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NEHRU'S STUPENDUOUS TASK

Congress Versus The Rest

LET us not bring the personal element in them but speak out larger policies and put forward our respective programs for the acceptance of the Indian People" declared Nehru as Congress President in an appeal to all Congressmen and others to run the Indian elections "with decency and without illwill".

This great realist-statesman true to the teachings of his Guru

mention a few. Yet the leader will win of whom it was said on his 62nd Birthday last week.

Aspiring Soul

To understand Jawaharlal and the source of his inspiration, one must grasp the back-ground of his family and province, his nativity and tradition. It is no wonder, then, that having been born in that Heaven on Earth—Kashmir, and having received the best education in the best of public schools and universities of the West, Jawaharlal found himself on his return to be a misfit in his profession, and found the politics of the day a misfit for himself. His ardent spirit and aspiring soul found that his place was not the ease-loving and luxurious palace of Ananda Bhawan, much less the depressing and demoralising atmosphere of the Indian Law Courts, but the wider arena of Indian political struggle destined to deliver the country from the bondage of the foreigner. It was thus that he left all and took the cross on his shoulders and accompanied the Sage of Sabarwati to his Calvary to be crucified or to emerge a free citizen of a free motherland.

—Dr. P. Sitaramanya

Great men are never understood in their own times and although Panditji would not admit his stature in this respect, his case is not exceptional. India has seen to what heights Pandit Nehru can rise even in adverse circumstances. The bloody holocaust that swept over many parts of our country four years back, claiming one of the greatest men of our country as its victim, brought out the best in Panditji. The strain was, of course tremendous, particularly after the dastardly assassination of Gandhiji, but his sanity and equipoise saved our country from being plunged into anarchy

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Jaffna Schools Soccer

Star Teams In Stale-Mate Game

Damp Dodged Dodgers

It rained cats and dogs at noon on Saturday last and even the Vaidheswara Vidyalaya grounds could not resist the dampness. When the Urumpiray team and their Parameshwara opponents took their positions at 3.30 p. m. the elements began a nuisance raid and it continued to be so right up to the end. Both teams appeared to be matched correctly but it was all an unusual game against a deceitful ground. Parameshwara pierced the defence and were there before half time. However in the second half Urumpiray drew level and the evenness was left undisturbed when the whistle blew long.

B Group Tussle

As if the weather had an appointment with the B group finalists, the drizzle was there increasing in tempo occasionally but in sufficient strength to make the players slip more often than they let chances slip. Hindu began aggressively and assumed dictatorial attitude establishing supremacy by a well netted goal. Central took time to find their form and once they drew courage they maintained grasp of the situation by equalizing late during the first half hour and in quick succession gaining a hard earned lead by kicking past the Hindu goalie. Another wave of enthusiasm enabled the Blue and White forwards who made no mistake in nonplussing the Central keeper to effect a stale-mate. Again the trial of strength ended indecisively.

Summing up:

Jaffna School Soccer has improved meritoriously and the play in the foul weather was really superb. Will the Jaffna Schools Sports Association entertain the soccer fans to a similar encounter in fair weather?

And will it not be interesting if both Central and Hindu meet Urumpiray separately and make the issue worth being decided?

ARE THE ICE-BERGS OF THE COLD WAR MELTING?

Discuss Realities, Not Cant

THE "News Chronicle" and the "Daily Telegraph" of the British Press applaud Mr. Anthony Eden's speech to the U. N. General Assembly in Paris.

After recalling how six years ago, at the birth of the United Nations in San Francisco, Mr. Eden made the same sort of appeal for toleration and world submission to the rule of law, the "News Chronicle" proceeds: "The years between, with their disappointments and delays, have shown the peril of

has never been a time when the desire for peace has been more strong. The immediate tragedy is the failure of the Russians to recognise this mood and respond to it. Let us hope that one effect of the changed atmosphere brought about by Mr. Eden's speech will be to induce the Russians to take seriously the disarmament proposals put forward by the Western Powers last week."

The "Daily Telegraph" calls Mr. Eden's speech "the voice of reason and civilisation appealing for a cessation of the wild polemics into which the proceedings of the United Nations have too often degenerated."

