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## Jaffna and Human Rights Day

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On December 12, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations, where 48 representatives of member countries were present, adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, without a single dissentient, and proclaimed it as a common standard of achievement for all people and all nations. Accordingly, the Assembly called upon all member countries, inter alia,

(a) to publish the text of the Declaration, which consisted of 30 Articles covering civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights with a view to seeking international co-operation for the promotion and protection of Human Rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of race, sex, language or religion,

(b) and to observe every year, as part of the programme in all schools and public Organisations, the 10th of December as the Human Rights Day, and thereby render homage to the principle of freedom and of the dignity of man.

The 26th year of this Declaration, which will fall on the 10th of December is likely to be celebrated in Jaffna and in various parts of Ceylon as the Human Rights Day.

Where Freedom, Justice, Truth and the sanctity of the pledged word do not exist. Peace and Contentment cannot be found. Education, civilisation and the possession of Power, instead of broadening our views and making us treat all mankind as members of a Universal Brotherhood, seem to be creating situations whereby Ceylon is likely to be broken up into fragments by narrow communalistic walls of discord and dissension.

We have witnessed in the past, solemn treaties

discarded like mere scraps of paper and wars waged without an actual declaration of war. We have seen even Pacts repudiated unilaterally. The lust of power whipped up by conflicting ideologies has compelled our world-leaders to exploit even science for the manufacture of the weapons of warfare and destruction, rather than those that could harness the powers of Nature for the benefit and progress of mankind.

At such a time, the Universal Declaration of these Human Rights should serve as a soothing, healing balm to helpless, suffering Jaffna in particular and humanity in general. It is not a Covenant or Law by itself, but it has to be respected as a moral law. It is worth remembering -

'that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights... and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood and that everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.'

In December 1965, the General Assembly had opened for signature the International Convention on the elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination. In 1968 at an International Conference held in Teheran, the Proclamation of Teheran was issued calling governments to redouble their efforts to provide for all human beings a life consonant with freedom and dignity and conducive to physical, mental, social and spiritual welfare;

The year 1971 was celebrated as International Year of Action to combat Racism, and Racial Discrimination and for eliminating all forms and manifestations of racism and racial discrimination. A Convention for the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance drawn up recently is un-

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Letter to the Editor

### Spirit of Reconciliation

#### Sure Step to Solve Problems

Sir,-

There appears to be a controversy going on in India between the Government under the leadership of Shrimathi Indira Gandhi and a Movement led by Sri Jayaprakash Narayan. In spite of acute difference, both leaders have met each other and had discussions. Similarly, it would be a very welcome step if the Government Party represented by Mrs. Srimavo Banderansike and the Tamil United Front under the leadership of Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam could meet each other and discuss matters affecting the country and differences between them regarding the solution of Tamil affairs. They might even agree to disagree. The balance of advantage and statesmanship requires early meeting.

Super International Powers like Russia and America, China and America have met each other through their representatives to solve their differences. Now China and Russia appear ready to meet each other.

It is fortunate that leaders, both of the Government Party and of the Tamil United Front, have expressed their willingness to meet one another and to hold discussions. In addition to the leadership, people of all communities, and of all sections and parties and in all walks of life, would welcome such joint Conferences.

The spirit of Reconciliation and Adjustment appear to be effectively working generally in all parts of the world; let us in Sri Lanka, the Dhamma Dipa, try to share the blessings which that spirit alone, more than anything else, can vouchsafe to us for our permanent and genuine happiness

Some day or other,

## Statues - Strewn City

### Memory of King Sangilian in Metal

#### Parliamentary Delegation from W. Germany

A delegation of seven MPs from the Parliament (Bundestag) of the Federal Republic of Germany arrived in Sri Lanka on Tuesday, November 26th; on an information visit and will be in this country until December 1st.

The delegation, which consists of members of the Finance Committee of the German Parliament, is headed by Dr. Hansjoerg Haefele.

While seeking general information about Sri Lanka's tax structure and finance policies and taking a look at practical examples of local tax administration, the delegation will also study the impact in Sri Lanka of special tax facilities offered under German law for German investments in developing countries.

