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## The Co-operative And The Common Man In This Crisis

### The Producer And The Consumer Must Get Together

### Distribution Of Articles Of Food Is A Religious Duty

Like the friend in need the co-op is much sought after whenever there is a crisis—be it during times of war or in peace time. Both the producer and the consumer meet at the co-op on common ground. The former sells to the co-op as he feels it is his duty to do so and latter buys from the co-op as that is the only way to be assured of a supply.

The co-operatives, therefore, have a sacred duty to perform as they and they alone can teach the black market a fitting lesson. If the co-operatives will only function true to the significance of the term co-operation, then the black market will have little chance of survival. For a co-operative society to do its duty and discharge its responsibility well, the members who manage its affairs must be men of integrity, honesty and ability.

The ability to manage a co-op depends on several factors. First it is influenced by the attitude taken toward the purpose of the co-op and its members. Then the management must be in possession of full facts about the business that is being managed. For instance, the management must know what the needs of the members are, where the supply of the needs can be found, and how the supply is distributed.

In the case of agricultural societies, the committee of management must have first hand knowledge of what the farmers produce and at what cost. The planning for purchase of the produce is a matter that requires great ability and the equitable distribution to the consumer again calls for correct decisions.

During the present difficult situation, the

price of rice could not have gone more than the guaranteed price given by the Government to the producer if all paddy would have been purchased by the co-ops. Coconuts would not be as dear as at half a rupee per nut if the owners of coconut estates would only sell their produce to the Co-ops. This is true of every similar article.

In short the co-operation  
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## Let Us Shatter the Chains of Egotism— Let Our Faith in God be as Immovable As the Himalayas

The greatest political thinker of recent times and the noblest patriot who did service to humanity with the Name of the Lord ever in his lips, in one of his finest writings wrote these lines under the title "God alone is." We reproduce them here to remind our political workers of the significance of the Gandhian approach.

There is an indefinable, mysterious power that pervades everything. I feel it though I do not see it. It is this unseen power that makes itself felt and yet defies proof, because it is so unlike all that I perceive through my senses. It transcends reason. But it is possible to reason out the existence of God to a limited extent.

I dimly perceive that whilst everything around me is ever changing, ever dying, there is underlying all that change a living power that is changeless, that holds all together that creates, dissolves and recreates. That informing power or spirit is God. And since nothing else I see merely

through the senses can or will persist, He alone is.

And is this power benevolent or malevolent? I see it as purely benevolent, for I can see that in the midst of death life persists, in the midst of untruth truth persists, in the midst of darkness light persists. Hence I gather that God is Life, Truth, Light. He is Love. He is the supreme Good.

God is that indefinable something which we all feel but which we do not know. To me God is Truth and Love; God is ethics and morality. God is fearlessness. God is the source of Light and Life and yet He is above and beyond all these.

God is conscience. He is even the atheism of the atheist.....He transcends speech and reason....He is a personal God to those who need His personal presence. He is embodied in those who need His touch. He is the purest essence. He simply is to those who have faith. He is all things to all men. He is in us and yet above and beyond us.... He is long-suffering. He is patient but He is also terrible... With Him ignorance is no excuse. And whilst He is ever forgiving for He always gives us the chance to repent. He is the greatest democrat the world knows, for He leaves us 'unlettered' to make our own choice between evil and good. He is the greatest tyrant ever known; for He often dashes the cup from our lips and under the cover of free will leaves us a margin so wholly inadequate as to provide only mirth for Himself.... Therefore Hinduism calls it all His sport.

God will not be God if He allowed Himself to be an object of proof by His creatures. But He does give His willing slave the power to pass through the fiercest of ordeals. I have been a willing slave to this most exacting Master for more than half a century. His voice has been increasingly audible, as years have rolled by. He has never forsaken me even in my darkest hour. He has saved me often against myself and left me not a vestige of independence. The greater the surrender to Him, the greater has been my joy.

