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The Origin Of Souls

(BY BHAGAVATI DAS)

(Continued from our last issue)

AS to the question whether the cells are really living entities, the foregoing quotation has given the view which is held by all biologists. To remove doubts as to the living properties of the cell, we quote the following from the article on 'Cyto'ogy, *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, eleventh edition. "All the higher and the greater majority of the lower plants and animals are composed of a vast number of these vital units or 'cells'. In the case of many microscopic forms however, the entire organism, plant or animal, consists throughout life of a single cell. Familiar examples of these 'unicellular forms are Bacteria and Diatoms among the plants, and Foraminifera and Infusoria among animals. In all cases however, whether the cell unit lives freely as a unicellular organism or forms an integral part of a multicellular individual, it exhibits in itself all the phenomena characteristic of living beings. Each cell assimilates food material, whether this is obtained by its own activity, as in the majority of the protozoa, or is brought, as it were, to its own door by the blood stream, as in the higher metazoa, and builds this food material into its own substance, a process accompanied by respiration and excretion and resulting in growth. Each cell exhibits in greater or less degree 'irritability', or the power of responding to stimuli; and finally each cell, at sometime in its life, is capable of reproduction." Today no biologist doubts that the essential properties of life as exhibited by the higher orders and species of animals are found in these lowest units of life, such as the cells, the sperms, the ovum and the zygote.

The next question to be considered is whether all living organisms should be considered as having souls. All Indian thought is unanimous in holding that there can be no life without a soul or *jiva*. Even the lowliest vegetable life, according to Hinduism, holds a *jiva* in it. A *jiva* may exist apart from a body, but no living body can be thought of apart from the soul. The idea that only such forms of life as have the ethical, the aesthetic, and rational faculties should be considered as having souls will be quite arbitrary and relegate human babies and all subhuman species, of animals and plants, to mere automatic machines or a mere mass of complex reflexes. The only and essential mark of a *jiva* is its sentiency or consciousness, not its developed form of Buddha which manifests itself in the ethical, aesthetic and rational faculties in the adult individual of the human species. The axiom of Hindu philosophy that all life is sentient is also the view held by present-day

biologists. The living organism is no more considered by modern biologists as a mass of mere physical-chemical matter. To quote the authors of that beautiful classical book on biology for laymen, *The Science of Life* (H. G. Wells G. P. Wells and J. S. Huxley): "In each one of us we are now free to recognise there has been an unbroken development from fertilised egg to adult conscious human being. Yet no one will maintain that the ovum or the early embryo can be conscious in the same way that the man is conscious. None the less it is impossible to draw any sharp line in development and to say, 'Here consciousness enters the embryo or the infant.' There is an imperceptible gliding into conscious life. If we are not to break the principle of continuity that is at the root of any connected thinking about the world, and is revealed with diagrammatic clearness in the material side of development—evolution, we must suppose that consciousness such as we possess must have evolved or developed... Our consciousness and capacities for feeling and thinking have gradually evolved out of some capacities of the same general nature as consciousness which are the property of protoplasm even in such simple form, as ovum or amoeba... Something of the same general nature as consciousness, we suppose accompanies the activities of all living matter." (P 761-62)

Once we thus admit that a germ cell, by the division of which a new organism arises, is a *jiva* or has a *jiva* in it, the inference is inevitable that the *jiva* in the process has undergone a division and given rise to one more *jiva*. The alternative hypothesis of a disembodied soul entering into the cell at every instance of cellular division is made quite unnecessary by the fact that the dividing parts were already instinct with life—the greater is the absurdity of such a hypothesis in cases of artificial division effected by experimentalists by which new individuals have been raised as by natural division. Of course the division of a soul is repugnant of Hindu philosophy and is not at all admitted. But the fact of biogenesis, by which one living individual can become two or more, can no more be overlooked and compels one to think whether it is not possible to imagine some psychic progress by which an individual soul could effect a self-division producing more souls. The writer proposes to hazard a hypothesis which while retaining the essential conception of *jiva* according to Vedanta and the immutability of its basic factor or element

Trincomalee Base

India May Require It

That Pandit Nehru might require the Trincomalee base for Indian use was stated by Mr. S.J.V. Chelvanayagam K. C., Vice-President of the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress speaking at a meeting held at Trincomalee to celebrate Pandit Nehru's birthday on Monday last.

Continuing, Mr. Chelvanayagam said that the Indians made many sacrifices to achieve their freedom but independence was thrust on Ceylon post-haste. This showed that Britain was not in a happy position. They were aware of the growing strength of the Leftists in the South and the Tamils in the North and East who might at any time seek federation with the Dominion of India.

Mr S. A. Devanayaga Aiyah, a Member of the Madras Legislative Assembly, speaking at the meeting said that any agreement made by Ceylon leaders with the British Government, without consulting the Indian leaders, Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru, was unwise and dangerous.

He said that although the agreement for Burma Independence was reached in England, the leaders of Burma had consulted the Indian leaders, before they negotiated with the British. India was Ceylon's neighbour and Ceylon should always look to India for assistance.

