

COMMUNISM & RELIGION— TWO INCOMPATIBLES

Material Values Vs. Spiritual Values

KARL MARX, the father of Communism, began his famous *Manifesto of the Communist Party* in 1848 with the fateful words,

'A spectre is haunting Europe, the spectre of Communism.'

This spectre has now grown to an enormous size and shines today like a blazing comet on the horizon of all the countries of the globe. Communism has, in fact, become a world-challenge. It has spread over a vast territory extending from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific Ocean and has well-knit groups of adherents all over the world. By some people it is hailed as the coming salvation of mankind, by others it is dreaded as the eternal foe of the spirit of man. By some it is venerated as a new religion, by others it is execrated as the very negation of religion. In our own country its success in the recent elections has been rather surprising. It is high time, therefore, that we seriously considered its aims and principles and examined them in relation to Hinduism which has to meet its challenge.

Dialectic Materialism

The Communism of Marx and the Nazism of Hitler both had their origins in the philosophy of Hegel. Hegel's idealization of the national state led to Nazism, and his conception of the historical development under the law of the dialectic led to Communism. Marx substituted 'the conflict between classes' for 'the conflict between nations' in Hegel's theory, and 'materialism' for Hegel's 'idealism'. Hence we have in Marx what is known as dialectic materialism. Marx's conception of history is the clue to all his teachings. He believed that in every age it was the methods of

production and distribution of wealth that determined the general character of the social, political and cultural conditions of life. But when the processes of production undergo a change, the political, social and other institutions fail to adapt themselves quickly to the change and have to be pulled up sharp by a revolutionary class conflict. The history of all society, according to Marx, is the history of class conflicts. He says in his *Communist Party Manifesto*;

Freeman and slave, patrician and plebeian, lord and serf, guild-master and journeyman—in a word, oppressor and oppressed—stood in constant opposition to one another, carried on an unintermittent, now hidden, now open, fight—a fight that each time ended either in a revolutionary reconstitution of society at large or in the common ruin of the contending classes.

Class Conflict

We are told that at the present stage of history in the modern world this uninterrupted fight is between the capitalist and the wage-earner. In terms of the Hegelian dialectic, the capitalist system is the thesis and the organization of labour is the antithesis. Out of the conflict between these two must arise the synthesis of a classless society. Just as the capitalist superseded the old feudal landlord, so it is inevitable that the proletariat should supersede the capitalist. The economic forces, according to Marx, are working inexorably, driving society forward from feudalism to capitalism and from capitalism to socialism and from socialism to communism. This is what he calls the economic determinism of history. When the working-class seizes power by means of a revolution and makes all

Thirukural Conference

The Secretaries of Trincomalee Thiruvalluvar Kalagam intimate that the First Thirukural Conference of the 'Thamil Marsi Kalagam' will be held by the Thiruvalluvar-Kalagam of Trincomalee, at the Hindu College Hall Trincomalee, on the 28th, 29th and 30th of May 1953. Lectures, Dramas and musical items will form a part of the programme.

sources of production viz., lands, mines and factories, public property, there will be no class left to be exploited and society will reach its goal of classlessness. The dictatorship of the proletariat is only a transitional stage. After the classless society is established by means of an armed revolution the state will wither away. Therefore, for the purpose of bringing about this revolution, the working-class of all countries should unite, and overthrow and dispossess the capitalist class everywhere. Marx accordingly ends his *Communist Party Manifesto* with these words:

The communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. Let the ruling classes tremble at a communist revolution. The proletarians nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Working men of all classes, unite.

Marx hoped that the revolution would come in his own lifetime. But nothing that he predicted came about while he was alive. He died an obscure man in 1883 in the midst of a long period of peace in Europe. Revolution had to wait till 1918, when Lenin took up the Marxian gospel and overthrew the Russian Government.

Distorted View of History

It will be observed, to start with, that Communism of Marx is based on

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NATIONAL SAVINGS

Jaffna Again Tops Target

At a meeting of the Jaffna District Savings Committee held at the Kachcheri on Monday last, Gate Mudaliyar C. Thiagarajah, District Organiser announced that at the end of January the total investments in National Savings in the Jaffna District amounted to Rs. 1,413,12.76 and thus he was in a proud position to state that, in spite of the hardships brought about by the recent cyclone, the district had overshot the target by Rs. 13,912.76, for the first four months of the financial year.