There are numerous phenomena from which you can reason out the existence of God, but I shall not insult your intelligence by offering you a rational explanation of that type. I

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## MOVE TO END MAD WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

### Powers That Powered The Conflict Also Pave The Way To Cease-Fire

For full seventeen days the world heard the nerve-racking news of a fierce war in the Middle East between Israel fighting single handed against a combination of Arab nations, always fearing the possibility of the conflagration extending beyond the confines of the afflicted area. The U. S. A. and the U. S. S. R., now the terms-dictating super-powers, had been in a way assuming the role of playwright of this practical drama.

Oil producing coun-

tries that are not by themselves powerful enough to meet on equal terms greater powers, are usually made pawns in the movements in the chess board of campaign for increased authority. The Middle East is a belt that has the oil and therefore with it turmoil also.

The seven day conflict of 1967, had its lessons. But now the seventeen day strife has more lessons for all concerned. The Powers that have both eyes on the Middle East Oil

have now poured oil in the M. E. waters. Whatever the means the end is desirable,

The Security Council of the U. N. has taken a swift step. The Super Powers have conditioned the course of action of the U. N. Now it is left to the Arab Nations on the one hand and Israel on the other to profit by the experience. Loss of thousands of men, leave alone the lost arms and armament, is too much of a price to pay to return to the normal.



## THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

அருமறைபைச்சிச்சிவி பண்டு அருந்தத் தேடுந்  
அதுபோலன்று இது, என்மும் உனதாம் உன்மைப்  
பரபதமும் தம்பரமும் பரனே அன்றிப்  
பலர் இல்லை என்று எழுதும் பனுவல், பாரிசு  
எரிபினிட வேலாது, ஆந் நெதிரே ஓறும்  
என்புக்கும் உயிர் கொடுக்கும், இடு சூசு ஆற்றும்,  
கரிவதனை வணிகிக்கும், கல்மிதக்கப் பன்னும்,  
கராமதலை கரைபில் உறக்காற்றும், காணே.

This (the Devaram) is not like the rare Vedas which were searched for in olden times when they were eaten up by partridges. This is a book which condemns polytheism and says that there is only one God, the Supreme Lord of the true and everlasting supreme abode. It does not burn in fire. It resists the river current. It gives life to bones. It destroys poison. It tames elephants. It makes stones to float (in water). It makes a crocodile to disgorge on the (tank) bank a child (which it had preyed on and digested).



திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

நமச்சிவாயவே குளமுடி கலியுகம்  
நமச்சிவாயவே நானறி விச்சையும்  
நமச்சிவாயவே நாதவின் நேத்துமே  
நமச்சிவாயவே நன்னெறி காட்டுமே.

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## Withhold The Whispering Tongues.

The incidence of cholera in certain parts of Karaikal has been brought under control according to official reports. But at the same time rumour has it that the situation has not improved very much. In the meantime anti-cholera injections are being given on a large scale with a view to preventing further outbreaks. However, we feel that sufficient information has not been released to the public by the means of official publications and communiques in the press. It is very necessary that the Press reports during such times as outbreak of infectious diseases must be confined only to authorized communications from the appropriate authorities. In the present instance the common man has been confounded with conflicting and in certain cases alarming accounts of the outbreak of cholera. Such a chaotic condition will only worsen the situation. The duty of the Government can be successfully performed only when the people are kept informed of the actual state of affairs and requested to take definite precautionary measures. Even now it is not too late for the Health Authorities to issue a complete statement of giving relevant facts and figures and explaining in detail the steps that are being taken by the administration and requesting the people to adapt the precautions as outlined by the sanitary and medical officers. In the matter of inoculation, the people must be notified of the arrangements including time and place and more particularly the order in which the injections would be given. The queues are necessarily and unavoidably long; but prior information according to a planned program and time table will be very helpful. The supply of medical aid must be made easily and sufficiently available.