Mr. Devanayaga Aiyah further said that India's aid would be forthcoming in any strife that Ceylonese would be involved in their attempt to achieve complete freedom.

The Lion Flag

Should Not Be Made National

The first annual general sessions of the Saravanai Tamil Youth Congress was held on the Deepavali Day at Saravanai.

Among the resolutions passed at the Session was one relating to the National Flag of Ceylon. Several speakers condemned the move of certain Sinhalese politicians to foist the unwanted Lion Flag on the country. It was also resolved to give full support to the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress

U. C.s Decide On Lion Flag

The Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia Urban Council decided at its monthly meeting held last week to adopt the Lion Flag as the National Flag of Ceylon

That the Lion Flag should be made the National Flag of Sri Lanka is the gist of a motion, notice of which was given to be moved at the next meeting of the Galle Municipal Council.

The Anuradhapura Urban Council also has passed a resolution that the Lion Flag should be made the National Flag of Ceylon.

PAKISTAN CONSPIRACY

Indian Muslim Officials Implicated

A specially-chartered plane which arrived at Lucknow in the United Provinces of India from Karachi and took off again after one hour's halt at the aerodrome, was searched by the U. P. Police who are understood to have seized a bundle of secret documents from the possession of a Karachi-bound passenger. Mr. Musfiquzzaman, brother of Chaudhri Khaliquzzaman, former Leader of the Muslim League Party in the Indian Constituent Assembly.

According to the police, an attempt was made to conceal the documents under one of the seats when the search was in progress. Mr. Musfiquzzaman was, however, permitted to proceed to Karachi.

The police are also reported to have recovered one unlicensed revolver from the possession of another passenger travelling by the same plane.

The bundle of secret documents which was recovered when the plane was about to take off, after one hour's halt with 24 Muslim passengers for Pakistan, concerned several Muslim officials who have sworn allegiance to the Indian Dominion. The officials are understood to have written to the Pakistan Government that they would resign in due course and proceed to Pakistan along with their secrets.

The documents revealed that the Muslim officials and also a British officer serving in U. P. have assured the Pakistan Government that so long as they were in India they would render all possible assistance to the Pakistan Government at the appropriate time.

The luggage of twenty-six passengers, all Muslim, who arrived from Karachi by the special plane was searched and a number of "secret instructions" were seized by the police.

(To be continued)



Hindu Organ

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1947.

THE INDIAN QUESTION AND THE U.N.O.

THE QUESTION OF THE TREATMENT of Indians in South Africa was considered by the Political Committee of the United Nations Organisation. The Indian resolution was carried by 29 votes to 16 with 5 abstentions. The vote fell short of the two thirds majority which would be necessary in the General Assembly. When one sees how things are being done by the U. N. O., one is inclined to think that little could be achieved by this body. The powers of veto enjoyed by the Big Three and other legal requirements such as two thirds majority to give effect to resolutions have made it almost impossible for the U. N. O. to agree on any united action. More than two years have elapsed since fighting ceased in the different theatres of World War 2 and still no final Peace Treaty has been signed. Whether the U. N. O. will follow in the wake of the League of Nations or not has still to be seen. The only hope for enduring peace on earth lies in the U. N. O. and it will be a pity if this Organisation should fail.

India has agreed to the resumption of trade talks with South Africa if the Union will remove the "Ghetto Laws" from the Statute Book. South Africa maintained that it was a domestic question and that neither the U. N. O. nor India had anything to do with it. South Africa also referred to the division of India into Hindustan and Pakistan. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Leader of the Indian Delegation told the Political Committee of the General Assembly that the treatment of Indians in South Africa could not be considered a domestic question as South Africa maintained; the South African Government would not allow the Indians resident in the Union to develop to their full stature: politically, socially and economically the Indians who were settled in South Africa were dwarfed and stunted, and the South African Government wanted them to remain so for all time; it was a dangerous doctrine to preach and practise; she could not agree to the question being referred to the International Court of Justice. She was, however, prepared to allow the question to be considered at a Round Table Conference. She criticised the reference to India's partition as entirely inaccurate and misleading and maintained that

Notes and Comments

Exit Dr. Dalton

It was only the other day that we instanced the case of Dr. J. H. Thomas who sank into oblivion because of his rather careless way of handling official documents. Now the news has been flashed that Dr. Hugh Dalton one of the leading lights of the British Labour Party and the Chancellor of the Exchequer has resigned because he was indiscreet enough to release to a lobby correspondent details of the Budget before they were announced in Parliament. Although disclosure of the budget led to no serious repercussions and though there was no reflection on Dr. Dalton's probity yet he had to go, for "British public opinion demands an exceptional high standard of conduct from its politicians." Now contrast this with the State of Affairs in Ceylon. As pointed in our issue of last week serious allegations have been levelled against some of our public men, and neither those concerned nor the Government have so far been sensitive to these allegations. In fact, some of our public men have become so thick-skinned that they have become impervious to these serious allegations. Public opinion should assert itself more vigorously than hitherto. That way alone lies the path to the complete eradication of bribery and corruption.

