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BeCOME His Chosen One

A simple life that flows to God
 Finds Him. No complications here.
 Your heart be filled with love
 Your eyes shine with compassion.
 Then you become His chosen one
 In whom reveal His power and grace
 To heal, save and shower peace.

—SWAMI RAMDAS.

HINDUS ON TRIAL

"Harijan" Editor's Critical Survey

"STOP wooing the Muslims. We can never get on with them. Our generosity towards them is taken for our weakness. They will not behave well, until they begin to fear us. 'There is no love without fear,' says Tulsidas." We have heard such opinions expressed by many a Hindu for many a year. They are repeated with great emphasis and by a greater number of people for some time past.

Let us assume that the Muslim is an incorrigible and unrelenting hater of the Hindu and that he has made up his mind once for all that the Hindu religion does not deserve to exist, or if there are people who insist on sticking to

good, who subsist respectively on grass, water and contentment," says Bhartrihari. Is the hatred of the Muslims for the Hindus of this type? Or, we might leave the Muslim opinion alone as being too unreasonable and biased, and turn to the people belonging to religions other than Islam. What do they think of Hinduism? Let us also examine the attitude and feelings of Harijans, Adivasis and other backward classes of our faith, towards "savarna" Hindus, who may reasonably be considered to be the pillars and trustees of Hinduism.

These thoughts come to me mainly as a result of many tragic reports which are brought to my notice from time to time from different parts of the country. Recently I received two reports of an identical nature. In one, a Harijan child had inadvertently touched his Brahman teacher while handing over a slate to him. In the other, it so happened at the hands of an assistant teacher who was a Harijan. The inadvertent touch so much upset the pandit who had come after a bath, that in the first, the teacher beat the child with a shoe causing a permanent injury to one of his eyes, and in the second, the headmaster beat the assistant with a stick in the presence of the students. The first matter went up before a Court of law. The pandit then realized the gravity of his misdeed and appealed for mercy. Would it be wrong for a Harijan to feel that in Hinduism, the washed body and clothes of a Brahman are more sacred than the limbs and self-respect of a Harijan?

'Pollution' Charge

Another case: Being strongly persuaded by a Harijan-sevak the Harijans of a village consented to send their children to a Government village school. The village was mainly inhabited by rigid orthodox kisans, which did not appreciate this 'pollution.' As soon as the Harijan-sevak and the Government officials had left, they scolded the teacher, gave threats to the Harijans and organized a boycott against them. They forbade the village shopkeeper to sell them grain, kerosene and other necessities.

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Why This Hatred?

"The hunter, the fisherman and the wicked hate without any cause, the deer, the fish and the

MARX THE MASTER REVOLUTIONIST

His Materialist Conception

[At a time when a conflict of ideologies has started a cold war and the people of the world have nerve-racking fear of the future it is but appropriate that our readers should know something about the mystery man 'Marx' in whose materialist philosophy not a few in Sri Lanka have great faith. This article by Raymond a foundation member of the British Communist Party and Departmental Editor of the "Encyclopedia Britannica", appearing in the Free India is therefore reproduced here in full.]

KARL MARX, who was born on May 5, 1818, is one of the three philosophers responsible—or partly responsible—for great changes in history.

There are plenty of important philosophers responsible for keeping things as they are; that is, indeed, the best and most remunerative way of becoming an important philosopher. But apart from Marx there are only two inspirers of revolutions: Rousseau and Imbulus. Whether you count Rousseau as more effective than Marx depends, I suppose, on whether you think the French revolution or the Russian will ultimately be more important. As for Imbulus, the Roman slaves and dispossessed Greek citizens whom he inspired lost their revolution and in the end fell back on the religious consolations of Mithraism and Christianity; nobody therefore knows much about what he said.

In any case, for us today, neither of them is as important as Marx.

His Defects

This is so in spite of the fact that he has the three most discouraging defects that a candidate for immortality can have. Firstly, he never completed any of his work; secondly, he completely misunderstood the relative importance of the various parts of it; thirdly, when he allowed himself to predict the probable results of what he had observed, he was usually wrong.

It is natural that we should find

Animal Sacrifice At Ayanar Temple

Move To Stop It

At a meeting of the public held at the Ayanar Temple premises in Chunnakam, the Priest of the Temple is said to have agreed to stop the practice of sacrificing animals at the Temple. He, however, wished that the wishes of the regular worshippers at the Temple should also be obtained.

It is gathered that there is every indication that the present move would be carried out successfully.

defects in the work of an economist and philosopher who wrote a hundred years ago; it is only necessary to underline them because in this case some of the Social Democrats and all of the Communists have attempted to ascribe a story of omniscience to him. To disagree with Marx to be a "revisionist," is indeed to be in physical danger in some countries today. But those three criticisms of him are true.

