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DECENTRALIZATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

By 'A-STUDENT OF POLITICS'

Those who do not want any change in the unitary constitution of Ceylon point to the U. K. as the classical example of a unitary state. They imply thereby that what is good for the British people is equally good for the people of this country.

While postponing for later consideration the issue whether a unitary constitution is suitable for the people of this country let us for the present consider some of the features of the unitary constitution of the U. K. which stands in marked contrast to those of our constitution.

The U. K. is a union of four countries, England, Wales, Scotland and N. Ireland. There are thus four peoples in the U. K. But there is no common name for them all. They are Englishmen, Scots, Welsh and Ulsterman. There are two parliaments the Parliament of the U. K. and the Parliament of Northern Ireland and three systems of law and local govt. for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. There are associated with the U. K. but not part of it three other territories with separate legislatures and separate systems of govt. The Isle of Man is subject for some purposes to the Parliament of the U. K. but it is in other respects administered with its own laws by the Court of Tyndwald consisting of the Governor, the Legislative Council and the House of Keys. The Channel Islands where French is the official language are the relics of the Duchy of Normandy and have been associated with the Crown of England since Duke William became William I in 1066. Guernsey and Jersey have their own laws and their own legislatures consisting of the Lieutenant Governor and the States Assembly.

Northern Ireland while it is represented in the Parliament at Westminster by thirteen members has its own Parliament in Belfast. It consists of a Senate and a House of Commons. The Parliament has power generally to make laws for the peace, order and good govt. of Northern Ireland in relation to all matters except certain services reserved to the U. K. Parliament such as Income tax, Post Office, Judiciary, Customs and Excise Duties etc.

In regard to Scotland there is a separate Minister in the U. K. Cabinet to look after Scottish matters—the Secretary of State for Scotland. He is expected to be the mouth-piece of Scottish opinion in the Cabinet and elsewhere. Scotland has several departments of government of its own, such as departments of education and agriculture the day-to-day administration of which is conducted in Edinburgh and not London.

Both Scotland and Northern Ireland have completely distinct judicial systems. Scotland has been allowed to retain its own ancient law which differs materially from English Law in many respects. The Scottish judicial system being based on Roman Law is fundamentally different in procedure and terminology from the English system. Legislation applying to Scotland is usually dealt with in separate Bills of the Parliament of the U. K.

Each of countries comprising the U. K. has its own separate system of local government with its own terminology.

Again local govt. in Ceylon. Many of the functions which are exercised by central govt. here fall within the majority of

local govt. in the U. K. In the U. K. though there is a Ministry of Education it provides no schools. In the main schools are provided or assisted by local authorities. There is no national police force in the U. K. Instead there are one hundred and sixty-five independent police forces all under the control of local authorities. The three countries of the U. K. are remarkable for the strength of their local institutions. Local government there is not a piece of machinery but is part of a living organism. The Lancashire County Council or the Birmingham City Council does not regard itself as an instrument of Her Majesty's Govt. Though it is governed under Acts of Parliament it is an authority in its own right running its affairs in its own way and regarded by everybody as an autonomous body. The principle of decentralization has always been accepted in the U. K. In fact even the term decentralization is inaccurate because there never was centralization. (In marked contrast the people of Ceylon have inherited from British colonial rule a highly centralized and bureaucratic form of govt. As long as this system is retained there can be no place for democratic form of govt. or even for undemocratic local govt.)

The Scottish educational system is not an offshoot of education in England. It is a vigorous independent growth from the Acts of Scots Parliament of 1696 and earlier years. Likewise the Irish system has its own distinctive features.

The people of the U. K. have discovered that it is not wise to ignore local loyalties. It has no national or official language because no body is required to speak English. It has no

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LOVE LEADS TO LIBERATION

Love of body or skin is passion. Love of God is Prem or devotion. It is pure love. It is love for love's sake. To love any one for attaining some selfish gain is selfish love. It binds you to this earth. To love all beings with Narayana-Bhav, as manifestations of the Lord Himself, is pure love. It is divine love. It leads to liberation. Pure love redeems, purifies the heart and transmutes you into divinity. God is an embodiment of love. He

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is an ocean of love. If you wish to attain God-realisation, you must also become an embodiment of love.

Pure love is bliss. Pure love is sweet. Speak lovingly. Act lovingly. Serve lovingly. You will soon enter the Kingdom of Heaven or Supreme Peace. Hatred ceases not by hatred but by love. Return love for hatred. Love little, but love long. Love must be of an enduring nature. Love inspires, illumines and leads the way. Love is not really getting or bargaining, but giving. Love is absolute goodness, honour, peace and pure living. Love is the best thing in this world. It cements the broken hearts. Love is the master-key to open the door of Moksha or Eternal Bliss. Love inspires love. Love is a saviour of life unto life. Love is a divine elixir. It bestows immortality, supreme peace and everlasting joy.