Plain Speaking

We are glad that Sardar Vallabhai Patel has in his usual manner spoken bluntly. The "iron man of the Congress" in his Junagadh speech has rightly said that India would stand no more nonsense from either Pakistan or its satellites such as the Nizam of Hyderabad. Much harm has already been done to India and to Hindus by the Muslim hordes of Jinnah who misconstrued the patience and the *atvic* spirit of the Hindu leaders to cowardice. The invasion of Kashmir by Muslim fanatics of the Hills, the vacillating policy of the Nizam of Hyderabad and the betrayal of the Nawab of Junagadh were all based on that misconception. Thanks to the men at the helm of affairs at Delhi, India has asserted itself and it has demonstrated to the Muslim political lunatics that the blood that bestirred Vikramaditya, Asoka and Shivaji to action, still runs in the veins of the Hindus. It is happy news that already eight villages belonging to the Hyderabad State

India was not a religious State, but as Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India repeatedly declared, a secular state in which members of all faiths and religions have equal rights and opportunities. She also asked the question whether the South African Government would agree to the division of the Union of South Africa into two or more fully fledged Dominions, one for the white races one for the Indians and one for the native races, according to the majority of the population in each area.

The question affects not merely the 250,000 Indians who are settled in South Africa but it involves the future of the millions of coloured races inhabiting the different parts of the Globe. It is to be hoped that the General Assembly of the U. N. O. will act swiftly and that ways and means will be devised to give effect to its decisions. Otherwise the U. N. O. becomes a farce.

have acceded to the Indian Union. The Nizam, if he is wise, should note the writing on the wall. The days Hindus were kept in bondage by Muslim adventurers with the help of British bayonets, have gone never to return. To look to Jinnah for help or for succour is worse than useless. The Nizam should in the first place accede to the Indian Dominion, and then instal a democratic government in his state if he is to save himself and his dynasty from the impending disaster.

Sleeping and Snoring

Can members in a House of Legislature sleep and snore? The Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly Mr. J. Shiva Shanmugampillai has given a historic ruling on the subject. He has ruled out sleeping by members during a debate and banned snoring. According to him sleeping in day time was bad enough but snoring was a source of disturbance to smooth debate in the House. The ruling of the Madras Speaker is of particular interest to Ceylon, for we remember the time when it was not unusual for members in the defunct State Council to sleep, slumber and nod while debates were in progress. Our worthy members of Parliament are paid 600 rupees per month not to relax or to sleep in the House of Parliament. It is to be hoped that Mr. Molamure who has been elected Speaker of the House of Representatives in Ceylon, will be alive to this fact and that he will before soon, ban sleeping and snoring of M. P's in the Parliament. If he does it, our snoring members would be left with no other option than to plead that they have been deprived of a privilege. There, the Comrades of the Hammer and Sickle can be of immense help. They can help to organise a Union of Snoring Legislators and to take to strike as a last resort if the ban on sleeping, slumbering, snoring and nodding is not withdrawn.

Russia Can Capture Europe In 2 Weeks

Russia could capture all Europe by force in two weeks if she decided to abandon attempts to subjugate European countries by constitutional means. Mr. John Davis Lodge (Republican) declared to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee of the U. S.

Mr. Lodge said that on the basis of intensive study he made in Italy this summer, he believed Communists had prepared a three-step programme to overrun countries by constitutional means if possible, by internal force or by war.

Foreign aid was a fractional step toward averting the threat of Communist seizure of Europe, he said.

Congressman Everett Dirksen who returned from a special Joint Armed Services Appropriation Committee survey of Europe reported that Europeans were anticipating an early war between the U. S. A. and Russia.

His report contrasted sharply with the opinion of both Gen. Eisenhower and Admiral Nimitz who said on Wednesday that they saw no likelihood of war in the near future.

Dirksen said "they are willing to bet at even odds over there that there will be war between our country and Russia in four months."

He explained that this was the opinion of "pretty well-informed people". He declined to elaborate on the possibility of war or discuss European conditions until he reported to the House next week.

Ignoring Our Rights

Dissatisfaction Expressed At Meeting

Mr. K. Naga'ingam, Proprietary Planter, Ma'aya and Proprietor, Subramanya Vidhyalayam, Vaddukodai and Mrs. Nagalingam entertained on Sunday at tea and a public reception Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, M. P., for Vaddukodai and the other members of the Jaffra Constituencies. A large number of distinguished officers and public men of Jaffna attended the function.

Messrs G. G. Ponnambalam, C. Vanniasingham K. Kanagaratnam and E. M. V. Naganathan, explained the present political situation and drew pointed attention to the manner in which the question of the Independence Bill was being dealt with by those who were running the Government with scarcely the minimum power vested in them by the people of the country. They said that the real freedom lay with the people and they should register their verdict as true Ceylonese and not as partisans who exercised power and patronage without the real sanction of the people. The complete ignoring of the rights of the people of Jaffna in the participation of the Government in spite of the absolute confidence they had placed in the representatives they have un-animously chosen was the saddest blot in the creation of the political structure today prior to assuming complete control of the administration of the country. Jaffna's contribution to the political emancipation of the country since the time of the British rule was something which no politician or statesman worth leading the country could ever ignore or forget and any shortsighted policy which did not recognise this fact was bound to end in complete disaster to the country, particularly in view of the tremendous changes happening today in the world with socialistic tendencies and assertion of equal rights to every man and woman.