Savings Banner

The District Organiser congratulated Mr. S. Sivagnanam, D. R. O. Islands, for winning the Commissioner's Shield in the recent Inter Divisional Savings Competition. He also paid a tribute to Mr. S. Thanabalasingam, Supervisor, for his services in infusing enthusiasm to win this Shield. The District Organiser also announced that in the second term of 1952. The Vice Chancellor's Savings Banner was won by two schools in the Jaffna District, Tellipalai East Tamil Mixed School coming out first in the Island, and Koddagapulam R. C. School, Achevely, coming out third in the Island. He congratulated the Head Masters and Secretaries of these Groups. The District Organiser further announced that the total number of Savings Groups functioning in the district at 31st January 1953 was 830 as against 591 in 1951. Mr. P. J. Hudson, Government Agent, presided. Mr. K. Panchalingam, District Supervisor, read a report on the progress of the Savings Group Drive. The report disclosed that there were 486 Savings Groups in Schools, 30 in Government Departments, 35 Family Groups, 45 Groups among Community Centres, 164 Groups among Rural Development Societies and 70 Groups in other Institutions.

Happy State Of Affairs
Mr. A. P. Gurusamy,

Deputy Commissioner of the Savings Movement stated that for some years past withdrawals exceeded investments in United Kingdom, but that tendency was found in Ceylon only in January last. However while the total nett savings in United Kingdom had decreased by £84,000,000 last year it had increased in Ceylon by Rs. 19,000,000. To enable this happy state of affairs to continue everyone should save as much as possible. He congratulated Jaffna District on having exceeded its monthly average target and thanked the Government Agent and Gate Mudaliyar Thiagarajah for the achievement. He also thanked the D. R. Os and others for their continued cooperation.

Vaidyeshwara Vidyalaya Kalai Vizha

On the invitation of the Principal, the old students and well-wishers of Vaidyeshwara Vidyalaya met at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, the 21st inst. in the College hall. At the outset, the Principal explained the necessity of raising funds to provide suitable accommodation and equipment to the increasing numbers of children. He also informed him of the proposal to organise a raffle and a Festival in August this year. It was resolved to name it "The Vaidyeshwara Vidyalaya Kalai Vizha" (Festival of Arts). The following were then elected as office-bearers of the Kalai Vizha.

Patron: Dr. S. Subramaniam
President: Dr. C. Gurusamy
Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Sam A. Sabapathy, C. Suriyakumaran and Mudaliyar C. Muthuthamby
Joint Secretaries: Messrs. S. Ambikaipakan and M. M. Abdul Cader
Joint Treasurers: Messrs. M. R. Karalasingham and C. Vyramuthu.



Hindu Organ

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1953

Treasure These Thoughts

*Praise be to the Lord, the Creator,
Shelter, origin, foundation
and dissolution,
Infinite, Eternal Unborn, Un-
decaying,
Immortal, Blissful and Un-
conditioned,
Self-existent, Self-contained,
and Self-luminous!*

**COMMISSION TO
END CORRUPTION?**

Just as mutual mistrust has drawn nations into a never-ending cold war, the concerted practice of deception has brought mankind into a maze of corruption. Family-bandyism, favouritism & nepotism, the more autocratic of the *isms*, have become rooted so much that today corruption has acquired a pardonable place as a commonplace sin—very much similar to the evil of drink. The debate on the motion of the Member of Parliament for Nuwara Eliya gives rise to the idea that in this historic Island every prospect is pleasantly corrupt. The Representatives of the people who spoke for or against the motion were all agreed on one thing, namely that there was in this country a malpractice that could not be avoided at any cost—the habit of corruption.

Bribery is said to be a byproduct of war. Times of National emergency call for action without heed to the dictates of conscience. And how well *Controls* have brought corruption in their wake. Emergency may cease to exist, controls may be called off but the habit of corruption has become a way of life. Statesmen and politicians do acknowledge that not something but everything is rotten in the state of Denmark and also admit the fact that any attempt to set the house in order may well be the signal for a collapse of the whole structure.

