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COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

THE HOPE OF NORTH CEYLON

(By E. P. RASIAH)

Vice-President North-Ceylon Industrial Development Board)

THE industrious Jaffna man bereft of the benefits of rivers and mountains, has to wage a ceaseless war against Nature to eke out a living. To the educated the first attraction is Government Service. Most people now realise that Government Service, which is now overcrowded cannot give employment to all our educated youngsters. Therefore, other vocations such as Trade, Agriculture and Industry must also be explored to secure a decent means of livelihood to the growing army of our unemployed.

"உறுது தேய்துபல தேய்து தேய்து
—சேருந்
உறுது வானபுறம் முயல்வதல்லால்
தேய்து பணிபுரியு தேய்துலகெனல்
வான்
தேய்துவியதையு தெய்து துருட்டிட."

Of these three major avenues, Industry perhaps teems with many openings. The establishment of modern Industrial Factories may give employment to a fair number, but then, people all the world over have learnt bitter lessons

Real Refuge

Dwelling in solitude, eating but little, speech, body and mind subdued, always engaged in meditation and concentration, taking refuge in dispassion—GITA.

from the West, where such Industrial Factories sprang up in large numbers. Their successful working was dependent, among other things, in securing, on the one hand, raw materials and on the other, in finding a ready market for the sale of the articles turned out. Likewise, in this little Island of industrially undeveloped Lanka, the establishment of modern factories is bound to create acute situations, similar to those that arose in the West. To feed such factories, the question of finding raw materials such as, cotton, yarn, fibre, sugar-cane, clay etc., looms large and would in itself prove a problem difficult of immediate solution. It would therefore seem appropriate in the present set up of things, for us to encourage the establishment and the fostering of Cottage Industries.

An Example

We have before us the example of India, where Mahatma Gandhi, both by precept and practice proved successfully the enormous economic potentialities of these Cottage Industries. We, in North Ceylon, who have cultural and linguistic similarities with those in India, ought to be able to easily copy the modes and

methods that made cottage industries a success there. It will be noticed, that the introduction of Cottage Industries does not call for much capital outlay nor does its working need much land space or a costly establishment. They are within the reach of even the poorest person, who perhaps seated under the shade of a tree or inside a cottage, can engage himself in the industry of his choice. Almost every member of a house-hold can in addition to his normal routine of work, utilise his spare moments in giving a helping hand towards such industry. Thus, there exist in these, the double advantage of spending usefully one's spare time and also earning a fair financial return.

Type of Cottage Industries

In the North, where Nature is less bountiful than down South, there are however various types of Cottage Industries suited to all classes of men and women. Even the young and the old, the strong and the feeble can engage themselves in this and thus not only help themselves but also make Ceylon self-sufficient to an extent. There are in existence here at the moment, several cottage industries sponsored by the Department of Industries, that could be broadly grouped under the following categories:—

1. Textile Weaving by Hand-looms, Needle-work, Hosiery, Carpet-making.
2. Coir, Twine.
3. Pottery, Clay Toys and Paper pulp toys.
4. Sericulture, Silk-Weaving.
5. Furniture etc., with Malacca Cane and Rattan.
6. Basket and Mat making, Koodu-weaving, Jaggery Manufacture, Extraction of Palmyra Fibre.

Hand-looms: There are about 30 to 40 centres established by Government in various parts of the Northern Province and there are in addition to these about 1000 private looms producing cloth, towels etc. To give a flip to this industry, orders for cloth required by Government Hospitals are entrusted to these looms, which appear to be executing them satisfactorily. With the introduction of the quota system shortly, regular orders in large numbers could be expected. Therefore more people can take to this hand-loom weaving in the future.

Needle-work: There are 3 centres here under the guidance

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Kurenagala Saiva Maha Sabhai

Swami Sivananda's Message

Blessed Children of God!