Approving his plea that the United Nations should "grasp definite, limited problems" and his first choice of specific problems, the newspaper continues: "Along such lines a detente between East and West is possible and then, when that has been achieved, a larger settlement of the type envisaged by President Auriol can be undertaken."

The Language Of Wisdom

"To say that in order to organise collective defence, sole guarantee of a lasting and prosperous peace, all countries should in good faith make an effort at agreement, excluding all diatribes, appeals for hatred, and propaganda speeches is, I believe, to speak with the language of wisdom."

—President Auriol

ignoring his advice. Perhaps now at last he will be heard amid the frenzy of name-calling and the sound of Mr. Vyshinsky's laughter heard by night.

"An honest attempt to arrive at definite, limited objectives in an atmosphere without recrimination would change the whole tenor of United Nations meetings. Out of small successes great things may grow. In trying to break the ideological deadlock in the Assembly, Mr. Eden has accepted as great a challenge as any statesman of our time."

Soviet Failure

"It is far too early to say that any of the ice-fields of the cold war are melting, but in the Western world at least there

The Essential Step

"The first essential, however, as Mr. Eden rightly stressed, is that the Russians and their satellites should manifest some willingness to consider concrete terms. Until they do it is useless to treat with them...."

"The opportunity exists, as it has never existed before, to abolish the spectre of war; but to take advantage of this opportunity requires a response not yet forthcoming from the Marxist tyrannies the Kremlin has spawned over huge areas of the world. This being so, there is no recourse but to make of the free countries of the West an impregnable citadel. It is not enough that they should have arms and

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MAO ON NEHRU'S NATION

Mao Tse tung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the People's Republic of China, in a message to the people of India.

'The Indian nation is a great nation, Indian people are an excellent people. For thousands of years, excellent friendship has existed between these two nations and between the people of India and China. We hope that these two nations will continue to unite together to strive for peace. People all over the world need peace. Only a few people want war. India and China and the Soviet Union must unite with all other peace-loving countries to strive for peace in the Far East and in the whole world.'

Mahatma has inaugurated the Congress Election campaign in typical non-violent fashion and has undertaken a seven week tour of the sub-continent to place the party program before the electors in the most straight forward manner.

True the indomitable fighter of Non-co-operation days has to face the combined might of some of his erstwhile colleagues and friends—Acharya Kripalani, Jaiprakash Narain, Dr. Ambedkar to



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Treasure These Thoughts

"The purpose of human life is only to attain our goal—God. We should find our way to attain that goal"

BOTTLE-NECKS IN ROAD TRANSPORT

FROM the rough cart-track to the re-inforced concrete arterial road is an improvement worthy of praise and in keeping with the developing demands of modern civilisation. World War II and the strategic importance of Sri Lanka enabled the road transport of the Island to be improved of compulsion. But the development is certainly not equal to the popular demand. What is worse is that there still exist as relics of the old cart-track system bottle-neck patches in trunk roads many of them within the municipal limits of big towns. We would specifically refer to the narrow road canal on the Kankesanturai—Jaffna main road that connects the Grand Bazaar with the Sivan-kovilady area. Here is a track going, for all official purposes, by the name of a main road, but hardly enough to allow the convenient passage of a Nelson type bus and a bicycle alongside & running cheek by jowl with the entrances of a hundred business establishments. And this *Jane* in the trunk road has to be used by pedestrians and pedalling men, bullock carts and buses, motor cars and lorries, all combining unknowingly to create a *jam* which is repeated no sooner than it is cleared. This particular link in the trunk road is also the main gateway to the northern and western parts of the city.

It is said that in Communist Hungary roads are being widened by demolishing churches and that the broadening is effected where the places of worship are most. By the way, religion cannot be demolished by razing to the ground shrines! We do not think that Sri Lanka is in such a hurry as to embrace Marxism and destroy Temples and Vihares.

