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### Unveiling of Portrait of Late Sir Arunasalam Mahadeva

Message from the Hon. Maitripala Senanayake, M. P., Leader of the House of Representatives, and Minister of Irrigation, Power and Highways.

I am extremely sorry that it is not possible for me to be present personally today on the occasion of the unveiling of the portrait of the late Sir Arunasalam Mahadeva at the Vivekananda Society. I have vivid recollections of the late Sir Arunasalam both from the time when I was a school boy in Jaffna and later when I was young politician and he was a Minister of the then Government. Unfortunately, however, a previous engagement out of Colombo which I accepted sometime back makes it impossible for me to be present at the Vivekananda Society today.

Sir Arunasalam Mahadeva although he died only last year, belonged to a different generation of Ceylon's politicians and leaders. The whole tone of Ceylon politics and the issues which occupied the minds and energies of Ceylon's politicians then were very different from what they are today. Economic development did not loom as large as it does today in our national priorities. The more urgent priority at the time was the emancipation of the country from foreign rule. The political history of Ceylon in the thirty year period from the first world war until 1948 is largely the story of step-by-step reform of the constitution which led eventually from complete colonial subservience to complete independence. In this long drama Sir Arunasalam Mahadeva and other distinguished members of his family played a leading part.

Sir Arunasalam Mahadeva belonged to one of the leading Tamil families of Ceylon. His father was Sir Ponnambalam Arunasalam, distinguished

scholar and statesman who founded the Ceylon National Congress and started the movement for the establishment of a University in Ceylon. His uncle was Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan who for over fifty years played so prominent a part in the national and political life of Ceylon and whose services to the Sinhalese people in the dark days riots and Martial law in 1915 will not be forgotten. Among Sir Arunasalam Mahadeva's other distinguished forbears were his grand-uncle Sir Muttu Coomaraswamy and his uncle Dr. Annanda Coomaraswamy, undoubtedly one of the most distinguished scholars and writers whom Ceylon has produced in recent times.

Sir Mahadeva like his forbears was educated at the Royal College, Colombo. He had a very distinguished school career winning a large number of distinctions in the Cambridge Junior and Senior Examinations, and carrying away a galaxy of school prizes including the coveted Turnour Prize which is awarded each year by the Royal College to its most distinguished student. This prize, incidentally had been won earlier by his father and his grand-uncle, and was won later by his son Mr. B. Mahadeva — probably a unique record of four generations of the same family winning the same school prize in Ceylon. After completing his school education, Sir Arunasalam proceeded to Cambridge where he obtained an honours degree in Mathematics, and was also called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn.

Returning to Ceylon he briefly served in the

### Maarkali Thiruvembavai Festival

Nayanmarkaddu Saiva Apiviruthi Sabha has resolved to celebrate the Thiruvembavai Festival as usual from 1-1-71 to 10-1-71 at the Nayanmarkaddu Raja Rajeswari Amman Temple. Each day the celebration will commence at 4 A M when religious processions consisting of Saiva Devotees will chant along the streets and lanes of Nayanmarkaddu the enchanting hymns of Thirappal i Eluchey and Thiruvembavai. On the last day the image of St Manickavasagar will be taken in procession in a decorated vehicle.

### Late Mrs. Masilamany Mangalammal

JOURNALIST AND SOCIAL WORKER

The passing away of Srimathy Masilamany Mangalammal will be mourned by all Jaffna. She edited and published the Tamil Magala monthly for several years and identified herself with the cultural and social activities of Jaffna. The women's movement in the City received her guidance. Mrs. Mangalammal was a daughter of Proctor B. A. Thamby. Her husband the late T. P. Masilamany was himself a journalist and was Editor of the Thesapimani. Her grandfather the late T. Ponnampalappillai was a brother of the first Editor of the Hindu Organ, the late T. Chellappapillai, Retired Judge of Travancore High Court. Kalai Pulavar K. Navaratnam, was her son-in-law. Mr. A. Thanabalingam Proctor S. C. and Secretary of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha is her nephew.

The fitting funeral procession was in the nature of an acknowledgment of the services of Mrs. Mangalammal to the Tamilakam.

