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Death--Its Benefits

The Gains Of Life From It.

(Rev. Arthur E. Massey in the "Vision")

(Continued from our issue of 8-7-47)

DEATH lends a peculiar sanctity to human love. Is not the marriage promise "Till death us do part"? The bride of a man's youth, the faithful counsellor of his middle life, and the loyal companion of his old age is made dearer to him, and he to her by the knowledge that some day death will separate them. And it is the same knowledge that makes a young mother clasp her sick child to her breast in an impotent agony of love and fear. A man may love his books, he may be proud of his collection of pictures, of old furniture or of ancient brasses, but the love he bears his wife, his child, or his friends is something deeper and more sublime; it is a love intensified and purified by the thought that human life is a finite thing, which may at any moment be touched by the finger of death.

In the moulding of the history of mankind, death has played a supreme part. Without death, human progress would have been infinitely slower than it has been and the crush of civilization would have been assailed by ancient tyrants and their tyrannies. If the Nero or Gaius had been physically immortal the amount of human suffering would have been incalculably increased. But their power for evil was cut short by the hand of death, which brings to an end, both despot and slave. Death is a great liberator; it frees the individual from the trammels of life, but it also frees the race from the shackles of the past. All careful students of history which in the words of Gibbon, "is indeed little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind", are fully persuaded of the ultimate triumph of right over wrong. It is a lesson that the poets have never wearied of teaching as witness Longfellow's lines:

"Though the mills of God grind slowly yet
They grind exceedingly small;
Though with patience He stands waiting,
With exactness grinds He all"
or Bryant's:
"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers."

Under the directing finger of the Great First Cause man has climbed slowly, with bleeding feet and torn hands, from lower types to the development of today. If there had been no death, man would not be what he is today. Death has rapidly sup-

pressed those not qualified for survival, and whatever physical or mental or moral quality has had value, has tended to persist.

It is impossible to judge of the beauty and symmetry of some great building until the scaffolding which was a necessary accompaniment of its erection has been removed. Death clears away the scaffolding that has hedged about the growth of man, and we are what we are today, because death has helped to fashion us.

The psychological law of relativity teaches us that we know things only by their opposites. Without death we should be likely to hold life as of little account. Its very finiteness gives life on earth a special value and a special beauty—the beauty of the evanescent. And many of the qualities that make us cling to life are qualities that have been conferred upon it by death.

"There is no death! What seem so
is transition:
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian
Whose portal we call death."

Why Dutch Went To War

The Dutch went to war with the Indonesians "because they were going bankrupt" without access to the rich, tropical products of the Indies. Dr. J. Van De Vede, highest Netherlands civil authority in Sumatra, told the Associated Press of America in an interview last week.

He indicated that Dutch objectives on the huge island would be limited primarily to estates of tea, rubber, tobacco and coconuts along the north-east coast and the oil fields around Palembang to the south east.

Shaw To Publish Photographs

George Bernard Shaw who celebrated his 91st birthday on July 25, is thinking of publishing something entirely new for him—some of his photographs. He is bringing out, though not necessarily for bookshops, a small pamphlet about the statue of "St. Joan" by his neighbour sculptress, Clare Winsten. This statue is in Shaw's garden, and he has been photographing it from various angles, with the aid of a professional photographer.

EAST AND WEST

Closer Co-operation Urged

That the West need have no fears regarding the unity move among the Eastern Nations was voiced by Mr. V.V. Giri, Indian Government's Representative in Ceylon speaking at the 20th Century Club Colombo on Friday last. Mr. Giri said that he would not be satisfied with Asian unity but with international unity. He was certain that Western Nations would get together when they saw Eastern Nations getting together but since the East did not believe in domination the West need have no fear.

Mr. Giri who spoke on Trade Unionism in India said the time was coming when capitalists as a class must disappear, and economic equality be established.

Mr. Giri said the Indian trade union movement owed its existence to the political conditions that existed in India about the time that Mahatma Gandhi returned from South Africa. With the birth of the International Labour Organisation in Geneva, the movement assumed an international aspect.

He and others, who felt like him that there was no salvation for the workers unless they organised them-

JAFFNA'S LEAD

Education Minister's Praise

Mr. C. W. W. Kannangara, Minister of Education, addressing the Parent-Teacher Association, Horawala Government School at Kavutara said his free Education Scheme, which was criticised severely by a certain section in Ceylon, had been praised by Whitehall and honoured in India.

He said that 82 out of 84 schools in Jaffna, which he described as the land of intelligent and careful men, had joined the Free Scheme. He hoped that by October next year all schools in the Island would follow the example of Jaffna and would be free schools.

selves, set about getting things done. About 1918 the Movement began to be organised, but later there was a left wing split. About 1939 the unions united again.

Dealing with the question of private vested interests Mr. Giri said that capitalism must be eliminated and all industries nationalised. Workers should be made to realise that they were not merely wage earners but dominant partners in the industry. Within the next five years India would be a full-blooded socialist state.