Take the first: the majority of his finished works are either brief propaganda pamphlets (such as "Wage Labour and Capital" or "The Communist Manifesto") at tacks on other people like Proudhon or Napoleon III; or books like the Critique of Political Economy which were admittedly first sketches of the theories he was going to work out later.

They are all, that is, either ephemeral or introductory; they are examples of, or leading up to, the great work he was going to do and he never finished that work.

Only one volume of "Capital" was published while he was alive; when he died Engels found an immense amount of unfinished studies, sufficient to fill two more volumes. (Kautsky published even more afterwards) But they were so chaotic that even after Engel's patient sorting there is a direct contradiction on a quite important point between Volumes I and III of Capital. Something had gone wrong with Marx; it is common failing in academic circles to accumulate great masses of knowledge and not be able to use it—to begin important excursions and never be able to finish them.

Out-of-date-Theory

Now, there are three main sections of Marx's philosophy: "Labour Theory of Value," the theory of "Dialectical Materialism," and the "Materialist Conception of History." Of these he believed the first to be most important. This was not an error of adoring disciples, but of himself.

Aveling, his son-in-law, reprinted the first nine chapters of "Capital" as essential reading for new students; they are the most arid and abstract sections, dealing exclusively with the theory of value, and they were selected because Marx considered all his philosophy was founded upon the mathematical exposition in them.

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WORLD AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS' CONGRESS

'Peace Through Agriculture' In Half-Hungry World

Mr. Shrimohan Wahi, leader of the Indian delegation, on May 20 told the International Federation of Agricultural Producers' Congress in Saltsjebaden near Stockholm that "Asia with over a billion population is in a ferment."

"The population factor itself", added, "is colossal and presents a problem not only to Asia but to the entire world."

"Titanic forces are at work in Asia and nobody, in any part of the globe, dare ignore them."

"Phenomenal advances in the means of communication have shrunk this world and anything that happens in any one part of it, is bound to have repercussions in the other."

"To-day we are faced with the strange paradox of scarcity and supplies amid scarcity. This Congress has to face that problem and, it has to face it in a big way, for upon its solution depends whether we are going to have peace for many generations to come or be hurled again over the brink of the precipice."

"We cannot have peace in a world half-hungry and half-overfed. 'Peace through agriculture' should be our slogan and where politicians may not have succeeded in laying the sure and enduring foundations of peace—and I may humbly bazaar the opinion that they have not come up to the task—this international family of farmers, well-meaning and well-intentioned, can play a vital role for peace and plenty all round."

"And I hope and pray that it shall be given to it to play this historic role."

Dress Legislation For Egyptian Women

Deputy Mohamed Korani has tabled a bill in the Egyptian Parliament to prohibit Moslem women from wearing short sleeves or low-

Linguistic Divisions

Nehru's Disapproval

Answering a question on linguistic provinces, one of a large number of posers put to him, Pandit Nehru said "that there was a time when he had been a convert to the ideal of linguistic provinces but a great deal of his enthusiasm had weakened since, because it led to separatism and fissiparous tendencies. They should also remember how division on such lines affected the rest of India."

Amidst spectacular scenes of unbounded enthusiasm Pandit Nehru arrived at Tirivandrum on Friday evening where a rousing reception was accorded to him. Earlier when he arrived at the Air port the Indian Premier denied himself the use of a highly decorated umbrella and insisted that the costly carpets spread at the Aerodrome should be removed.

Education Dept. Changes

Mr. S. U. Somasaram, M. A. Education Officer, Western Province has been transferred to the Head Office with effect from June 1. It is understood that he will be in charge of the administration of all Assisted Schools in place of Mr. C. J. de Saram.

Mr. S. F. de Silva has been appointed Principal, Maharagama Training College.

It may be recalled that Dr. Howes the Director of Education recently referred to a re-organisation of the Education Department at a Teachers' Meeting at Moratuwa.

neck dresses. It orders skirts to be ankle length and says Moslem women shall not link arms with their husbands in public.

LOP-SIDED CRITICISM

"It was with some trepidation that one spoke of Hindu culture nowadays, because, even in exalted quarters there seem to be a disposition not only to negative the value of such culture but to regard it as a positive handicap, it not an obstacle, to national progress. I am very definitely of the view that unless a person understands his own culture and has some contact with it and preserves its foundations, he cannot understand other cultures, nor will he fulfil himself not only in the matters of spirit and the mind, but also in matters physical, industrial and economic. That is an aspect, I think, which has received less attention than it deserves."

