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The Age of Shallow Demagogues

The Cause of World's Ills

Devotion to Science of Soul Needed

ANTHONY ELENJIMITTAM in the Indian Social Reformer

THE scales of Illusion are falling off one by one, and there is no point in adding more noise to the bustle and turmoil of the political world today. The U. N. O. has not yet proved to be an effective check on the aggressive Powers, nor a supranational Guardian for the preservation of World Peace and promotion of World prosperity. In India, the Congress, once by far the most representative of the nationalist and political life, is steadily being weakened from within and from without. The old fighting spirit is waning in the Congress ranks which makes its leaders retreat at every vital step. The Unity of India has been sacrificed before an impenetrable political impasse. But no price is too much, if only, by the vivisection of Mother India, we get rid of the Third Party in Power. One need not be unduly pessimistic at the tragic scenes in the Punjab and the grave problems created elsewhere as the result of partition of the country and the consequent British withdrawal. But what is really alarming, and tempts one to lose heart and commit the sin of pessimism is the revealing of the secret code behind the scenes. Only a small minority could penetrate behind the veil and diagnose the causes of our political, economic, social and religious maladies. Of these few who can see, those who proclaim it from the housetop, and do something to stem the tide, are still fewer.

Here comes the role of the constructive workers. Instead of joining the chorus of cheap slogans they abide by solid thought. Instead of hunting for cheap popularity, they are engaging their precious time and energy to something that will build up the life of the individual citizens and of the Nation at large. Nothing is easier than to join the legion of destructive criticism, aimless slogan-mongering and drag on some way or other this earthy existence until it eclipses. Talented youth and national resources are drained away by many two-penny politicians. Any crank may shout the commonplace slogans and form a party around him; this has become possible in India because of the appalling poverty, ignorance and illiteracy of the Indian masses everywhere. If the best brains and purest hearts are dragged into the political controversies and party fights, who will be left to infuse new blood to the fading limbs, new hopes to the despondent hearts of India's millions? If the Europe-

returned gentlemen and University professors were to harp upon mass psychology and take advantage of the present chaotic conditions in India and the world to secure their own fame and amass riches, who will uphold and enrich the spiritual and cultural heritage of India, of Asia, of the world? Hence silent, persistent, constructive work, is at least as much needed as the political gambling, manoeuvring and businessmen-domination.

Our generation, perhaps many generations after us may not be lucky enough to see another *Pax Augustea*. That does not mean that our forefathers were better off than we are now. We are now living in the Atomic Age, children of the *Kali Yuga*. Destiny, Nature of God, has placed us under the turbulent conditions of the twentieth century and we need not argue against Heaven's Will nor our own *karmic* nemesis. We need blame none but ourselves if we miss the aim in life; thank none but the grace of God if we succeed in fulfilling our life's mission.

In this Scientific and Industrial Age the Science of Soul is neglected. The seers of the ancient times, they who composed the Upanishads, Vedas and Vedantas, the Seven Wise men of the ancient Greece and over seventy times seven prophets of the East and the West, will rise from their silent dust and condemn our present generation, which, neglecting the Science of Soul, is wasting the mental and material resources in Radio-activity, Atom Research and other technical studies not with the positive purpose of benefiting mankind, but with the destructive purpose of uprooting their political opponents. If there are big prophets in our century, their message is choked, their words fall flat; their gospel becomes a voice in the wilderness of this senseless artificial struggling for existence and unnatural and mechanical political and economic problems. A shallow demagogue can rally around him or her a thousand times more disciples than a genuine follower of Giuseppe Mazzini, William Morris or Waldo Emerson. Thinkers and philosophers have hardly any respectable place in the modern world. The vacancies are filled with technicians, skilled workers and demagogues.

The neglect of spiritual and imponderable side of man is not the tragedy of our times alone. Thinkers, philosophers, prophets, have

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INDIANS IN CEYLON

Mr. H. M. Desai's Talks With Gandhiji

Mr. H. M. Desai, former President of the Indian Mercantile Chamber and one of the Founder Secretaries of the Ceylon Indian Congress, who is now in Delhi in connection with the Asian Regional Conference of the I. L. O., met Mahatma Gandhi and acquainted him with the position of Indians in Ceylon.

Mr. Desai in a statement, says that now that India has become independent and that Ceylon will soon achieve her Dominion Status, the prospects of a lasting and permanent understanding between the two neighbouring countries concerning the franchise and citizenship rights of nearly seven to eight lakhs of Indians in Ceylon seem to be hopeful.