Joyous Living

Righteousness—The Only Path

WE can travel to the ends of the earth, study all the religions, philosophies, sciences and cults, and still be left in a quandary until we realise man is wholly a spiritual being created in the likeness of his Maker and learn that the main object in life is to become aware of the spirit of God dwelling within us, contact it and unfold our souls in truth.

If we are seeking the truth that shall make us free and find difficulty in contacting the God within which is all love, all wisdom, all power, we should overcome fear and selfishness, forgive all, replace hatred with love and come to know that the purpose of life is to cooperate fully with God's Law of Life inherent within us and bring to perfect outer expression the inner perfection. As we become aware of unity with our Creator through love, are we made happy, self-reliant and joyous. A new vision of life opens devoid of fears, self-pity, jealousies, and kindred tendencies, which heretofore blocked our spiritual progress causing illness and wretchedness."

KIDNAP SCARE

Police Warning

The Police will deal severely with anybody found to be spreading false stories of the kidnapping of children.

An incident which occurred at Bambalapitiya last week provides an example of how inoffensive individuals are set upon by people who have been incensed by these false rumours. Two Tamils had gone to the Bambalapitiya temple for religious worship. After they had finished their prayers they rubbed holy ash on their foreheads and were on their way home, when they had an altercation and came to blows. An urchin shouted out "Sannyasi" and a crowd forthwith collected and abused the two men threateningly until in terror they sought shelter at the Police Station.

It is stated that the Police in order to allay the fears of parents of school-going children will guard the entrances of schools which have asked for this precaution.

NOTICE

The Offices of the "Hindu Organ" and the "Inthusathanam" will be closed on Friday and Saturday on account of the Maviddapuram Car and Theertham festivals. Consequently there will be no issue of the "Hindu Organ" on 15-8-47.

MANAGER.



Hindu Organ

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1947.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

INDIA WILL BE CELEBRATING Independence Day on August 15, 1947. It is gratifying that Britain decided on the transfer of power to the Dominions of India and Pakistan peacefully. It is creditable that India was able to achieve independence without a revolution. The Dominion of India has with slight modification adopted the tri-coloured Congress flag as its national flag. Mahatma Gandhi is, however, not satisfied with Asoka's wheel of Dharma replacing the Charka which has for years symbolised the emancipation of India. Despite the fact that several Indian leaders who fought for the independence of their country have passed away our thanks are due to Providence for having spared Mahatma Gandhi long enough to witness the realisation of India's independence. August 15th and 16th are public holidays in India and some provinces are celebrating Independence Day on three days consecutively. The Viceroy will cease to function, but Lord Louis Mountbatten will be the first Governor-General of India. The Indian National Congress deserves to be congratulated for its choice of the first Governor-General of India.

The latest announcement of Mr. Mohamed Ali Jinnah that Hindus and Muslims will cease to exist as such, but will be citizens of Pakistan is encouraging. He explains that thereby citizens will not fail to be true to their respective religions, but Hindus or Muslims will enjoy equal rights as citizens of Pakistan and religion would no longer be an impediment to the progress of any citizen. It would have been definitely better had there been no division of India into two Dominions, but facts have to be faced. It is the fond hope of several Indian leaders that the two dominions would soon unite. For the preservation of peace and unity, the two Dominions have agreed to have a joint Defence Council.

Ceylon also expects to attain Dominion Status in the new

S. E. ASIAN CONFEDERACY

Manchester Guardian's Call

"THE Manchester Guardian" advocates a union of all countries in South East Asia to defend themselves against foreign aggression. There is no other way for these countries to safety except by continuing by free agreement among themselves, the union with one another which hitherto was brought about by their common attachment to Britain.

In an editorial which states that Britain will no longer play a unilateral role in organizing the defences of the Indian Ocean region. "The Manchester Guardian" warns of certain dangers to its security after the transfer of power.

"The partition and independence of India will create a new problem of security in the region of the Indian Ocean", it says. "What are the essential facts?"

"The peace of this area, which contains between one-fourth and one-fifth of the total population of the world, has for more than a century been preserved by a combination of the British Navy and a land power based on India and composed of Indian economic resources and the Indian Army.

"In the place of a single Empire there may in the near future be a series of succession States, indepen-

dent both of Britain and of one another; instead of a garrison with a single command there may be half a dozen different Powers.

"There may be an independent Pakistan, an independent Union of India, an independent Burma, perhaps an independent Ceylon. Each is likely to have weak defences of its own, and, judging from the underlying matters of dispute in social and economic relations, each is liable to be on strained terms with the others.

"The substitution of such a Balkanised system for the unity which existed before can hardly fail in the increase of international tension.