Our statesmen know fully well that alcoholic drinks are injurious, not merely to the body but to the spirit as well; but they dare not prohibit drinks. Our legislators

**SARVODAYA
CONCEPT**

**"A Gift of Gandhiji
To The World"**

Addressing his first public function organised by the All Ceylon Gandhija Seva Sangham on 25th March Shri C.C. Desai, the Indian High Commissioner said how happy he was to be the representative of the great neighbour country, India, at the capital of this lovely island, especially at the present juncture. He was happy that the first function in which he participated related to 'Sarvodaya' which cause was dearest to Mahatma Gandhi and all the great leaders of India and which movement was now being regarded as the main channel for bringing about a rural revolution in the country. He stressed integration of 'Sarvodaya' with other schemes of all round and mechanical development as envisaged in the Five Year Plan, the implementation of which was the concern of every man, woman and child in the country. He referred to the great work done by Shrimati Durgabai Deshmukh both as a Congress worker in Andhra Desa and as a Member of the Planning Commission in giving special importance to Sarvodaya in the scheme of development of Indian villages. He offered assistance by way of contact and exchange of workers engaged on Sarvodaya in India with those teaching on Sarvodaya in Ceylon as Sarvodaya was not merely an Indian concept but a gift of Gandhiji to the world. Shri Desai explained the objects and functions of Sarvodaya and pointed out how it was being executed through the Broodan Yagna movement of Shri Vinoba Bhave, development of Community Projects, encouragement of village industries and particularly hand-spinning and hand-weaving and attention to village health and sanitation.

**Andhra Inauguration
In October**

According to an announcement in the Indian House of People, by Premier Nehru, the new state of Andhra will be inaugurated on October 1, 1953.

know that betting is a demoralising habit that will sooner or later leave the victims financially and ethically exhausted but they shall not ban it! The administration does accept the fact that there is corruption rampant in the country but thinks 'why not let the *status quo* remain'?

However we would suggest to the Government that for corruption to be removed from the Public Service lock, stock and barrel much cleansing of the conscience must be done in all walks of life.

**THE COURSE OF THE
COLD WAR**

AFTER STALIN'S EXIT

ONE question above others is occupying the minds of both statesmen and ordinary people today. Has Soviet Russia's post-war policy been the work of one individual—Joseph Stalin? Without Stalin's powerful personality at the head of Soviet affairs, might this policy have been different? Or has Soviet policy been the work of a whole group of men, who have followed it as the logical and inevitable outcome of Soviet Communist theory, and who will continue to do so in future?

The question is important. The great threat to the peace and well-being of the peoples, since World War II, has come from Soviet Russia's attempt to extend its power both in Europe and in Asia. If Russia's foreign policy has been directed by Stalin alone then there may now be considerable changes, whether for better or for worse. Stalin's successors may either move towards an understanding with the West, or else intensify the threat of world war. But if Soviet policy has been directed by a group of leading Russian Communists, then the world must expect the cold war to continue much as before—at least so far as Moscow is concerned.

It would, of course, be wrong to talk as though the peace of the world depended on Moscow's world alone. It is true that big power, seeking world domination, can let loose a world war at any moment. But whoever

(ROBERT NORTE)

rules Russia, it is unlikely that he or they would risk war against a united and resolute community of free nations, possessing the military strength to defend themselves successfully. Thus the unity and growing strength of the free nations especially the leading Western Powers, is the best guarantee of world peace.

From this standpoint, it can be said that, regardless of shifts of power in Moscow, the hope of peace is steadily burning clearer. Five years ago, the military unpreparedness of the Western Powers made it seem tempting

and easy for Soviet Russia to advance beyond the strategic base it had already seized in Eastern Europe, and to seek power over Western Europe—Western Germany, Italy, and even France, seemed to be Moscow's particular targets. Moscow could hope to undermine these countries through their Communist Parties; and the vast Soviet armed forces, poised in Eastern Europe, were a grave military threat to the West.

Easing In Europe

Today the danger in Europe has receded. France and Italy have been strengthened by joining the United States, Britain, Canada and other Western nations in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation; and they have agreed with Western Germany on the creation of a European Defence Community. Through this Community, Western Germany is to come within the framework of the great defence system stretching from north-western to south-eastern Europe, which is being built up. Although, in manpower alone, the Soviet and satellite armies still greatly outnumber the West, the North Atlantic Treaty forces are highly trained and organised and have the advantage of new types of weapons and technical equipment. And since it is only by acquiring the coal, steel and armaments industries of Western Europe that Russia could hope to conquer other continents, the strengthening of peace in Europe means that world peace is strengthened.

