

DEEPAVALI - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Its Spiritual Significance

[CONTRIBUTED]

Deepavali is celebrated by lighting rows of small oil lamps on either side of a passage leading to a bigger light, hence it is called the festival of lights. The rows of burning lamps are symbolic of an illuminated path leading to the light of all lights, God. In the Heavens the milky way represents the illuminated path with its rows of shining stars.

This festival is one of the most important ones falling during Mari, the night of the Gods, which begins when the sun crosses over to the south of the equator on September 22nd, and ends when it recrosses over to the northern hemisphere on March 22nd. The day of the festival is when the sun is in the Zodiacal sign of Libra (Thula) and the phase of the moon (Thithi) is the 14th day of its dark half with the Chitra Nadachethram on.

Outer Ceremony

On this day one is expected to fast and keep the vigil for the night. At dawn when the thin waning crescent moon is just rising one is expected to apply sesam oil and have a bath, to wear new clean cloths and to worship God in the prescribed manner. The appropriate God to be worshipped is Shiva who overthrew Yama, the God of Death, for the sake of his devotee Markandeyar. The significance of this festival lies in the fact that it falls on a Sivarathri day when the Sun and Moon are in Thula Rasi, the zodiacal sign of the balance. It should be mentioned that Saturn the planet whose presiding deity is Yama, the Governor of the purgatory hell, is in the most ascendant place, Ucham, in Thula Rasi.

Inner Illumination

The balance indicates

weighing of one's own sins (Papa) and merits (Puniya) in one's own conscience to perfect oneself by treading the illuminated path leading to emancipation from this Samsara. To one who leads such a life even death cannot have its sting so much so that it can be said metaphorically that by the grace of Shiva one can overcome Yama, the God of Death, himself.

When all the above are considered it would be seen that Deepavali is a festival of deep religious significance and fit for universal observance with all the piety, penance and prayer that one can command. On this sacred day it would not be out of place if one takes stock of all actions for the preceding year and undo any wrongs one may have done to his fellow beings.

Introspection

It will be the best day to take account of our assets, liabilities, profits and losses and with the emblem of the balance as our motto to share the good things of this earth with those most in need of them thus practising true charity. Traders and business people could also do the balancing of their accounts on this sacred day.

In Northern India the custom of lighting rows of small oil lamps is observed to this day and the sharing of the good things of this earth by presenting people with rice, oil, new clothes and money. To make merry on this day is to mar its significance and sanctity.

UnHindu Observance

One is compelled to draw the attention of fellow Hindus to the evil custom that has crept into certain sections of our society of overindulging oneself with intoxicating drinks and engorging large quantities

Electors Increase In England

Half-a-million more people will be entitled to vote in the British General Election this month than was the case in the previous election held last year. Official figures now published show that there are now just under 35,000,000 men and women entitled to vote.

The size of the electorate in Britain has been rising steadily over the past four General Elections. During the past seven years another 2,000,000 people have been added and since 1935 it has expanded by more than 5,500,000. The present electoral register came into force in March 1951 and includes those who reached the age of 21 before June this year.

SOUL FORCE

Brain and muscle
cannot restore
Peace and happiness
in the world;
There is a secret
power in store;
Seek it in Soul,
O seeker, bold!

—Suddhananda Bharati.

of meat of innocent goats and fowls much against the Vedic spirit of sacrifice with its injunctions of self control, self discipline and self denial. This unHindu practice should be given up by all such Hindus and this sacred festival with its fast, vigil and penance followed by anointing, bath and the feast should be observed with all the solemnity and serene devotion befitting such an occasion.

It should not be forgotten that Deepavali precedes immediately Skanda Sasti, the holy fast in honour of the son of Shiva, Skanda, the Saviour of Gods and men. When this festival of lights is celebrated correctly it will dispel the darkness of ignorance surrounding us in this benighted world and lead us to the Light of All Lights, Shiva. Wishing all a happy Deepavali.

NEED FOR ANTI-NOISE CHARTER

MICROPHONES CAUSE MISERY OF MIND

It took several centuries for mankind to become sensitive to dirt. We have known civilizations in which flies were considered domestic pets. As we move towards a civilized existence we develop a clean and antiseptic consciousness and try to avoid all swamp and stagnation, flies and fleas, and all kinds of bad things that are said to spread disease and death.

When will a similar outlook develop towards another evil—noise? I see no difference between dirt and noise. Dirt affects the body while noise affects the mind. It is tolerated only because it is unseen. I wish scientists would discover some staining medium which would set off the sound waves as they

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surge onward and crash on the ear drums of a poor mortal. Then people will realize the true nature of noise and make a concerted effort to eradicate the evil.

Our habits of thought are so much moulded by sayings that I wish someone had started saying early enough in history "If cleanliness is next to Godliness Noise is next to the Devil" or "Noise is a little above the Devil himself." Or if some more positive statement was desired they could have said "Silence is also next to Godliness." If people had repeated it for a sufficiently long time in their lives, they would have given the devil his due and avoided him. No doubt there is some amount of protest, here and there, against noise. The "No Horn" restriction in front of the Madras General Hospital must be viewed as a landmark in our civilization. There

are various provisions under the Town Nuisance Act or the Police Act which may be invoked when necessary, but at present these provisions seem to be retained only at an academic level. If they were effective. I am sure the theatre man who is announcing his show this very moment through the loudest speaker at his command, fixed to an old motor car would not dare to appear in our street.

The Inevitable Mike

The loud-speaker is the largest single curse in our midst today. It is a matter of prestige nowadays to have a microphone at the speaker's table. Whatever the size of a hall a speaker feels insulted if he does not see a microphone and a few amplifiers around him. They give him a sense of well-being. The first question that a modern musician asks is, "Have you made proper loud speaker arrangements?" Luckily for us we can always count upon the loud-speaker developing a steady hum after the first half hour presently it will be a question of survival between the music and the loud-speaker's hum, and, depending upon public interest in the performance one or the other will be switched off.

Organised Disorder

Nowadays one has to dread the signs of a joyous occasion. I never see a string of mango leaves or buntings go up without telling myself, "This neighbourhood is in for a bad time." This prophecy has seldom been falsified. Recently I saw an enthusiastic band of young men celebrating a continuation of the Ganesha festival for ten days on the platform of a house in a crowded street.

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Jaffna Hindu College

Admissions 1952

Application for admission should be made before December 1st 1951 on the prescribed form, which can be had from the Principal.

PRINCIPAL.

(M. 15, 19, 23 & 26)



Hindu Organ

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1951

Treasure These Thoughts

"The pure mind acquires a new attitude. Through that pure mind one sees God in the world. Therefore, one needs spiritual discipline."

'MURDER' METHOD IN POLITICS

SHALL WE SAY 'MURDER' awaits the man who wears the ministerial mantle? Uneasy lay the head that wore the crown in the days of Kings and Emperors. But the Imperial heads never had the nightmare of murder haunting them. Popular Governments have displaced as many Imperial Rulers as had been possible and today the 'choice of the people', by a strange irony of circumstances, stand shadowed by the assassin at every turn. The cowardly assassination of Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the Premier of Pakistan, has confirmed the existence of a beastly band of fierce political fanatics who see salvation in destruction. The Middle East has been the hunting ground of this frenzied group of murder minded men in the recent past. The passion for man's life in the most abominable and inhuman way has spread to other parts of the world and today no statesman dare appear in public but face physical liquidation.

The United Nations draw themselves together, discuss and deliberate only to find that the human mind has developed a mob mentality characteristic of the barbaric age. How has mankind improved we ask plainly? The preaching of ideologies in a manner calculated to stimulate the animal sentiment of man has reached a climax so much so that violence has become the one and only weapon in the armoury of the politician. The revolutionary movement has

gained a strong foothold all over the globe with the result that commonsense and conscience have ceased to function. The young mind is being moulded in the furnace of frenzy and the finished product that appears in the political factory is all fire and brimstone having inflammability within itself and capable of igniting what normally does not possess combustibility.

To what purpose are the United Nations wasting their breath if the world cannot be purged of the most pernicious political disease that has ever assumed deadly and epidemic proportions? Religious teachers and philosophers meet in conference as regularly as the sun and the moon appear but irreligion and irrationality keep on gaining ground. The time has certainly come to cry halt to this mad man-hunt as the *modus operandi* in political affairs. Charters of freedom remaining as so many pious resolutions without any worth of power and sanction behind are so much waste paper. Even at this late hour cannot a sincere attempt be made to make the world safe for mankind even if the globe cannot be assured of peace in the sense that there would be no wars? Waged wars are no terror, organised battle is no dread; but the hidden hand that rears itself in inhuman and cowardly fashion to confront the man who means service to humanity is far more dangerous than the foe who fights face to face.

We join with the rest of the world in extending our sympathy to the bereaved Pakistan Nation.

Farewell To Retiring School Master

Mr. S. Elayathamby, Assistant Master of the Urampirai Hindu College who retired after 35 years of teaching service was entertained at a farewell function on 5th October 5 p. m. at the College premises by the staff and students of the College.

Mr. R. Sivagurunathan, President, Saiva Paripalana Sabhai who presided paid a deserving tribute to the retiring school master and hoped that Mr. Elayathamby would make himself useful to his countrymen by continuing his social service in another form.

Proctor V. Manickavasagar, Mr. R. Sitaraman, Ex-Principal and Pandit Murugesu also spoke.

MORRISON ON MIDDLE EAST PLAN

Strategy Of Suez Canal Zone

THE Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison at Acton, London, on October 15, referred to the threatened Egyptian abrogation of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and the Egyptian refusal to participate in the proposed Middle East Defence Command. He said, "From all that some Egyptians have been saying for the last three years you might suppose only the evil machinations of Britain have prevented Egypt becoming a free and independent Nation. This is the time to point out that this is not true. His Majesty's Government have a unique record in the history of the world for the granting of freedom to dependent peoples and Egypt has been one of the chief beneficiaries of this policy."

"As for the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936, which is now the object of so much vituperation, it is enough for me to cite the words used by Nubas Pasha, the present Egyptian Prime Minister. When the Treaty was debated in the Egyptian Chamber of Deputies in 1936 he said, 'Indeed, gentlemen, the Treaty reassures the Independence of Egypt..... We have of our full will and free will authorised the English to maintain a garrison on the Canal.'

Treaty Freely Made

"And now the Egyptians are saying the Treaty was signed under duress," continued Mr. Morrison. "We have no desire to control in any way the policy of the Egyptian Government, and we regard Egypt and treat her as a fully free and independent Nation. But we are most intimately concerned with the strategic needs of the area, and in particular with the defence of the vital Suez Canal area, against any potential aggressor. In this matter His Majesty's Government bear a responsibility to the whole civilised world including Egypt herself. Our offer involved no more interference with the Egyptian sovereignty than the North Atlantic Treaty interferes with our own. We, too, have foreign troops on our soil."

Saying he was sorry that Egypt had rejected to join the proposals of four such great powers as America, France, Turkey and Britain, Mr. Morrison went on "either Egypt can share the responsibility for the defence this vital area with all the rights and obligations such acceptance would entail, or they can show themselves to be a country devoid of any sense of International responsibility whose Government foments International disputes in order to divert popular attention from the much needed reform at home. It

seems unhappily they are moving in the latter direction.

Status of Sudan

Mr. Morrison also said, "There is no logical connection between the presence of British troops in Egypt and the status of the Sudan. Egyptians cannot eat their cake and have it. They loudly demand independence and freedom from foreign occupation, but for the Sudan their tune is different. The Sudan, they say may have independence but only 'under the Egyptian crown' and key questions of foreign affairs, currency and defence must be reserved to the Egyptian crown. But the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, I need hardly say, gives His Majesty's Government no power of control whatever over the Egyptian Ministries of finance, war or foreign affairs."

"Nevertheless," concluded Morrison, "If the Sudanese people want union with Egypt, His Majesty's Government will put no obstacle in their way. All we insist upon is that the decision of the ultimate status of the Sudan must be freely taken by the Sudanese people themselves."

Manipay Young Farmers Club

A general meeting of the Manipay Young Farmers Club was held at the Ceetee Building on Monday with Mudaliyar C. Thiagarajah in the chair. The organisation of Home Garden Competitions among the Clubs, and study tours to Agricultural farms were suggested by the chairman.