Feelings of great dissatisfaction and dis-appointment were expressed by the audience at the lack of statesmanship displayed by those who constituted themselves as the leaders of the country.

MATRIMONIAL.

Kasiathan - Pushpakantfi

The marriage of Mr. S. Kasinathan, son the late Mr. Sabapathiar Appapillai of Sittankerny, Vaddukodai, with Sow Pushpakantfi, daughter of Mr. Thambiah Karthigesu of No. 105, Horton Place, Colombo, was solemnised according to Hindu rites on Monday the 10th of November at the bride's residence.

A large number of friends and relations of the parties attended the pretty ceremony and wished the couple success and prosperity.—Cor.

The Communist Party has made arrangements to hold a Conference of all interested parties and Independent members of Parliament to discuss the Ceylon Independence Bill today at 5 p. m. at the Communist Head Quarters at Colombo.

World's

Confusion & Muddle

School Principal's Analysis

I stand today a disillusioned man. I have seen the result of the present day education face to face. I feel ashamed of the part played in it. I wish to repair the wrong done and I feel that I can do it with the cooperation of the right thinking men. I have made a close study of the educated section of this area. I have found some of the finest productions of our Schools but they are a small minority. We can be proud of them; but the majority by whom we have to judge of our education are found wanting. I do not like to blame them. I blame myself and others who were entrusted with the task of education and I feel that we have to give a new impetus to our education and that a lot of re-education has to be done.

Thus declared Mr. V. Veerasingham B. A., J. P. Principal, Manipal Hindu College in the course of his reply to the felicitations offered to him at a public meeting on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

The public meeting was presided over by Muhandiram C. Thiagarajah, Chairman V. C. Hon'ble Mr. C. Sittampalam, Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, Messrs. I. P. Thuraiatnam, Principal, Union College, Tellappallai, C. Subramaniam, Principal, Skanthavarodiya College, Kantharodai and F. A. Sandarasegara, Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies spoke in eulogistic terms of the services done by Mr. V. Veerasingham.

Mr. Veerasingham in the course of his reply said:-

Education is not acquiring knowledge. It is applying this knowledge in our daily life and gathering thereby more knowledge. Many of our educated men know a lot but do not put the knowledge into practice. I was able to note this in their social and moral outlook. They know what is right but they hesitate to do it. Some people do it so through fear, fear of violence, fear of losing face and fears of various types. Others do a wrong thing. Of these some have courtesy enough to admit their error, but the most dangerous are those who try to justify their wrong actions. These are the most dangerous to Society. Repetition of wrong actions make them at the end callous and they feel that their wrong actions and dogmas are right, and turn real criminals and fanatics.

There are some whose principles change from day to day. Their judgments are not guided by reason. They become easy victims of propaganda. Man became civilised by controlling his passions and emotions. Emotions are the fountain heads of action. Men may know what is right but fail to do it because there is not the right urge of emotion. If Schools neglect the education of emotion in the right lines, there will be Hitlers to play upon the emotions of citizens for their own selfish ends. In the matter of emotions, we have to hark back to the word "instruction" which we have dropped in favour of education. The work of a teacher is not only to draw out,

educate, the innate tendencies but also to shape them and build on them and unto them a sure foundation which will stand all the whirlwinds of life's storms.

The cause of all this confusion and muddle is the lack of a steady influence. In the past Religions supplied this. When the Religions fight among themselves, what is there to keep firm the foundations of life. In India Muslims are fighting the Hindus in the name of Religion. It is not religion but fanaticism but it is the humanity that suffers. Unessentials have become the fashion of the day and the essentials are sacrificed to keep up appearances. All religions are agreed upon the essentials, the morals that form the basis of life and civilisation. At present moral philosophies are at loggerheads and they are not able to guide humanity. Science whose findings are not always and everywhere true is boosted as the saviour of humanity and the half educated scientists quarrel with the basic morals that have stood the tests of centuries. Sciences do not contradict the efficacy of morals, but really prove it. When the morals are in a fluid state, everything else has to be in a nebulous state. The remedy lies not in vague wordy arguments of what honesty is, but to take it as it is, as it was preached and practised by the upholders of the various religions. World is in need of it, Ceylon the more so. Moral rearmament has become the "sine qua non" of the continued existence of humanity on earth. Let philosophers quarrel, but man requires Religion and Morals. Let us give him that and let our schools impart it. The fashion of present day Governments to ignore morals is suicidal. What have the Governments of the world done to build upon the morals of civilization left by their forefathers. They speak of nationalism but they have neglected national morals. The new era of which much is expected in Ceylon, the Independence of India, and the New Order which everyone is trying to introduce will crumble to dust unless steps are immediately taken to rehabilitate the morals of the lands. The crying need of the world is not a U. N. O. but a U. K. O.—A United Religious Organisation. Will Ceylon set the example by adding one more Minister, the Minister of Morals to rid the land of corruption, bribery and inefficiency. Inefficiency is nothing but the direct result of a laxity of morals. A moral man who cannot do his duty efficiently will immediately resign if he cannot improve his efficiency and will not resort to Unions and Associations to prop up his inefficiency.