In Asia, there are still areas of danger. In Indo-China and Malaya Communist armed action is still causing bloodshed and delaying political and economic progress. In Korea, the war between the Communist aggressors and the United Nations continues. The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vishinsky, speaking in the United Nations Assembly three days before Stalin's death, showed that Moscow, at least, has no interest in bringing about a Korean armistice. He admitted that Russia was supplying arms to the Chinese Communists, whom, as the United

**Gnanapirakasa
Munivar Day**

Gnanapirakasa Munivar Day was celebrated on 25-3-53 under the auspices of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai at its Naval Hall. After a special poojah lectures on the life and activities of the saint were delivered.

Srimat S. Subramaniya Thesikar spoke at length on the life of the saint and on the holiness of the cow and appealed to Hindus of Ceylon in general to request the present Government of Ceylon to introduce legislation banning cow slaughter.

Mudaliyar C. Muttuthamby in the course of his lecture expressed the desirability of establishing a Gnanapirakasa Munivar Sabhai to popularise the ideals and doctrines of the saint and that the same Sabhai can also undertake the renovation of the tank and madam which he built at Chidambaram the performance of poojas at his Samadhi, the publication of an elaborate account of his life and the building of a temple to his memory at Thiruvelvai Jaffna, his birth place.

Mr. P. Appucuddy who spoke next deplored the fact that at present cow slaughter was on the increase in this land that gave birth to this great saint. He suggested that if every Hindu Sabhai in the island would undertake the celebration of the saint's day on the Poomam Day of Pankuni each year, it would reduce cow slaughter for combating which he renounced his connection with his motherland.

States' representative pointed out, the United Nations have branded as aggressors. He attacked the Indian proposals on the return of war prisoners, which are supported by the great majority of the United Nations, and, by a strange distortion of truth, he accused the United States government of trying to extend the war.

Thus, in dealing with the Korean war, it is essential—as Britain's representative said—for the free world to remain united, confident and calm. And this, too, must be the free world's attitude in face of any changes which may now come in Mos-

OURSELVES

According to the decisions of the Sabhai the *Hindu Organ* and the *Inthusathanam* will be issued as six-page weeklies every Friday commencing from April 3, 1953.

As the first weekly edition will be published next week there will be no edition of the bi-weekly next week (i. e. on 31-3 1953.)

The next issue of the *Hindu Organ* and the *Inthusathanam* will be on Friday April 3rd 1953.

The revised rates of subscription with effect from 1-4-1953 will be as follows:—

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In Parliament

Election Amendment Bill Passed

The Third Reading of the Local Authorities Election (Amendment) Bill was passed by 44 votes to 11. The Freedom Party Chief and 2 other members of his party voted with the Government.

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Island's Population Increases

Census Day figures reveal that the population today of Sri Lanka is 8,103,648, showing an increase of 2.85 per cent a year.

The death rate has correspondingly dropped from 20.2 to 14.3 per thousand

Queen Mary Passes Away

Queen Mary the eighty-five year old grandmother of Queen Elizabeth II died at 10-20 p. m. on Tuesday last.

Coronation plans, however, will remain unchanged.

The Ideal Of Self-Less Service

True is the saying that the Lord reveals Himself in places where His glorious Names are sung. There waves of bliss arise, and enveloping all those who take part in the sacred function, merge them in pure, exalted ecstasy. The Lord is the very embodiment of love and bliss. The trick of making Him manifest in us and others about us is to chant His holy Name. If we touch the spring of His Name, we open the portals of the kingdom of immortal joy. Thereafter, there is nothing but a feast of spiritual rapture and peace.

The best way we can serve God and Humanity is to keep our mind ever pure and peaceful by constant contemplation of God within us. Then it is that the Supreme Reality uses our life for the fulfilment of His purpose. If we would really be of service to the world, we must free ourselves from egotism and surrender up our entire life to God. Let us have the complete satisfaction that we are doing what God has enjoined on us to do. Let us keep always before us the ideal that we are here in this world for selfless service to be

Preserving Mahatma's Post-Prayer Addresses

A plant for the large scale manufacture of records of Mahatma Gandhi's post-prayer meeting addresses has been imported from the United Kingdom.