The delegation will have round table talks at the Ministry of Finance and the Department of Inland Revenue and will also meet the Chairman of the Foreign Investment Advisory Committee, the Speaker of the National State Assembly and other prominent personalities.

sooner or later, reconciliation and adjustment must and will take place. May it be the good fortune of the present generation and the present regime and the national set up effectively to usher the happy event for the Nation for All Time.

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The Northern Municipal Council has achieved the enviable distinction of being the first Local Authority to bring the memories of the most important personalities of the past back to the people in concrete form cast in metal.

Where the political parties failed, the Municipal Council has succeeded in perpetuating the names of the popular patriots of old. Auvaiyar, Thiruvalluvar, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Ananda K. Coomarasamy, Sir P. Ramathan and Soma Sundara Pulavar—These illustrious personalities received the first attention of the Jaffna Municipal Council when the Silver Jubilee of the Premier Local Authority of the Northern Peninsula was celebrated during the early part of this year. King Sangilian whose memorable name is repeated by every political leader in the course of party speeches however caught the mind of the Mayor of Jaffna in such a way as to enable him steal a march over the numerous political pugilists of the Peninsula in the matter of erecting statues.

Today in the Capital of the Ancient Tamil Kingdom in the heart of that historic area endearingly called Sangilian Thoppu, the statue of that sturdy spirited Tamil King Sangilian stands as a record in stone of the story of the spectacular deeds of the Tamils in the days of old. The credit, therefore, goes to the Mayor of Jaffna for the thoughtful manner in which he had within the all too short space of six months established seven statues making the Yalpana Pattinam a statues-strewn city.

Though statues by themselves cannot solve political problems, yet the fact remains that the City Fathers have done well in bringing home the memories of the memorable past in such manner as to embellish the beautiful City of the NORTH.

THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

நாது சமயம் உளவாம், நுவலுங்கால்  
ஆறு சமயம் அவ்வாறுட்படுவன  
சுறு சமயங்கள் கொண்ட தெறி நிலை  
சுறு பரதெறி, இல் ஆய்தெறியன்றே.

There are hundreds of religious sects (and sub-sects). When investigated, their number can be reduced to six as these six systems contain (practically all their teachings). The final topmost system that transcends all their teachings is the Supreme path which provides the way to the House (of God).

ஆன் சமயம் அது இது நன்று எனும்  
மாயமனிதர் மயக்கம் அது ஒழி,  
கானங்கள் சந்த கடவுளை நாடுமின்,  
ஊன்கடந்த உரு அதுவாமே.

Do not listen to the bewildering words of deluded men who say that is the true religion and this is the true religion. Search for and worship the transcendent Lord who revealed the Vedic hymns. You will then become of the nature of the taintless Lord.

—Thirumanthiram



திருக்கிற்றம்பலம்

நமசிவாயவே ஞானமும் கல்வியும்  
நமசிவாயவே நானறி விக்கையும்  
நமசிவாயவே நானறி நேத்துமே  
நமசிவாயவே நானறி காட்டுமே.

திருக்கிற்றம்பலம்

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Thirukarthikai Theepam  
— Inner Illumination

On the eve of the Six Day Prayer to Lord Murugan, comes the Karthikai day in the month of Karthikai with the Full Moon. The continuity of solemn prayers is maintained by the Twenty one day Prayers to Vinayaga Peruman followed by Thiruvembavai Festival. Worshippers have thus a golden opportunity to intensify their prayers for the sake of all beings at a time when nature is in revolt and the elements are elusive.

Saiva Sastras have a meaningful code of prayers enabling the devotee persist in his worship of the Lord in diverse manifestations. Every day has a distinct significance and each observance adds to the spiritual progress of the people. Thirukarthikai Theepam illustrates the need for illumining our inner selves by means of the radiance of outer light. It reminds us of the truism "The spark of His LIGHT is in every being". But man in the midst of his manifold miseries misses the meaning of these religious occasions and mistakes the material objectives for the true meaning of salvation.

Let us therefore illumine our inner selves with the light of real learning and hold aloft the TORCH OF TRUTH so that strife worn sin-ridden humanity may be able to have the proper perspective, the great vision. The Lighting of Lamps must necessarily be the cleansing ourselves of the clumsiness of our inhuman living and making the greatness of our inner selves crystal clear in the glory of the TORCH OF TRUTH.

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der consideration by the General Assembly.