We also note that the collecting of people for large scale functions has been advisedly prohibited. This is a correct step and should have been taken very much earlier. Entertainments and public meetings must await improved conditions. Attendance at schools is a matter for careful consideration. The restrictions will not last for more than a week; hence no person with a feeling for the country and the people at large will court a risk and disobey national command.

## Let Us Shatter the Chains...

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would have you brush aside all rational explanations and begin with a simple child-like faith in God. If I exist, God exists. With me it is a necessity of my being, as it is with millions.

If a man has really heard the voice of God, there is no sliding back, just as there is no forgetting it by one who has learnt to swim. The listening in must make people's lives daily richer and richer.

This listening in presupposes the fitness to listen, and the fitness is acquired after constant and patient striving and waiting on God. Shankaracharya has likened the process to the attempt to empty the sea by means of a drainer small as the point of a blade of grass. This process thus necessarily is endless, being carried through birth after birth. And yet the effort has to be natural as breathing or winking of the eyes, which processes happen without our knowing them. The effort coincides with the process of living. I commend to you this process of eternal striving which alone can take us face to face with God.

Our existence as embodied beings is purely momentary; what are a hundred years in eternity? But if we shatter the chains of egotism, and melt into the ocean of humanity, we share its dignity. To feel that we are something is to set up a barrier between God and ourselves; to cease feeling that we are something is to become one with God. A drop in the ocean partakes of the greatness of its parent, although it is unconscious of it. But it is dried up as soon as it enters upon an existence independent of the ocean. We do not exaggerate when we say that life is a mere bubble.

A life of service must be one of humility. He who could sacrifice his life for others, has hardly time to reserve for himself a place in the sun. Inertia must not be mistaken for humility, as it has been in Hinduism. True humility means most strenuous and constant endeavour entirely directed towards the service of humanity. God is continuously in action without resting for a single moment. If we could

serve Him or become one with Him, our activity must be as unwearied as His. There may be momentary rest in store for the drop which is separated from the ocean, but not for the drop in the ocean, which knows no rest. The same is the case with ourselves. As soon as we become one with the ocean in the shape of God, there is no more rest for us, nor indeed do we need rest any longer. Our very sleep is action. For we sleep with the thought of God in our hearts. This restlessness constitutes true rest. This never-ceasing agitation holds the key to peace ineffable. This supreme state of total surrender is difficult to describe, but not beyond the bounds of human experience. It has been attained by many dedicated souls, and may be attained by ourselves as well.

The purpose of life is undoubtedly to know oneself. We cannot do it unless we learn to identify ourselves with all that lives. The sum-total of that life is God. Hence the necessity of realizing God living within everyone of us. The instrument of this knowledge is boundless, selfless service.

I implicitly believe in the truth of the saying that not a blade of grass moves but by His will...

I cannot account for the existence of evil by any rational method. To want to do so is to be co-equal with God. I am, therefore, humble enough to recognize evil as such. And I call God long-suffering and patient, precisely because He permits evil in the world. I know that He has no evil in Him, and yet if there is evil, He is the author of it and yet untouched by it.

I know, too, that I shall never know God if I do not wrestle with and against evil even at the cost of life itself. I am fortified in the belief by my own humble and limited experience. The purer I try to become, the nearer I feel to be to God. How much more should I be when my faith is not a mere apology, as it is today, but has become as immovable as the Himalayas and as white and bright as the snows on their peaks? Meanwhile, I pray with New-

## HOW INDRA LOST HIS STATUS DUE TO CONCEIT

Wealth and status provide the most fertile ground for the evil of arrogance to take root and grow. This is because they confer on an individual a social distinction not enjoyed by others and it naturally creates in him a sense of superiority, which soon develops into conceit. Once he succumbs to this evil he will lose all sense of values and indulge in acts that are sure to land him in serious trouble. How Indra, the king of the Devas, was deprived of his position and riches as a punishment for his insolent behaviour was described by Sri G. N. Jayatirthachar in his Bhagavatam discourse at the Vinayaka Temple, West Tambaram on Saturday.