Known as the "gramophone record pressing plant", it is set up in the All-India Radio's headquarters in New Delhi. The plant will commence the manufacture of discs sometime in April for public sale.

The All India Radio has a valuable collection of Mahatma Gandhi's post-prayer meeting addresses in "cellulose nitrate" discs. It was feared that unless the voice is transferred to new pressed discs of more permanent material, this unique collection will be lost to posterity. Three copies of each disc are being prepared for permanent preservation.

The recordings of Mahatma Gandhi's voice can be played for a total duration of 51 hours and 22 minutes. This collection includes Mahatma Gandhi's post-prayer addresses at the Sodepur Ashram and the addresses at the Bhangi Colony and Birla House in Delhi right upto the last address (before his assassination on January 30, 1948).

A gramophone record manufacturing company in India has already prepared and issued for public sale an album of six discs containing extracts from the recordings of Mahatma Gandhi's post-prayer addresses.

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WEEKLY FORECASTS

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ARIES *Aswini, Barani, Kartikai 1st part [Medha Rasi]*

You will find it easier to negotiate things this week. Although you will face with some opposition at the outset you are bound to succeed. Health must be given particular care. The last two days likely to bring in domestic upheavals.

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

Expenditure will be on the rise this week. Mental worries also shown. Troubles with relatives likely. Be careful in all your undertakings. Ill health to children also shown.

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

A favourable week for finances. You will be able to clear some of your debts. Friends will be very helpful. Go ahead with your plans.

CANCER *Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]*

You will have to work hard this week. Troubles through paternal relatives likely. There will be misunderstanding in the domestic circles also. Beware of scandal mongers.

LEO *Maha, Poora, Uttira 1, [Singha Rasi]*

You will be at logger heads with your relatives. Health upsets likely. Your father's relatives may upset your mental peace. Official troubles also likely. End of week promises to be favourable.

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

The clouds have not started clearing as yet. You will be experiencing worse time for a few more days. Be careful in all your dealings. But do not worry much as better times promised ahead.

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

Domestic peace will be very far away from you this week. Clashes with relatives shown. But you will be able to triumph over your competitors. Expenditure will be on the rise.

SCORPION *Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]*

Your efforts will not be rewarded this week. Try what you may you will find it difficult to advance progressively. Health also will not be favourable.

AGITTARIUS *Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thanu Rasi]*

You will find it difficult to come to any decision this week. There will be no mental peace. Financial success promised but you will spend away whatever you make.

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

This week will be favourable for new business deals. Some changes in the routine or a small trip likely. Relatives may upset your domestic peace. Ill health to mother also shown.

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

Sunday afternoon Monday and Tuesday must be spent with care. Clashes and domestic worries likely. Rest of the week will be favourable. You will succeed in your affairs after initial difficulties.

PISCES *Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revati. [Meena Rasi]*

The first 3 days of the week favourable for business deals. Financial gains promised. Tuesday evening Wednesday and Thursday must be spent with care. Rest of the week favourable for personal and social undertakings.

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a very distorted view of history. It is not true that historical development everywhere proceeds mechanically from slave economy, from serf economy to capitalist economy and from capitalist economy to socialist economy. What Marx gave was not an accurate account of historical facts, but a neat pattern of historical thought of his own, arrived at after a good deal of oversimplification and exaggeration. For instance, the socialist revolution in Russia, as we all know, took place not in a capitalist society, but in a feudal society. It has been truly said that Bolshevism triumphed in Russia, not because there was a prosperous bourgeois class, but because there was no bourgeois class. The same is true of the revolution in China. Moreover, historical development is not always due to class-conflicts. There have been in every country dynastic wars, religious wars and national wars, which were far more important in their historical results than mere class-conflicts and civil wars. And in all those wars the rich and the poor, the lord and the labourer, the employer and the employed fought side by side. Therefore, it is nothing but distortion of history to say that it consists of a series of class-conflicts, ignoring the forces of race, religion, personal ambition and patriotism. Again, it is sheer exaggeration to say that the entire ideological superstructure of a society—its laws, its institutions, its culture and its faith—are all based on the forces of production and distribution of wealth. Economic factor is only one of the many factors that are responsible for a nation's life and growth. The leaves and the flowers and the fruit of a tree are not the results of the soil alone. There are other factors which are equally important, namely, the seed, water, air and sunlight. Then, again, what guarantee is there that mankind will settle down to peace and plenty when once Communism is established in all the countries of the world? It is a strange hypothesis to assume that the dialectic process of historical development would stop with the establishment of a classless society. And a classless society of a single pattern for all the peoples

of the earth is a pure Utopia.