The Central Government owes an explanation

to the people of Jaffna for allowing the trunk Kankesanturai—Jaffna road to exist in this dangerous state in the very heart of the northern capital. The Jaffna Municipal Council too under whose very nose this primitive piece of road lies has to explain to the public its supreme indifference to this question of paramount importance. That extensions and repairs to old buildings on this bottleneck should have been allowed to be made with the consent or tacit approval of the Municipality surpasses understanding. Whatever it may be, this state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue. The Public Works Department must immediately set about to remedy this defect whatever the cost of such improvement may be. The Municipal voters who are being flattered for their suffrage ought to impress on the candidates that a Municipal Council which has allowed the existence of such dangerous relics of primitive tracks deserves to be scrapped. The Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries who is also the Member for Jaffna should invite his colleague the Minister for Transport to enjoy an evening drive through this *promenade* and know for himself what it would mean to the large number of people who use it day in and day out.

Harmonious Relations Between Man And Man

Aim Of Co-operation

The following resolution adopted at the All India Convention of Workers of the Co-operative Union at New Delhi last week declares the aims of the Co-operative movement.

Asserting the aims of the co-operative movement, a resolution said "Co-operation aims at building an order that establishes harmonious relations between man and his work and between man and man. It eliminates exploitation, opposes concentration of economic power through cartels and monopolies in the hands of a few by its perfect and democratic system of rule of one member one vote." Hence, it said, "Co-operative ownership and distribution must form a vital plank in any programme for the transformation of the country's economy to one, meant to satisfy the needs of the people and improve their standard of living."

Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya presided.

ABSORPTION OF LIGHT RADIATION

Production And Fertility Increased

American scientists who have been studying the effects of light on the growth of plants and animals have developed crops that will produce two or more generations in one year and hens that lay more eggs.

For more than 30 years scientists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture have known that length of day, like soil and climate affects the adaptability of plants to a given area. This law of nature was discovered in 1920 in the course of investigations on the behaviour of tobacco plants.

At that time it was discovered that tobacco plants in the greenhouse flowered readily through the winter. But when spring came they passed into a non-dowering stage. Patient studies showed that this was not related to soil and temperature. Trials in which the plants were given eight hours of daylight and 16 hours of darkness brought them into bloom and showed that the day-night cycle is the controlling factor.

This discovery is called photoperiodism. Today it is being studied in many other parts of the world. Scientists in Germany are studying the effect of

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light on the growing of beets. In Japan photoperiodism is applied to the growing of rice, and in Puerto Rico and Hawaii, the science is applied to the growing of sugarcane. Experiments are also going on in England, the Netherlands and China.

Artificial lighting of poultry houses to increase egg production during the winter has been a common farm practice for many years. It was believed that the increased laying of eggs was the result of greater feed consumption by fowl during the extra hours of light. It is now known that something else was provided by the light to stimulate reproduction and egg laying.

Ultra-Violet Lamps

Currently being tested

in the United States is the use of ultra-violet bactericidal lamps in poultry-laying houses. In a number of tests, extending for five years, hens kept away from sunlight in an artificially lighted room and exposed continuously to ultraviolet radiations laid 10 to 19 per cent more eggs than hens kept under the same conditions but without ultraviolet light. Previously the only known effect of ultraviolet light on poultry was the production of vitamin D. The new effect was observed in chickens that obtained ample vitamin D from their diet.

Studies in the United States are being carried on in a specially constructed underground room that is insulated and air conditioned to provide controlled environment. The entire room is painted with a high-reflecting white paint, with no other reflectors. Light is provided by 106 white fluorescent lamps supplemented by incandescent lamps to give a total lighting of approximately 2,000 foot candles.

Shading of Plants

Knowledge of photoperiodism has permitted plant scientists to introduce crop plants into their proper latitude and to choose varieties for specific localities. They have developed suitable soybean varieties for growing in many different areas of the United States. They have found that Sweet Spanish and Southport Globe onions will not grow in the Southern States because the days are too short to permit the bulbs to mature.

Some varieties of tobacco and coffee respond readily to light intensity. As a result, the shading of tobacco and coffee fields with cloth canopies or slatted sun shields has now become an established practice in certain areas where these varieties are grown.