The only greatness lies in unselfish, pure love. There is not even a tinge of selfishness in pure love. The love of a mother is never exhausted. It never changes. It never tires. The mother's love endures for ever. Love all. Embrace all. Include all in the warm embrace of your love. Cultivate cosmic

love or unreserved love. Love your enemies, love your inferiors. Love all animals. Love your Guru. Love all saints and sages. Love makes great sacrifices. Love is anxious to help and serve others and makes others happy. Love forgives. True, pure love or Divine Prem is eternal, unchanging, infinite. It takes unselfish interest in other people's welfare, and interest in other lives than its own. Love not the perishable, mundane objects. You will come to grief and destruction if you love them. Love God. Love your own immortal Self or Atman. You will be blissful for ever. You will become immortal.

Eat in love. Drink in love. Bathe in love. Talk in love. Sleep in love. Write in love. Think in love. Serve in love. Walk in love. Become an embodiment of love. This world has come out of love. It exists in love. It finally dissolves in love. Love is God. God is Love. Cultivate slowly this pure love in the garden of your heart through Japa, prayer, Kirtan, faith, devotion, service of saints, humanity and all beings, meditation and company of saints. Life is a sweet flower of which love is the honey. The greatest pleasure of life is love. Love is the whole, the very lifebreath of your heart.

Love is the living essence of the divine nature which beams full of all goodness. Love is the golden link or tie which binds the heart to heart, mind to mind, soul to soul. Love never reasons but ever profusely gives. It is not affected by offence or insult. It looks not with the eyes, but with the heart. Love is the holiest right of the soul. Love is indeed heaven upon earth. It casts out all sorts of fears. Love your neighbour as your own self. Love God with all your heart, mind and soul.



தெருசுசி நற்பலம்,
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தெருசுசி நற்பலம்.

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Treasure These Thoughts

Difficulties come to all alike. But for your optimism, there would not be a single redeeming feature in this life to let you be happy and cheerful. Therefore submit in all things to the will of God, who controls the destinies of all beings.

P. M. TALKS IN PARABLES

How long does Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike propose to keep the people in suspense about the agreement between him and the Federal Party? Does the Prime Minister think that it has become necessary by compulsion of confusing circumstances either to avoid being drawn into making a full statement on the Agreement or to confound the issue by talking in parables?

One thing is, however, clear. Once again the political stage has been subtly set for party rivalry to be incited and a wordy warfare to be waged in the North and East. For is it not apparent at present, that the Tamil-speaking people who during the past twelve months, irrespective of party alignment or ideological differences, had become single-minded in their rejection of the iniquitous Sinhala Only Act and in their demand for parity of Status for Tamil, have been compelled to be divided on these very issues? However, it will be idle for the Premier to hug the illusion that he has successfully shifted the sphere of political unrest to the camp of those who have been challenging the Sinhala Only Act. Puzzling the people who have grievances to be redressed, with political riddles may be the Bandaranaike method of circumventing a challenging situation. But the fight for fundamental rights based on the charter of Human values

ABOUT THE ADJUSTMENT

PARTIES PUT FORWARD THEIR INTERPRETATIONS

Several days have passed since the P. M. - F. P. agreement was arrived at. But neither details of the Agreement nor authoritative denials of various interpretations that tend to alter the significance of the adjustment are forthcoming. In the meantime the Federal Party and the Tamil Congress held two mass meetings at the Jaffna Esplanade and explained to the vast gatherings their respective points of view. The L. S. S. P. and the U. N. P. have published long statements, the former calling for more particulars and the latter attacking the Government.

Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam explaining the viewpoint of the Tamil Congress stated that for the third time within thirty years in the recent political history of Lanka, the assent of some Tamil leader had been forthcoming for decisions detrimental to the Tamil speaking people to be accepted in the form of Orders in Council or Agreements the first being the adoption of the Donoughmore Reforms, the second being the acceptance of the Soulbury Constitution and now the conclusion of the agreement between the F. P. and the Premier.

Mr. Ponnambalam added further "The entire Tamil Community has been moved to its depths by a threat to its language which in effect is a threat and challenge to the pride and self respect of the Tamil people and a denial to them of the inalienable right to live and move as equals with the Sinhalese.

Concluding his criticism of the agreement Mr. Ponnabalam said "The

cannot be bypassed by creating internal dissensions among those who are in the struggle. Expressing scorn for the Welimada seat in Parliament, tickling the President of the U. N. P. by referring to the story of the Gamarala that has been staled by indiscreet repetition, and setting up the M. P. for Vavuniya against the Federal Party by contemptuously referring to the Batticaloa incident, at most, can only give the Premier a little ease. But the problems that confront him will not merely continue to be there but even become more and more complicated. And Mr. Bandaranaike must face the situation giving up talking in parables.

greatest surrender and betrayal has been for the first time in our history in Ceylon the acceptance of Sinhala Only as the Official language throughout the Island with the active acquiescence and collaboration of Tamil Representatives."