Popular Plea

There is no doubt, however, that Communism, in spite of its false history and false promises, has touched the imagination of many fine spirits in all parts of the world. Its passionate sense of social justice, its plea for racial equality, its attack on all kinds of exploitation and its concern for the happiness of the common man have made a powerful appeal to many idealists in all countries. And more than these bright aspects of the Communist doctrine, the great achievements of Soviet Russia in our generation have made a powerful impression on the minds of the common people. For, not even the worst enemies of Soviet Russia can deny the greatness of her achievements viz. the nationalization of the immense extent of her land, the collectivization of her agriculture, the surprising success of her industrialization, the improvement of her system of waterways, the exploitation of her mineral resources and the settlement of the vast hordes of her nomads in fixed abodes. It is no small achievement to have converted within one generation a vast, loosely held feudal society into a first-class, well-organized modern state with up-to-date scientific machinery required for both war and peace. Nor is it a small achievement, during the same period, to have spread among a vast backward population primary education, scientific knowledge, technical skill and a taste for the arts.

Social Benefits At What Cost?

We should admire all these things. But while admiring them we should not lose our heads and forget to reckon the cost at which they have been achieved. We should not forget the ruthless liquidation of millions of men who are suspected to have stood in the way of reform. We should not forget the vast concentration and labour camps where men were forced to work at the sword's point and treated worse than cattle. We should not forget the suppression of all individual liberty and freedom of thought and the merci-

less extermination of all those who showed the slightest deviation from the official doctrine of the ruling party. We should not forget the unscrupulous means employed by the party in power, their lying propaganda and their cult of class-baited. And, above all, we should not forget the unashamed godlessness of the whole movement, and its contempt for religion and all the higher values of life. The late Professor Laski, the great champion of Socialism, writes thus of the Communist parties in the various countries of the world who look to Moscow for light and guidance:

The passion for conspiracy, the need for deception, the ruthlessness, the centralised and autocratic commands, the contempt for fair play, the willingness to use lying and treachery to discredit an opponent or to secure some desired end, complete dishonesty in the presentation of facts, the habit of regarding temporary success as justifying any measure, the hysterical invective by which they sought to destroy the character of anyone who disagreed with them—these, in the context of an idolization of leaders who might, the day after, be mercilessly attacked as the incarnations of evil have been the normal behaviour of communists all over the world.

Deceptive Prosperity

When we read such verdicts as these given by impartial critics we are led to conclude that the prosperity which Communism promises to bring in its train will not be unlike the prosperity of Lanka as described in the *Ramayana*. For we should remember that Valmiki represents Lanka under the rule of Ravana, the king of the Rakshasas, as a land teeming with wealth of various kinds, the seat of a powerful civilization and equipped with the most advanced weapons of warfare and means of transport, but completely devoid of all moral and spiritual values. The lesson of the *Ramayana* would be lost upon us if we should blindly admire the scientific progress or the technical efficiency or the military organization of any civilization which is essentially unethical and unspiritual in character. To emphasize material values at the expense of spiritual values is to go against the very law of the universe and invite destruction and death.

—(Vedanta Kesari)

Chankanai Commemorates

Under the auspices of the Chankanai Village Committee, a public meeting was held to celebrate the Commemoration Day of the First Prime Minister of Ceylon. Rt. Hon. Don Stephen Senanayake, presided over by the Vaidikodai M. P. Mr. V. Veerasingam, J. P.

Mubandiram Mr. Krishner, J. P., Mr. S. Subramaniam B. A. Principal Govt Victoria College, Chulipuram and several others spoke at length on the meritorious services rendered by the late Premier

Ceylon Government Railway Level Crossing Repairs

The Level Crossing at 240 miles 65 chains (Railway Mileage) on the Jaffna-Kerative Road between Chavakachcheri and Navatkuli Railway Stations, will be partially closed to vehicular traffic from 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. on 8.4.53 and totally closed from 10.00 p.m. to 4.00 a.m. on 9.4.53 for effecting repairs. During this period any urgent traffic will be assisted over the crossing. (G. 632)

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