### Bhakti & Devotion

By Muhandiram E. P. Rasiab, J. P.

There is an idea that worship of God is the duty of old people, who have retired from active wordly life and that the young need not waste their time in thinking about religion, God or worship. But the Divine flame of Devotion or Bhakti could be kindled and nursed even when one is young and innocent so that with the passage of years Bhakti can grow in intensity. We are told that the basic foundation for one's enlightenment and the ultimate realisation of one's true self, lies in the intensity of one's Faith and Devotion to His Maker.

Once in an outlandish village in India, there lived a poor widow with her only son as her priceless possession. She brought him up inculcating absolute faith in the Almighty God. As the boy grew up, she took him for admission to the nearest village school, which was situated in the outskirts of a jungle. They had to cut across thick jungle-land to reach the school, and naturally the youngster got afraid; the mother, however, cheered him up saying "Thulasi Das (that was his name) do not be afraid; when you have to return home, before entering the jungle, just call for your elder brother, Sri Gopala. He is sure to protect you and you could return home safely." Thulasi, innocent, simple and pure at heart, well and truly believed every word the mother had uttered, and felt confident that there would be someone to keep company with him while traversing the jungle.

Accordingly, when the school closed for the day, Thulasi trudged back homeward all alone by himself. On nearing the jungle, he remembered the mother's words, and called aloud in full faith and devotion "Oh bro-

ther Gopala, I am afraid of this dense forest, do please come and take me home." Yes, Gopala came up in full grace and charm and accompanied Thulasi across the jungle, playing his melodious flute. On reaching the edge of the jungle, Gopala look leave saying, "Well Thulasi, now you can go home unharmed, I have to get back and tend my flock of sheep". From that day, Gopala daily escorted Thulasi to school and back home, across the thick jungle and Thulasi became more and more attached to Gopala, the flute-player. Thus days, months and years rolled by.

One day Thulasi's revered teacher announced the happy news of his daughter's wedding. As the teacher was a kind and good hearted Guru, not only the pupils, past and present, but also his friends and neighbours came forward to shower upon him many costly gifts. Thulasi too was very anxious to show his gratitude to his Guru, but his mother was too poor to get him a gift. He was therefore compelled to tell of his predicament to Gopala, who smilingly came to his rescue. He cleaned up and polished a cocoanut shell and handed it to Thulasi with some milk in it, saying, "you better go and gift this to your Guru". Thulasi joyously took it and presented it to his teacher in all reverence. But his school-mates and rich neighbours who saw this, laughed derisively at the cheap and meaningless gift of a pauper.

The Guru, however, accepted it and asked a servant to bring a jar and empty the milk into it. As the servant poured the milk into the jar, the shell got miraculously filled again with milk. The servant kept pouring the contents of the cocoanut shell again and again.

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## THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

தேவர் கோ அறியாத தேவ  
தேவன்  
செழும் பொழில்கள் பயந்து  
காத்து அழிக்கும் மற்றை  
மூவர் கோளும் நின்ற முதல்வன்  
மூர்த்தி.  
முதாதை, மாத ஆளும்  
பாகத்து எந்தை,  
யாவர் கோன், என்னையும் வந்து  
ஆண்டு கொண்டான்.  
யாம் ஆர்க்கும் குடி அவ்லோம்,  
மாதும் அஞ்சோம்,  
மேலிடுமும் அவன் அடியார்  
அடியா ரோடும்,  
மென் மேலும் குடைந்து ஆடி  
ஆடுவோமே.

The God of Gods not knowable by (Indran) the king of the Devas, the Lord of the other three (Brama, Vishnu and Rudran) who create, protect and dissolve the fertile worlds, the Lord, the Grandsire, my Father whose is the Lady's domain, the Lord of all, He came and enslaved me; (hence) we are subject to none else) we fear none, we mingle in the midst of His slaves' slaves we shall dance in ecstasy immersed in His Ocean of Bliss.



மெச்சுவாய்வே ஐயனாய்வே கவிதையும்  
மெச்சுவாய்வே நானறி விஞ்சையும்  
மெச்சுவாய்வே நானறிந் தேத்துமே  
மெச்சுவாய்வே நன்னெறி காட்டுமே

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## SLIP-SHOD SELECTION!