For the PACT

Mr S J.V. Chelvanayakam defending the agreement at the other mass meeting said that the adjustment was in every way helpful to the Tamil speaking people as the objectives of the Party could be achieved by working the Agreement. Mr. Chelvanayakam went on to say that the Party had got a victory by win

ning for the people some rights by the accepted method of 'Conference'. Mr. Chelvanayakam also observed that the recognition of Tamil as the language of a national minority brought a great advantage to the Tamil speaking people and added that the Tamil people had been given under the Agreement the right to control colonization in their areas.

Another Interpretation

The Premier who was compelled to make a statement on the colonisation clause in the Agreement, however, wondered that the clause regarding selection of all allottees of colonisation schemes was being interpreted in an extraordinary way and added that the Government had no intention of making any part of the country a minority party by denying anybody entry into any colonization scheme, and that there was nothing in the Agreement to say that no Sinhalese could go into the Tamil areas.

The U. N. P. Threat

Always on the lookout for a loop-hole to discredit the Government, the U. N. P. has conveniently snatched the present situation to set afoot communal mischief.

Portrait of The Late Mr. M. Ponnambalam

Unveiled At The Co-op Bank

Gate Mudaliyar V. Ponnampalam who unveiled the portrait said that he knew the late Mr. Ponnampalam for about 55 years both in Malaya here. He was born in 1883 and received his education at the Victoria College, Chulipuram. He went to Malaya when he was 19 years old and joined the Govt. service there in 1902.

He held various appointments under the Government and by his dint of hard work, perseverance and ability, he was selected for promotion as Accountant in the General Treasury, F. M. S. and worked there for 19 years till his retirement in 1938.

In recognition of his services, the Malayan Government awarded him the Malayan Certificate of Honour.

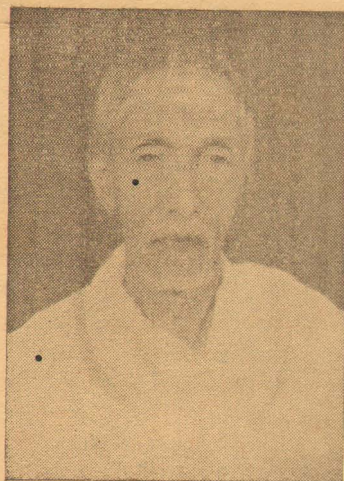
While in service he was identified himself with Co operative activities. He was the Treasurer and again the Vice-president of the Jaffnese Co-operative Society Ltd.

After his return to Jaffna on retirement, his activities in the Co-operative movement did not cease. He was associated with the Moolai Co-operative Hospital and was the President of the Institution for some time. It was then the late Mr. Ragunathan and myself took him to join the Co-operative Bank. He was afterwards elected Managing Director of the Bank in place of Adigar Naganather in 1940, which post he held with great acceptance till his death in 1956. During this period he was of much use to the Bank in financial matters and other official routine of work.

He was 76 years old when he died.

He was a trusted good friend, an ideal farmer and a man of exemplary character.

He Continued the Noble Work of Sri La Sri Navalar



SAIVA SCHOLAR

SHRI SHIVAPADASUNDARAMPILLAI

Remembrance Day—August 1.

Special poojah was performed at the Navalar Ashrama Hall on August 1.

A public meeting was held later presided over by Mr. M. Mylvaganam,

Teacher, Hindu College, Jaffna. Mr. C. Sinnadurai B. A. of the Mahajana College spoke on the Life and Teachings of Shri

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'CO-OPERATION' IN GREATER MEASURE

FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNAL HARMONY

(Presidential speech delivered by Mr. A. Arulambalam J. P. President of the Jaffna Co-operative Provincial Bank Ltd. at the 28th annual meeting of the Bank on August 3.)

It gives me great pleasure to present the 28th Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Jaffna Co-operative Provincial Bank Ltd., which is the oldest Co-operative Bank in the Island. During the last year there has been a steady progress in the working of the Bank.

The membership of the Bank increased from 1045 to 1126.

The paid up capital rose from Rs 147,280/- to Rs 157,605/-

The reserves increased from Rs 263,784/- to Rs 269,451/-, and the Net Profits from Rs 45,603/- to Rs 73,390/-

The turn-over for the year is seven and a half millions and the loans granted to Co-operative institutions for the year is 40 millions as against 41 millions in the previous year. The drop in the issue of loans is due to the fact that many consumer societies and Unions have built up their own capital and reserves. This is a good sign and a positive proof that the consumer movement has come to a stay in the Island.