Knowledge that does not end in action and action that does not lead to new knowledge are signs of decay. This has to be avoided by the moral application of knowledge without fear in quest of wisdom. Without moral rearmament, the civilization will crumble. The indifference of people and governments in this matter is unpardonable.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned Railway Footpaths and Footbridges will be closed to the public for the 24 hours from 12 midnight on Monday, December 1st to 12 midnight on Tuesday, December 2nd, 1947.

COLOMBO.

(1) Floor's lane footbridge and the path to the labourers quarters at Maligawatte leading from School Lane.

(2) All Railway roads at Mount Mary MAIN LINE.

(3) Footpath over Kelani Bridge.

(4) Road from level crossing to Commercial Company's Mills between sidings at Hunupitiya.

(5) Footpath leading from Mubola-Averiawatte Road to Hunupitiya Station.

(6) Footpath leading from Bujamuwa Halt to Pallemorugama.

(7) Footpath leading from Bujamuwa Halt to Kandahena.

(8) Footbridge over the Railway at Gampaha Station.

(9) Footpath between 22 miles 30 chains and 22 miles 45 chains Veyangoda.

(10) Footpath on South of Railway to bridge at Rambukkana.

(11) Footbridge over the Railway at Kadugannawa Station between Alagalla Road and platform stairway.

(12) Footbridge South end of Nawalapitiya Station.

(13) Footbridge at the South end of Hatton Station.

(14) The two short cuts to Talawakelle Station from near the Police Station and near the Engineering Works Road.

(15) Short out steps from Main Road to Talawakelle Station.

(16) Sub-way between Badulla Road and Punagala Road at Bandarawela Station.

UDAPUSSELLAWA RAILWAY.

(17) Path from Ragalla Station to Bazaar.

COAST LINE.

(18) Path on the North of Bambalapitiya Station running alongside the Railway on the landward side from 6th Lane to Bambalapitiya Station Approach Road.

(19) Path on the South of Bambalapitiya Station running alongside the Railway on the landward side from 12th Lane to Bambalapitiya Station Approach Road.

(20) Path on the South of Wellawatte Station running alongside the Railway from the 6th mile Railway mileage) to Wellawatte Station Approach Road.

(21) Footpath between Ridgeway Place & Charlamont Road, including the footbridge over the Wellawatte channel.

(22) Footpath running alongside Railway boundary North of Dehiwela Station, excepting between Station Approach Road and entrance to 'venbourne'.

(23) Footpath South of Dehiwela Station running alongside Railway boundary to the Station Approach Road.

(24) Footpath leading from Ratmalana to new level crossing at South end of station of land side.

(25) The path on the north and South side of Angulana Station on the sea side of the Railway.

(26) Footpath at 15m. 40c. South side of Egoda Uyana Station leading to sea beach.

(27) Footpath in front of Station Master's Bungalow at Egoda Uyana Station leading to Station Approach Road.

(28) Footpath over Panadure Bridge.

(29) Footpath under South end of Panadure Railway Bridge.

(30) The Goods Shed Roads between level crossings at North and South ends of Panadure Station.

(31) Footpath from Sea Beach Road, Panadura, to Panadura Railway Station.

(32) Footpath at South end of Balapitiya Station.

(33) All private roads at New

Conquest of Cancer

Dr. Enrico Fermi, Nobel Prize-winning physicist predicts that science may soon discover radioactive elements which will attack only deceased cells in specified body organs.

Dr. Fermi said at the University of Chicago's Research Foundation Dinner that such a discovery would open the way to complete control of cancer.

He said that the discovery of such a compound is not merely a scientific vision. Radio phosphorus, one of the artificial radio-active substances, has already been produced which destroys cells in that way, he said. The element is used now in the treatment of leukemia. It gets into the bone marrow and radiates constantly where it is most needed in the treatment of the disease, Dr. Fermi said.

Tamil Congress Demand

The following message has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to Ceylon's Prime Minister by the President and Secretary of the All Ceylon Tamil Congress:-

"The Tamil people of Ceylon have rejected Soulbury Constitution in as much as at the General Election not one Tamil candidate of the U. N. P. was elected to Parliament and all but one of the Tamil Representatives who voted for the acceptance of the White Paper of 1945 in the defunct State Council were defeated.

"The All-Ceylon Tamil Congress demands a free constitution for Ceylon conferring sovereignty on its peoples with equal freedom for all communities and calls for a Constituent Assembly to frame a constitution acceptable to all sections of the people.

"An Unitary Government with the present composition of the legislature and structure of the executive is totally unacceptable to the Tamils. In the absence of a satisfactory alternative, we demand the right of self-determination for the Tamil people."

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NORTHERN LINE.

(36) All Railway Roads at Anuradhapura.

(37) Overhead Bridge, Jaffna Station.

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CEYLON GOVERNMENT RAILWAY

NOTICE

The Railway Level Crossing at 67 miles 16 chains, Coast Line, on the Bussa to Ebagoda cart road leading from Colombo to Galle main road, will be totally closed for vehicular traffic from 10.0 p. m. on 29-11-47 till 4.0 a. m. on 30-11-47 for effecting repairs.