C. P. RAMASAWMI AIYAR.



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Treasure These Thoughts

"From the unreal lead us to the Real
From darkness lead us to Light
From death lead us to Immortality"
—UPANISHAD

THE MYSTERY OF BOGUS RICE RATION HOLDERS

ACCORDING TO A REPORT appearing in the columns of a contemporary of ours, a house-to-house enumeration carried out in the Kandy Municipal area alone had revealed that the holders of as many as ten thousand rice ration books were non-existent. Apart from the fact that this careful scrutiny of particulars for the issue of the tenth series of rice ration books had effected a saving in the issue of rice, the Government will have to explain to the public how this absurd state of affairs had been allowed to exist all these years. It was an open secret that there was an apprehension in the public mind that there were more rice ration books than that warranted by the Island's population. Sri Lanka is such a small-sized land that any investigation can be carried out without much wastage of time, labour and money.

This surprising discovery is in relation to only one municipal area. Now the question arises whether a similar careful survey had been made of this problem in the rest of the Island. It would be unworthy of a people's Government to dismiss such irregularities as unimportant or insignificant particularly at a time when the food situation is causing grave concern and when every effort has to be made to preserve and conserve stocks of food grains to ward off any sudden attack of famine.

Disquieting and contradictory reports about the rice situation of the Island have already undermined the faith of the people in the Government. It is now a rosy picture of a surplus stock; then follows the disheartening news of a shortage of supply. And to make confusion worse confounded, the regulations controlling the transport and sale of imported rice have misfired at least in having made the price of country rice dearer.

The average common man has become the unsuspecting prey of the designs of the gluttonous rich. His due share of ration is denied him owing to the existence of 'Ghost Ration holders'; he has to pay more for his

country rice because of the business man who deals in imported rice. The parrot cry for increased cultivation will not help the poor man unless the advantage of enjoying the produce of the land is assured to him.

The Government will have to accept the responsibility of feeding the people not only well but in the proportion they are actually entitled to. The hunt for the elimination of the 'ghost ration holder' should be relentless and at any expense. The co-operation of the different social organisations such as the Rural Welfare Societies and the Community Centres and of the Local Government Authorities—the Village Committees, Town Councils and Municipal Councils—should be called for in an earnest endeavour to root out this malignant mal-practice of depriving the ordinary citizen of his due share of food grains. It will be saving extra expenditure if the Department of Statistics which has planned a new rural survey of living conditions would include in the program an investigation into the question of bogus ration books. This is a matter that demands swift and sure action and we hope the Government will accept our suggestion.

Smugglers Challenge Customs Men

Seizure of Contraband After Sea Fight

"Weapons, both primitive and modern were used. They included firearms, stones, dynamite, bottles filled with sand, clubs, knives, ironbars and lead pipes" said a Preventive Customs Officer describing the sea-fight off Valvettiturai when contraband articles worth Rs. 60,000 were seized by Customs Officers.

The smugglers are said to have used a highpowered motor boat. Both in numerical strength and physical might the customs men proved too strong for the alleged contraband dealers.

Three in Hospital

The customs men escaped severe injuries but the smugglers received grave injuries, 3 of them being admitted to Hospital. Among the articles of contraband were Indian currency notes valued at Rs. 25,000.

The crew of the private launch are in police custody.

Japanese Elections

Communists Routed

Solid support for the 'Liberal' Party headed by Prime Minister, Shigere Yoshida was shown in the results available in the elections held on June 4 for the 132 seats in the Upper House.

Not a single seat has been captured by the Communists so far.

WAYSIDE WHISPER

(By Rover Nyx)

Out-Goebbeling Goebbels!

Truly typical of the Nazi-Fascist-Communist *modus operandi* is the blatant denial of the 'IZVESTIA', the official organ of the U. S. S. R., of the severe allegations made against it by the Ceylon Government in regard to a cartoon coupling the British Lion and the Buddha's tooth. As if to add a tinge of insult to this injurious lighter-vein lashing, this Communist mouth-piece has directed its wrath on the 'Ceylon Daily News' making the desperate suggestion that mass support for Anti-Communism is being staged in this Island.

Falsehood, colossal falsehood and nothing but falsehood—this is the first of the Golden commandments of the ideology that is holding the world in its grim grip.

Not an atom of truth in his atomic age!

The present era, picturesquely though painfully described as the atomic age, may be better called the Decade of Destruction. It is not the internal destruction of life and limb, plantations and property alone that characterises this ghastly period. There is the annihilation of the abstract thing "Truthfulness", which moral loss had been never before heard of previously not even in the darkest days of barbarism. This mania for relentless ruin will not disappear till the last atom of truth is destroyed and the world made safe for falsity.