Out of the net profit of Rs 73,390/- for the year we have set apart a sum of Rs 23,743/- for bad debts which may have to be written off from liquidated societies during the next year.

Loans to societies are approved by the Board on the recommendations of the Assistant Commissioner or the Commissioner of Co-operative Development and although the committee carefully scrutinises the loan applications a few bad debts occur each year and they have to be written off. The prime cause of loss in Co-operative Societies is due to inefficient management and dishonesty among certain office bearers. The fair name of co-operation

will not be tarnished if greater efficiency and honesty are exhibited by the employees of co-operative societies.

At the time of granting loans there is enthusiasm and promise but as years pass by, perhaps, partly due to want of strict supervision, inefficiency and corruption find their way in the working of certain societies. This is a matter where the department can help the Bank in a greater measure by stricter and closer supervision.

During the past years the Co-operative Banks have not only helped much to develop the economy of the country by granting loans to credit, consumer, agricultural, industrial and fishing societies but they have also helped the government in carrying out its policy. It is therefore natural for Co-operative Banks to expect the government to meet part of the losses which they have incurred in financing state sponsored schemes where the Banks took the risk knowing fully well that from a Banking point of view such loans were not fully guaranteed.

This year the Board of Directors has decided to open a Paying Office of the Bank at Paranthan in order to facilitate the cash transactions of societies in the Pachchi laipalli-Karachchi area. Another matter worth mentioning is that the Board has decided this year to give a dividend of 6% to all share holders. It is expected that this would prove to be an incentive for new societies to join the Bank and for the existing societies to increase their share capital.

There is plenty of idle money in the country. If societies and individuals would put in their surplus cash in Co-operative Banks in the form of deposits such

a step would be helpful not only for the depositors to make a saving but it would also help the Bank to invest such monies for developing the economy of the country through the co-operative societies.

The aim of the Bank is to serve the country through the co-operative societies and on an occasion as this we appeal to co-operative societies which have obtained loans to adhere to the cash credit system as well as to re-pay the loans on the due dates.

I should thank my colleagues on the Board and the officers of the Co-operative Department for the assistance which they have so readily given. I would be failing in my duty if I omit to mention the valuable services rendered by the late Mr. M. Ponnampalam as Managing Director of the Bank from 1941 to 1956. He was a great financier and he gave of his best to this Bank. A word of appreciation is due to the Staff of the Bank for the efficient manner in which they have carried out their duties.

At a time as this the word "Co-operation" should be in the lips of all citizens of Ceylon and as a humble citizen of Sri Lanka I appeal to members of all communities to sink their differences and work whole heartedly for the well being of our country. If Co-operation can do so much good for the development of the economy of the land it can do much more in the greater sphere of communal harmony and national prosperity.

Mr. P. E. Weeraman Atg. Commissioner of Co-operative Development addressed the delegates and congratulated the Bank on the steady progress it was making.

Gate Mudlr. V. Ponnampalam unveiled the portrait of the late Mr. M. Ponnampalam M. C. H. who as managing director of the Bank for 16 years & rendered valuable service.

Onions Transport Ban

Must Be Lifted Forthwith

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture has imposed a ban on the transport of red onions from Jaffna beyond the Elephant Pass. This has been done ostensibly to stop the exploitation of the producers by traders keen on profiteering. But it is difficult to say for certain for whose benefit the ban has been imposed—the producer, consumer, or the C. A. P. & S. societies? The C. A. P. & S. societies purchase onions at the guaranteed price of Rs. 20—16 per cwt. but the societies deduct from the surrendered stock 13 lbs per cwt. for dryage and gunnies which may or may not be accounted for to the Government. Besides

some societies to pass their stocks in the name of some members. It is an open secret that some office-bearers of C. A. P. & S. societies have made money by unscrupulous methods.

The ban on transport may lead to a slump in the
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ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testy Juris No. 335

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Ponnu widow of Moothavy of Periaivilan Deceased

1. Velu Kathiresu and wife
2. Valliammi of Periaivilan
Petitioners.

Vs.

1. Sinniah Arumugam and wife 2. Theivanai of Araly North. Vadduk-kodai 3. Moothavy Shanmugam of Periaivilan presently of Seram Port, Sunget Buloh 4. Moothavy Sinnathamby of Periaivilan presently of No. 4. Therian Bahang, Malaya.
Respondents.

This matter of the petition praying that Letters of Administration over the estate of the deceased be granted to the petitioners coming on for disposal before P. Sri Skanda Rajah Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 1st day of July 1957 in the presence of Mr. A. V. Sathasivam Proctor on the part of the petitioners and the affidavit and petition of the petitioners having been read:

It is hereby ordered that Letters of Administration over the estate of the said deceased be granted to the petitioner unless the respondents or any other person or persons shall on or before the 31st day of July 1957 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 5th day of July 1957.