Newspapers announce that the selection of two thousand and five hundred G. C. E. (O. L.) Certificated persons as uncertificated teachers on a consolidated salary of Rupees Two hundred and twenty five per mensem has been made. The same sources also reveal the news that rumour is afloat about a lowering of the upper limit of age that entitles the selected candidate to appointment as teacher. To add to this interesting report, the M. P. for Udumpidy has stated, according to a correspondent to a Tamil Daily Newspaper, that the Federal Party Members of Parliament were not consulted in the matter of selection and that the general opinion that recommendations were made by every M. P. was misleading. Again the same dissatisfaction as was in evidence in the selection

of graduates for employment as teachers is said to be felt among the numerous applicants. Merit, the one criterion for a pass in any examination and for successful selection of entrants to public service including teaching service, now seems to be losing its natural weight. Instead, the merit of the recommendation of a Member of Parliament appears to count. The M. P. enjoys added privileges and therefore expects increased allowances. M. P. now stands for Multi-Purpose representation. He can make or unmake Government Servants.

If these reports convey facts, can the selection that is said to have been made be justified?

## AUSTERITY: BUT NOT ALLROUND!

The Minister of Finance in a mood of desperation has denounced the meaning-less practice of spending lavishly on public functions and receptions to Ministers and their deputies. The appeal for austerity is much needed and appropriate. But we are astonished to see that the Minister has not been able to advise his colleagues to avoid such receptions and insist on matter of fact official visits shorn of pomp and processions.

The common man has been afforded the circumstances to receive Ministers and their Parliamentary Secretaries in the most extravagant manner incurring heavy expenditure on garlands, fireworks and other items of extra entertainment. To call upon the ordinary man to have an exercise in austerity is in a way the wrong manner of approach to this big economic step. Will it be too much for Cabinet Ministers and their Secretariat to desist from the temptation to fly all over the world at all times of the year putting the country into great financial hardship? The voter is puzzled to see that expensive Commissions are appointed to enquire into every bit of activity of the previous regime. And above all the waste of public funds, equipment, and stores that is regularly reported in the Press is another extraordinary feature of extravagance. All these defects require to be remedied before the common man can be made live austerely.

## Reviewed News

### Bonus During Bankruptcy?

The C. T. B. Authorities announced from the house-tops of the Board's secretariat that employees of the C. T. B. had become entitled to a bonus and that the prize would be distributed almost immediately.

But soon after this solemn undertaking was given to the C. T. B. Employees by their Employers, the thunder bolt was thrown that the present precarious financial position prohibited the payment of any additional allowance not to speak of bonuses. Certainly not a single employee would be prepared to accept this contrary decision. But party affiliation, however, keeps the employees who belong to the L. S. S. P. and the C. P. led unions tongue-tied.

The common man, however, questions the very thought of suggesting a bonus to anyone in the C. T. B. when the entire Transport Service is in a state of deterioration.

### Compensation to the Common Man?

Yes the question of a bonus to the C. T. B. Employee is certainly inexplicable. But as for the common man who depends on the C. T. B. service for travelling to and returning from his place of work, of study, of medical treatment, of complaint to legal authorities the Bus service has let him down very badly. He requires to be compensated for his untold sufferings. But then the C. T. B. is not solvent!

## New University In The North

### Parameshvara College Premises Preferred

It is learnt that a decision has been arrived at a Conference to recommend the establishment of a University in Jaffna as early as possible. Reports have it that a Consultative Committee discussed this question and recommended that the Parameshvara College and its belongings be taken over for establishing the New University and that the new New University be called "Ceylon University - Jaffna."

Engineering and Science Faculties are recommended to function first.