Disintegration of Disruptionists?

Having exhausted themselves of their capacity to sow the seeds of discontent among the masses, the Leftists have now hit upon a new theory that, dissension like charity should begin at home. They all began, some years ago, as one unit, and split themselves into as many groups as the number of power-hunters they had. One unpleasant evening some of them had pondered over the possibility of getting at least a few minor groups together and had set about the task. But, in the language of the Law of Karma, they had been confronted with the reactions of their fast disruptionist actions. And we have the iron spectacle of the I. S. P. blown to smithereens. And what is more amusing is the Communists laughing the loudest at this Leftist discomfiture.—*I empro Mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis.*

Drowning Fatality

A sixteen year old girl, Rasaledchumi, daughter of one K. Kandiah of Tirunelveli South is reported to have met with her death by drowning in the well in her compound. It appears that the deceased had drawn water at night and fallen into the well.

Wager Laid For World Federation

When Betting Is Justifiable

The desire to have a flutter seems universal and ineradicable, and though in most countries, there is legislation to restrict gambling, and debts incurred by betting on games and sports are not legally recoverable, there is no means of stopping gambling in private and some form of gambling in public has usually to be permitted, writes Sir Arthur Moore, discussing the ethics of betting in *Hindustan Times*, and he relates the following:

In November, 1945, I betted Sir Archibald Rowlands, the then Finance Member of the Government of India a hundred gold sovereigns (not mark you, a hundred pounds) that there will be a World Federal Government in existence by November, 1965. Our witness is Sir Maurice Gwyer who was present on the occasion when we dined together. That you may say is a singularly safe bet for both Sir Archibald and myself, as the chances are that we shall not both survive to see 1965, considering our present ages; but I have pleasure in recording my opinion, and if anyone who holds a contrary view strongly enough wishes to open a book with me, I am prepared to consider the matter.

Churches and charities, by the way, have generally held that lotteries and raffls are justifiable if a good cause benefits, and this not because a good end justifies bad means but because the means in this case are only bad when the money spent is diverted from its proper use and is not spare cash—and therefore capital, which may be suitably invested in heavenly shares.

THERE IS ONLY ONE WILL

THE LAW OF THE LORD

WHAT is this Free Will? Is there a bound or forced will.

If man were free to do what he liked, there would not be any law or order in the universe. The finite man, the ignorant, arrogant man, may wish to change the very course of planets. He may wish to destroy the whole world in his fickleness. Hence, man is limited, where the universal Law of creation is concerned. Man has to obey and respect the Laws of Nature. He cannot go against them, with all his big talk of Free Will.

But he is free to do what he likes with his own life. Hence no wonder that man's life is filled with confusion and chaos. He eats many bitter fruits and weeps and suffers. He sows rotten seeds and is compelled to reap what he has sown. Free Will is like the burning fire, which can be used in constructive and destructive manner.

The wise man who uses his Free Will in a sane, natural and helpful way, is rewarded with good fruits. The Law operates for the good and bad, the rich and poor, the learned and igno-

Meeting Housing Demand

American Houses On Wheels

Many prefabricated homes are being built in the United States to help meet the demand for housing.

Most such houses are built in sections at factories far distant from the place where they are to be put up. The sections are then transported to the home sites and assembled. Recently, however, a new method of prefabrication has been developed.

Under this system, local builders set up assembly-line facilities near the area where the houses are to be placed. In these little factories they put together a complete house. The houses are then trucked from the factories to nearby home sites and placed up on prepared foundations. About 20 plants now are making assembled houses in various parts of the United States.

Simple Design

Prefabricated houses are sturdy and simple in design. They have modern equipment for comfortable living and can be built much faster than conventional houses. Most prefabricated homes contain a living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, and two or three bedrooms.

More than 150,000 prefabricated dwellings have been erected in the United States since the end of the war. It is estimated that 50,000 such houses will be built this year, compared with 35,000 in 1949. Nearly five per cent of all new single family homes built in the United States in recent years have been prefabricated.

African Lady Social Worker

Embraces Hinduism

Alva Redmond, a social worker from South Africa embraced Hinduism and was named Amala last week. After her conversion she declared that she would marry soon Sri G. V. Ketkar, Editor, "Kesari", Poona, founded by Lokamanya Tilak, Sri Ketkar, who is a widower and 52 years old submitted his resignation of editorship as the Trustees of the paper asked for the same as they were not favouring such a social event. Alva Redmond, who is a Dutch by nationality spent greater part of her life in South Africa in social work and is a member of the Friends of Sick Association and is 45 at present. She was present at the Santiniketan Peace Conference and was studying Hindu Philosophy with Sri Ketkar at Talegaon Hospital where he was detained for treatment of Asthma.