Sgd P. Sri Skanda Rajah
District Judge.

Drawn by
Sgd. A. V. Sathasivam
Proctor for petitioner
Time extended till
11-10-57

Sgd. P. Sri Skanda Rajah
District Judge
(O. 58 2 & 9)

N. SANGARAPILLAI,
B. A. (Lond.)
onions of inferior quality are not accepted; As a result the producer gets much less than 18 cts. a lb. on the onions surrendered. This price is low and uneconomic as the guaranteed price once stood at Rs. 25-75. Considering the higher wages paid to labour and the irrigation and manuring charges and the rents for the land, the guaranteed price should be pronounced very low and uneconomic. The U. N. P. Government imposed a ban on foreign imports which, though it may have led sometimes to a steep rise in the price of onions, enabled farmers to secure a good price. The M. E. P. Government has practically lifted this embargo.

The transport ban is obviously not necessary in the interests of the producer who is a member of a C. A. P. & S. society. He will not be so foolish to as to sell his stock at a price lower than the guaranteed price. But if he sells to a private trader for a higher price then he is not exploited. There are numerous farmers who are not members of C. A. P. & S. societies. The inferior stocks of member producers are also rejected by the office-bearers of these societies. Producers of this category do not stand to benefit by the ban. On the contrary they are forced to sell their stock at any price offered by the trade to keep the wolf from the door. Or they will have to bribe the office-bearers of

NOTICE

"This is to inform that Share Certificates relating to Shares Nos. 268 & 269 in favour of Late Mr. Sethunathar Velupillai of Vaddukoddai East have been lost.

Duplicate Certificates will be issued unless objection is lodged within fourteen days from date hereof by a person duly entitled to do so.

A. SUBRAMANIAM,
Secretary,
The Jaffna Co-operative
Stores Limited,
150, Hospital Road, Jaffna.
24th July 1957.
(M. 70 2 & 9)

• • ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 322

In the matter of the Intestate estate of the late Asaipillai Damotherampillai of Tholpuram Jaffna Deceased Deraviam widow of Asaipillai Damotherampillai of Tholpuram Jaffna Petitioner V.

- Minors
1. Damotherampillai Kalyanasuntherampillai
 2. Damotherampillai Thirugnanasambanthamurthy
 3. Santhiravathana daughter of A. Damotherampillai
 4. Damotherampillai Mahanavukkarasu
 5. Damotherampillai Manickavachagar
 6. Damotherampillai Sivapatham all of Tholpuram Jaffna
 7. Asaipillai Nadarajah of Pannagam
- Respondents

This matter of the petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for the appointment of the 7th Respondent as guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 1st to 6th Respondents and for grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased in favour of the Petitioner as the lawful widow of the deceased coming on for disposal before P. Sri Skantha Rajah Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on the 3rd day of June 1957 having been read over.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 7th Respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 1st to 6th Respondents and that Letters of Administration be granted to the Petitioner unless the Respondents show sufficient cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of this Court on the 10th day of July 1957.

It is further ordered that the minors shall be produced before Court on the said date.

This 3rd day of June 1957

Sgd. P. Sri Skanda Rajah
District Judge

Drawn by
Sgd. P. Canapathy Pillai
Proctor for Petitioner

Time extended to 7-8-1957
Itd. P. Sri Skanda Rajah
(O 59 2 & 9)

Astrological

WEEKLY FORECASTS

'SRI PATHY'

FROM 11-8-57 TO 17-8-57

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

You will find it difficult to come to any decisions in important affairs this week. New ventures will be delayed. Misunderstanding among friends likely. Domestic upsets also not ruled out.

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

Clashes with relatives likely this week. Beware of minor accidents. Financially a good week. But domestic affairs will not be very satisfactory. Triumph over competitors promised week end.

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

The first day of the week will be disappointing. You will have no mental peace. Things will improve after mid-week. Week-end will bring in good news.

CANCER Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

You will be over-burdened with work this week. Health upsets also possible. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday morning must be spent with care. Quarrels and misunderstandings with friends likely. Lie low and keep your temper under control if you want to avoid serious calamities.

LEO Maha, Pooru, Uttira 1, [Singha Rasi]

Financially a good week. But there will be no peace of mind. Domestic affairs will be unsettled. Clashes with superior officers also not ruled out. Tuesday evening Wednesday and Thursday must be spent with care.

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

A good week for personal deals. But health upsets likely. Eye troubles shown. Expenditure too will be rising. Spend the last two days of the week with care.