10-11-47.
(G. 119. 21-11-47)

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Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 666.
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Ponnammah widow of Mylvaganam of do. Respondent.
In the matter of the Estate of the late Sittampalam Mylvaganam deceased of Karativu West.
This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr. District Judge, Jaffna on the 11th day of February 1947 in the presence

ORDER NISI DECLARING W LL PROVED

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 798
Sinnathamby Kandiah of Tirunelveli
North Jaffna

Vs

1. Kandiah Kanagamani and
2. Kandiah Mahendranathan both of do
3. Sellachi widow of Sathasiyan of do presently at Anaicottai

Respondents

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Parasakti wife of Sinnathamby Kandiah deceased of Tirunelveli:

This matter coming on for disposal before A. C. T. A. de Silva Esq. Acting District Judge Jaffna on the 31st day of October 1947 in the presence of Mr. R. Sivasubramaniam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the above mentioned petitioner dated 20th October 1947 having been read

It is ordered that the Will of Parasakti wife of Sinnathamby Kandiah dated 20th December 1945 and numbered 81 be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the respondents or others shall on or before the 2nd day of December 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the said 3rd respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 1st and 2nd respondents and that the said Sinnathamby Kandiah petitioner is the executor named in the said will and that he is entitled to have probate of the same issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or others shall on or before the 2nd day of December 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

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

This 31st day of October 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

(O 111, 21 & 25)

of Mr. R. Sinnadurai Proctor and the affidavit of the abovenamed petitioner dated 10th February 1947 having been read, it is ordered that the said Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased and the same issued to him accordingly unless the Respondent or others shall on or before the 12th day of March 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 11th February 1947.

R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

Extended to 26-11-47.

Sale of Toddy Rents Vavuniya District 1st January to 31st December 1948.

The Sale of rents of the undermentioned Toddy Taverns for the period 1st January 1948 to 31st December 1948 will be held on the respective dates and places shown against each tavern.

2. Prospective tenderers are referred for particulars to the full notice published in Government Gazette of 21st November 1947.

The Kachcheri,
Vavuniya, 17th November 1947.

KOHOBAN WICKREME,
Asst. Government Agent.

No.	Division	Local area within which the tavern is to be sited.	Date and time of closing of Tenders.	Place.	Circuit
1.	Maritime Pattus	Vadduvakallu	6-12-47. 10. A. M.	Bangalov	Mullaitivu.
3.	do	Puthumatalam	do 10.15 A. M.	do	do
4.	do	Puthukudiruppu	do 10.30 A. M.	do	do
5.	do	Vattapalai	do 10.45 A. M.	do	do
7.	do	Chilawattai	do 11.00 A. M.	do	do
8.	Vavuniya North	Kachchilamadu	do 11.15 A. M.	do	do
11.	Vavuniya South	Within the Town Council limits of Vavuniya	8-12-47. 10.00 A. M.	Vavuniya	Kachchcheri.

(G. 121. 21-11-47.)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 795.
In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Kamadchi Ammal widow of Murugesu Sivagurunathar of Uduvil. Deceased.

1. Sinnathamby Ponnambalam and wife
2. Sinnappillai of Uduvil.

Vs. Petitioners.

1. Arumugam Gunanayakam of Uduvil.
2. Sivagurunathar Kanagasabai of Uduvil. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. C. T. A. de Silva Esqr. Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 31st day of October 1947 in the presence of Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the 1st named Petitioner dated 28th October 1947 and Petition of the Petitioners dated

29th October 1947 having been read:

It is ordered that the 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 2nd Respondent, a Lunatic and the sole heir to the estate of the deceased and that Letters Administration be issued to the Petitioners to administer the estate of the said deceased as cousin of the deceased as well as the Guardian and Curator over the person and property of the 2nd Respondent appointed as such in Lunacy proceedings No: 19th of this court, unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons shall on or before the 2nd day of December 1947 appear before this Court and shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

The 10th day of November 1947,
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

(O. 110. 21-11-47.)

What They Say

Public Enemy No. 1.

MR. D. S. SENANAYAKE the Prime Minister of Ceylon is dubbed Asia's Public Enemy No. 1 by the Tamil daily "Sutantiran." In a scathing editorial the paper contrasts the attitude of Premier Senanayake who has sold Ceylon's military, naval and air bases for the British Imperialists, with that of India's Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The latter refused to give landing facilities to the Dutch planes in India, because they were bent on subjugating the freedom-loving peoples of Indonesia. On the other hand, Premier Senanayake of Ceylon was hospitality itself in granting facilities for the landing of Dutch planes and for the anchorage of Dutch warships, thereby endangering the very existence of the Indonesian Republic. The "Sutantiran" continues;

The very man who only the other day endangered Indonesia is determined today to disturb the tranquility of Asia as a whole. The Defence Agreement that precluded his farcial Independence Bill amply demonstrates the truth of our statement. The agreement is another subtle move of the British Imperialist, aided and abetted by the Senanayake caucus, to have an all-out suzerainty over the Indian Ocean region. This move is fraught with grave dangers not only for Independent India but also for all Asian countries. The poser before the Ceylonese is this: are they going to accept this farcial Independence thereby endangering the peace of the whole Asian continent and be dubbed as public enemies to the peace and progress of Asia? Or are they going to stop once and for all, the antics of these pillars of tottering British Imperialism, and throw them out of the political life of the country?