Sri Ketkar, who is at present a detenu in Yervada Jail with Bhopatkar and other Hindu Sabha leaders, is understood to have requested the Bombay Government to release him on parole to celebrate his marriage in first week of June.

Greatest Modern Event

Former United States Congress-woman Jeanette Rankin declared in Singapore that the greatest event of modern times had been not the discovery of the atom or hydrogen bomb, but Mahatma Gandhi's spiritual methods for solving the world's problem.

The 69-year-old former suffragette, pacifist woman to be elected to the United States Congress, has just ended a six-month tour of India during which she studied Gandhian theories and practices of non-violence.

The former Representative from Montana told Singapore's Inter-Religious Organisation that because the Indian people had achieved their freedom by spiritual, non-violent methods they did not hate their former rulers.

U. N. Security Council

Indian Delegate Becomes President

Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, India's permanent delegate to the United Nations, becomes President of the Security Council in succession to M. Jean Chauvel of France.

According to the rule of alphabetical rotation, it is India's turn to preside over the Council meetings this month.

Sir B. N. Rau who is in hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, is expected in New York in a few days if the progress he has shown so far is maintained.

May Peace be unto all
(OM) OMI OMI
(Swami Omkar in the Vision)

"Liberty Upheld"

Indian Supreme Court Judgments

A New York Times editorial under the caption "India's Judges Uphold Liberty" said on Monday that India's Supreme Court has just concluded its first term as the highest body of appeal in the country with a strong defence of the freedom of the press. In one case it was decided against suspension and in another against pre-censorship.

The editorial continued: "Since one of the publications involved is pro-Communist and the other strongly anti-Moslem neither certainly has personal sympathy for any member of the court. It is the overall principle of a truly free press that is upheld" the article said.

No London Matric Exam After 1951 June

According to a letter received by Mr. P. K. Daniel of St. Bedes' College, Badulla, the London Matriculation Examination will be held in Ceylon for the last time in June 1951. The letter was sent by the London University in reply to a query by Mr. Daniel.

Rice Ration Books Mystery

According to a newspaper report as many as 10,000 rice ration books have been eliminated in the Kandy Municipal Area alone. Only 43,000 books in the new series have been issued as against 56,000 in the previous year. Allowing for temporary absentees and other errors by oversight at least 10,000 ration books must have been issued in the past year to bogus householders.

If the same ignivance and care had been taken in the other areas of the Island a large saving in the issue of rice would have been effected.

OBITUARY

Mr. N. Appasypillai of Malakam Ex-Shroff Imperial Bank, Rangoon, died on 28th May. The funeral took place the same evening and was largely attended. He leaves behind a son Mr. A. Kasivisvanathan and Messrs S. Kanagasabapathy Proctor S. Kathiravelu Asst. Shroff Railways and S. Kandiah Steward Tanjong Rambutan Malaya sons-in-law and Mrs Kathiravelu and Mrs Kandiah daughters and a host of grand-children to bemoan his loss.

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The following vacancies are available at the above Stores.
1. Manager Salary Rs. 75/- per month and yearly bonus of 8% from net profits. A knowledge of English and experience as Manager required. Security Rs. 500.
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Applications should reach the Secretary on or before 20-6-50.
S. SARAVANAMUTTU, Secretary.

Indian Labour Population

Statistics for 1949

The mean Indian labour population on estates was about 757,000 in 1949, as against 742,000 in 1948. At the beginning of 1949 the population was 752,056 (219,146 men; 214,861 women and 318,049 children); in the middle of the year it was 755,584 (217,935 men; 215,572 women and 322,077 children), and at the end of the year it was 764,188 (220,476 men, 217,736 women and 325,971 children). The estate records, therefore show a nett increase of 12,127 in the Indian labour population between the beginning and the end of the year.

Soviet Demand For Hirohito's Trial

The Chinese Reds and the Soviets have not abandoned their plans to try Japan's Emperor Hirohito as a war criminal according to a Peking magazine which has arrived in Tokyo.

The Communist publication, People's China, says the Peking Government has given its whole-hearted endorsement to Russia's demand that Hirohito face a world court.

The magazine accuses Hirohito of being responsible for alleged germ warfare in China. These accusations have been denied by both Japanese and Occupation officials who have repeatedly discounted stories of the Japanese ever having conducted germ warfare on the continent.