Mr. W. A. Kannangra of the Agricultural Department spoke on the aims of the Movement. He said he was now on a tour to collect data of the existing Clubs and their possibilities and was much impressed by the enthusiasm displayed by the Manipay Young Farmers Club.

Mr. N. Vevekanandaram, President, proposed a vote of thanks.

Jaffna Municipal Council

At the monthly meeting of the Jaffna Municipal Council on the suggestion of the Mayor Mr. C. Ponnambalam, the Council approved the free use of the Town Hall and electric current in connection with the exposition of the Tirukonesar Idols. The Mayor said that he met the other expenses himself.

Jaffna V. Cs

Refresher Course

Exchange Of Views

A Refresher Course for the V. C. Personnel in the Jaffna District was held at the A. C. L. G's office on the 12th and 13th instant. It was fully represented by the staff of the various Village Committees. The object of the course is to refresh the minds of the V. C. personnel of all aspects of local government.

The A.C.L.G. while opening the course outlined the benefits of such courses and indicated the lines on which further improvements should be effected. He also stressed on promptness and discipline which are the prime factors for promoting efficiency in administration.

He further said that the V. C. Clerks should learn the V. C. Ordinance and V. C. Rules thoroughly and the requirements of the circulars should be complied with promptly.

Budgeting

Mr. V. C. Chamugam, Investigating Officer detailed the procedure for the preparations of Village Committee budgets and emphasised the usefulness of preparing a thorough budget.

Mr. K. Kanavathipillai of the Audit Office spoke on the accounting system in Village Committees.

Mr. K. Shanmugam, the Jaffna Municipal Commissioner while addressing the course outlined the growth and development of local government in this country tracing its early development in ancient times. He further stated that the V. C. personnel attached to local bodies should discharge their duties with a sense of responsibility and without fear or favour.

Mr. P. Rajasingham, M. O. H. Jaffna addressed the Village Committee on the growth of health work in rural areas. He spoke on prevention of malaria, control of vaccination, establishment of maternity and child welfare centres and on latrine construction. He further said that the public should be induced to take part in health work and concluded by saying that harmonious co-operation exists between the health officers and the local bodies.

Doubts Cleared

The feature of this year's Refresher Course was the introduction of discussion pertaining to difficulties encountered by Village Committee Officers in the administration of the V. C. Ordinance and other functions relating to the welfare of the community as a whole. The discussions

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THE AGGRESSOR IS ABROAD

HENCE NEED FOR DEFENCE

Truman On American Armament

President Truman said at Carolina that as the strength of America and her Allies increased "we should be able to negotiate settlements that the Soviet Union will respect and live up to."

Mr. Truman denied that once the Western nations had built their defences, their would have to be "a showdown and a war until one side or the other is completely victorious."

He declared: "Our policy is based on the hope that it will be possible to live without any war in the same world as the Soviet Union if the free nations had adequate defences."

"As our defences improve, the chances of negotiating successfully with the Soviet Union will increase. The growth of our defences will help to convince the leaders of the Soviet Union that peaceful arrangements are in their own self-interest."

Ready for Adjustment

He repeated the statement he has made many times—that the United States is ready to "sit down with the Soviet Union and all the nations concerned in the United Nations and work together for lifting the burden of armaments and securing peace."

"It is for this great goal of peace that we have our defence programme and higher taxes and a programme of aid to other

nations", the President asserted.

"It is for this purpose that our men and the soldiers of other free nations are striving and fighting in the hill of Korea. I cannot guarantee that we will reach our goal. The result does not depend entirely on our own efforts. The rulers of the Kremlin can plunge the world into carnage if they desire to do so. But, that is something this country will never do."

Peace-Only Objective

"It is important to remember, as our defence programme begins to turn out more and more weapons and our alliances for defence begin to take effect, that our basic objective—our only objective—is peace."

"I am afraid that some people, here and abroad, believe that the creation of armed defences must inevitably lead to war. This is not the case. We do not think that war is inevitable."

