directions to disobey all prohibitory orders in a peaceful manner and carry on the struggle until the goal is reached. To deal with new developments and situations, fresh instructions will be issued whenever necessary. Whatever may be the method of the struggle, it will remain absolutely non-violent and peaceful."

## TENDER NOTICES

Tenders will be received by the Govt. Agent, Northern Province up to 12 noon on Tuesday, 15 July 1947 for raising the tank bund and other improvements to Alankulam in Tunukkai, N. P.

2. Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the Kachcheri, Jaffna, where all particulars can be obtained. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Saturday, July 12, 1947, only on production of a receipt for Rs. 50 deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kachcheri.

(G. 47. 27.)

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, Northern Province, up to 12 noon on Tuesday, 15 July 1947, for strengthening and raising the bund of Mallavikulam in Thunakkai N. P.

Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the Kachcheri, Jaffna, where all particulars can be obtained. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Saturday, 12, July 1947 only on production of receipt for Rs. 50 deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kachcheri.

(G. 56. 27.)

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, N. P., up to 12 noon on Tuesday, July 22, 1947, for raising and strengthening the tank, Uyilankulam, in Tunukkai, N. P. Tenders should be made on

forms obtainable on application from the Kachcheri, Jaffna, where all particulars can be obtained. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Saturday, July 19, 1947, only on production of receipt for Rs. 50 deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kachcheri.

(G. 52. 27.)

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, N. P., up to 12 noon on Tuesday, July 22, 1947, for strengthening and raising the bund and other improvements to Tunukkai Kulam in Tunukkai, N. P. Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the Jaffna Kachcheri, where all particulars can be obtained. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Saturday, July 19, 1947, only on production of a receipt for Rs. 50 deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kachcheri.

(G. 49. 27.)

Tenders will be received by me up to 12 noon on Tuesday, 15 July 1947 for improvements to Paluthanai Vaikal in Varany North N. P.

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(G. 54. 27.)

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 70

In the matter of the Estate of the late Joseph William Arudpragasam of 1st Cross Street, Jaffna.

Deceased

Mary Pakiam widow of Joseph William Arudpragasam of 1st Cross Street, Jaffna. Petitioner

Vs

George Selvarajah Arudpragasam of 1st Cross Street. Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 3rd day of May 1947 in the presence of Mr. T. Arumainayagam Prctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased abovenamed be granted to the petitioner above named as widow of the said deceased unless the Respondent or any other person or persons interested in these proceedings shall appear before this Court on or before the 30th day of June 1947 and show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 22nd day of May 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

(O. 37. 24 & 27)

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 71/2

In the matter of the estate of the late N. Samalal wife of Chelliah Natarajah of Manipay Jaffna late of Battu Gajah in F. M. S.

Deceased

Ponnammal widow of Vythilingam of Suthumalai. Petitioner.

Petitioner.

Minor 1. Vythilingam Arumugaram  
2. Sinnacudiy K. V. diah Teacher Suthumalai.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 26th day of May 1947 in the presence of Mr. M. Mathacaranam, Prctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 22nd May 1947 having been read:

It is ordered that the said 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian of the estate of the said deceased and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased be issued to the petitioner unless the respondent or other shall on or before the 7th day of July 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the petitioner do produce the said minor in Court on the said date.

This 26th day of May 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

(O. 35. 27 & 1)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Sri Rameshwaram Temple will be opened to Harijans on the 29th instant.

Mr. A. M. A. Azeez C. C. S. has been appointed Assistant Commissioner for the Parliamentary elections.

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Jaffna College Alumni Association, Colombo branch, will be held tomorrow at the Central Y. M. C. A. Fort.

The Orient liner Otranto arrived in Colombo at 9 o'clock on Wednesday last en route to England. As many as 772 Ceylonese returned to the island from Singapore on this ship. The Otranto also brought three European civilians and 34 Service personnel. The other arrival this morning was the s.s. Exhibitor.

Mr. D. P. R. Gunawardane, Sri Rahula Thero, and Mr. I. D. Indrapala were given bail on Monday last, on Rs. 2000/- each by the Colombo South Magistrate in the case in which they are charged with unlawful assembly and with obstructing employees of the South Western Bus Company from carrying out their duty.

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 709

In the matter of the Estate of the late Dorothy Pava Ratnam Thambirajah wife Kovinther Edward Thambirajah of Chundkui.

Deceased.

Kovinther Edward Thambirajah of Jaffna Town. Petitioner.

Vs.

Minor 1. Christopher Sountbarajah son of K.E. Thambirajah  
2. James Maitavagiam omamsundam both of Chundkui. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai, Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on the 2nd day of May 1947 in the presence of Mr. T. Arumainayagam Prctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian of the estate of the said deceased and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased abovenamed be granted to the petitioner as husband of the said deceased unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested in these testamentary proceedings shall appear before this Court on or before the 2nd day of July 1947 and show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 15th day of June 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

(O. 36. 24 & 27.)

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## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
 Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 704  
 In the matter of the estate of the  
 late Arunasalam Kasipillai of  
 Karainagar, Jaffna. Deceased.  
 Si-napillai widow of Arunasalam  
 Kasipillai of do.

Vs. Petitioner.

- Minors—  
 { 1. Thiyanayagi daughter  
 of Kasipillai  
 2. Kasipillai Thiruchittam-  
 palam both of do.  
 appearing by their guardian-  
 ad-litem the 3rd respondent.  
 3. Thillai mealam of do.

Respondents

This matter of the petition of the  
 petitioner praying that the 3rd res-  
 pondent be appointed guardian-ad-lit-  
 em over the 1st and 2nd respondents  
 and that the petitioner as widow of the  
 deceased be granted letters of admin-  
 istration to the estate of the above-  
 named deceased coming on for dispo-  
 sal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq  
 District Judge, Jaffna on the 13th  
 day of May 1947 in the presence of  
 Mr. V. Navaratnarajah Proc'or on  
 the part of the petitioner and the

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petition and affidavit of the petitioner  
 having been read:

It is ordered that the 3rd respon-  
 dent be appointed guardian-ad-litem  
 over the 1st and 2nd respondents  
 and that the petitioner as widow of  
 the deceased be granted letters of ad-  
 ministration to the estate of the de-  
 ceased, unless the respondents or any  
 other person or persons shall show  
 sufficient cause to the contrary on or  
 before the 30th day of June, 1947 at  
 10 a. m.

This 13th day of May, 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai  
 District Judge.

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