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

Some improvements in your professional deals promised this week. You will be able to steer clear of opposition. But work will be heavier and whatever money you make will be spent.

SCORPION Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

Tension will ease. Health too should improve. New ventures will bring in good results. But there will be no peace of mind. Relatives continue to be troublesome.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1, [Thana Rasi]

Health will improve slightly after mid-week. But there will be troubles through relatives specially from your father's side. Expenditure too will be heavy.

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

Beware of secret enemies this week. Health upsets likely. Troubles in office also shown. Minor accidents also indicated. But as major planets (செவ்வாய், இரகங்கள்) are favourable you need not wrong very much.

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

Domestic affairs likely to be unsettled this week. There will be constant quarrels and misunderstanding. Financially a good week. But work will be heavier.

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

You will see the downfall of your enemies very soon. Fame and success in litigation also promised. Go ahead with your ventures. Week end will bring unexpected gains.

Panadura Saiva
Maha Sabhai

Under the presidentship of Mr. V. Thuraisingham, the Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Panadura Saiva Maha Sabai was held at the Panadura Kandaswamy Kovil Madam on 21-7-57. Mr. Spencer Rajaratnam, Retired District Judge, who is the Life patron of the Sabai, spoke at length on the progress the Sabai had made since its inception and thanked all these who extended their co-operation to make it a success which was beyond expectation.

The meeting started with prayer and after the reports of the Joint Secretaries and the Treasurer were accepted the following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:-

President:- V. Thuraisingham (Re-elected)

Vice Presidents:- Dr. K. Nithyanandan, S. K. Murugesu, E. Subramaniam, S. C. Thiagarajah and V. Muthu Nadar.

Joint Secretaries:- S. Ramalingam and S. Vallipuram.

Asst. Secretaries:- S. Thangathurai and K. Rajaratnam.

Treasurer:- R. M. Karuppan Chettiar.

Asst. Treasurers:- V. S. Poopalan and S. Rajaratnam.

Auditors:- V. Ganesiah S. Sivasubramaniam.

Committee of management of the Panadura Kandaswamy Kovil:- V. Thuraisingham, S. Ramalingam, R. M. Karuppan Chettiar, S. K. Murugesu and E. Subramaniam.

A further 8 members were elected to form the Executive Committee of the Sabai.

our demands without a serious struggle, and so are bent on absorbing and assimilating all the communities through one language and one unitary state. They have not the wisdom to realise that a community that is allowed full opportunity for political and cultural expression and economic development is the best source of strength for the majority community.

The Recent Communal Agreement

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The Prime Minister was particular about making provisions in the regional arrangements for the Sinhalese population in the Tamil-speaking areas, but has not mentioned a word about the necessity of making similar provisions for the Tamils in other areas. The Tamils residing in the seven provinces, as well as those in the Public Services and students in the Law College may be forced to study Sinhalese even after this agreement comes into force. The Regional Councils themselves may become subject to strict control by the various ministries. They may

be rife with corruption, jobbery and inefficiency and may become the battleground of rival political parties. But much may be done for the people's welfare if cultured and patriotic men undertake the responsibility of working these Councils.

Those critics who cry that the Federal Party has betrayed the Tamils and have only tried to save their faces by getting minor concessions from the M. E. P. Government must take the leadership of the Tamils and show how the Tamil Community can be restored to a position of dignity and

equality with the Sinhalese with their fundamental rights and liberties preserved intact. If they are prepared to do that, the Federalists will themselves retire in their favour. Whatever truth there may be in the criticisms of Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam and Senator Kanaganayagam, the question now is who is to bell the cat of the M. E. P. Government and the Sinhalese people? Instead of sulking in retirement and occasionally denouncing the Federal Party let the critics come out & seriously undertake the realisation of their grand ideal of Tamil Nadu and the three-fold Federal Plan. The Sinhalese people who are afraid that in some remote future the Tamils may make common cause with the people of South India are not prepared to concede

THE REGIONAL COUNCILS AND EDUCATION

BY A HINDU TEACHER

Dark clouds are gathering again. Prince Mettrich put the clock back at the Congress of Vienna in 1815. The present idea of handing over education to the Regional Councils is equally reactionary and disastrous. Each Regional Council will be in charge of education, the Central Government will assist the Regional Councils with block grants to run the administration. It is a well known fact that education consumes a very considerable part of the revenue of this country. It is equally well known that in the Northern Province there are more number of colleges and schools than in any other province in Ceylon. The block grant will probably be on a population basis and therefore will not be sufficient. Hence the Regional council will have to heavily tax the people. That tax too will not be sufficient, because the Regional Councils will be shouldered with the additional burden of Health.

The block grants and the taxes of the Regional Council put together will be far short of the money spent by the Central Government on education today in N. P. Thus the Regional Councils will not have sufficient finances to maintain the Schools

Colleges and free education.