"We believe that the creation of defences will make war less likely. So long as one country has the power and the forces to overwhelm others and so long as that country has aggressive intentions real peace is unattainable. The stronger we become, the more possible it will be to work out solid and lasting arrangements for peace. We show the folly of weakness in the days of Hitler. We know now that we must have defences when there is an aggressor abroad in the world."

Vannarponnai Kompayanmanal Mayana Paripalana Sabhai

The 19th Annual General Meeting of the above Sabhai will be held on Wednesday, the 24th October, 1951 at 5 p. m. in the Jaffna Hindu Tamil School Hall. All members are cordially invited.

R. SIVAGURUNATHER,
President

S. P. RASIAH,
C. NADARAJAH,
Hony. Joint Secretaries.

AGENDA

- Minutes of the previous meeting
- Treasurer's Statement of Accounts and the Balance Sheet
- Election of office-bearers
- Resolutions
 - (1) That this Sabhai should be registered as a Registered Society to look after the interests of the Crematorium.
 - (2) That ways and means should be devised to get a hearse constructed at an early date.
 - (3) That a firewood depot should be established at the crematorium with a view to facilitating cremation.

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ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1360

In the matter of the intestate
estate of the late Ranjitha-
malar Selvaratnam of Uduvil
Deceased.

Mrs. Ellen Grace Kandiah of
Uduvil Petitioner.
Vs.

Minor 1. Princess Alagarangini
Yoganita Selvaratnam
of Uduvil Minor Ap-
pearing by her G.A.L.
2. H. L. D. Selvaratnam
presently of the Cen-
tral Bank of Ceylon,
Colombo.

Respondents

This matter coming on for
disposal before V. S. Jayawick-
rama Esquire, District Judge,
Jaffna on the 13th day of Sep-
tember 1951 in the presence of
Mr. V. Navaratnarajah Proctor
on the part of the petitioner
and the affidavit of the peti-
tioner dated 30th day of August
1951 having been read.

It is ordered that the 2nd
Respondent abovenamed be
appointed guardian ad litem
over the minor 1st respondent
and that the petitioner as
mother of the deceased is en-
titled to have Letters of admin-
istration to the estate of the
said deceased Ranjithamalar
Selvaratnam and the same be
issued to her accordingly un-
less the respondents or any
others shall on or before the

Road Accidents

Road accidents which in-
volve children are unpredict-
able, and only the most un-
flinching vigilance is likely to
avert them. This is the
conclusion reached by com-
pilers of the pamphlet *Fatal
Road Accidents to Children
1950*, published by the Royal
Society for the Prevention of
Accidents. The pamphlet
analyses child fatalities in
detail, in the hope of suggest-
ing directions for future
action. Figures show that
twice as many boys as girls
were killed. A large per-
centage was killed after 7
P. M., and the child of under-
school age presented the
biggest problem. There are
also facts to prove that
accidents frequently happen
in conditions least likely to
cause them.

26th day of November 1951
appear before this court and
show sufficient cause to the
contrary to the satisfaction of
this Court.

It is further ordered that the
said minor be produced in
Court on the said date.

This 13th day of September
1951.

Sgd. V. S. Jayawickrama
District Judge.

Drawn by
Sgd. V. Navaratnarajah,
Proctor for Petitioner.
(O. 91, 19 & 23).

Wanted William Arrested

Acting on the informa-
tion supplied to the Police
by the father of William
who has been missing
since the day of the tra-
gic death of Mrs. Satha-
sivam was arrested by Mr.
John Attygalla A. S. P.
(Crime) at Hungama where
he was working in a thresh-
ing floor.

William has not yet
made a statement to the
Police.

Refresher Course

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were led by Mr. S. Thommai-
pillai, the Chief Clerk. Ques-
tions on various topics were
raised and suitable replies
given and views exchanged.

Mr. C. Sooriyakumaran,
the Asst. Commissioner
of Local Govt., in his con-
cluding remarks said that
there was always usefulness in
discussing questions of im-
portance. He further said
that the grant of more rights
called for greater sense of re-
sponsibility on the part of
receivers.

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRI PATY"

FROM 21-10-51 TO 27-10-51

ARIES Aswini, Barani, Kar-
tikai 1st part [Medha Rasi]

Better be careful about
money matters and new in-
vestments this week. Don't
take any risks. Domestic
troubles or illness in the fami-
ly circle shown.