The true joy of life, the real happiness of man, the divine glory of man consists in profound thinking, in knowledge. Achievement of inner peace and wisdom and material prosperity and happiness is impracticable as long as man is buried in the quicksands of ignorance. Technical progress, which has brought annihilation of life of earth within its possibilities, has deluded man into thinking that he is far advanced than, and is much superior to his forefathers, who obviously were profoundly human and so, to some extent, divine, while man, to-day, is lacking in fullness of humanity and is up to dangerous mischief. Man is too much concerned with externals; he is concerned with the outward show of life to a dangerous extent; hence, the chaos and the misery in such great proportions. Excessive business of life is wrecking his very being: commercial world of technicalities has robbed him of his thought; and lack of thought is at the root of all his sorrows. At this specific time when the world is gripped by Atom-Hydrogen Bomb mentality, when it is caught in the complex of fear and anxiety, nothing gives so much of joy as to know the existence of spiritual and cultural institution, which alone are capable of enabling man to cultivate the faculty of profound thinking and of pouring peace and joy into his heart with the consolations of the knowledge of the highest Reality, of the One Prime Principle of Life which is permeating the entire universe, a Reality in which we live, move and have our being.

Propagate Hindu Dharma

The multifarious activities of your blessed "Saiva Maha Sabai" have given me immense happiness. My joy is beyond words. Arise, brave hearts! Take greater strides, noble souls! Special efforts, blessed ones! More endeavours, centres of Energy! Let this day give you a greater impetus to your divine activities! May this 20th Anniversary of your Sacred Sabhai give a forceful incentive to your holy efforts, a greater strength to disseminate Hindu Dharma on a wider scale!

The smallest cell, the tiniest plant, and the inanimate stone are all throbbing with the Power of God; the same Power is around the dew-drop, the same Power is all over you; to know and live in this Divine Power is the Grand Purpose of your lives. Sublime thinking, deep contemplation, a study of Scriptures, a clear mind, a pure heart, selfless Service, Divine Love—these are royal methods to attain that Grand Purpose. Be sincere. Struggle. Strive. Meditate. Realise. Become centres of Dharma. Become a source of

Central Bank Monetary Board

The Ceylon Central Bank came into existence on July 1. In its Monetary Board are two of the best known monetary experts namely Mr. John Exter & Mr. J. Tyagaraja.

To Mr. Tyagaraja goes the credit of having taken active steps by way of a motion in the state council in which he was a member to establish the Central Bank of Ceylon.

In addition to his abiding interest in economical questions, Mr. Tyagaraja has been an outstanding politician. His experience as legislator and as Manager of the State Mortgage Bank besides his intimate connection with the Coconut Research Scheme has gained public approbation of his ability to function as member of the Monetary Board.

Indian Scholar Gets Columbia Medal

The Columbia University has decided to award the Columbia Medal to Dasturzade Dr. Ial well-known scholar in politics and philosophy.

Dr. Jal Pavry was recently on a lecture tour of the United States and attended the World Congress of Faiths.

Author of several important works on the history and religions of Israel and Iran, Dr. Pavry has delivered lectures on aspects of Indian civilisations at leading universities in Europe and America.

The Columbia Medal is awarded annually to an alumnus of the Columbia University. Dr. Pavry is President of the Columbia University Alumni Association of India and Vice-President of the London Society of Study of Religions.

The citation of the award recalls Dr. Pavry's efforts during the past quarter of a century towards the establishment of world peace through religion and Indo-American friendship, and towards India's cultural renaissance through literature and philosophy.

Peace, Power, Wisdom and Joy to all around you!

May your Sabhai illumine the minds of many with the Wisdom of God, and raise many an aspirant to the Greatest Happiness and the Widest Peace! May it dispel the darkness of ignorance from thousands! May the Almighty Lord shower His choicest blessings upon you all and your Sabhai! May His Divine Grace descend upon you all more and yet more abundantly!

SRI SIVANANDA'S ALL INDIA YATRA

Dynamic Spiritual Propaganda

By K. RAMACHANDRA

It is with the greatest delight that we announce the news that Ceylon is included in the All-India Yatra programme down for His Holiness Swami Sivananda and party, who are expected to leave their Headquarters at Rishikesh (Himalayas) on 9th September, 1950. The journeys are to be performed by train, car and plane touching at all important places in the country the outward trip being via Ayodhya, Benares, Gaya, Calcutta, Madras and returning via Travancore, Mysore, Bombay, Gujerat and New Delhi. This pilgrimage, which is the first of the kind arranged in modern times for 'mass spiritual uplift' as the organizers define its mission, occupies exactly two months and the date of arrival fixed for Colombo is 12th October, 1950.