Indra was once offered a sacred garland by Sage Durvasa. Instead of handling it with due respect and reverence, he placed it on the head of his elephant which threw it on the ground and trampled upon it. Indignant at the haughtiness of Indra, the sage cursed him that he should be shorn of his status which was responsible for his misconduct. Regretting his mistake the Devas' Chief prayed to Sri Narayana and with His blessings regained his kingdom by overpowering the Asuras with the strength acquired by drinking nectar obtained by churning the Ocean Milk.

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man who sang from experience:

"Lead, Kindly Light,  
amid the encircling  
gloom,  
Lead Thou me on;  
The night is dark and  
I am far from home.  
Lead Thou me on;  
Keep Thou my feet;  
I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one  
step enough for me."

God is the hardest taskmaster I have known on earth, and he tries you through and through. And when you find that your faith is failing, or your body is failing you, and you are sinking, He comes to your assistance somehow or other and proves to you that you must not lose your faith and that He is always at your beck and call, but on His terms, not on your terms.

God is great and compassionate. He would not try His servants beyond endurance.



# FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR ORPHANS

## Theepavali Day at Thirunelveli Saiva Orphanage

### Hospitality of Hindu Welfare Society

WORTHY causes are seldom supported. But in the case of the Saiva Orphanage at Thirunelveli established and maintained by the Hindu Board of Education there was an exception. Yesterday about 165 orphans and 25 other pupils of the Orphanage received a Theepavali Bonus of new clothes thanks to the untiring efforts of the Hindu Welfare Society of which Shri S. Thanikachalam Retired Director of Education is the President and Shri T. Somasundaram, Advocate is the Treasurer and Shri R. Sanmugasajan is the Secretary.

New clothes for the entire orphanage costing about rupees 6000/- were presented as a Theepavali Gift. Refreshments constituting almost a full meal were provided by Shri E. Sabalingam Principal, Jaffna Hindu College, Thirumathi Sabalingam and by Shri S. Sivasithamparam and Thirumathi Sivasithamparam.

Presiding over the function Shri S. R. Kanaganayagam Advocate, President of the Hindu Board of Education, gave an account of the patriotic efforts of the leaders of the past. Sir P. Ramnathan, Sir W. Duraisamy, Shri S. Sivapathasundaram, Shri M. S. Rajaratnam, Dr. S. Subramaniam, and Shri S. Rajaratnam Advocate among several others and said that after the

take over of the H. B. E. schools by the State the Hindu Board has been maintaining this Orphanage at great expense depending on the charitable gifts of religious minded social workers. The President appealed for more funds to continue the good work.

Shri E. Sabalingam Principal Hindu College, congratulated the Hindu Welfare Society for the hospitality so very thoughtfully given to the helpless children of the Orphanage.

Shri S. Thanibachalam, the President of the Hindu Welfare Society explained how the Society has been working all these years and called for more and extended support

considering the importance of the cause.

Shri R. N. Sivapirakam was full of praise for the very good work that has been done by the Orphanage and for the orphans and added that it was gratifying to note that the selfless service of the great leaders who had organised the Hindu Board of Education and had served the cause of proper Education to Saiva children so well had not been allowed to be abandoned after the take over of schools by the Government. He added that the orphans' blooming faces indicated how carefully they have been looked after by the H. B. E., the staff and their chief.

The pupils recited Thirumurai and gave a few items of literary merit.

## New President Of The All Ceylon Association of Youth Councils

Mr. Siva U. Somasegaram, President of the Youth Council for Social and Economic Welfare Jaffna, has been elected the President of the All Ceylon Association of Youth Councils in Colombo. He succeeds Mudaliar Samarasinghe who had held the post for a number of years. All Youth Associations in the Island have decided to join the other organisations in the Food War and have appealed to all their youths to give their full co-operation.

## Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. 2970

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Kandiah Subramaniam of Palaly South Deceased

Thankachipillai widow of Kandiah Subramaniam of Palaly South  
Vs. Petitioner

- 1 Subramaniam Srikanda of Palaly South
  - minor 2 Subramaniam Sriaumaran of do
  - 3 Kalsamanidevi daughter of Subramaniam of do
  - 4 Thevaki daughter of Subramaniam of do
- The 2nd 3rd and 4th being Minors by their proposed guardian - ad - litem the 1st respondent  
Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal before T. J. Rajaratnam Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 25th day of June 1973, in the presence of Mr. C. Ramalingam on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 25th June 1973 having been read.

It is ordered that the 1st respondent abovenamed be and he is hereby appointed guardian - ad - litem of the 2nd 3rd and 4th respondents abovenamed who are minors for the purpose of these proceedings and that the petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled to have letters of administration of the intestate estate of the deceased abovenamed as his widow and the same be issued to the petitioner accordingly unless the respondents or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 20th day of September 1973 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 25th day of June 1973  
Sgd. T. J. Rajaratnam  
District Judge

20-9-1973  
Time to show cause extended till 8-11-1973

Sgd. T. J. Rajaratnam  
District Judge  
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## PRAYER TO GANESA

May that elephant faced God (Ganesa) whom Shiva worshipped before conquering Tripura; Vishnu worshipped before trying up Maha Bali; Brahma worshipped before starting creation Sesh Nag worshipped carrying the earth on its head; Paravati worshipped before destroying Mahisakura; the Siddhas worshipped for accomplishments; and the god of Love (Cupid) worshipped before conquering the Universe may He protect us.

from the Vedas ( Bhavan's Journal )

deceased and that the same be issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 14th day of November 1973 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary

This 1st day of September 1973

Sgd. T. J. Rajaratnam  
District Judge, Jaffna

Drawn by  
Sgd P. Navaratnam  
Proctor for Petitioner

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## ORDER NISI

THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. 2887

In the matter of the Intestate estate of the late Thankachiammah widow of Sitham. barapillai Veluppillai of Mavidapuram Deceased

Veluppillai Anandanadesan of Mavidapuram  
Vs. Petitioner  
Muthuledebammythevy daughter of Veluppillai of Mavidapuram  
Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before C. E. Mendis Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 29th day of August 1973 in the presence of Mr C. Ramalingam 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 to the estate of the abovenamed deceased and that Letters of Administration be issued to him accordingly unless the respondent abovenamed or any other person or persons shall

on or before the 13th day of December 1973, appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. The 29th day of August 1972

Sgd. C. E. Mendis  
District Judge  
13-12-1972

Time to show cause extended till 28.3.73

Sgd. C. E. Mendis  
District Judge  
28-3-1973

Time to show cause extended till 25-7-1973

(Sgd.) T. J. Rajaratnam  
District Judge  
25-7-1973

Time to show cause extended till 27-9-1973.

(Sgd.) T. J. Rajaratnam  
D. J.  
27-9-1973.

Time to show cause extended till 14-11-1973.

Sgd. J. G. Aseervatham  
D. J.  
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## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. T/2987

In the matter of the intestate estate of the

late Nallammah wife of Veluppillai Kanagasabai of Kokuvi West, Kokuvil.

Deceased

Visuvalingam Arumgam of Kokuvil West, Kokuvil.

Vs. Petitioner

1 Visuvalingam Alagakona

2 Visuvalingam Coomarasamy both of Kokuvil West, Kokuvil

Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before T. J. Rajaratnam Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 1st day of September 1973 in the presence of Mr. P. Navaratnam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 31st August 1973 having been read

It is ordered that the Petitioner abovenamed as the elder brother of the deceased be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed