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

This is an important week
in your career. You will be
able to make some long desired
changes and go ahead with
new plans. But you may
have to spend a bit at the out-
set.

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

Likely to be a week of
much activity and little re-
sults. Friends will prove
useful. You will have no
mental peace and will be
worried over something.

CANCER Punarpoosa 4,
Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

Likely to be a successful
week. But you will spend a
lot in social activities. Suc-
cess in litigation and gain
promised week end.

LEO Maha, Poorva, Uttira 1,
[Singha Rasi]

You will be quick to pick
up quarrels this week. But
no serious consequences shown.
Strangers and foreigners will
help you a good deal in your
affairs.

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

Elderly people will be of
much use to you this week.
If unmarried, you may receive
some proposals or may have
a romantic week end.

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

Complications might creep
into an important relation-
ship this week. Scandal mon-
gers will be the chief cause
for the upset. Ill health and
official troubles also not ruled
out.

SCORPION Visaka 4, Anu-
sha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

You will feel satisfied with
what you achieve this week
provided you spend the first
two days of the week with
care. Domestic harmony and
social success promised week
end.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Poo-
radam, Uttiradani 1. [Thanu
Rasi]

The first half of the week
must be spent with care.
Petty official troubles and
mental worries shown. Latter
half promises substantial gains
and mental harmony.

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

Negotiate anything import-
ant before Wednesday, Thurs-
day, Friday and Saturday
morning must be spent with
care. Trouble through secret
enemies shown.

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

Except for the last day this
week is likely to be a favour-
able one. Success in new
undertaking and fame prom-
ised. You will be able to
solve some serious problems
that have been worrying you
for some time past.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Ut-
tiraddati, Revathi. [Meena
Rasi]

Caution necessary in your
office works this week. Chan-
ces of your being made a
scapegoat shown. Avoid tuss-
les with friends. Postpone
important deals for some
time to come.

PERSIAN VIEW OF PAKISTAN POLITICS

PARTITION OF INDIA AN IMPERIALISTIC MOVE

In an editorial under the caption "Is Pakistan an independent State?", a Persian weekly said the partition of India had "in truth helped the stability of imperialistic influences in Asia."

"Whenever we look deep into the matter casting aside childish and mendacious Pakistani propaganda," it added, "we find that in the final analysis, Pakistan cannot be described as a sovereign State. It can render no succour and help to the Muslims of India."

The paper said: "We learn His Excellency the Ambassador of Pakistan and his colleague, Mr. Abdul Hameed Zafrani, have addressed a letter to the Iranian Foreign Ministry protesting against the views of this paper about Pakistan. What we have so far written in our paper has been completely objective. It is strange that instead of giving a logical reply to our statement, they have resorted to protests and propaganda against us."

Unwise Action

"We stick to the view we have been expressing so far and feel that the partition of India was not a correct and wise thing and no deep thought and far-sightedness was brought to bear on the problem of bifurcation. Moreover, partition has not only brought suffering for Indian Muslims. It has, in truth helped the stability of imperialistic influences in Asia."

"We know that more than 40 million Muslims live in India to-day. They are completely independent in their way of life. We also see that the majority community of India respect the views of their Muslim brethren. They are appointed Cabinet Ministers and even political and diplomatic representatives are sent abroad from amongst them."

"If we write anything about Pakistan and try to bring the hidden facts out, it is because we do not mix religion with politics. It is quite clear to us that Pakistan has been brought into being by the British to fight against the great and powerful organization, the Indian National Congress, which subscribes to no communal policy. The objective of Britishers in creating the Muslim League was to set the Muslims against the Hindus and thus put an obstacle in the way of the freedom movement in India"

Sacrifice Vs. Luxury

"Of course, Indian leaders

such as Gandbi, Rajendra Prasad, Nehru and Azad have spent very many years in prison. It is not so not only in the case of Mr. Jinnah, but also in the case of almost all League leaders who worked for the partition of India. For example, the Governor-General of Pakistan, Khwaja Nazimuddin, was throughout a British favourite and was honoured with a knighthood; so also Sir Feroze Khan Noon and the present Pakistani Ambassador to Iran, Ghazanfar Ali Khan. But no title was offered to Gandbi or other Congress leaders. It is interesting that the Embassy of Pakistan whines against us and does not answer the question as to when and how long their leaders, right from Quaid-e-Azam Jinnah down to Ghazanfar Ali Khan, were in prison."