Mr. Desai said that Indians in Ceylon, who aspired for full civic status in that country, could not seek dual citizenship rights. "They must make Ceylon their home and prove by some easily ascertainable

Interdicted Officers Re-instated

Following the communique issued by the Prime Minister, Mr. D. S. Senanayake, on the granting of Trade Union rights to Government Servants, it is learned that the four officers interdicted after the recent strike are to be re-instated. The officers concerned are: Mr. S. Casinathan, Secretary of the Postal Clerical Service Union, Mr. O. R. de Chickera, President of the Customs Clerical Service Union, Mr. J. E. A. Mortimer, Secretary, Stenographers' Association, and Mr. S. Vanniasingham, Secretary of the General Clerical Service Union.

Mr. Casinathan and Mr. Chickera have already been asked by the Heads of their respective Departments to resume work.

It is also reliably learned that the pending charges against about 39 other Government clerks are to be dropped.

factual tests that they have abiding interest in Ceylon."

Mr. Desai added that Mr. V. V. Giri, Government of India's Representative in Ceylon, was taking keen interest and probably within the next two or three months, the outstanding questions between India and Ceylon would be solved once for all.

Gandhiji's Hymns

(RENE FULLOP-MILLER in "Gandhi the Holy Man")

MAHATMA Gandhi is particularly fond of the hymns of his native district, Gujarat; they consist of peculiar incessant repetitions of a few lines of poetry which recall not so much music in the European sense as the ever-recurrent litany-like repetitions of the same sentence in the speeches of Buddha.

C. F. Andrews noted down the text of some of Gandhi's hymns; one of these, which is sung in the morning, runs as follows:

"The way of the Lord is open only to heroes, to cowards it is fast shut.

"Give up thy life and all that thou hast, so thou mayst assume the name of the Lord.

"Only he who leaves his son, his wife, his riches, and his life, shall drink from the vessel of God.

"For in truth, he that would fish for pearls must dive into the deepest depths of the sea and take his life in his hands.

"Death affrights him not: he forgets all the misery of body and soul.

"He who stands hesitating on the bank and fears to dive, gains nought.

"But the path of love is trial by

fire. The coward shrinks back from it.

"He who dares the leap into the fire, attains to everlasting bliss."

Another similar hymn reads:

"Lord, preserve me from looking on things which arouse evil thoughts. It were better for me to be blind.

"Lord, preserve me from soiling my lips with impure words. It were better for me to be dumb.

"Lord, preserve me from bearing any word of slander and insult. It were better for me to be deaf.

"Lord, preserve me from looking with desire on any of those who should be my sisters. It were better for me to be dead."

Gandhiji's favourite hymn glorifies the life of the "true Vaishnava"; this hymn was sung on the evening on which Gandhiji departed from his friends to go to prison. "He is a real Vaishnava", says this psalm, "who feel the suffering of others and his own suffering. He is ever ready to serve, and is never guilty of overweening pride. He bows before everyone, despises none, preserves purity in thought, word and

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GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC SERVICES LEAGUE

THE CONCESSION OF TRADE Union rights with certain limitations was announced by Mr. Senanayake who has been guided by Mr. Day's Report. Government have done wise in reinstating the four officers who were interdicted for participating in the June strike and deciding to drop the charges against various clerks. We have always emphasised that Government clerks in Ceylon should not be denied the privilege of forming trade unions and working for their betterment. Mr. Day's Report and the Prime Minister's decision are in their own way commendable, but the Public Services League appears to be discontented. Mr. S. R. Yapa who is the President of the League has issued a statement to members of the League entitled "Public Servants' Rights—the challenge of the present situation". According to Mr. Yapa the concession of Trade Union rights is seriously vitiated by the fact that three major limitations have been placed on the proposed public service "Trade Unions" viz the denial of the right of affiliation, the denial of the right to make a political levy, and the denial of the right to strike in circumstances not strictly confined to matters pertaining to public servants as such.

When the State Council refused to sanction trade union rights to public servants and the Board of Ministers thought that the matter should stand over for decision by Parliament, government clerks organised the 1st strike. Ceylon was fortunate in having solved a situation which might have had resulted in extremely grave consequences. Government clerks deserve to be commended for their wise decision to return to their desks. Government has climbed down in conceding to public servants trade union rights with certain limitations, and government clerks ought to be happy that the senior officers who were interdicted have been reinstated and that charges against others of the clerical service have been dropped. It will be rather difficult to state at this juncture whether Mr. Yapa has stated his case fairly and squarely. It will be well if both Government and the Public Services League meet in conference and agree on some solution of the outstanding problems without either Government or the Public Services League sticking to their demands obstinately.