Therefore free education is in peril. The salaries of teachers will be cut down. Standard of education will deteriorate further. As a last resort the Regional Council to escape from this mess, will permit the schools and colleges to levy high fees, and the clock will be put back to the awful days of 1940. Teachers will not receive regular salaries, and children will have to pay heavy fees.

It is a well known fact that Hindu and Buddhist schools are not sufficiently well endowed. They depend on the philanthropy of the local inhabitants. The schools and colleges run by the Hindu Organisations will crumble. But it will not be so with the Missionary schools as they are well endowed and get foreign aid regularly.

The Hindu renaissance which was ushered in by the gigantic efforts of Sri la Sri Arumuga Navalar might be toppled down by the Regional Council system. It took almost a century to provide Hindu children a really Hindu education. When the Regional Councils are set up,

Death Of Mr. Devadas Gandhi

Distinguished Journalist And Prominent Social Worker

We regret to record the death of Mr. Devadas Gandhi, the youngest son of Mahatma Gandhi. He was the Editor of the *Hindustan Times* and was earlier associated with several other leading newspapers.

Mr. Devadas Gandhi distinguished himself as a great Journalist throughout his life. He started his journalistic career by working in the 'Young India' edited by his father. He was also the President of the Indian and Eastern Newspapers Society.

The death of Mr. Devadas is a distinct loss to Journalism particularly to Indian Journalism.

Sri Muneesvaram Festival

The annual festival at Sri Muneesvaram temple starts with the Flaghoisting Ceremonies on the 12th inst. The Car and Theertham festivals take place on 7-9-57 and 8-9-57 respectively.

the initiative will again pass into the hands of non-Hindu Schools. The Mission schools can continue to pay the present rate of salaries to the teachers. Hindu institutions will not be able to attract teachers. The educational standards of the Hindu schools will go down. Hence Hindu parents will naturally send their children to non-Hindu schools and.....conversions to other Faiths too will begin again.

Handing over education to the Regional Councils will be a disaster which goes beyond mere denunciation; it will topple all our success. It is the duty of devoted Hindus to summon a meeting of all Hindus who are interested in Hindu education immediately, to explore ways and means of protecting the Hindu institutions.

Co-operative Effort A Convincing Success

Madras Co-operator Congratulates North Ceylon

Declaring the Annual Conference of the Northern Co-operative Federation open on Friday Aug. 2, Dr. P. Nadesan, a prominent Co-operator and Secretary of the Co-operative Union Madras characterised the success of the N. C. F. as remarkable.

Dr. Natesan continuing stated that the Co-operative Movement had an inherent co-ordinating power and could even unite people who are divided into rival factions on political questions.

Modern Methods For Agriculture

Presiding at the afternoon session on the first day of the conference of the Northern Co-operative Federation at the Regal Theatre, Jaffna, Mr. N. Sivagnanasundaram, Additional District Judge of Jaffna, laid emphasis on the need for the use of modern methods in developing agriculture and observed that an increase in the yield of production was the true index of progress.

Mr. Sivagnanasundaram also suggested that the women of Lanka should emulate the worthy example of the West where women took a lively interest in the Co-operative Movement. In conclusion, Mr. Sivagnanasundaram called upon the co-operators to pay sufficient attention to the wealth of the sea, particularly in view of the fact

He Continued The Noble Work Of Sri la Sri Navalar

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Shivapadasundarampillai.

At Karainagar

Remembrance day was celebrated at Viyaville Saiva School on Saturday. Mr. M. Gnanapragasam B. A., B. Sc., delivered a lecture on the ideals for which Shri Shivapadasundarampillai lived and worked.

The function was organised by Mr. R. Nagalingam, Manager of Schools, Karainagar.

that there was a long coastal Belt, and to register Co-operative Societies for Fishermen in order to harness the valuable wealth of the sea.

Mr. C. Coomarasamy, former High Commissioner for Ceylon in India, appealed to the co-operators and Co-operative Institutions to make the lot of the unprivileged class better by affording everyone equality of opportunity.

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Decentralization In The United Kingdom

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national flag for though the Union Jack was formed by the juxtaposition of the crosses of St. George (for England) St. Andrew (for Scotland) and St. Patrick (for Ireland) nobody is compelled to fly it except the Royal Navy. When the Queen is not in residence, the Cross of St. George is flown at Windsor, the Cross of St. Andrew at Holyrood Place and the Dragon of Wales at Carravan Castle. Then the people of the U. K. have no National Anthem "God save the Queen" is only a royal hymn which does not mention the U. K.

There is no British religion. The Church of England is established in England, The Church of Scotland in Scotland but no Church is established even in Wales.