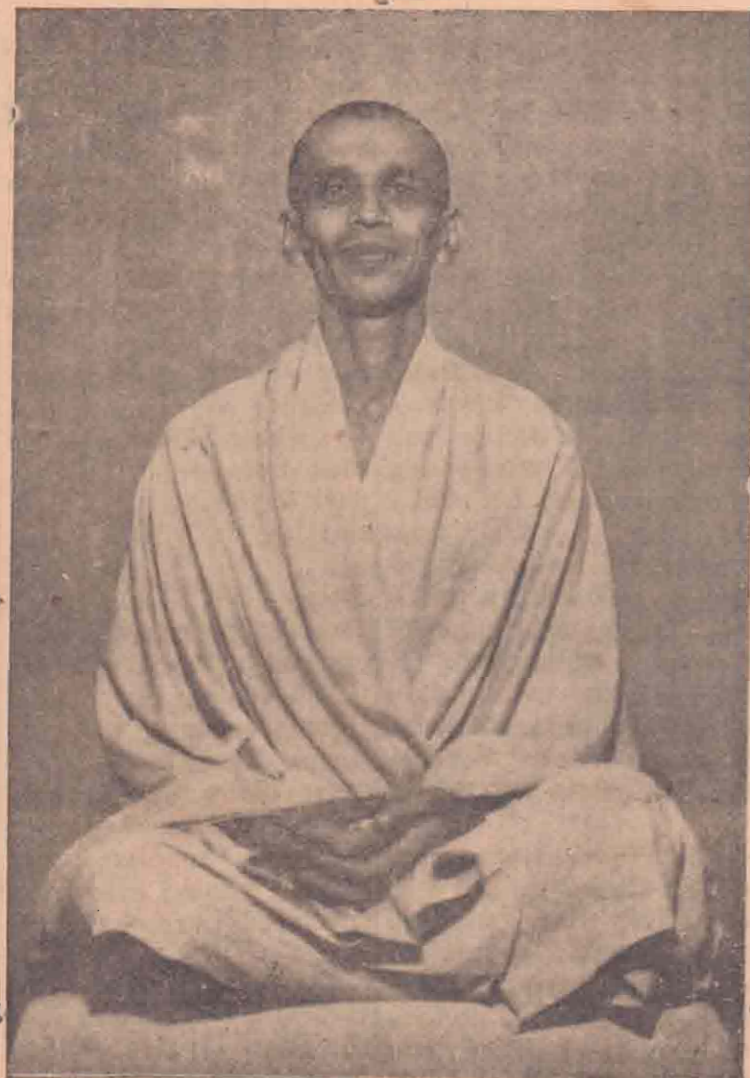
## Address of the Swamiji At The Conference

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போகா சமஸ்தா  
சகிணு பவந்து  
அசாத் தோமா சத்கமய  
தமசோமா ஜோதிர்க்கமய  
மிர்த்தியோமா அமிர்த்தகமய  
ஓம் பூர்ண மத பூர்ண மிதம்  
பூர்ணத் பூர்ண  
மிதஷ்ஷதே  
பூர்ணஷ்ய பூர்ணமாதாய  
பூர்ணமேவா  
அவஷிஷ்ஸதே.  
ஓம் சாந்தி! சாந்தி சாந்தி!

May all beings in this universe attain happiness From the unreal lead us to the eternal reality,

this morning into a close spiritual fellowship, we in Thy name gather together here in this place of prayer with devotion with faith, with aspiration. We have gathered together in the midst of Your presence.

I am amidst you bethinking for His Grace on this auspicious day. And we pray for all humanity that You might bless us and grant us with further grace in all our life that we might live in such a grace



H. H. Swami Chidananda Saraswathy Maharaj  
President All World Divine Life Society

from darkness lead us that we might be deserving of that continuous grace that we may be all worthy of such spiritual fellowship on such revered occasion of drawing near to Thee in the spirit of devotion, love and aspiration. In the company of Thy children of Thy devotees grant us this grace. May Your grace be upon all, may the blessings of all the saints in the East and the West the blessings of all Thy saints and seers, avidyas and all the great messengers of Thine and prophets both of ancient time and modern time be upon all mankind on this auspicious moment this day towards fulfillment and conclusion of this morning's spiritual event. I pray to Thy grace that there may be peace upon all the earth, there may be an end to all the wars and violence of all



## Late Mr K. Namasivayam

The death of Mr. K. Namasivayam, Assistant Boarding Master of the Jaffna Hindu College occurred on December 12, 1970. He was for several years attached to the Saiva Prakasa Press and was known for efficient and sincere work. As Assistant Boarding Master he was respected by the boarders and the staff. He was an ardent religious worker.