The United States has rejected a Russian demand that the Japanese Emperor face trial.

No matter how stubbornly the American imperialists procrastinate on this issue the Chinese Red magazine said Hirohito and his subordinates shall eventually be brought to trial in a world court and shall face judgment for these crimes against humanity.

The Russian demands for trial of Emperor Hirohito put the Japan Communist Party on the spot and cost it the support of many Japanese. Neutral observers agree that Hirohito enjoys great popularity and one diplomatic official told the United Press of America that the Russian demand was a major diplomatic blunder.

Tiruketheeshvaram Temple Restoration Society

A meeting of the working committee of the Tiruketheeshvaram Temple Restoration Society was held recently at the Old Kathiresan Temple, Bambalapitiya with Mr. K. V. S. Sundaram, one of the Vice Presidents of the Society in the chair. Mr. R. Doresamy, Shroff, Eastern Bank and Manager Pillaiyar Temple, Sea Street, Colombo who had donated a sum of Rs. 100/- to the funds of the Society was elected a life member. Mr. A. S. S. Sangaralingampillai, Merchant and one of the trustees of the Gintupitiya Hindu Temple, was elected a member of the Working Committee. It was resolved to have the unfinished portion of the Society's Madam at Tiruketheeshvaram completed as early as possible. It was also decided to hold a Special meeting of the Working Committee of the Society on Saturday the 17th June to consider Mr. Sundaram's proposal to commence temple construction work early at Tiruketheeshvaram.

Jaffna Sports Assn.

Fifth Annual Meeting

The fifth Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna Sports Association was held on Tuesday, 30th May, 1950 at 3.00 P. M. in the Police Recreation Club, Jaffna with Mr. P. J. Hudson, the President in the Chair. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting an interesting report of the activities of the Association and the Audited Statement of Accounts were read and adopted unanimously.

The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:-

Patron: Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries.

Vice-Patrons: Very Rev Fr. T. M. F. Long, The Mayor of Jaffna, Dr. S. Subramaniam and Mr. T. Muttuswami Pillai.

President: Mr. P. J. Hudson (re elected)

Vice Presidents: Messrs. R. C. S. Cooke (re elected) S. P. Satecanan, A. C. Fernando (re elected) and W. G. Spencer.

Hony: General Secretary: Mr. P. Selvaratnam (re elected).
Hony: Asst. General Secretary: Mr. P. Selvaratnam (re elected).

Hony: Asst. General Secretary: Mr. D. N. Asservatham.
Hony: Treasurer: Mr. V. Kulasingham (re elected)
Hony: Auditor: Mr. H. L. D. Selvaratnam.

Committee Members: Messrs. E. Sabalingam, T. I. Abraham, V. Subramaniam, K. S. Alagaratnam S. Nadarajah, M. Rosario and Upali Gunaratne.

The Annual General Meeting was followed by a well attended Social in the Police Recreation Club Lawn. The Football Challenge Trophies were distributed to the Victorians winners of the Jaffna Apothecaries Challenge Cup and Mannavarayan Challenge shield by Mr. P. J. Hudson, Govt. Agent, N. P. Mr. R. C. S. Cooke thanked the guests present.

Neeraviady Youth Social League

The annual meeting of the Neeraviady Youth Social League was held at the reading-room last Saturday the 3rd instant with Mr. R. C. Manmatharayan in the chair. In submitting his report, the Secretary gave a detailed account of the numerous activities of this league within the past year and of the recent improvements made to the library. The following members were elected as office-bearers for the forthcoming year.

Patron: Mr. D. S. Thuraijah, Vice Patron: Mr. R. C. Manmatharayan, President: Mr. T. Senathirajah, Vice President: Mr. V. Sentilnathan, Secretary: Mr. S. T. Singham, Treasurer: Mr. V. Sinnappa, Auditor: Mr. K. Ramasamy, Librarian: Mr. M. Thurai-rasa.

WANTED

(1) Wanted for the Jaffna Hindu College a librarian, Salary according to qualifications.
(2) Graduate qualified to teach English and allied subjects in the upper forms.
Applications close on 15-6-50.
PRINCIPAL.
(M. 58 6, 9, 13 & 16.)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1184

In the matter of the intestate estate and effects of Kandiah Rajasundaram of Tirunelveli South Jaffna Deceased.

Saraswathy widow of K. Rajasundaram of Tirunelveli South Jaffna

Vs. Petitioner.