The date of the visit of His Holiness is sure to be a memorable day in the annals of the Hindu Community of Colombo, recalling to their minds the arrival of Swami Vivekananda fifty three years ago. His trip was a triumphal march from Colombo to the Himalayas after his glorious achievements in Europe and America, where he had preached a re-interpreted Hinduism, an "Aggressive Hinduism" to suit the needs of the time. After his conquest of the Chicago Parliament of Religions, he was rightly acclaimed as the Man of the Hour and the Harbinger of a New Era. The subsequent events have proved the truth of this declaration.

A Vedanta Kesari

Like Swami Vivekananda, Swami Sivananda is also a Vedanta Kesari. The noble mission of his life has been to propound the sublime truths of the Vedas and the Upanishads and to point out the way to true Peace and Blessedness. His forthcoming travels from Himalayas to Colombo and back are for dynamic spiritual propaganda, for driving rancour and dissatisfaction out of troubled hearts and filling human souls with Peace and Happiness. It is gratifying to note that Maharajahs, Ministers of State, Professors of Universities and the Heads of several spiritual centres in India have already taken the necessary steps to welcome the Swamiji

and to help in his attempt of dissemination of spiritual knowledge amongst the common mass of men and women. Declaring this *Paryatan* under the venerable Swami as the right step in the present turmoil of the world and indeed a silver lining of hope for the future, Prof. N. C. Ghosh of Calcutta writes "Right from the Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University to commonest student all have become extremely interested in the divine activities of his Mission". Writing almost in similar tone, Prof. Mohamed Hafiz Syed, D. Litt. of Allahabad, has promised "to do anything to make the Yatra as successful as possible".

The power and need of great Teachers like Sivananda require no emphasis. Robert Browning claims that only the man who has touched

The True Devotee

He who is free from wants, unconcerned, untroubled, renouncing all undertakings or commencesments,—he who is thus devoted to Me, is dear to Me—GITA.

God is fitted to refresh and regenerate mankind. It is through such, as he says in "Pompilia", that "God stooping shows sufficient of His light for those in the dark to rise by". As one coming in the line of Vedic seers, Sivananda keeps men's faith alive. He has seen, as he speaks with authority. Because Christ spoke with such authority, the scribes had to stop and hearken to His words. Buddha conquered the whole of Asia with his *Dhamma* because he had seen.

As a self-realized Gnan, Swami Sivananda today belongs to the whole world irrespective of colour, creed or race. He has devotees in England, France, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Russia, America etc., and we expect all communities to gather in their thousands for paying him homage when he visits this beautiful island of ours as an ambassador of Peace, Harmony and Good-will from the spiritual Mother India.



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Treasure These Thoughts

The true Silence is not so much a stillness and a dimming out of things; as it is a stillness and a dimming out of self. At the heart of the real Silence there is the presence of God.

You will never know the mystery of Love till you rest in God's providence, and find yourselves at home therein.

—RICHARD WHITWELL

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

REVIEWING THE ADMINISTRATIVE Work done in the Northern Province during the year 1949, the Government Agent stated that for that year alone 854 persons had been given public assistance making the total number in receipt of this charitable allowance reach 5780. Of the several types of applicants who have to depend on the small mercy of the Government to ward off starvation, there are a large number of women who have been deserted by their partners in life and driven into dreadful destitution. The Valigamam North Public Assistance Committee had occasion to study this pathetic situation and had decided to offer relief other than in the form of pecuniary aid by enlisting free legal assistance to women who had been neglected by those responsible for their upbringing. It is gratifying to note that the Public Assistance Department of the Colombo Municipality has organised free legal aid to women and children deserted by husbands and parents.

Social service by the Government should not be interpreted as the voting of money for payment as an allowance or gratuity. It should be the duty of all Public Assistance Committees to study the various causes for destitution and to suggest remedial measures which may vary in form and manner of administration. There is a class of people, the aged and the infirm, who invariably rush to the P. A. C. invoking governmental aid despite the fact that their sons and daughters are sufficiently possessed of the means of maintaining their parents. Either it must be that the infirmities of age make these parents think it nobler to seek state succour than to partake of the family meal or that such a governmental allowance will help them pay poojah to Plutus by hoarding money. There is another band of destitutes who for no fault of theirs have been compelled into the misery of abject poverty by heartless men abandoning their wives and children. Here it is that the Public Assistance Committee can make itself

The Korean Situation

AMERICAN SUPERFORTS IN ACTION

Situation Slowly Worsening

THE Russian Red Star insignia was seen in the Communist fighters that strafed the runways of Sawon airstrip preventing the use of the airport for heavy American transport planes.