Greenhouse operators are producing chrysanthemums for market every two weeks by using artificial light and artificial darkness. Some growers control the light so that they can have chrysanthemums in bloom for special

Left-Handedness Not A Handicap

Left-handed people have good reason for feeling superior when compared with their clumsier right-handed brothers. That is the verdict of a team of American psychologists at the University of Wisconsin, who have been engaged in making a thorough investigation into the age-old problem of left and right-handedness.

During experiments, it was found that left-handed persons were superior to right-handed in at least two different ways.

These were: "Speed at moving the hands (either of them) from one place to another while performing a task; and speed at turning small control panel knobs."

It was found that left-handers were able to move their left hand from one spot to another with a good deal more speed than their right hand, whereas right-handed people moved both hands at approximately the same speed.

Ambidextrous

It was learned, too, that left-handed persons are much more likely to become ambidextrous (able to use either hand with equal facility), which is a decided advantage.

The notions that left-handedness is a serious physical handicap, is a sign of arrested mental development, and can lead to stammering or even insanity were described as "old wives' tales."

Some argue that preference for right or left originates from the way a baby is held by its mother.

If a mother carries her baby in her left arm, the baby's right arm would encircle her neck, while its left would be free to snatch at things.

Thus it might be expected to become left-handed.

But careful experiments by the scientists have proved that it just does not work out that way.

Unique among all the races of the world are the Antanalas of Madagascar. Almost every member of this tribe of 100,000 is left-handed.

national holidays.

Although much less research has been done on light effects on animals, it is known that the absorption of light radiation is very important to the production and fertility of dairy animals.

Hindu Conference Deputation Meets Home Minister

Request For Early Temporalities Bill

A deputation of the All Ceylon Hindu Conference with Mr. S. Somasundaram O.B.E. as spokesman met Sir Oliver Goonetilleke the Minister for Home Affairs on Saturday the 17th instant at 9-30 a.m. at the Home Ministry and presented a memorandum urging the early introduction of the proposed Hindu Temporalities Bill.

The deputation explained to the Minister that the opposition to the Bill was from a quarter—Temple Managers and Priests—who could not but do so for reasons well known and the opposition was artificial and sponsored by vested interests and did not represent any measurable fraction of Hindu public opinion.

The deputation consisted of:— Mr. S. Somasundaram, O. B. E., Proctor, Mr. A. Sellamuthu, M. B. E., Dr. A. Visuvalingam, Dr. A. Sinnathamby, Dr. C. Gurusamy, Mr. A. Muthuthamby, (Retd. C. C. S.), Mr. C. K. Swaminathan, B. A., Mr. V. Nagalingam, J. P., U. M., Mr. A. Arulambalam Proctor, Mr. K. Navaratnam; Mr. A. Thillaiambalam, Pandit A. Sarayanamuttu; Pandit A. Thiraisingam, Pandit M. Chelliah, Mr. S. Ratnesingam Proctor, Mr. K. Shanmugam Bar-at-Law and Mudlr. S. Sinnatambi Joint Secretaries.

Second Deputation

The Gandhi Seva Sangam led by Mr. S. H. Perinpanayagam, Principal, Kokkavil Hindu College also interviewed the Minister and placed before him their views on the urgency of a Temporalities Bill. The deputation contended that Temples, Churches and Mosques—all places of worship required to be protected from corrupt management as otherwise it would tend to make people stray away from the spiritual path to rank materialistic ways of living.

The Minister assured the deputations that the Draft Bill which has already been published as a Sessional paper will be introduced in the Senate on December 5th.

Nehru's Stupendous Task

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and chaos. This unbecoming episode in Indian history has thrown us back by many years.

—Sheik Abdulla

"I admire Mr. Nehru's intrinsic humility, generosity, forgiveness and love of the common man. This great man of India is also a world statesman".

—Mr. R. Sorenson, M. P.

"An honourable man who has no bitterness or malice"

—Lord Pethick-Laurence

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A class preparing for the above examination and for entrance to the London Intermediate classes will be formed on 15th January 1952.

Candidates must have sat for the S. S. C. Examination and must produce their record sheets from school attended last.

Applications should reach the Principal on or before 15th December, 1951.