hate and hostility, that the light of understanding dawn in the hearts of man; by Thy grace may man leave off this path of violence, of war and take to the path of love and non-violence, of brotherhood and friendship. grant Oh Lord the light of Your love may guide the foot step of mankind along the path of spiritual knowledge, mutual understanding, mutual help. May the foot step of humanity be guided towards a better tomorrow and a brighter future, when man will be filled with recognition of the prominence of all humanity under Thy universal fatherhood, when man's heart will be enlightened with the feeling of the spiritual oneness that exists in all humanity that we are in spirit one not different and that we are outwardly as human beings, brothers belonging to the one great family, called mankind under Your common universal parenthood thus together filling the state of brotherhood and filling the state of spiritual oneness.

Mankind lives together in harmony in mutual love and work for future full of peace, full of universal love, full of true progress and culture and full of real and lasting welfare to one and to all. This is our prayer at Thy feet. Oh Lord, Beloved children of God, immortal souls let us lift up our hearts and our minds to Thy great universal being who is the source of our life, who is the very organ of our inner being.

நம்முடைய சிவகோருடத்தில் ஆதிமகன் இரக்கிற்று, நம்முடைய சிவகோருடத்தில் உயிரும் வேருமுயிருக்கிற அந்த பரமாத்மாவைப் பரமசிவன் இரக்கிறானோ அவனிடத்தில் கொஞ்சம் செல்வோம். சித்ததை, பக்தி, ஏகாந்த சித்தம் அந்நிர்மாணம், உன்னதஞ்ஞானமோம் மனத்தை அடக்கி, 1 நிமிஷம் அவனிடத்தில் செல்வோம். அன்னிலேயே சிவத்திருப்போம் ஒம்... .. ஒம்... .. Universal path. (To be continued)

## Strange Bed-Fellows to Solve India's Problem Together

Strange things are happening everywhere in the strange world. In Bharat where Mahatma Gandhi had brought together diverse elements on a common platform to fight the common enemy — the British Empire, the constituent groups of the Indian National Congress have been moving away from one another till a major breach occurred that rent the national organisation asunder leaving a big opening between. This was followed by the disintegrated groups finding new alliances and forging fresh friendships. The two groups of the Congress became individually weaker than any weak Opposition party and have been seeking the hand of friendship far and wide. Friend or foe was welcome to any Party if only that alliance would bring political power to the one and fall to the other.

The D. M. K. which has been growing from strength to strength however had to seek the Swatantra Party's Co-operation to oust the Congress from the last vestige of long-held power in Tamil Nadu. Ever since the spectacular victory at the last General Election and the overwhelming triumph of the D. M. K., the Swatantra Party has been feeling uneasy for the simple reason that the D. M. K. had become a power by itself and could dispense with the helping cooties. With the leaning of the D. M. K. towards the Indira group of the Congress the newly forged D. M. K. - Swatantra alliance has been giving way, threatening to break finally. And the expected has happened.

Shri C. Rajagopalachariar who has recently received All India tributes to his distinguished services as statesman and patriot at the ninety-fourth anniversary of his birth has announced his latest view on the political development of the present and has advised the Swatantra Party to break away from the D. M. K. and court the cordiality of Shri K. Kamaraj, Nadar whom he has been opposing time in and time out throughout the last decade.

### Inexplicable

The trend of events in India has been terribly disappointing. With the

disintegration of the Indian National Congress the one political party that has survived long under changing circumstances, the entire political arena has become a battlefield for individual power and personal influence. Where there were a few All India Parties now there are quite a number, each one of them ever prepared to join hands with any of the rest if only that alliance would benefit it party-wise and in point of power for leadership and thwart the ambitions of any opposing party.

### Princes and the Privy Purse

The highest Court in India has ruled the Privy Purse Act unconstitutional. The Princes have won the battle at the legal level. But Premier Indira Gandhi is determined to deprive the Princes of their privy purses. Shri Rajagopalachariar has been in support of the cause of the Princess, most of whom support the Swatantra Party. The veteran leader will leave no stone unturned to make political advantage of the decision of the Supreme Court.