"What seems to be necessary is first and indispensably, that the Indian Union and Pakistan, even though they have divided their armies, should continue to act—as indeed their self interest dictates that they should—in the closest unity in all matters of Defence and Foreign policy: and second, that Burma, Ceylon, and perhaps, Malaya, should enter into some kind of defence confederacy with them.

"Nor can the machinery of common action really be limited to Defence. Difficulties are certain to arise between the different States which, if not settled, may poison all larger co-operation."

Notes and Comments

Pitfalls

Ceylon is to be granted a status generally known as Dominion Status, and agreements in regard to external affairs, defence etc have to be concluded between the Ceylon Government and Whitehall, so we understand. As already stated by us, it would be well for Ceylon, a small country to entrust the defence of the country to a first class power like England during the transitory period. In this connection, it would be well for Ceylon's statesmen to take note of the unhappy situation that has developed in Egypt today and which is the cause of friction between England and that country. Egypt, though a sovereign state is unable to get rid of the British troops stationed in her territory under the terms of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936, and in despair she has now gone to the Security Council to establish her rights as a sovereign nation. This is a pointer to Ceylon. Ceylon's future depends on India and in her co-operation with the other South

future but with this difference viz defence and external affairs will be subjects for agreement with Britain. After April 1948 India will be a Sovereign State, but no date time can be fixed for Ceylon to attain a similar status. The "Manchester Guardian" has suggested that India, Burma, Malaya and Ceylon should act in concert in matters of defence and external affairs. The South East Asian countries cannot but unite regarding their defence.

Ceylon's debt to India is great; Hinduism in a wide sense is the religion of the people of India; some think it includes Buddhism. It will not be wrong to state that the two countries have a common culture and tradition. We in Ceylon offer our felicitations to India.

East Asian nations and there may come a time when the British troops stationed here will be more of a nuisance than a source of help. There should not be any loopholes in the Agreement to be concluded to enable the Britisher to linger on in Lanka's soil a minute longer than is required. We warn our statesmen who may be called upon to discuss the agreement to beware of pitfalls.

Exit Suhrawardy!

The man who by declaring Aug. 16 of last year a public holiday all over Bengal and who by his communal vituperations was the architect of the Bengal massacre is at last pushed out by the Leaguers of East Bengal and he has to rest content with being the leader of the League party in West Bengal. H. S. Suhrawardy was, if one believes in his words, repentant in the later stages of his communal regime and he tried his best to retrieve the errors he committed by joining hands with Srijut Sarat Chandra Bose and worked for a united Bengal: but it was too late and Bengal has been partitioned to the chagrine of both Hindus and Muslims. The past history of Mr. K. Nazimuddin who has been elected leader of the League party in East Bengal and who would be the premier of that province is not bright either. India cannot forget him as the father of the Bengal famine that ravaged the country some time ago. In the political field he too is a camp follower of M. A. Jinnah; now that the League ideal is attained there need not be any cause for further bitterness between the Hindus and Muslims of Bengal. Mr. Nazimuddin gave vent to this feeling immediately after he was elected leader of the League party and he assured the Hindus of East Bengal that they would have a square deal. The acid test of Mr. Nazimuddin's leadership, and for that matter, the leadership of Jinnah too, will be their capacity to rise to the occasion and give adequate and effective protection to the minority community. Mr. Nazimuddin and the entire League leadership are on trial in Pakistan.

Tara Chaudri Here

On A Cultural Tour

Tara Chaudhri whose exposition of Indian classical dancing at the recent Inter-Asian Relations Conference evoked tributes from all delegates arrived in Colombo on Friday last. She is here on a cultural tour.

During her two months tour here Tara Chaudhri will perform in Kandy, Galle, Jaffna and other important places.

Interviewed by a Press Representative Tara Chaudhri said a great deal remained to be done for the uplift of national culture both in India and Ceylon. With the grant of political freedom to the two countries, the Governments concerned should help towards the attainment of this objective.

Another important need she said, was the establishment of a cultural federation of Asian artists, the object of which would be to promote greater cultural unity among the Eastern countries. It would also help to strengthen the political ties between them by means of goodwill missions.

Tara Chaudhri stressed the need of a State academy in Colombo for the promotion of national dancing and music. This, she pointed out, would obviate the present practice of students going to India and at the same time greatly increase the opportunities for those who were unable to obtain their training abroad. The necessary qualified teachers could be got down from India.

SMUTS DEFIANT

General Smuts South African Union Premier is understood to have written to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru refusing to repeal the Pegging Act and other anti-Indian measures. This decision, it is believed, follows an earlier exchange of letters on the subject between Pandit Nehru and General Smuts, in which the latter is believed to have declined to take cognizance of the U. N. O. resolution on the subject.

Since no compromise has been found possible, the dispute will now come before the United Nations General Assembly.

The South African Indian issue—item 20 on the Assembly agenda—is likely to be raised sometime in October. Meanwhile, the Government of India are preparing a report for submission to the General Assembly in accordance with the United Nations resolution.

Indian Independence Day Celebration

The Jaffna District Committee of the Ceylon Indian Congress will celebrate Friday, August 15, the Indian Independence Day. The chief features of the celebration will be

1. A Procession starting at 3 p. m. from Navalur School Junction, Vannarponnai, for the Jaffna esplanade, the venue of the Public Meeting;
 2. Flag salutation at 6 p. m.; and
 3. A Public Meeting at 6-30 p. m.
- Several speakers will address the meeting, explaining the significance of the celebrations. Arrangements are being made to install loud speakers at the meeting.

Co-operation in Ceylon

Madras Official's Tribute

A tribute to the co-operators of Ceylon was paid by Rao Bahadur J. C. Ryan, Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras in a speech he delivered at the Northern Division Co-operative Conference held at the Regal Theatre Hall on Thursday last. Sir Wytialingham Duraiswamy opened the conference. Sir Wytialingham eulogized the services rendered by the coops. to the public during the war period and said that co-operation could overcome North Ceylon's greatest incubus—agricultural indebtedness. If farmers of each village pooled their slender resources they would be able to form co-operative societies which should help them not only to avoid indebtedness but also to possess the necessary resources for adopting modern and scientific methods of agriculture. Such societies would give a fillip to agriculture in the province and also enable large-scale production.

Mr. V. Veerasingham, President of the Northern Division Co-operative Federation, in welcoming Sir Wytialingham said that a crying need was co-operative insurance for the protection of the farmers against damage or failure of crops.

Rao Bahadur J. C. Ryan, Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras, who lived in Ceylon before, said that in the last few years co-operation in Ceylon had produced such remarkable results that it had attracted attention in India and he had come here to study the movement so that Madras Province might benefit by it. He said:

"We in Madras, too, have developed the consumer co-operative movement a great deal in recent years. We have nearly 3,000 co-operative consumer stores and 22 wholesale stores. We market goods to the extent of 22 crores of rupees. But compared to the success your stores movement has achieved, our stores movement falls into insignificance.

"The stores movement in Colombo has reached every citizen of Colombo, and the stores movement in the rest of Ceylon has reached two-thirds of the population. In Madras, we have scarcely reached one-fifth of the population.

"While the stores movement is essential, the producer co-operative movement must be extended and developed."

Describing co-operation as the best remedy for any difficult situation, he instanced the new housing scheme in Madras. The Government for every 25 lakhs of share capital collected from the public was prepared to spend one crore on the building of houses in the city. The response was staggering and the Government would be making a profit of one lakh on the transaction. The Government had also considered favourably a proposal for lending to co-operative societies a sum amounting to 15 crores of rupees, payable in five years, on housing schemes, in towns as well as in the rural areas.

The Ceylon Parliamentary Elections) Order-in-Council has been amended to permit candidates contesting Parliamentary seats to use private cars belonging to others for the conveyance of electors to or from the polls.

Hail! Bharata Matha!

Onward New India

TO GLORY AND HOPE

FREE INDIA ANTHEM

Angels greet thy glory today;
The heavens kiss thy crown;
Onward New India, free and gay;
Thine is the world-renown.

Rise up Free India from the flames
Of fearless sacrifice;
A thrill of Jai Hind song acclaim
Throughout the land thy praise

The darkness nights of sufferings
Shadow not thy dawn;
This day of joy thy message rings
Fresh hope; for love is born.

Thy smile has conquered sordid glooms;
Thy will shatters the cage.
Thy hope put forward vernal blooms,
Hail, Queen of golden age!

—YOGI SHUDDHANANDA BHARATI.



Independence Day

G. G. to Hoist Tri Colour Flag

THE Jaffna Hindu Mahasabha has decided to celebrate the Indian Independence day in a fitting manner on the 15th inst. This decision was made at a conference of representative men from all over Jaffna on Thursday last.

Mr. C. Nagiah, president of the Maha Sabha presided over the conference and appealed to all citizens of Jaffna to celebrate the day in a magnificent manner. "The 15th of August is a momentous day not only for India, but also for the whole world" declared Mr. Nagiah and continued: "A war weary world, shattered by the woes of a devastating war looks to the East for salvation and succour, and India verily is the accredited representative of the East. It is in the power of this great sub-continent, if and when given the proper facilities pertaining to freedom, to grant the succour. India, the home of Hinduism is to regain her pristine glory on the 15th inst: and it is but fitting that we in Jaffna who pride in our ancestry, should celebrate the occasion in a fitting manner."

Mr. R. C. Manmatharayan member, U. C. seconding the appeal of the president endorsed all what the latter said, and requested all temple authorities to treat the day as a day of special significance and to perform special pujas etc.

It was resolved to have a flag hoisting ceremony on that day at the Hindu Maha Sabha premises—Kandarmadam, and to request Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, President of the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress hoist the tri colour flag of India.

To Save Deposit!

According to the U. N. P., the journal of the United National Party, Mr. Senanayake will route his opposition at Mirigama. Already the Marxists are giving up the struggle. The paper continues:

"Now they are not working for victory—only to save Samarakody his deposit. This is not an exaggeration."

Jaffna Hindu College

PRIZE-GIVING

Saturday 23rd inst
at 6-30 p. m.

CHIEF SPEAKER:

V. V. GIRI Esq.

Old Boys, Friends & Well-Wishers
are Cordially invited.

Principal.

(Mis. 108. 12-22-8-47.)

Shot Dead

Mylvaganam Selliah aged 45 was shot dead on Thursday last at Surawattai a village one and a half miles from Chunnakam.

Selliah had sometime ago been acquitted of the charge of murdering a man named Kanagasundaram who was shot at the same spot.

MINISTERS AND ELECTIONS

Can They Be Debarred?

THE Political Reporter of the "Times of Ceylon" writes:

"With the start of the General Election only thirteen days ahead, doubts that the seven Ministers of State are eligible to stand for election have crystallised and an urgent message has been despatched to Whitehall by the authorities here to straighten out a tangle.

The authorities are of opinion that it can be argued the Ministers are debarred from contesting parliamentary seats under the Soulbury Order-in-Council on the ground that they come under the category of public officers in that order.

The urgent message to the Secretary of State to the Colonies requests that the Order-in-Council should be amended so as to clear the doubt and enable the Ministers to stand for Parliament without question.

This apparent disqualification would have escaped the notice of the authorities but for a preliminary objection raised against the nomination of Mr. George E. de Silva in Kandy which was overruled by the Returning Officer.

It is argued that this objection could have been maintained in a court of law on the ground that the Ministers exempted under Section 13 sub-section 3 were Ministers of Parliament in respect of the Soulbury Constitution only, and not Ministers of the State

Council in terms of the Donoughmore Constitution.

The State Council Order-in-Council exempted Ministers of the State from this particular disqualification but this Order-in-Council is now considered "dead"

Legal opinion

A legal personage, discussing this subject with me yesterday, explained that it was now intended to remove any doubt from the minds of the public. He maintained that the intention of the framers of the Order-in-Council was to exempt Ministers from the disqualification and the Order-in-Council, it was now proposed, should be amended so as to bring it into line with English procedure.

In reply to a question why the relevant section which debarred Dr. S. A. Wickremasinghe (convicted of a political offence), from contesting a parliamentary seat, could not be amended, this legal personage explained that it involved a principle, and that it could not be amended unless there were definite instructions from higher levels. In the present instance there was no such principle involved. It was only a clarification of a doubt.

LATEST NEWS

The Secretary of State for the colonies has agreed to amend the Order-in-Council to enable Ministers of State to contest Parliamentary seats.

Ahimsa And Truth NEFARIOUS PROPAGANDA

Heritage of the Tamil Race

AN appeal to Tamils wherever they are to eschew all that is foreign to their culture and tradition and to imbibe the great qualities that characterised the race was made by Poet Ramalingham of Namakkal in his reply to the welcome address given to him by the public of Jaffna on Friday evening last at the Town Hall Jaffna. The function was attended by thousands of inhabitants who were anxious to have a dharshan of the poet of the Gandhian era. Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, retired Government Agent presided over the function and introduced the distinguished visitor. Mr. Coomaraswamy paid a tribute to the versatile genius of the poet, and said that his name was a household word in Tamil Nad. If South India and especially Tamil Nad was in the forefront of the freedom fight of Mother India it was in no small measure due to the inspiration derived by the masses from the songs of Mr. Ramalinghampillai, who after Bharati was verily the greatest poet of Tamil Nad. The poet's songs had a vigour all their own and no one could not but be inspired by them to action. On behalf of Jaffna which had much in common with Tamil Nad in its culture, tradition etc. Mr. Coomaraswamy extended to the poet a cordial welcome.

Kumari S. N. Saraswathy a talented daughter of Jaffna, who had the privilege of being the Secretary of the Women's Section in Subhash Chandra Bose's National Army in Malaya sang a few compositions of the poet and of Sri Subramania Barathiar. The welcome address composed in verse by Sri K. Soma-unthara Pulavar of Navaly and exquisitely printed on palmyrah ola leaves with silver frame was then presented to the poet.

Mr. C. Ambikaipagan; B. A., Principal, Vaideeshwara Vidyalaya who spoke next paid a tribute to the sterling qualities of the speaker and recounted the services he has done to Mother India in her freedom fight. Mr. N. Ponniah, Editor "Eelakesari" presented a purse on behalf of the public of Jaffna to the poet.

Pandit Navaneetha Krishna Barathiar spoke eulogising the services of the poet for Tamil Nad and characterised his poems as a class of their own.

The poet rising amidst deafening applause thanked the people of Jaffna for the right royal welcome they have accorded him and said that he was overwhelmed with their kindness. It was a great honour for him when one considered the fact that Jaffna was the birth place of the greatest of Tamil scholars viz. Sri-la Sri Arumuga Navalar, C. W. Thimothampillai and Kumaraswami Pulavar whose names were household words in Tamil Nad. "The Tamils were a great nation" said the poet and continued: "they were a glorious nation whose civilisation and culture spread to the four corners of the world. Their whole civilisation was based on truth and ahimsa. The Tamils in their hey

day were never aggressors but were messengers of peace and harmony. Their ahimsa was the ahimsa of the brave and not the inertia of a coward. No sectional outlook, no communal vision should bias the Tamils in their relationship towards the other nationals of the world. Today the world is shrinking, thanks to the modern tendencies of thought and modern scientific inventions. The Tamils in the context of world situation should view things in a broad-minded manner. Patriotism there should be, but that should have Truth and ahimsa as its base."

Mr. P. Rajagopal sang a few compositions of the poet at intervals.

Mr. N. Thambiratnam thanked the poet for having visited Jaffna and those who contributed to make the function a success.

Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit is expected to present her credentials as India's Ambassador to the Kremlin this week.

SALE OF LAND

GUARDIANSHIP CASE NO. 302/C
DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Tenders are invited for the sale of land described below, to be forwarded to the Secretary of the District Court of Jaffna or to me within 21 days from the date of this publication quoting number of this case.

Description of Land

All that piece of land called 'Aladykaddapulam and Mudavanalady' in extent 1 Lm. 6½ Kls. V. C. One Lacham and Six and One-fourth Kulis Varagoe Culture situated at Kokuvil in the Parish of Nallore in the Division and District of Jaffna bounded on the East by the property of Chinniah Rathinammah North by Road West by the property of Thangamuthu widow of Veupillai and Share-holders and on the South by the property of Sellamuttu wife of Sellappah and share holders (Title under partition decree.)

R. SIVASUPRAMANIAM,
Proctor for Guardian and
Tirunelveli. Curator.
(Mis. 111. 12-8-47.)

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, Northern Province, up to 12 noon on Thursday, August 21, 1947 for the necessary improvements to the Puthuvadduvan Manattuculam in Pooneryn Divisional Revenue Officer's Division., N. P. Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the Kacheheri, Jaffna where all particulars can be obtained. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Tuesday, August 19, 1947, only on production of receipt for Rs. 50/- deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kacheheri.

M. SRIKHANTA,
for Government Agent, N; P.
The Kacheheri,
Jaffna, August 4, 1947.
G. 76. 12-8-47.)

Leftists' Insinuation Against Senanayake

THE "Searchlight" a bitter critic of Mr. D. S. Senanayake and his policy, however does not see eye to eye with the Communists and the other leftists when they accuse Mr. Senanayake of certain acts. In the opinion of the "Searchlight" the nefarious propaganda of the Communists does not redounded to their credit. In critically analysing these charges and insinuations, the "Searchlight" says:—

Mr. Senanayake is accused of having planned to send Government servants to polling booths away from their electorate as their votes will be against him and his party.

What proof has Mr. Keuneman that Mr. Senanayake has planned this? Is Mr. Keuneman aware that while there were only 50 electorates for the last State Council elections there are 91 electorates this time? Is he aware that while the number of polling booths were less than 500 on the last occasion there are more than 2,000 such this time? Is he aware that at least 4 clerks are wanted for each polling booth and that only men of knowledge, experience and probity would be selected? Does Mr. Keuneman insist that it is possible to find the requisite number of eligible men from among the Government servants who live in the respective electorates or whose votes are registered in the said electorates? For Mr. Keuneman to persist in saying this is nothing short of insulting the intelligence and character of the Commissioner of Elections who is responsible for organising the work in connection with the holding of the elections. When we examine the second charge we see: how party politics affects reason, wisdom and even decency. Mr. Senanayake is accused of sending to Malaya 1000 Ceylonese as military police and another 10,000 as labourers as with the avowed object of depriving them of their vote which Mr. Senanayake knew he could not count upon. Can political meanness and petty mindedness descend any lower? Mr. Keuneman cannot see in this move the relief to the State on account of the unemployment problem. He cannot see any advantage to these unemployed men and their families as the result of jobs being found for them. No. He can only see a red herring on the tail!

Mr. Keuneman had the advantage of a University education which most of his colleagues and co-adjutors of the Communist Party did not receive. He had the privilege and advantage of associating with men of culture. He had all the opportunities — opportunities denied to many — to imbibe Western Culture. We believe he was elected President of the Cambridge Union, a distinction shared only by the late Sir James Peiris. Is Mr. Keuneman's statement that these men were sent to Malaya through the machinations of Mr. Senanayake in order to deprive them of their vote which Mr. Senanayake could not count upon, a specimen of the Cambridge culture imbibed by Mr. Keuneman? Does not such a statement dishonour even a person on the lowest rung of a political party

ladder?

It is said that evil communications corrupt good manners and to be charitable to Mr. Keuneman we could only say that Communism has robbed him not only of his Cambridge culture but has brought him down to the level of a common man by a truly communist procedure of levelling down or equalisation. If Mr. Keuneman is sincere in what he said, if he conscientiously believes that Mr. Senanayake wanted to send out of Ceylon these men whose votes he could not count upon, why in the name of common sense did he make this utterance at Matara "far away from the scene of hostilities" instead of going to the Echelon Barracks and addressing the men direct and telling them that Mr. Senanayake wants to prevent them from voting as he fears that they would vote against him and his party and that it is an ill-torn Mr. Senanayake is doing to them and advise them not to accept those jobs. Let Mr. Keuneman who dreams that the masses are behind the Communists tell those trying for these Malaya jobs that this is a trick of Mr. Senanayake and see for himself what the reaction would be. It is a shame that educated men should say such patently ridiculous things even if to make political capital. Communism seems to have robbed Mr. Keuneman even of his sense of shame and blunted the edges of his finer instincts.

Mr. Keuneman does not specifically charge Mr. Senanayake for the presence of a cruiser of the British Fleet in the harbour which was diverted to Colombo at the time of the recent strike. He further states that two more cruisers are due in Colombo during August and adds that this is an extra precaution against the opposition campaign. It is strange that Mr. Keuneman does not couple Mr. Senanayake's name with the naval dispositions. Was he afraid to do this fear of "putting his foot into it" or of fear of admitting the power Mr. Senanayake wields?

Mr. Keuneman's naive remark is that the two cruisers are due in Colombo in August as an extra precaution against the opposition election campaign. It would be noted that Mr. Keuneman's views were getting sober as he passed the peak of folly against the Malaya jobs. The cruisers were coming only as an extra precaution mark you and not to bully and intimidate. In this case it is not a charge but a lament. We have not been taken into anybody's confidence and we do not know whether any cruisers are expected in August, nor do we employ spies to find out the nature of military manoeuvres or naval dispositions. All we can say is that if the statement is true those responsible for it, whoever he or they may be, will receive the cordial thanks of the peace loving, lawabiding citizens of this country among whom the bloody revolution — preaching Communists and others of their ilk are not included.

Mr. H. Rahimtoola has been appointed the Pakistan High Commissioner in London.

INDIAN NEWS FRONT

Jinnah's Farewell

Wishes India Prosperity & Peace

"I wish Hindustan prosperity and peace", says Mr. Jinnah, Governor-General-designate of Pakistan in a statement on the eve of his departure for Karachi last week. Mr. Jinnah says: "I am grateful to all our friends and those who have sent me their kind messages of greetings and good wishes on the establishment of Pakistan. I wish I could reply to every one of them individually but having regard to the fact that I have received thousands of messages, I am unable to do so and hope that they will excuse me as it was impossible to acknowledge every message separately owing to the enormous pressure of work that we had to meet and give effect to the big issues involved in the division of India. I bid farewell to the citizens of Delhi amongst whom I had many friends of all communities and I earnestly appeal to every one to live in this great and historic city in peace. The past must be buried and let us start afresh as two independent States of Hindustan and Pakistan. I wish Hindustan prosperity and peace."

Gandhiji to live in Pakis'an?

"The rest of my life is going to be spent in Pakistan, may be in East Bengal or Western Punjab, or perhaps the North-West Frontier Province", declared Mahatma Gandhi in Lahore last week in reply to various questions put to him by some Congress workers who met him at his host's residence, Mahatma Gandhi said: "I am grieved to learn that people are running away from West Punjab, and I am told that Lahore is being evacuated by non-Muslims. I must say that this is what should not be. If you think Lahore is dead or is dying, do not run away from it. Replying to a question by Dr. Lehna Singh, General Secretary of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee, Mahatma Gandhi said that if Pakistan flag was such as would ensure equal rights and full protection to the minorities, they should all accept and honour the flag and have absolutely no hesitation in saluting it. I would ask you not to disown the Pakistan flag merely on the ground that it bears the crescent", he added, "I must however, say that if no assurance of the kind I have mentioned is forthcoming at least I shall refuse to salute that flag." Replying to a similar question on the flag of the Indian Union Mahatma Gandhi said: "I must say that if the flag of the Indian Union will not contain the emblem of the Charkha I will refuse to salute the flag. You know the National Flag of India was first thought of by me and I cannot conceive of India's National Flag without the emblem of the charkha. We have however been told by Pandit Jawaharlal and others that the sign of the wheel or chakra in the new National Flag symbolises the charkha also."