"The Pakistan Embassy should know that it cannot fool all by its false propaganda on Islamic lines. We are well aware of the unenviable plight of the people of Pakistan. However, we should like to be enlightened by the Pakistani Ambassador as to what Gen. Auchinleck, who is said to be busy with the carpet business, is actually doing in Pakistan."

Another leading weekly of Iran, *Zehat Asia*, said in an editorial, addressing the people of Pakistan. "We declared by the sacred religion of Islam and by the Holy Quran that your Government is cent per cent under British rule and your authorities are lackeys of Britain. If the Pakistan Government is national, why has it no Constitution or Constituent Assembly? Beware of foreign imperialistic designs. India and Pakistan are one and flesh cannot be separated from the nails".

WANTED

Wanted for Co-operative Hospital, Moolai Chulipuram an Overseer Clerk with experience in supervision of labour, knowledge of building construction, and working knowledge of English not below the J. S. C. standard. Appointment will be six months' probation. Salary Rs. 1200-60-1800 with appropriate D. A. Applications should reach Secretary, Co-operative Hospital Society Ltd., Moolai, Chulipuram on or before 31-10-51.

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NEED FOR ANTI-NOISE CHARTER

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Though their audience could hear even a whisper without any aid they had fixed up four loud-speakers in order to radiate their programme in all directions. The function started at eight with the playing of film records, which went on till midnight. Children and adults gathered in front of the loud-speakers and blocked the traffic there was a man in a neighbouring house taking a blood-transfusion, whose life was hanging in the balance; in another house a batch of students was studying for the September examination; there was a sick child in another house which could not be put to sleep. The music stopped at midnight and then someone got up to address the gathering on the significance of this or that. All this could be heard at the loudest pitch for three miles around, and it went on for ten days. Why was this tolerated? How was this different from attempted murder, arson, and every type of disorderly behaviour?

Lurking Danger

The loud speaker fixed to a moving vehicle has taken the place of the old tom-tom. The circus which has come into the town, the drama company changing its programme, the *beedi* manufacturer who suddenly feels that his sales must be stimulated—all these use the loud-speaker most recklessly. A

gramophone record, grinding away its thousandth turn, bursts on a locality suddenly, and then comes a grand announcement in a demoniac voice; and the car passes on leaving a trail of handbills to mark its arrival and departure. All the children of the place race along with the car in order to pick up the notices I know of at least one child who was knocked down and maimed by a car carrying *beedi* music.

Invoke U. N's Aid

I pray that the United Nations Organisation, which sponsor a goodly collection of Charters, will presently give us an Anti-Noise Charter, by which we shall pledge ourselves to eliminate all sources of unnecessary noise from human society. We shall eliminate all ghastly and monstrous sounds from our midst. If the evil-doers do not listen to reason we shall apply sanctions against them. We shall not attend the show which is announced through a moving loud speaker, we shall avoid the commodity that is recommended through a loud-speaker, we shall avert our heads when wandering merchants shout their wares too loudly in the streets, we shall place on the black-list the lorry which is tested and repaired at midnight on the pavement, we shall not admit in polite society persons who announce

their arrival by sounding the horn at the gate, and we shall demand a refund of our ticket-amounts in exhibitions where it is impossible to carry on a conversation with a friend you meet owing to the all-pervasive music from a score of loud speakers. If this is done this era will escape the stigma of being called the noisiest in human history.

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Rural Woman's Role In National Life

Leaders of rural life from many countries, wearing their national dress, attended the Regional Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World at Edinburgh recently. Among them were Mrs. Reddi from Madras, and Lady de Soysa, from Ceylon, one of the vice-presidents of the A. C. W. W. Throughout the day's speeches and discussions emphasis was placed on the need for strengthening the international aspect of the country women's movement in the interests of healthy and happy life in the rural areas and in the wider interest of world peace. Mrs. Reddi was among a few speakers who described the life of their countrywomen.

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