### Shri Pon.

### Appukuddy Passes Away

The Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha in particular and the Saiva Public in general have lost a sincere religious worker in the passing away of Shri Pon. Appukuddy.

Orthodox to the utmost, Shri Appukuddy had been a live wire in the religious activities of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha. Despite age and ill health he had been continuing to serve the prisoners in the Jaffna Prison House and the inmates of the Kaitheady Home for the Aged by delivering discourses on Saivism and its practice.

For several years, he was on the Committee of Management of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha. A regular worshipper at the Nadur Kandaswamy Temple, Shri Appukuddy by his strict practice of orthodox Saivism reminded the other devotees of the Navalar era. He also conducted Kantha Purana Padanam in the premises of this ancient Temple

## Some Particulars About Yogar Swamigal

Taken up wholly by the spiritual greatness of Yogar Swamigal, his disciples and admirers could not collect useful information regarding the place of birth of the Swami and his early life.

Mr. S. C. Ratnam of Anaicottai who had the privilege of early association with the Swami informs the 'Hindu Organ' that in his possession are particulars about the Yogar and that he has prepared a sketch of the Swami's life.

According to this information there was a certain Ambalavanar at ancient Maviddapuram who married Selvi Amutham in 1865 and after several years of devoted worship of Lord Skantha, a son was born in May 2,

1872. This future spiritual leader was first known as Sathasivan.

Shri Ambalavanar who was a trader in Maskeliya entrusted to his brother Sinniah the duty of putting young Sathasivan to school Shri Sinniah who was married to a Catholic took up residence at Colombogam and Selvan Sathasivan was admitted to a Roman Catholic School there and was Christened Yoganathan. According to this information the future Swami showed great skill in studies and often assumed the role of teacher and instructed his colleagues in the class. Mr. Ratnam has intimated to the Hindu Organ his readiness to supply the journal with further useful particulars.

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary No. T. 2612

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Thangamma Subramaniam alias Thangam Subramaniam daughter of Sinnathamby and widow of Subramaniam of Thelapuram late of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Deceased and,

In the matter of the British Court Probate (Re-Sealing) Ordinance Ponnampalam Mailvaganam of Sandilipay North, Attorney of Subramaniam Retraivel of No. 20 Tham Soong Avenue, Singapore.

Petitioner

Notice is hereby given that after the expiry of fourteen days from the date hereof application will be made to the District Court of Jaffna under the British Court Probate (Re-sealing) Ordinance for the sealing of the Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Thangamma Subramaniam the deceased above named granted by the Supreme Court at Kuala Lumpur in the Federation of Malaya on the 10th day of September 1960.

This 25th day of June 1970

Sgd. M. K. & Arundam  
Proctors for P. Mailvaganam Applicant.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

No. T. 2666

In the matter of the Last will and Testament of the late Appukuddiapillai Nadarajah alias A Nadarajah o' Moolai late of Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

Deceased

and

In the matter of the British Court Probate (Re-sealing Ordinance) Thamarampillai Krishnar of Moolai, attorney of Nadarajah Danabalan of Moolai presently of Kuala Lumpur.

Petitioner

Notice is hereby given that after the expiry of fourteen days from the date hereof application will be made to the District Court of Jaffna under the British Court Probate (Re-sealing) Ordinance for the sealing of Probate in respect of the estate of Appukuddiapillai Nadarajah the deceased above named granted by the Supreme Court at Kuala Lumpur in the Federation of Malaya on the 3rd day July 1970.

This 2nd day of December, 1970

M. K. & Arundam.  
Proctors for T. Krishnar applicant.

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## ORDER NISI

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. 2653

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Kanapathipillai Muttiah of 120/2 A Arasady Road, Jaffna

Deceased  
Balambikai widow of Kanapathipillai Muttiah of 120/2 A Arasady Road, Jaffna