All these conceptions are not something new. Great Thinkers in the past have given expression to the above Truths thus:— Lord Tennyson had dreamt of a world,

"Where the war drums throbbed no longer  
And the battle flags were furled, In the Parliament of Man.  
In the Federation of the world."

Victor Hugo had said over a hundred years ago,

"I represent a Party which does not exist, A Party of revolution—civilisation.

This Party will make the 20th century, There will issue from it, first 'The United States of Europe'

Then, The United States of The World."

Pope John XXIII had said,

"Freedom can come only from the tranquility of Peace.

Peace comes from inside the soul."

Henderick Guernsey had remarked,

"Treaties are written by diplomats, but lasting peace must be written in the hearts of men."

How superb the declaration of Socrates.

"I am not an Athenian nor a Corinthian, but am a citizen of the world."

Cicero thought that,

"This Universe was rightly regarded as one Commonwealth of men."

Whatever the future may hold, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights represents the aspirations, perhaps the highest aspirations of the common men and women of the present age. It is a statement of what ought to be, not necessarily of what is, and as a standard of achievement, it presents a challenge and a goal. To meet the challenge and reach the goal requires the common efforts of all people of all nations. Should not everyone in Jaffna too join in this?

WEDDING INVITATION

RAJA RAJESWARAN — RANJINI

The wedding will take place according to Hindu rites of Raja Rajeswaran (Advocate) Attorney at Law & N. P. Jaffna son of Mr. S. Thangarajah (Advocate) & Mrs S Thangarajah of "Sarvalayam" No. 5, Chetty Street Nallur to Ranjini M.B.B.S. (Cey) daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Kanagaratnam of 11, Dutch Road, Tellipallai on Sunday the 1st of December 1974 at the bride's residence between 10 A. M. & 12 Noon Reception afterwards at bridegroom's residence between 6 P. M. to 8 P. M.

Relations and friends are cordially invited by both families.

(Bridegroom leaving his residence at 8.30 A. M)

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NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF POINT PEDRO

No. 12313

- 1 Subramaniam Sivapunniam and
- 2 wife Ratnapoopathy, both of Valveddy

Vs. Plaintiffs

- 1 Sinnathamby Rasah of Valveddy
- 2 Thambiah Mahadevan of do
- 3 and wife Sellamanickam of do
- 4 Ellupollai Rasamanickam of do
- 5 and wife Indrance of do
- 6 Rasamanickam Devrajah of Polikandy
- 7 and wife Jeyaledohumy of do
- 8 Meenathisundaram Pathmanathan of do
- 9 Velupillai Sathasivam of do
- 10 and wife Ponnukandu of do
- 11 Sinniah Sithamparipillai of do
- 12 Sinnakunchu Sinnathanby of do
- 12A and wife Achchimmultu of do
- 13 Thangammah widow of Rasamanickam of do

Defendants

It is hereby notified that action No. 12313 has been instituted in the District Court of Point Pedro under the Partition Act for the partition/sale of the land called "Ulu-

Krishna Jayanthi

The Public Celebration of Sri Krishna Jayanthi and the twenty second anniversary of the Ashrama Sunday School was observed at 40 Rama Krishna Road, Colombo on Sunday November 11, 1974.

Dr Rajathurai Ratnam presided and Mrs Maheswari Mahadeva B. A. (Hons.) and Swami Virupakshnanda delivered lectures. Mrs. R. Rajathurai Ratoam distributed the prizes to the Sunday School students.

"thali" alias "Uluthambi" in extent 16 Lms. V. C. and 4 Kls. and situated at Chamarapakuthavankurichy, in Udupidy Parish, Vadamarachy Division, Jaffna District, Northern Province.

The defendants in the aforesaid action were summoned to appear in Court on the 5th day of November 1973 at 9.30 O'clock in the forenoon.

By order of Court, Registrar

Drawn by M. Esurapatham Attorney-at-Law for Plaintiffs.

This day of November, 1974 29 29

வாழ்க்கை வழிபாடு பெய்க கிணைஞ் சரக்க மன்னன்  
சேசகி முறை அரசு சேய்க குறைவினா துயிரகன் வாழ்க  
நான்மறை யறங்க லோகிக நற்றயம் வேள்வி மல்க  
மேன்மைகொள் ளசவநீதி விளங்குக உலக மெகிதாம்

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