HINDU TEMPORALITIES ORDINANCE

An Urgent Necessity Now

(By A HINDU)

TIME after time we have discussed on the need for a Hindu Temporalities Ordinance to protect our temples and its temporalities. But it is to be regretted that we have not made any attempt in the right direction. It is now high time for the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai and other leading Hindus to induce the New Parliament to enact an ordinance similar to that of the Hindu Temporalities Ordinance obtaining in the Madras Presidency for the purpose of regulating the proper administration of the Hindu Temples and its temporalities in Ceylon.

It will be most surprising to hear that the affairs of many Hindu temples in the north are in a parlous condition. Temples both small and large are many and are scattered over the whole province. These temples were either founded on public contributions or by private individuals for the benefit of their religionists. The founders have in many cases failed to make proper and satisfactory arrangements with regard to the management and maintenance of the temples. It goes without saying that if the present state of affairs are allowed to continue many of our ancient temples will soon go to ruins. It is generally felt that the management of the finances of the Hindu temporalities are far from satisfactory and some measures must be devised early to place the finance under proper control. There are temples in Jaffna which have endowments worth

several lakhs of rupees having an annual income of several thousands of rupees but are wholly mismanaged.

Under present conditions a manager of a temple is not accountable to any person or body for the income which he derives from the temples. The public who contribute such income have no voice in their management and they are in the dark as to what the managers do with the surplus income that remain in their hands.

We have however not the slightest doubt that when the Government is made aware of the real state of affairs relating to the Hindu temples it will be too willing to press for a measure similar to that existing in South India. Not only in our interest but also in the interest of the general public it is extremely necessary that this ought to be done without further loss of time to place the management of all Hindu temples on a sound footing. The somewhat dilatory process of the Trust Ordinance has not conferred any appreciable benefit even in the management of the few temples which have been brought under the operation of this ordinance; and the necessity for action on the lines suggested is very pressing in the circumstances obtaining today.

Will the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai and other leading Hindus give a lead by drawing up a draft ordinance for submission to the authorities for taking the initiative in the matter?

Notes and Comments

"Settled on Decent Lines"

South Africa continues to be recalcitrant in regard to the settlement of the Indian question in spite of the fact that the U. N. O. gave her time to mend her ways. In fact the South African Government have completely ignored the United Nations General Assembly resolution of 1946, and the position today is the same as it was at the time of the passage of the resolution of the General Assembly. Yet, General Smuts the South African Premier who is supposed to be British Commonwealth's elder statesman had the hardihood and effrontery to State that the "Indian question had been settled on decent lines." The Premier justifying the action of his government and giving the excuse for ignoring the decision of the U. N. O. is reported to have stated that he had great respect for the U. N. O. but it was an infant. People were talking there about world conditions without knowing world conditions. We are surprised and even pained that such brazen-faced effrontery on the part of Smuts has gone unchallenged by those delegates of the U. N. O. who talk glibly of freedom and democracy. It is increasingly made manifest that the U. N. O. is becoming more of a farce than an organisation to foster peace and security. Hitler's racism was the cause of Second World War. Smuts' racialism, if it goes unchallenged, may verily be the cause for the Third World war. Let not the U. N. O. for a moment forget Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit's stern but timely warning: "A greater danger threatens the world and that is the possibility of conflict based on race."

Rice Meals and Policemen

We are glad that a canteen, the first of its kind in the island has been

opened at the Police Head Quarters Colombo for the exclusive use of the Constables and Sergeants who have been hitherto denied these facilities, though officers of higher ranks were provided such amenities for a long time. It is stated that at this canteen for Constables and Sergeants breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner can be had for the modest sum of Rs. 30/- a month and that dinner as well as lunch will consist of rice and curry. To be explicit there will be two rice meals a day and we are confident they will be sumptuous too! But one cannot help feeling certain amount of doubt as to how two meals of rice could be served daily with the present rice ration unless of course augmented with rice from the black market or from some other sinister source. We hope that such transaction will be taboed in the said canteen and that everything will be straight and clean. However, it would be of immense interest and help to our housewives if the *modus operandi* in the Police Canteen of preparing two sumptuous rice meals per individual with the present rice ration is made public.

Heads of Agreement

We understand that the heads of agreement to be entered upon between Ceylon and Britain before Ceylon is granted "Responsible Government within the British Commonwealth" are being under discussion by the Ceylon Cabinet, and we are told that the results of these discussions will be placed before Parliament in due course. This is well and good in so far as the Cabinet is concerned, for we know that Mr. Senanayake and his Cabinet are determined to tie the little Ceylon to the apron strings of Dame Britain. But will the Parliament too succumb to the Senanayake-Greer Jones bait? The last elections to

Letter To The Editor

Self - Help

Sir,—The Vellalas of Chunnakam have resolved at a public meeting held recently not to depend on Kovias for customary services hitherto rendered by Kovias in Vellala homes at weddings, funerals and other occasions. A decision to be self dependent deserves commendation.

The Kovias of Chunnakam appear to have been somewhat perturbed by the tactics adopted by some vellalas during the recent Parliamentary election. Probably with the desire to preserve their self-respect they decided no longer to do their customary services in Vellala homes.

The Vellalas have done well in having solved the problem without resorting to violence or setting up one community against the other.

Yours etc.

A Resident of Chunnakam

Parliament have amply demonstrated the pulse of the nation. Even the United National Party which now speaks of "responsible Status within the British Commonwealth" and of agreements and negotiations had Purana Swaraj for Ceylon as its immediate aim. Burma has been promised full independence before soon. Our neighbour India is already free, and why should Ceylon alone be still tied to the British Empire with all sorts of agreements as a mill stone round her neck? What Ceylon—we mean the masses of Ceylon and not the ruling junta—demands is full independence. A declaration of the grant of that right is immediately called for from the British Government, before the proposed heads of agreement can be considered. Agreements can only be concluded between equals. Pompous and sounding phrasology will not and cannot deceive the masses all the time.

Minister for Labour

Mr. T. B. Jayah is the Honourable Minister for Labour; but we are afraid that Mr. Jayah is simply being misled by his Parliamentary Secretary who happens to be no other person than Mr. A. E. Goonesinghe. The selection of Dr. C. J. C. de Silva, who happens to be a member of Mr. Goonesinghe's Labour Party, to represent Ceylon's workers at the Preparatory Asian Regional Conference of the International Labour Organisation is an example to show how Mr. Goonesinghe, while in the seat of power, manipulates the administrative machinery to resurrect his organisation of communal hatred and malice. The Ceylon Labour Party cannot by any stretch of imagination represent Ceylon's Labour. The last Parliamentary elections have proved it. The Ceylon Indian Congress and the Ceylon Trade Union Federation are the real representatives of the labouring classes of Ceylon. Yet Mr. Goonesinghe had the audacity and hardihood to select one of his stooges to represent the workers at the Delhi Conference. It is high time Mr. Jayah attends to matters himself without being misled or hood-winked by his subordinate. It would be well for the Labour Minister to note that public opinion is rather very strong in the matter of the selection of the Labour delegate and in views with grave concern the ways things are being done by Mr. Goonesinghe.

S. O. S. to Whitehall

Fate of Mr. Senanayake in Balance

THE Political Correspondent of the "Times of Ceylon" flashes out the news that an urgent cablegram has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies urging an amendment of a section in the Soulbury Order-in-Council which in the opinion of legal authorities would disqualify four of the present Ministers.

The four Ministers who may be liable to disqualification are Messrs. D. S. Senanayake, S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, George E. de Silva and J. L. Kotelawala.

The Political Correspondent of the "Times of Ceylon" continues:

Incidentally, amendment of section 13 sub-section 3 (d) will also enable certain Senators who were members of the Income Tax Advisory Board and nominated to the Senate by the Governor, to perform their Senatorial duties without fear of their position being challenged.

The Soulbury Order-in-Council has been amended several times before, mainly to help United National Party candidates to seek election to Parliament and doubts have been raised in certain quarters whether the Secretary of State will agree to amend the Order once again since the Ceylon Parliament can amend the Order by adopting

a motion.

It is, however, argued in other quarters that it would be politically expedient to get the Order amended direct from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as otherwise a two-thirds majority in Ceylon Parliament would have to be obtained and the Government is hardly likely to secure the required number of votes.

Tussle for Presidenship

It is understood that 4 aspirants are in the field for election as President of the Senate. Of them three were the Governor's nominees, and the other is Mr. Peri Sundaram who will be the nominee for the Presidentship of the opposition parties which, however, are not very strong in the Upper House.

From the Government ranks the candidates for Presidentship are Sir Gerard Wijeyekoon, Sir Mohamed Macan Maricar and Mr. C. Coomaraswamy.

It is improbable, however, that all three of these will stand for election as President when the Senate meets shortly. It is expected that at least one will withdraw when the chances of the contest become clearer.

A LEAGUER VITUPERATES!

Frontier Premier's Call to Islamic Countries

THE Accession of Kashmir to India and the despatch of Indian troops to the State to restore law and order have greatly upset the Muslim League Premier of the North West Frontier Province. He appeals to all the Muslim Countries of the World to unite against "Hindu Imperialism."