K. A. SELLIAH,
Principal

(M. 141. 20)

Jaffna Municipal Council

Budget—1952

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Section 212 (b) of the Municipal Councils Ordinance No. 29 of 1947 that the Budget of the Jaffna Municipal Council containing an estimate of the available Municipal income and details of the proposed expenditure for the year 1952, which is to be laid before a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday the 14th December 1951 at 5 p.m., will be open for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Council for seven days commencing from Monday the 3rd December 1951.

C. PONNAMBALAM,
Mayor,
Municipal Office,
Jaffna, 17th November, 1951,
(G. 44. 20)

Manipay Health League

A play entitled "Leela's dream" was staged by the Manipay Health League under the patronage of Mr. C. Ponnambalam, Mayor of Jaffna.

Mr. S. Rajendran, Proctor S. C., President of the Manipay Health League welcomed Mr. C. Ponnambalam and paid a glowing tribute to him for services he has rendered to Jaffna, especially in the field of sanitation and health and referred to the Karaiyoor Scheme as an example of his untiring efforts.

Mr. C. Ponnambalam highly commended the actors and said that Manipay was taking a lead in almost every matter. He confessed that he had never seen a play acted so well by amateurs and specially by busy people like lawyers and teachers. He wished the Health League all success.

Are The Ice-Bergs Of The Cold War Melting?

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armies; they must be able to restore their own internal stability so that the validity of their free institutions is manifested by the manner of life available to their citizens."

The "Daily Telegraph" adds: "If Mr. Eden has stated the Western case to the United Nations, he will also assuredly have discussed its implications with Mr. Acheson and Mr. Schuman, thereby preparing the way for Mr. Churchill's visit to Washington in the new year. To Russia the offer is always open to discuss the realities, not the cant, of peace.

"Meanwhile, the edifice of which the Atlantic Treaty provided the foundations is far from complete. Nothing could be more calculated to advance it towards completion than the projected meeting between Mr. Churchill and President Truman."

WANTED

Wanted office accommodation within the Municipal limits of Jaffna Town 500 sq feet for the office of the Divisional Road Transport Officer, Jaffna. Should also have sufficient ground space for parking vehicles. Rent not exceeding Rs. 75/- per mensem. Apply to the Commissioner of Motor Traffic, P. O. Box No 533, Colombo. (G. 42. 20)

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 3, to 12 midnight on Tuesday, December 4, 1951.

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 except the main central avenue now maintained by the Colombo Municipal Council.

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 Mabola-Averiawatta Road to Hunupitiya Station.

(6) Footpath leading from Bujjamuwa Halt to Pallemorugama.

(7) Footpath leading from Bujjamuwa 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 Rambukkara.

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

(12) Footbridge at south end of Nawalapitiya Station.

(13) Footbridge at 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 cut steps from Main road to Talawakelle Station.

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

Coast Line

(17) Path on the north of Bambalapitiya Station running alongside the Railway on the landward side from 6th Lane to Bamba apitiya Station approach road.

(18) Path on the south of Bambalapitiya Station running alongside the Railway on the landward side from 12th Lane to Bambalapitiya Station approach road.

(19) Path on the South of Wellawatta Station running alongside the Railway from the 6th mile (Railway mileage) to Wellawatte Station approach road.

(20) Footpath between Ridgeway Place and Charlemont Road including the footbridge over the Wellawatte Canal.

(21) Footpath running alongside the Railway boundary north of Debiwela Station, excepting between station approach road and entrance to "Oxenbourne".

(22) Footpath south of Debiwela Station running alongside Railway boundary to the Station approach road.

(23) Footpath leading from Ratmalana to New Level Crossing at south end of station of land side.

(24) The path on the north and south side of Angulana Station on seaside of the Railway.

(25) Footpath at 15 to 40 c. south side of Egoda Uyana Station leading to sea beach.

(26) Footpath in front of Station Master's bungalow at Egoda Uyana Station leading to station approach road.

(27) Footpath over Panadura Bridge.

(28) Footpath under south

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1345

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Sinnathan-gam wife of Murugesar Ponnampalam of Tellippalai west Deceased

Murugesar Ponnampalam of Tellippalai west Petitioner.
Vs.