Neither Blind Nor Deaf

Criticising the statement of the London "Times" that in spite of stiff opposition to the Premier in the Parliament of Ceylon, the Independence Bill will be passed and that the position of Mr. Senanayake would not be impaired *Lanka Dwipa*, the Sinhalese Daily published by the Times of Ceylon Co takes to task the London Times. The Lanka Dwipa accepts the statement that, as things stand at present, the position of Mr. Senanayake will not be weakened. "Yet" says the *Lanka Dwipa* "it would be well for the London Times to know that the members in Parliament constituting the opposition are neither deaf nor blind. Some of the best brains and not a few Constitutional experts are in the opposition. The opposition will fight—and to the last ditch; and it would not be a surprise if the Independence Bill is thrown out ignominiously. In that case Parliament will be dissolved."

To be Awaited With Interest

The "Amrita Bezar Patrika" of Calcutta, in a note on the resignation of Dr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer from the British Cabinet says that the resignation is only the National sequel to his disclosures of the Budget secret to "The Star", a London newspaper, a quarter of an hour before he actually presented the Budget to Parliament. Giving out advanced information about the Budget is a grave breach of trust by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as such information may be used for private profit by unscrupulous persons to the detriment of national interest. But there is no evidence yet to show that Dr. Dalton's unwise act has been utilised by any party; nonetheless it constitutes a serious misconduct and has naturally led to his resignation.

Clarification Sought

Communist Leader's Move

Dr. S. A. Wickremasinghe, President of the Ceylon Communist Party has sent the following cable to Mr D. N. Pritt K. C., M. P.

The Ceylon Government interprets Ceylon Independence Bill as conferring Dominion Status with the right to secede. The Government holds: (1) that the Defence Agreement gives Ceylon the right unilaterally to terminate it at will; (2) that under the Agreement, Britain can maintain in Ceylon only such military bases as may be specifically agreed to by Ceylon; and (3) that Ceylon has the right to conclude similar defence pacts with India.

"Legal opinion in Ceylon is doubtful of Government interpretation. When the Bill comes up for discussion in Parliament, clarify from the British Government:—

(1) Whether under Bill, Ceylon has the same right to secede from the British Commonwealth as any of the self-governing Dominions, including India and Pakistan?

(2) Is Britain obliged to withdraw from Ceylon all her military forces if Ceylon requests Britain at any time to do so?

(3) Under the Agreement can Ceylon object to the maintenance by Britain of bases in Ceylon which Britain considers necessary for the maintenance of Imperial communications or the defence of her territories?

(4) Can Ceylon terminate the Defence Agreement at her pleasure?

(5) What is the period of the duration of the Defence Agreement?"

Dr. Dalton's frank and unreserved admission of his indiscretion, however, presents a contrast to the conduct of another Cabinet Minister eleven years ago during whose stewardship of the Exchequer there was serious Budget leakage which was utilised for private profit by the associates of the then Chancellor. The Opposition has demanded an enquiry into the affair by a Select Committee. The results of such an enquiry, if the Committee be appointed will be awaited with interest, the Patrika concludes.

The Onion Muddle

The Tamil Daily "Virakesari" condemns the decision of the Ceylon Government to dump into the sea onions to the value of Rs. 2 lakhs, at a time when that commodity is in extremely short supply. The paper while admitting that the government should take precautionary measures in regard to goods which touched at a port infected with cholera asks why these onions should not be fumigated and then released for consumption. It is worse than criminal to dump these onions into the sea, and the paper strongly urges that an examination of these onions should be made by medical experts as to see whether they are liable to spread disease, before they are condemned. Regarding the "talk" of obtaining onions from India through the good offices of Mr. K. Alvapillai, the "Virakesari" doubts whether India can supply all our demands. The paper appeals to the Government not to destroy the onions that have arrived from Cyprus, but to release them for public use after taking the necessary precautions.

CEYLONESE IN MALAYA

Indian Representative's Impressions

MR. J. A. THIVY, Representative of the Government of India in Malaya arrived in Colombo on Tuesday last on his way back to Malaya from New Delhi. To a Press Representative who met him at the aerodrome Mr Thivy said that the Ceylonese although numerically small were a powerful population in Malaya.

He said that Ceylonese were in the Government and other important services and were engaged in influential occupations, and hence had a very large part to play in the affairs of the country.

Mr. Thivy said that the Ceylonese youth in Malaya were getting on well with the Indians there and that augured well for the future relationships between India and Ceylon. He felt that the Ceylonese youth in Malaya were interested in developing that friendship in the hope of establishing in the near future unity with India, in the sense of a Federation.

The Ceylonese, he said, had cooperated and joined the main Indian political organisations such as the Malayan Indian Congress. He hoped that that new attitude of friendship and brotherhood in Malaya would develop further.