Vs. Petitioner

Minor 1 Sri Devi daughter of Muttiah

" 2 Uma Devi daughter of Muttiah

" 3 Gowry devi daughter of Muttiah

" 4 Muttiah Murugavel all of 120/2 A Arasady Road, Jaffna

5 Kanapathipillai Nadarajah of Velanai West Velanai

Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before K. E. Kathirgamalingam, Esquire. Acting District Judge, Jaffna on the 7th day of November 1970 in the presence of Mr. K. Nadarajah Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 27th day of October 1970 and the petitioner dated the 31st day of October 1970 having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 5th Respondent be and he is hereby appointed Guardian - ad - litem over the said minors the 1st to 4th Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interests and of Representing them in this case, and that the petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as his widow and as one of his heirs and directing such Letters of Administration be issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested shall appear before this court on or before the 29th day of January 1971 and state objection or show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary

The petitioner to produce the minors in Court on the said date.

This 7th day of November 1970

Sgd. A. Vythilingam  
District Judge, Jaffna

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## ORDER NISI

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. 2639

In the matter of intestate estate of late Rasammah daughter of Arumugam Ponnampalam of Ilavai.

Deceased  
Vythianathan Satkuna yagam of Kaladiyalwattai, Ilavai.

Petitioner

Vs.

1. Muthucumaru Sanmuganathan & wife

2. Sivanesaratnam of Railway Quarters, Nawalapitiya

3. Sinnathamby Sothinagaratnam & wife

4. Puvaneswary Sathiyabhama of Notary's house, Ilavai.

Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before I M Ismail, Esquire District Judge, Jaffna, on the 19th day of September 1970 in the presence of Mr. A. Kumarakuru, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to have letters of Administration issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or any other person or persons shall on or before the 4th day of November 1970 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary

This 19th day of September, 1970.

(Sgd) A. Vythilingam  
District Judge, Jaffna.

Drawn by

Sgd. A. Kumarakuru.

Proctor for Petitioner.

Time to show cause extended till 29th of January 1971.

Sgd. A. Vythilingam  
D. J.

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## Unveiling of Portrait of Late Sir Arunasalam Mahadeva

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an official capacity as a Crown Counsel but soon gave up this official position to devote himself to politics and his other wide ranging interests. He was Secretary of the Ceylon National Congress in its early days, and entered the country's Legislature for the first time in 1924 as a Member of the Legislative Council. He remained a Member of the Legislative Council. He continued to be a member of the Legislature for almost the next quarter of a century except for a brief period when representatives of the Northern electorates boycotted the then State Council. During the last five years of his legislative service, Sir Arunachalam was a member of the Government as Minister of Home Affairs. Throughout his period in active politics, Sir Arunachalam was closely involved in all the important political movements of his time, particularly the movement for constitutional reform and self government. During the final stages of the negotiations for independence Sir Arunachalam was the

only representative of the minority communities among the Ministers. It is well known that the British Government of the time had stated that self government would not be granted unless the new constitution was accepted by a substantial majority of the minority members in the State Council. It was due largely to the efforts of Sir Arunachalam Mahadeva that most of the minority members of the Council were persuaded to accept the new constitution and thus pave the way for early independence. For this we owe him a debt of gratitude. Sir Arunachalam always stood for a united Ceylon. He believed that the best hope for the minority communities lay in developing friendship and co-operation with the majority community and thus ensuring progress towards a prosperous and united Ceylon.

I have referred mainly to Sir Mahadeva's activities as a politician, legislator and Minister. But he was a man of much wider interests. He was extremely well-read and

well-informed and had a very large private library of his own. He took a keen interest in religious affairs, being the trustee of a number of Hindu Temples and the Chairman of the Government's Hindu Religious Affairs Advisory Committee. In short, Sir Arunachalam Mahadeva lived a very full and fruitful life. I salute his memory.

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into the jar, which began to overflow to the amazement of all. The Guru in wonder asked Thulasi, where he had got the coconut shell. "Sire, my brother, Gopala, gave me this" confessed Thulasi. We must meet your wonderful brother, will you take us all to him? Thulasi joyously took them all to the jungle, and as usual called aloud to his brother, "Dear brother, come here at once, my Guru and many others have come to meet you". In answer, a voice from a distance was heard to say. "Oh Thulasi, I reveal myself only to those who have developed a single-minded devotion to me. It is very hard for the average man to see this Form of Mine, which thou hast seen all these days".

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