1. Ponnampalam Balasubramaniam, Base Ordnance Office Singapore
2. Himapathy Devy daughter of Ponnampalam of Tellippalai west
- Minor 3. Ponnampalam Thiruchittampalam of do appearing by his Guardian-ad-litem
4. Nannithamby Nagalingam of Mallakam Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before V. S. Jayawickrama Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 23rd day of July 1951 in the presence of Mr. M. Sithambaranathan Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read,

it is ordered that the said 4th respondent be appointed Guardian-at-litem over the minor the abovenamed 3rd respondent and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased be granted to the petitioner as widower, unless the said respondents or any other person interested shall appear before this court on or before 21st day of September 1951 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the minor the said 3rd respondent should be produced in this court on the said date.

This 23rd day of July 1951.

V. S. Jayawickrama, (Sgd.)
District Judge.

Drawn by
M. S. Sithambaranathan (Sgd)
Proctor for Petitioner.
21-9-51.

Time to show cause is extended till 26-11-51.

V. S. J. (Intd.)
D. J.

(O. 108, 20 & 23)

end of Panadura Railway Bridge.

(29) The Good Shed roads between level crossings at north and south ends of Panadura Station.

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

(31) Footpath at south end of Balapitiya Station.

(32) All private roads at New Railway Workshops Ratmalana

(33) Footpath at the north end of Ambalangoda Station Yard crossing the tracts and leading to Wilegoda Village.

Kelani Valley Line

(34) Footpath at west end of south side of Nugegoda Station omitting the path leased to the Urban Council under Bond No. 3435.

Northern Line

(35) All Railway roads at Anuradhapura

(36) Overhead Bridge, Jaffna Station.

M. Kanagasabay
General Manager, C. G. R.
P. O. Box No. 355,
Colombo, 22 Nov. 1951.
(G. 41 20)

INNER VIEW OF NEW CHINA

Hymns Of Hate Are Harmful

In recent months the New China News Agency has excelled itself in its efforts to stir up a frenzy of hate against America. It has become a virulent propaganda machine, and the crude and malignant way it has handled the Korean armistice talks could, to put it mildly, only have been an embarrassment to those who were trying to arrive at a basis for peace. People in America and Britain, who are not in the least interested in war-mongering and political chicanery, would welcome a news service that would give them some objective reporting on what is happening today in China, industrially, socially and culturally, and what constructive projects they have in mind for tomorrow. We know that the Chinese at heart are an industrious race which thrives on trade and commerce, ambitious and progressive, and willing to co-operate in schemes for world betterment. There is much work to be done, and we believe the Chinese themselves would rather settle down to their allotted tasks than waste time in demonstrations of mass hysteria directed against the Western nations. Songs of praise do more good than hymns of hate.

World's Debt to China

Even in this modern age the world is not unmindful of the debt that its owes to a nation so rich in antiquity as China. Archaeologists, anthropologists and palaeontologists everywhere are intensely interested in the excavations which have been resumed after 14 years' war interruption to discover more about the 'Peking Man.' Work is being conducted by the Cenozoic Research Laboratory of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the excavations being carried out at Choukoutien, 54 kilometres to the southwest of Peking. The Lung Ku Shan is rich with remains of the Peking Man of more than 500,000 years ago and the 'upper cave man' of more than 100,000 years ago, as well as animal fossils in these periods. Many bones and teeth of the Peking Man have been discovered and 40 different persons of male and female sex have been distinguished through these fossils. They are important materials for studying the development of man from his ape-like predecessors. Their skulls were more shallow than the present human skull, their superciliary ridges more prominent, the lower jaw bones more protruding and the skulls broader in the base. They still had the sagittal crest, but less prominently than apes. On the basis of these discoveries an exhibition of what is termed 'primitive communist society' has been

held in Peking. A cynic says this description convinces him that Darwin was right.