Naval Action

Five of six Communist motor torpedo boats encountered in the Samchok-Kangnung area were sunk by U. S. warships.

Northern Capital Bombed

American B-29 superforts struck heavily at an airfield in North Korea. The Northern Capital was reported to have been bombed by the Americans.

Reasons for Korean War

According to Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Republican Policy adviser to the State Department reasons accounting for the invasion of South Korea are

(1) The communists seem to have felt that they could not tolerate this hopeful attractive Asiatic experiment in democracy

(2) A desire to place Japan between the upper and lower jaws of the Russian bear.

useful by organising immediate legal aid and obtaining for the deserted families maintenance from the miscreants. Action in this direction may help in bringing back the deserter to reason and decency.

The education of neglected children is another item for consideration by the Public Assistance Committee for the grant of substantial aid. Adult Centres, Cottage Industry Societies, orphanages

are some of the social organisations that can be of voluntary relief to the unfortunate children disowned by parents. A studied survey of the causes of destitution will help both the Government and the destitute as remedial measures will not fail to rehabilitate at least a few of the assistance-seekers and take away a part of the burden of the Government. The ordinary man has come now to view this public assistance as a 'free find' divorced of the tinge of reproach and indignity and to hope for enjoying it as a matter of course. This mendacity of mind in a people who are only too ready to propound the highest principles of socialist democracy should be eradicated by making the regulations governing the grant of public assistance more stringent and by organising public opinion in favour of the dignity of labour. Let Sri Lanka's sons and daughters be taught to earn their bread by their own sweat and let not them be told that they have a right to what the other man has got by dint of his own labour.

Telephone for Siththankerney Sub-Post Office

A Telephone service for the Siththankerney Sub-Post Office was formally declared open by Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam, Chairman V. C. Vaddukoddai a fortnight ago. Telegrams expressing the thanks of the public were sent to Minister C. Sittampalam, the Post Master General and to Mr. K. Kanagaratnam M.P. for the area, by Mr. M. Kanagasabapathy and Proctor M. K. Subramaniam.

Typewriter Factories In India

Two plants for the manufacture of typewriters are to be established near Bombay in the near future, it is learnt.

One plant will be sponsored by a Bombay firm, at present producing steel furniture and office equipment. The firm has concluded an agreement with a British firm of typewriter manufacturers for technical aid and patent rights. Part of the necessary machinery has already been imported and the plant is being erected. The other factory will be established by an Italian typewriter manufacturer.

Palmyra Potential For Production Of Paper

Preliminary investigations conducted at the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, indicate that palmyra stalks are a potential source of raw material for paper industry in India. The results of these investigations are incorporated in a Pamphlet (I. F. L. No. 116 just published).

Palmyra is quite common in certain parts of India, especially in the Coromandel coast, Karnataka, Konkan and Bihar. The Institute has been investigating into the possibility of using palmyra stalks for pulp and paper manufacture and results so far obtained have shown that palmyra pulp is a satisfactory ingredient for medium grades of writing and printing papers. The pulp yield was found low as compared to other sources of raw material for paper, but, the pamphlet points out this disadvantage may be offset by low cost at which the material may be available.

Dr. Radhakrishnan Resuming Oxford Lectureship

It is understood that Dr. S. Radhakrishnan is relinquishing Ambassadorship in Moscow in September to return to Oxford to resume Spalding Lectureship.

FACTS ABOUT OUR FOOD

VALUE OF FRESH FRUITS

WITH regard to the question what's wrong with our food, the average individual in this country would be inclined to reply: the only thing that is wrong with it is there isn't enough of it! In other words, the vast majority of people find nothing wrong with present-day food; there isn't enough of it to go round adequately, that is all.

Some people 'live to eat', but the majority realise that we eat in order to live, although they have no idea how to select the best foods for the purpose. That is why they see nothing wrong in eating white bread and white-sugar derivatives.

Processed Food

To the average individual, the fact that these are 'refined' foods seems to confer on them a quality of superiority over the 'unrefined' whole-wheat bread and whole-grain cereal products. Diet reformers use, and over the natural brown sugar still available in ration-restricted Britain. What such 'food-ignorant' folk fail to realise, is that when foods are processed (or refined) a large part of their valuable mineral salts and vitamins are extracted from them thus leaving a demineralised and impoverished food product.