- 1. Rajasundaram Thuraijah of Tirunelveli South, and
- 2. Kandiah Tharmalingam of Vannarponnai East, Jaffna Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before W. G. Spencer Esq., District Judge Jaffna on the 18th day of May 1950 in the presence of Mr. R. Sivasubramaniam, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 18th day of May 1950 having been read:

It is ordered that the said 2nd respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 1st respondent minor and that the Letters of Administration be issued to the petitioner unless the respondents or others interested shall on or before the 7th day of July 1950 show sufficient cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of this court.

It is further ordered that the 2nd Respondent do produce the 1st

WANTED

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Three London doctors have reported that successful operations for adult heart disease are being carried out at Guy's Hospital in London—the first in the history of surgery.

The three doctors, from the Cardiac Department and thoracic surgical unit of the hospital reported in the current issue of the *British Medical Journal* seven successful operations out of ten reported on Mitral Stenosis (disease of the heart).

Mitral Stenosis accounts for about ten per cent of all cases of organic heart disease.

One of the doctors, 48-year-old Russel C. Brock, has been to the United States to show leading American surgeons how the operation is performed.

He was the first man in medical history to operate inside the heart. This was at Guy's Hospital in June, 1948, when he cured an eleven-year-old "blue baby" girl.

His colleagues reporting on their latest discoveries to the *British Medical Journal* are Dr. Maurice Campbell, 55-year-old head of Guy's Hospital, Heart Section, and Dr. Charles Barker, Assistant Physician at the hospital.

With the news of the successful London operations, Britain is now leading the world in cardiac surgery.

Among the cases reported by the three doctors were: (1) A girl of 23 for years had not been able to walk more than 100 yards. Five weeks after the operation, she was able to go up and down two flights of stairs without distress. Two weeks after leaving hospital, she could walk half a mile, climb stairs, and help in the house. Twenty months later she could walk three miles, her weight had increased 14 pounds and she is now leading a normal, quiet life at home.

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HINDUS ON TRIAL

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and stopped employing them as labourers. For some time the Harijans did not give in, whereupon they received a threat that they would be beaten and their houses burnt down. This had the desired effect. Upon receiving the information that the Harijan children had discontinued attending the school, the Harijansevak decided that he should live in the village for some time if he was to succeed. So he settled down there and, what with persuasion and service and what with the help of the Government officials and law, succeeded in inducing the "savarna" Hindus to adjust themselves to the new situation.

In another village, the opposition came from the Rajputs. Their arrogance was greater than that of the peasants in direct proportion to their higher rank in caste. They beat the Harijansevak, Harijan parents and their children as also the school-master with stones and sticks. The conflict has not yet ended.

Arrogant Conduct

Let me narrate one more incident. There are three wells in a certain village. One belongs to the 'chamars' (tanners), but is also used by the 'kumhars' (potters) for their donkeys. The water is very little and generally muddy. Another belongs to 'balais' (Harijan weavers), and the third one is in the joint use of 'Hindus and Muslims'. But here the term Hindu does include 'bhangis' 'chamars', 'bhangis' and other Harijans. The 'bhangis' have no well of their own, that of the 'chamars' being also closed to them. They fetch water from a 'river', which is no river at all but a streamlet of muddy water. Under these circumstances, a few 'chamar' women with the support of some Harijan-utility workers, took courage to draw water from the common well of the Hindus and Muslims. But the adventure had a very unfortunate end. The report of the deed spread immediately and as the Harijan workers were returning from the site of the well, a crowd of men and women collected on the main street. The women armed with shoes were put in the vanguard of the party and prompted to belabour the workers. Later on the village roughs also joined the game. There was a shower of lathis, shoes, fists and kicks on the workers. After a brief respite the assault was repeated. A gang emptied over the head of one of them a bucket of dirt and soot. The situation was brought under control only when the host with whom the workers were staying went to the people and gave them the assurance that he would get the well 'purified' at his own expense. While the workers were taking their punishment, it was disclosed later, that in the 'chamar' locality, the 'chamar' women were also assaulted and abused.

Caste - Bigotry

Let us consider what all this means. Is it any wonder, if these scavengers and cobblers develop hatred for the Hindus and Hinduism? We are very proud of our Vedanta philosophy of Advaita, but is there anything better in our daily religious life and conduct than the invidious sense of caste-distinctions and untouchability? Do we ever care to see the selfishness and in human hard-heartedness, which the caste-bigotry has developed in us?

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'bhangis', 'chamars' and other so-called low-caste people became Christians or Muslims, they would be freely allowed to attend the common school or draw water from the common well. Why then should they not have the temptation to become Christians or Muslims?

And since, even after conversion Hindus would not give them equal treatment and would continue to exploit them in their business relations, why should they not aspire that the reins of Government must be in the hands of any but the Hindus?