The Premier, Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan said:

"The news that Indian troops have set foot on the soil of Muslim Kashmir is not only a challenge to Pakistan but to the entire Muslim world. Hindu imperialism stands unmasked. I appeal to every Muslim in Pakistan to get ready.

"It is an attempt to encircle and strangle us. This attempt will no doubt be resisted by the Muslims of Kashmir, come what may and whatever the cost.

"I also appeal to the Governments of Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey and the Governments associated with the Arab League to get ready to face this new danger to the existence of Islam. Let them make it clear that they will not tolerate this outrage of this new-fangled Hindu imperialism on the freedom of the Muslim nation.

"Let me assure the Pakistan Muslims and the Muslims all the world over that Pathans are determined to die to the last man rather than allow the invasion of Kashmir, which is a Muslim State and therefore belongs to Pakistan as a matter of right. I can say this with confidence because I have got my hand on the pulse of the Pathans in the tribal area and the N.-W. F. P."

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA (held at Chavakachcheri)

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1.

In the matter of the estate of the late Makeswary wife of Chinnathamby Naganathan of Sandampokaddy. Deceased.

Chinnathamby Naganathan of Sandampokaddy Petitioner.

- Vs
1. Kandiah Sangarappillai of do
 2. Wife Rajeswary of do
 3. Naganathan Kumaraswamy of do
 4. Naganathan Ramanathan of do
 5. Chinnathamby Muthalithamby of do

Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before W. Thalgodapitiya Esq. Additional District Judge of Jaffna (held at Chavakachcheri) on the 20th day of October 1947 in the presence of Mr. V. S. Karthigasoo Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 18th day of October 1947 having been read.

It is ordered that the 5th Respondent be and he is hereby appointed Guardian-ad litem over the 4th Respondent minor and the Petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled as husband of deceased to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 18th day of November 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 27th day of October 1947.

Sgd. W. Thalgodapitiya,
Addl. District Judge;

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HE APPEALS FOR CO-OPERATION

For the Progress of the Country

"THE two major Communities of the Island, Singhalese and the Tamils need not and must not show mutual distrust and suspicion; co-operation is essentially needed for the progress of the country as a whole."

Thus declared Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike Minister for Health and Local Administration at a special meeting of the Jaffna Urban Council on Saturday last.

Mr. Bandaranaike who arrived in Jaffna was met at the Jaffna Railway Station by the Chairman and members of the Jaffna Urban Council. The station was gaily decorated. Mr. C. Ponnambalam welcomed the Minister and Mrs. Bandaranaike.

Before leaving for King's House Mr. Bandaranaike thanked the Chairman and the public for the warm welcome and stated that his visit was in connection with the Karaiyoor Housing Scheme and the proposed T. B. hospital at Kankesanturai.

Later, Mr. Bandaranaike attended a special meeting of the Urban Council at which Mr. Ponnambalam welcomed him on behalf of the Council and the citizens of Jaffna.

He said the readiness with which Mr. Bandaranaike and his co-ministers of the former State Council had sanctioned Rs. 500,000 for clearance of the Karaiyoor slums, is ample testimony to the fact that they could always expect justice and fairplay at the hands of the Singhalese leaders.

He referred to Mr. Bandaranaike as one of their most eminent national leaders and stressed that the future of Jaffna would be safe in the hands of a Minister, who would be the next Prime Minister of Ceylon.

Mr. S. Patanjali, a senior member of the Council, said that the winning of Dominion Status in the near future was due not a little to the efforts of patriots like Mr. Bandaranaike. He expressed the wish that when the time came, Mr. Bandaranaike would occupy his rightful place as Prime Minister of Free Lanka.

Mr. Bandaranaike, thanking them for the cordial welcome, said that the two major communities need not and must not show mutual dis-

trust and suspicion. Co-operation was absolutely needed for the progress of the country as a whole.

He added that the Tamil community should bring into the common pool of effort, its powers of application and hard work which were sorely needed. The country was fast advancing towards freedom, and before many months were over, they shall attain a status which even the most carping critic could not say was not independent.

Mr. Bandaranaike, in conclusion, said that he, who could be termed "a Singhalese of Singhalese," would tell them that the Singhalese welcomed co-operation with the Tamil community

Colombo-Trichy Air Service

It is learned that the Ceylon Government has applied to the Indian Government for permission to operate a regular air service between Colombo and Trichinopoly with an initial frequency of three trips a week each way.

It has also been proposed to run a regular Colombo-Madras service for which permission has already been obtained from the Government of India.