Pakistan Government

With the arrival in Karachi of the Governor-General-designate Mr. Jinnah and other Ministers of the Pakistan Central Government already in the city, the stage is now set for launching the Pakistan Dominion this week. Feverish arrangements are proceeding apace to get through the programme already drawn up for setting up the Pakistan Secretariat and Constituent Assembly. It is not yet known what will be the composition and strength of the Pakistan Central Government. There are already five Ministers of the present Cabinet

and Mr. Jogendra Nath Mandal stated that the total strength will be seven or nine. It is gathered that Mr. I. I. Chundrigar will not find a place in the new Cabinet and he is being tipped for the post of Pakistan's High Commissioner in London. Mr. Jinnah is understood to be keen on appointing a "Caste Hindu" to his Central Cabinet. In addition, at least three more Muslims from Sind, West Punjab and East Bengal will be added. Malik Feroz Khan Noon, who gave way to the Khan of Mamdot, in West Punjab leadership contest, is stated to be a hot favourite, but Mr. Suhrawardy's inclusion is definitely ruled out. According to information available here it is understood, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad is not attending the Pakistan Constituent Assembly. It is expected Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan will attend. The League Leader has expressed the hope that Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan will attend since the League would like to have at least one Muslim in the Opposition. With the reported decision by the Pakistan Government to adopt many of the provisions of the Government of India Act of 1935 indications are that Sir George Cunningham's first act on assuming the Frontier Governorship would be to suspend the present administration under Section 93 and order fresh elections later on.

Muslim's In India

Nawab Ismail Khan, Chairman of the Committee of Action of the All-India Muslim League, in the course of an interview to the Press on the attitude to be adopted by Muslims in India towards the Indian Union Flag and the Independence Day celebration said: "The new flag adopted by the Indian Constituent Assembly is as much the flag of the Indian Muslims as of the Indian Hindus and I expect that the same sentiment will be reciprocated by the Pakistan Hindus. Muslims of India must realise that the new Indian Flag is no longer a party flag as it has been accepted as the National Flag of the Indian Union with the consent of all the Parties in the Constituent Assembly. It is therefore only right that we Muslims living in the Union should henceforth regard it as our flag and respect it. We are not joining the Independence Day celebrations in any spirit of compulsion, but as free citizens of a free Indian Union."

Pakistan Consamb'y

The Pakistan Constituent Assembly met in Karachi yesterday and elected Mr. M. A. Jinnah, the Governor-General designate as its president. At its inaugural session on Sunday last Mr. J. N. Mandal, the scheduled caste nominee from Bengal was elected President pro tem.

More States Accede

Mysore, Kolhapur and a group of Deccan States attached to Kolhapur have acceded to the Indian Dominion.

Opposition to Rajaji

"The appointment of Mr. C. Rajagopalachari as Governor of West Bengal is an insult to West Bengal and her people, and indeed, to all fighters for freedom in the country," says Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, in a statement issued last week. Mr. Bose adds: "Mr. Rajagopalachari's attitude towards Bengal and Bengalees, particularly since the days of the Tripuri Congress, is well known. He was the person who wanted to

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forsake Bengal and the Punjab on the ground that these two provinces were obstacles in the way of the rest of India in attaining Swaraj. Division of India was his plan and he carried on negotiations for that purpose during the war years. Although division is a reality to-day, the people of Bengal can never reconcile themselves to it."

Nehru Speaks

Addressing a public meeting on Saturday in New Delhi to celebrate Liberty Week, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said that August 15 was a great day not only in the history of India or Asia but in that of the entire world. August fifteenth, he said marked the definite final end of the era of imperialism started by the British nearly 150 years ago. India's freedom was linked with the freedom of a number of other countries. The exploitation of India gave an excuse for some foreign power to dominate weak nations of Asia. All these nations too would now gradually get out of the clutches of the imperialists. Pandit Nehru said he was opposed in principle the letting the armies of one country stay in another.

OBITUARY

Mrs. S. APPADURAI

We regret to record the death of Srimathi Selvaretnam widow of the late Mr. S. Appadurai, Retired Station Master C. G. R. which occurred at the General Hospital, Colombo last week. The deceased was the third daughter of the late Mr. S. Nagalingam, Advocate, Jaffna one of the founders of the Jaffna Hindu College and the Saiva Paripalana Sabha, a leading politician and an eminent lawyer in his day.

The deceased was pious and unassuming in her ways. Her only son Mr. A. Wijeyagonarajah predeceased her five years ago. She leaves behind two daughters Mrs. V. Sabhapathi of Colombo and Mrs. N. Cumaraswamy of Colombogam to bemoan her loss.

We extend our heartfelt condolence to her beloved children and other relations.

May her soul rest in peace.

Sir F. C. Bourne has been appointed Governor of Eastern Bengal.

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Sir C. R. Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University has relinquished his Knighthood.

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In a message addressed to the President of the Security Council Dr. Amirsjarjuddin, the Indonesian Premier has asked that Republican Representatives be admitted to the next session of the Security Council to give "necessary and essential information."

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