Irrigation Efficiency

China lives on its agriculture, the most ancient and still the basis of all industry. One of the things upon which the People's Government is entitled to full credit is the attention that is being given to water conservancy and irrigation. A preliminary national survey shows that in the first half of this year over 3,500,000 hectares of farmland have benefited from irrigation works in various parts of the country. By far the largest tract of land reclaimed through the construction of irrigation canals is in North-West China. In Kansu Province alone 40,000 hectares were brought under crops; eight new canals were built in Shensi Province; eighteen in Sinkiang, in addition to the Hungyen Dam near Tihua, which was completed in May. In the cotton centre of Hopei Province peasants, with the aid of Government loans, sank 17,000 wells in the first quarter of 1951 and received 30,000 sets of water-wheels on credit from the Government. In the Yangtze valley and areas farther south the redistribution of land has development of irrigation schemes on a bigger scale than ever.

Rail Transport

A correspondent writes appreciatively of the standard of efficiency of the Chinese railways, and then proceeds to damn this achievement by suggesting the efficiency springs from fear of the Communist administration on the part of the staff and, to some extent, the public. The allegation is unfair because he adduces only the hearsay evidence of travellers in support of it. The correspondent says hundreds of people, both Chinese and foreigners, who are constantly arriving in Hong Kong by train from Shanghai and the north, speak of journeys run with a clockwork precision which none would dare to interrupt. Most foreign passengers reaching Hong Kong these days, he writes, come from Shanghai. As they pass the last Chinese Communist guard into British territory, they are completing a travel process started months before, and whose whose slow monotony is relieved only by the smooth accomplishment of the journey itself.

Permit System

Chinese and foreigners alike who are leaving for abroad must apply for their exit visas weeks in advance. For the average foreigner this takes from one to two months,

Sobhai News

St. Thirumoolar Guru Poojah

Gurupoojah of St. Thirumoolar was conducted at the Saiva Ashrama Navalar Hall under the auspices of the Saiva Paripalana Sabha on Monday, the 15th inst. Special poojah having been performed to Sri Nadarajah, Sri la Sri N. Somesundara kurukkal presided over a meeting at 6 p. m. and Mr. A. V. Ratneswara Iyer delivered a lecture on the life of the Saint.

Initiation

Initiation ceremony was performed under the auspices of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha at its Navalar Hall by Sri-la. Sri N. Vaithianatha Kurukkal on Sunday, the 16th inst. School pupils and adults were initiated.

and notification is made, not to the individuals, but through the official Press.

The visa, good for two months, is issued three days after publication of the Press notice. In the intervening three days, anyone having claims or complaints against the traveller may lodge them.

A foreigner must also give one, and a Chinese two, guarantors who will be responsible for claims or complaints made after departure.

A travel permit and ticket must then be obtained and health formalities complied with.

Apparently the efficiency of the Chinese travel system does not begin until people are actually on the trains.

(Far East Trade)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1372

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Muttukumar Nagalingam of Thalaiyaly, Vannerponnai East, Deceased,

Annammah widow of Muttukumar Nagalingam of Punguduti west.

Petitioner

Vs.

1. Nagalingam Thambirajah of Ratnapathi, Kondavil West
 2. Nagalingam Kanagaratnam of Punguduti west
 3. Puvaneswary daughter of Nagalingam of do
 4. Ratnapoopathy daughter of Nagalingam of do
 5. Sivagnanam daughter of Nagalingam of do
- 4th and 5th named are minors appearing by their G. A. L the 1st Respondent.

Respondents

This matter of the petition of the petitioner abovenamed coming on for disposal before

V. S. Jayawickrama Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 3rd day of October 1951 in the presence of Mr. V. Navaratnarajah Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavits of the petitioner and the witnesses having been read.

It is ordered that the 1st respondent as brother of the 4th and 5th respondents be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors the said 4th and 5th respondents; and that the will of the deceased dated 9th August 1951 be and the same is hereby declared proved; and that the petitioner as the executrix named in the said Last Will be and she is entitled to have probate and the same be issued to her accordingly unless the respondents or any others shall show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary on the 26th day of November 1951.

It is further ordered that the minors are to be produced in court on the said date.

This 3rd day of October 1951
Sgd. V. S. Jayawickrama
District Judge.

Drawn by
Sgd. V. Navaratnarajah,
Proctor for Petitioner.
(O. 107, 16 & 20)

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