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Saiva Maha Sabhai Formed

B'caloa Hindus' Move

A Well-attended public meeting of the Hindus of Batticaloa was held on Sunday, 19-10-47, at 9 A. M. at the Vivekananda Uall. Mr. P. Sriskandarajah, District Judge, Batticaloa, presided and Mr. S. Ambalavaner, Principal, Shivananada Vidyalaya, was elected as the secretary pro tem. The meeting commenced with devotional music and singing of Thevaram.

Mr. Sriskandarajah, in his address, said that they owed a debt of gratitude to Mr. Ambalavaner for organising that meeting with the object of taking adequate steps to provide opportunities to the Hindus of the area to widen their knowledge and study of the Hindu religion. Since his arrival in Batticaloa he had felt the need for an active organisation to cater to the religious needs of the Hindus of Batticaloa. He was glad that steps have now been taken to supply the want and he was happy to participate in the function.

He said that the association which would be inaugurated should bear no ill-will whatever towards other religious groups or denominations. He urged the need for the cultivation of religious tolerance and appreciation of the efforts taken by the other denominations to further their own religious convictions. He requested the audience to eschew from the activities of the new association all forms of politics whether parliamentary, senatorial, or local, to keep away from all controversial matters and to concentrate only on the main object of the society.

Continuing, Mr. Sriskandarajah said that the activities of the new association could include the organisation of 1. Religious classes for Hindu students and especially for those who attended non-Hindu institutions 2. Public lectures and talks on devotional subjects by eminent Hindu scholars; 3. Observance of Guru-Pujas and the days sacred to the Hindu community; 4. Holding of examinations in religious knowledge.

He said that it might be possible by the above means to awaken in the minds of the young the religious consciousness of which they were in sore need. He drew attention to the neglect of the religious aspect of education in the present-day schools. The speaker was also a victim. He cited his own example of how once when his car went down a precipice and he thought his last had come; the idea of God never arose in his mind. His only thought was about the provision he had made for the future of his children. His wife who was travelling with him shouted the name of the deity of Kataragama. In an instant the car had stopped and they were saved.

Mr. Sriskandarajah wished the new association all success and hoped it would prove useful to the Hindu community. He called upon the audience to lend all possible support and co-operation to the new society.

Mr. S. U. Somasegaram, Education Officer, Batticaloa, speaking next referred to the changed policy of the Education Department to the teaching of religion in schools. He said that up to 1882 Christianity had been the religion of the state. The government had

naturally encouraged the propagation of Christian faith through state supported schools. Buddhist and Hindu religious knowledge were not taught in schools. These religions did not progress. Since then as the country advanced and more political power came into the hands of our own leaders, the situation had completely changed. The present attitude of the department was to make provision for the religious instruction of all pupils in the religion of their parents. Some of the assisted schools could not co-operate with the department in this matter. They said they could give religious instruction only in the religion of the manager. Hence the need arose for the government to help and to start schools where religious education might be available for all students. The same had been true in the development of oriental music. The present attitude of the government was quite in harmony with the changed political consciousness of the peoples of the East.

The other speakers were: Miss K. Charavanmuthu, Pandit S. Poopalapillai, Pandit A. Nagamani, Messrs K. Nagiah and K. Nadarajah.

A resolution that an association of the Hindus of Batticaloa called the "Batticaloa Saiva Maha Sabai" be formed for the purpose of furthering the religious education of the Hindus of the area was unanimously passed. The resolution was proposed by Mr. K. Kanapathipillai and seconded by Mr. S. Ambalavaner.

The election of the office bearers resulted as follows:

Patron: Srimat Swami Nadarajananda.

President: Mr. P. Sriskandarajah.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs V. Nalliah, S. U. Somasegaram.

Secretaries: Messrs S. Ambalavaner, S. Thanigazalam.

Treasurer: Mr. K. Kanapathipillai.

General Committee: Mrs. I. Sriskandarajah, Mrs. V. Kandiah, Miss K. Charavanmuthu, Messrs. A. Sitharam, K. Thirunavukkarasu, S. Poopalapillai, A. Sabapathy, S. Arumugavadivel, K. Arunachalam, M. Sivanesarasa, K. Nadarajah.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. S. Arumugavadivel and the meeting closed with the singing of Thevaram.

ORDER NISI

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

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 352/P. T.

In the matter of the intestate Estate of the late Cumarasampillai Paramsothipillai of Puloly West Point Pedro. Deceased.

Paramsothipillai Sivastundram of Puloly West Point Pedro. Vs. Petitioner.
1. Sivasuntharam daughter of Paramsothipillai of do.
2. Paramsothipillai Sivagnanasekaram of do, presently of Kachcheri, Colombo.
3. Manicavathiammal widow of Paramsothipillai of Puloly West. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. C. T. A. de Silva Esq. Additional District Judge, Jaffna, on

the 7th day of July 1947 in the presence of Mr. K. Vallipuram Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the Petition and affidavit of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the Petitioner abovenamed as an heir of the deceased be declared entitled to take out Letters of administration to the above Estate and that Letters of administration be issued to him accordingly, unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other persons shall on or before the 26th day of September 1947 appear and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the court to the contrary.

This 20th day of September 1947.

Sgd. G. C. T. A. de Silva,
Addl. District Judge.

Drawn by

Sgd. K. Vallipuram

Proctor for Petitioner

Time to show cause extended to 21-11-47.

Intld. W. T.

A. D. J.

(O. 91. 31 & 4-11-47).

ORDER NISI

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

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 356/P. T.

In the matter of the intestate Estate of Kumarasampillai Velauthampillai Kandiah of Puloly West, Point Pedro. Deceased.

Ledchumipillai widow of Kumarasamy Velauthampillai Kandiah of Puloly West Point Pedro. Vs. Petitioner.

1. Sivakolunthu daughter of Kumarasamy Velauthampillai Kandiah of Puloly West.
2. Kandiah Ganesan a minor by the proposed Guardian-ad litem.
3. Murugesu Kanapathipillai of do. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. C. T. A. de Silva Esq. Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 30th day of August 1947 in the presence of Mr. K. Vallipuram Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the Petition and affidavit of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad-litem over the minor the 2nd Respondent for the purpose of these proceedings, that the Petitioner as widow of the deceased entitled to take out Letters of administration to the estate of the said deceased and that Letters of administration be issued to her accordingly, unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons shall on or before the 26th day of September 1947 appear and show sufficient

The Vannarponnai Co-operative Stores Society Ltd., Jaffna

The 4th. annual general meeting of the Vannarponnai Co-operative Stores Society Ltd., Thaddatheru, was held on the 18th. October, 1947. at the Kulankarai Tamil School, Sivapiragasam Road, Jaffna, at 4.30 P. M. with the President Dr. K. Rajah in the Chair.

There were over 100 members present. Mr. R. Rajaratnam, the Additional Asst. Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the Circle Inspector were also present.

With the permission of the Chairman, Mr. R. Rajaratnam, the A. A. R. addressed the House on the comments made by his Department, in the audited accounts of the Stores.

The leakage amounts mentioned in the Balance Sheet for the 4th. year were discussed by the members and Mr. R. Rajaratnam, the A.A.R.

The Hony Secretary explained the circumstances under which these leakages occurred and which included the spoilt goods, price reductions, shortag in weights etc.

After much discussion by the House, the House unanimously decided to write off these amounts on the motion of Mr. N. Mailvaganam and seconded by Mr. V. S. Kuttipillai.

The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

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Secretary:- Mr. C. A. Candappa-segaram.

Asst. Secretary:- Mr. K. Kathiravelu.

Hony. Treasurer:- Mr. R. Chelliah.

All shipments of food from Egypt, except rice will not be landed in Ceylon for some time because of the spread of cholera in Egypt. Rice, however will be landed after fumigation.

cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 20th day of September 1947.

Sgd. G. C. T. A. de Silva,
Addl. District Judge.

Drawn by

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Time to show cause extended to 5-11-47.

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Trade Union Rights Dissatisfaction Voiced

The recent offer of trade union rights to public servants by the Senanayake Cabinet should be unanimously rejected as it contained objectionable features, said an official of the Government General Clerical Service Union to a representative of "The Times of Ceylon."

He said that the denial of the right of affiliation was unacceptable. The public servants demanded in unambiguous terms full trade union and civic rights as were enjoyed by their counterparts in the United Kingdom. This was the minimum the public servants, particularly the clerical servants, would accept from the Government.

Continuing, he said that there were some objectionable features in the offer. The prevention of the creation of a political fund, was a limitation which should be resented, especially in view of the fact that the Trade Union Ordinance of 1935 provided for such a fund. Further, there was the "option" clause by which no member of a Trade Union was compelled to contribute to a political fund. In view of these provisions, the creation of a political fund should be left to the decision of a trade union.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
[Held at Point Pedro]

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 356PT
In the matter of the intestate estate and effects of the late Ratnam wife of Thiagarajah of Puloly West, Point Pedro Deceased

Kanapathipillai Thiagarajah of Puloly West Petitioner.
1. Thiagarajah Vijayaratham
2. Parameswary daughter of Thiagarajah both of Puloly West minors by their guardian ad litem Veluppillai Kumarasamy of Puloly West. Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before G. C. T. A. de Silva Esquire Additional District Judge on the 2nd day of October 1947 in the presence of Mr. C. Arumugam, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the Petitioner as the husband of the deceased be declared entitled to take out letters of administration to the estate of the deceased and that letters of administration be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person shall appear before this Court on or before the 23rd day of October 1947 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 20th day of October 1947
Sgd. W. Thalagodapitiya
Additional District Judge

23-10-47
Order nisi extended and reissued Returnable the 13th day of November 1947.
Intd. W. T.
A. D. J.

(O. 90 31 & 4)

The Age of Shallow Demagogues

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often met with the same fate. The prison of Boetius, hemlock of Socrates, flight of Anaxagoras, the cross of Christ are but few instances to prove this universal disregard to deep thought by the shallow mob. People need popular leaders; thinking few look to the philosophers and prophets for their guide and inspirations. Free minds cannot be bottled up, defeated or imprisoned by any power on earth or in heaven. Even God cannot coerce, for God and coercion are contradiction in terms; much less a mortal groping for light underneath the sun. It is these free minds and pure hearts, whether they are in the vanguard of political and national fight or behind the monastic cells and hermit-caves, who are the salt of the earth, the leaven of humanity. In the long run, their silent thoughtful, constructive work will prove to be far more real, lasting and useful than the cheap applause gained from political platforms or popular press.

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Asst. Govt. Agent (Emergency)
Jaffna, 28th October, 1947.
(G. 112. 4)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
No: 751 Testamentary

In the matter of the estate and effects of Subramaniam Sunderampillai of Karampon, Kayts Deceased
Nagammah widow of Sunderampillai of Karampon, Kayts

Vs. Petitioner
1. Kanapathipillai Subramaniam
2. Subramaniam Krishnapillai
3. Kanapathipillai Sivalingam
4. Velmurughar Sivalingam
5. Nagammah wife of Nagarenam
6. Naganather Nagarenam all of Karampon, Kayts Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 1st day of August 1947 in the presence of Mr. N. T. Sivagnanam, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the Affidavit and Petition of the Petitioner from which it appears that the Petitioner who is the legal wife of the deceased is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased having been read:

It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased be issued to the Petitioner unless the Respondents above named shall appear before this Court on or before the 17th day of October 1947 and show cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of this Court

30th day of September 1947.
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge.

17-10-47.
Order Nisi extended and reissued Returnable 14th November 1947
Intd. R. R. S.
D. J.

(O. 94. 4 & 7)

Gandhiji's Hymns

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deed. Blessed is the mother of such a son: in every woman he reveres his mother. He preserves equanimity and never stains his mouth with falsehood, nor touches the riches of another. The bonds of desire cannot hold him. Ever in harmony with Ramanama, his body in itself possesses all the places of pilgrimage. He knows neither desire nor disappointment, neither passion nor wrath....."

The old old traditional words of this sacred song express perhaps better than anything else the spirit of Gandhi's life and teaching. He himself is the incarnation of all that which thousands of years ago was held up as the loftiest moral standard in these old Hindu songs.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 726.

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Senathirajah Sandrasegaram of Kockuvil East, Jaffna Deceased.

Chellammah widow of Sandrasegaram of Kockuvil East, Jaffna Vs. Petitioner.

1. Sandrasegaram Senathirajah
2. Sandrasegaram Sivaubramaniam both of do Respondents;

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 23rd day of June 1947 in the presence of Mr. C. Arulampalam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 17th day of June 1947 having been read:

It is ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to the Petitioner above-named to the estate of the above-named deceased unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 24th day of July 1947.
Jaffna this 3rd day of June 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge.

Drawn by Sgd. C. Arulampalam,
Proctor for Petitioner.

The above Order Nisi is extended

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 716

Ponniiah Kanapathipillai of Charasalai in Chavakachcheri Petitioner.

Vs.
Ponniiah Kanagabai of do Respondents

In the matter of the Estate of the late Sinnathamby Ponniiah deceased, of Charasalai.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 29th day of May 1947 in the presence of Mr. V. Kanagasabai Proctor on the part of the petitioner, and the affidavit of the above-mentioned petitioner and of the witnesses dated 31st May 1947 respectively having been read:

It is ordered that the Will of the above-named deceased, dated 23 April 1947 and numbered 530 and attested by K. Kathirgam sekaram Notary Public be and the same is hereby declared proved and probate be issued to the petitioner as the Executor mentioned in the said will unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before the 11th day of July 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 29th day of May 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

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D. J.

(O. 95. 31 & 4)

till 22-9-47.

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D. J.

22-9-47.

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till 13-10-47.

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