Asked about his views on the question of immigration, Mr. Thivy said that they were all of the opinion that to whichever country the Indians went it was their duty to identify themselves with the people of the country, and decide upon single loyalty—loyalty to the land of their adoption. He said he was watching with keen interest the developments of the Indo-Ceylon relations.

Progressive elements in Malaya, he said, were hoping that the relations between Ceylon and India would be amicably settled as it would give a great impetus to the already growing feeling of oneness in Malaya. As far as the Indian Government was concerned it had placed a strict ban on unskilled labour leaving India. It was a decisive step taken by the Indian Government in finalising the status of Indians abroad.

Mr. Thivy said that he was very happy to hear that Ceylon was about to get her independence. "We expect" he said "that the freedom of different territories in Asia will bring with them close identification of interests among Asian people."

The Wedding of Princess Elizabeth the hieress to the British Throne with Prince Philip Mountbatten was solemnised yesterday.

Ending Petrol Control

As the reserve stocks of petrol are considered satisfactory, the authorities are contemplating in Ceylon the suspension of petrol control for two months, January and February, to see how conditions will settle if control restrictions are entirely removed. If there is no abnormal run on supplies during the trial period petrol control will probably be altogether terminated from March.

It was at one time intended to end petrol control at the beginning of December but subsequently it has been postponed till January. Final sanction of this tentative plan, which will come as a welcome relief to most motorists is expected before the end of this month.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr. G. V. Mavlinkar, former President of the Indian Legislative Assembly was elected President of India's first Parliament.

The first Indian officer to attain the rank of Air Vice Marshal in the Royal Indian Air Force is Air Commodore Mukherjee whose promotion has just been announced.

Khan Obaidulla Khan son of Dr. Khan Sahib, the former Premier of the North Western Frontier Province has been arrested on instructions from the present League Government.

Mr. E. R. Bartlam who was the Principal of the Ceylon Technical College and later Principal of the Punjab College of Engineering was fatally stabbed at Lahore last week.

Acharya Kripalini has resigned from the Presidentship of the Indian National Congress. Babu Rajendra Prasad, Minister for Food in the present Indian Cabinet has been elected in his place. Babu Prasad will resign his portfolio.

The hardships undergone by the public of Velanai in transacting business at the Velanai Sub-Post Office were voiced at a public meeting of the residents of Velanai last week held at Muruga Moorthi temple under the Chairmanship of Mr. N. Nadarajah.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 715

In the matter of the Estate of the late Subramaniam Kumaravetpillai of Pungudutivu West Deceased. Velai illai widow of Kumaravetpillai of Pungudutivu West

- vs. Petitioner.
- 1 Kumaravetpillai Mailvaganam
 - 2 Kumaravetpillai Vaithilingam
 - 3 Kumaravetpillai Markandu
 - 4 Somasundaravalli daughter of Kumaravetpillai
 - 5 Navaneethavalli daughter of Kumaravetpillai
 - 6 Gnanammah daughter of Kumaravetpillai
 - 7 Kumaravetpillai Balasingham all of Pungudutivu West

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 22nd day of July 1947 in the presence of V. K. Subramaniam Esquire on the part of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's affidavit dated 22nd May 1947 and her petition having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian and administrator of the 4th to the 7th minor Respondents for purpose of watching their interest in these proceedings, and that Letters of Administration be issued to the Petitioner as the widow of the said deceased, unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested in this matter shall appear before this Court on the 23rd day of September 1947 and show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 22nd July 1947.
Sgd. B. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

21-10-47.
Time to show cause extended to 21-11-47.

Intld. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.
(C. 108, 18 & 19-11-47).

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 786
In the matter of the Intestate Estate
of the late Elizabeth wife of
Anthonipillai Isither Sebastiam-
pillai of Pandatherippu

Deceased

Philippupillai Anthonipillai of
Pandatherippu Petitioner
Vs.

1. Anthonipillai Isither Sebastiam-
pillai of Siruvilan presently
Teacher Royal College Colombo
2. Anthonipillai Rasa Nicholas of
Karampan
3. Anthonipillai Manuvetpillai of
Pandatherippu presently of Mala-
lan Union
4. Anthonipillai Bernard Alphon-
sus of Pandatherippu presently
of P. W. D. Anuradhapura
5. Anthonipillai Johnpillai of do
presently of Maradana
6. Anthonipillai Sebastiampillai of
do presently of Malayan Union
Respondents.

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before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire,
District Judge, Jaffna on the 20th
day of October 1947 in the presence
of Mr. S. Ilayatambi Proctor on the
part of the Petitioner and the affi-
davit and Petition of the Petitioner
dated 3rd and 16th day of October
1947 respectively having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner
be declared entitled to Letters of
Administration in respect of the
estate of the abovenamed deceased
and that Letters of Administration be
granted to him accordingly unless the
abovenamed respondents or any other
person shall on or before the 24th
day of November 1947 appear before
this court and show sufficient cause
to the satisfaction of this court to
the contrary.

This 20th day of October 1947.
(Sgd) K. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

(O. 107, 18 & 21)

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