Again there is no exclusive citizenship for the people of the U. K. under the British Nationality Act 1948. All persons in the British colonies, in Dominions, even citizens of the Irish Free State which has gone out of the Commonwealth as well as persons in the U. K. are British subjects. Any one of the six hundred million British subjects may exercise the franchise, stand for election to the House of Commons or receive a peerage and sit in the House of Lords.

The scrupulous regard which the people of the U. K. have shown to regional culture and traditions and their liberal citizenship laws have a lesson for our local fascists who speak of assimilation and shooting at sight any one coming in a 'Kallathoni'.

But the real lesson for the minorities in Ceylon is the significant fact that in spite of all that the Welsh and the Scots enjoy under the present unitary system of Govt. there is a growing demand for home rule in Scotland and Wales. There is almost a universal belief in Scotland that Scotland with self-Govt. and its own Parliament would be much better off. Some years ago the Scottish covenant movement was started with the purpose of calling for a Scottish Parliament. In 1951 the covenant committee had obtained two million signatures—about three-fourths the number of Scottish votes cast in the General Election of that year in support of their movement. The unitary constitution of the U. K. has

resulted in the virtual disappearance of the Gaelic—the national language of Scotland and in 1951 only one lakh people out of a population of five millions could speak the language.

There is a similar movement in Wales in spite of the fact that the Welsh language has not been expressed there as Gaelic has been in Scotland.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 270

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Vinasithamby Aiyathurai of Kanthermadam, Jaffna, Deceased.

Kanagama alias Annamiah widow of Vinasithamby Aiyathurai of Kanthermadam, Jaffna. Petitioner. Vs.

1. Aiyathurai Sabaratnam of do.
2. Nagamuthu Thambu and wife
3. Sellakkandu both of Vee-mankamam, Tellippallai.
4. Aiyathurai Rajadurai of Church view Kokkuvil
5. Aiyathurai Kanagaratnam of Trans. Office, C. G. R. Anuradhapura.
6. Aiyathurai Paransothy of No. 7 Wattimula Road, Mt. Lavinia.
7. Rajeswary wife of Subramaniam Gnansundaram of Kondavil and
8. Subramaniam Gnansundaram of do. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before P. Sri Skanda Rajah Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 22nd day of May 1957 in the presence of Mr. R. Ananthakumaraswamy Proctor on the part of the petitioner and on reading the affidavit and petition of the petitioner.

It is ordered that the Last will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased dated 22nd February 1930 and attested by J. A. J. Tisaveerasinghe Notary Public under No. 1968 be declared proved and Probate thereof issued to the petitioner as the sole legatee named under the said Last Will and as Legal widow of the abovenamed deceased, unless the respondents abovenamed or any others interested shall appear before this court on or before the 24th day of June 1957 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 22nd day of May 1957. (Sgd) P. Sri Skanda Rajah District Judge.

Drawn by (Sgd) R. Anantha Kumaraswamy Proctor for Petitioner. 22 - 7 - 57

Order Nisi extended for 26 - 8 - 1957 (Sgd) P. Sri Skanda Rajah District Judge (O. 572 & 9)

Onions Transport Ban

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price of onions, for all the stock produced in Jaffna is for internal demand for consumption and producers will have to dispose of their stock at any price they can command. If the embargo is lifted private trade will offer higher prices and the producer will stand to benefit. If the price offered by private trade is higher than the guaranteed price, producers will be reluctant to sell their goods to C. A. P. & S. societies and their business may be hit. That may be the explanation for the imposition of the ban. In the interests of all concerned the Ministry must lift the ban on transport forthwith. For the price of onions must find its level in the open competitive market unless the prices shoot up steeply and there is a scarcity of stock, when foreign exports can be allowed.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 346

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Vallipuram Karthigesu of Kantherodai, Deceased.

Nagammah widow of V. Karthigesu of Kantherodai. Petitioner.

Vs:

1. Padmalosani daughter of Karthigesu
2. Meenalosani daughter of Karthigesu
3. Karthigesu Sothilingam
4. Karthigesu Jayendran
5. Ponniah Kumaravelu, all of Kantherodai, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents are minors appearing by their Guardian-ad-litem the 5th Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before P. Sri Skanda Rajah Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 22nd day of July 1957 in the presence of Mr. M. R. Karalasingham Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the 5th named Respondent be and he is hereby appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents minors and the petitioner as widow of the abovenamed deceased be and she is hereby declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased issued to her accordingly unless the abovenamed respondents or any other person interested in the estate shall on or before the 28th day of August 1957 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the minors appear before this Court on the same date.

This 22nd day of July 1957. Sgd: P. Sri Skanda Rajah District Judge

Drawn by Sgd: M. R. Karalasingham Proctor for Petitioner. (O. 60, 9 & 16)

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