Let us consider to what extent the Hindus themselves are responsible for the spread of Christianity and Islam. It is said that the Christians or Muslims suffer from a fanatical passion for proselytization. But this is not the whole truth. Much of their success in conversion is due to the many injustices which we have continuously inflicted upon them for centuries. We kept our artisans and crafts men tied to a position of poverty and humiliation.

Free Exploitation

We freely exploited their labour and services, and yet we regarded them as untouchable or low-caste. In this way we nearly compelled them to change their religion. Often many were taken to have become Muslims or Christians under a ridiculous sense of pollution of food or water. If a person even unknowingly partook of the forbidden food or water, he was excommunicated and driven to seek shelter in another faith ever after.

While, on the one hand, the social boycott of the converted was continued, on the other hand, out of fear of the ruling authority, they were placed in a position superior to that of their kinsmen, who had still remained Hindus. Thus a Muslim or a Christian convert enjoyed a higher status than an unconverted Hindu. To this day, this has been the policy of Hinduism which, in its practical form, has reduced itself to a bundle of observances of rules of bathing and eating. Many of us are convinced that there is no religion superior to Hinduism and we reveal this superiority complex by regarding every other religion as less developed than ours. Who, with any sense of self-respect, will tolerate this kind of arrogance?

Matter For Deep Concern

Some of us are inclined to believe that every Muslim in India is a fifth-columnist. Suppose for a while that they are all expelled to Pakistan, but we continue to treat our backward and depressed and oppressed castes in our traditional way. The consequences will be that the suffering Harijans will continue to forsake their own religion in favour of another. If they cannot become Muslims, they will become Christians, Buddhists or Communists; or try in some other way to organize themselves and bring about a revolution, or found a separate Government.

This dismal future, which is nothing less than the total extinction of the caste-ridden Hindu religion in course of time, appears to me almost certain. Gandhiji said that, if untouchability remains, the Hindu religion cannot live. It behoves us to reflect over this grave prediction and realize why the followers of other faiths hate the Hindus.

MARX THE MASTER REVOLUTIONIST

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But not only are they very difficult to read; they are almost entirely obsolete. It is just possible to describe modern economic phenomena in terms of Labour Value—Professor Cole has done it and a fantastic feat of ingenuity it is—but even the orthodox Communists have ceased to insist on it. The thing has practically disappeared; and in going has done no harm to Marxism.

Dialectical Materialism (it is true) has vitality enough left to cause confusion and dissection; but its damage is chiefly done in academic circles, and Marx's continuing reputation certainly would not rest upon it even if it were true.

His True Greatness

Marx's fame rests on what is called the Materialist Conception of History. There is, as usual, no complete and full description and discussion of this in Marx's work. But, in brief, it is a demonstration that the motive power in history is economic. It is the methods of production and the class relations that these involve, that have dominated and directed past history, which in consequence has always been a history of class struggles.

This theory has had an immense clarifying effect upon the writing and understanding of past and contemporary history, it is as important, in its sphere, as the theory of evolution, and puts Marx himself in the same category as Darwin. Practically no competent historian nowadays puts forward the "great man" theory, history or offers truth of virtue the love of liberty divine intervention or racial characteristics as a causa causans—or even as once everyone did writes about the surface of politics without ever looking beneath.

As a historian and interpreter of the past, Marx was unequalled.

But as a prophet and guide to the future he was a failure. System-making—unfinished—was deigned and he composed for the materialist conception of history the economics of Labour Value and the mysticism of dialectical materialism a system which proved that the class struggle which was then going on would proceed in a certain way. The employers would get fewer in number, and their wealth would get greater. The workers would get poorer and as industrial development progressed the factories would get more and more enormous. Commercial crises would become more and more violent until the last somehow (how was left unclear) provoked a conflict in which the regiments of workers in the most developed countries destroyed their tiny group of oppressors. Then the classless society would begin.

Wrong Prediction

In many ways, most of which everyone can see this prophecy has gone wrong. The upper and middle classes have not dwindled to a tiny handful, nor has a commercial crisis set off the tiniest revolution. (Revolutions have been caused only by wars). But what is most interesting to the historian is to note that in studying the working class, Marx predicted the exact opposite of the truth.

It is where the workers are least organised and least important that Communist revolutions succeed; it is where they are most advanced best organised and most thoroughly industrialized that the Parties meet with humiliating disasters. The first Marxist revolution came in Russia with a ninety per cent peasant population; the second in China with an even tinier proportion of industrial workers. It is in Scandinavia via Belgium, Britain and the United States that no progress is made. And there by Marx's demonstration, the revolution should have started.

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