It is this demineralised and impoverished food product that is eaten in bulk in bread, biscuits, cakes, puddings, pastry, and flour and cereal foods of all kinds, jams, confectionery, etc., by the people in the belief that such foods are helping to keep them really sound and healthy! What a fallacy!

This same demineralising of food takes place when foods are cooked and boiled, especially fruits and vegetables, particularly when such fruits and vegetables are peeled before cooking. And the same process occurs when foods are tinned, also when milk is pasteurised. Therefore, when we consider modern diet as a whole we can see that by far the larger portion of it is made up of refined or otherwise impoverished foods, as a result of present-day methods of preparation. All this adds up to the fact that when people eat three or four meals a day, they are getting very little real value out of the food eaten, from the health point of view, although their stomachs may be full to repletion.

Alkaline Balance

The only alkaline-forming foods are the fruits and vegetables, especially if eaten in the raw state; and the body must preserve its alkaline balance for real health to be present. Thus the modern dietary we have been discussing, because of the loss of alkaline mineral salts due to the culinary and food-processing habits of today, is even more acid-forming than it otherwise would be, and so is far more health destroying for that very reason.

It is customary to regard fruits as acid-forming foods, but this view is quite erroneous. Fresh ripe fruits are rich in organic mineral salts which become alkaline in the tissues after oxidation. They are acid when they enter the stomach, but that is not the test of acid-forming in the sense here used. Many foods such as meat, fish, sugar, bread, etc., are not acid-forming when they enter the stomach, but are very much so when they have

left the stomach and are being assimilated by the body after digestion. Hence it is erroneous to regard fruits as acid-forming, and this error accounts for the reason why many people fight shy of them. But fruits should be eaten alone, or with milk, for best results, and not with bread or cereals, or in pastry, etc. Under such conditions they can contribute to the acidity of the tissues after digestion.

From the occult viewpoint there is everything to be said for fresh, wholesome meals consisting largely of fruits, salads, and properly cooked vegetables, and balanced by whole-grain cereal products, wholewheat bread, butter, eggs, milk, cheese, honey, etc. One is then living on really natural foods of maximum mineral salt and vitamin content, and such natural foods have a potent effect on the physical body, cleansing it of accumulated impurities, and enabling the etheric body (upon which the physical is built) to function far more effectively in every way. Thus, the more spiritually-minded an individual is (or wishes to become), the more will he find direct and increasing benefit from a dietary rich in cleansing foods of the types specified. His higher principles will function far more efficaciously through the physical by so living. Conversely, people who try to live spiritual lives on present-day conventional diet are working against Nature and Cosmic Law all the time as regards the upkeep and development of the physical body.

What to Avoid

To sum up, therefore, avoid white-flour and white-sugar products all you possibly can. Try to eat only whole-meal bread and whole-grain cereal products, and use brown sugar in place of white. Avoid tinned foods; and if possible try to get unpasteurised milk. Avoid puddings and pastry as much as possible. Avoid the peeling and boiling of vegetables. Have the bulk of your food raw. If you do these things nothing but benefit can accrue, both from the physiological and occult angle. A parting word: all condiments, sauces, pickles, etc., are also highly acid-forming, as are tea and coffee and alcohol. Therefore the wise man will eschew such foods too (or else consume them very sparingly) especially if he wishes to pursue the occult path!—"Prediction".

(By Harry Benjamin in Free India.)

P. W. D. News

Retirement After Full Period of Service

Mr. S. Thambapillai, Head Clerk, Executive Engineer's office, P. W. D. Jaffna was accorded a farewell function on Monday the 3rd on the eve of his retirement after 35 years of meritorious service in the Department.

The Executive Engineer, Mr. J. S. Croos Fernando spoke on the sterling qualities of the retiring officer. A tea party was held and a group photograph of all officers was taken.

WEEK-END WISDOM

Kashmir—Pakistan—No Common Ground

Sheikh Abdullah in a broadcast message said "Pakistan and Kashmir can never meet as our very fundamentals of faith differ... Kashmir's accession to India is final and will last so long as our aims and ideals continue to be the same as they have been in the past"

And that is what the U. N. O. is doing—trying to prevent Pakistan and Kashmir meeting at the Frontier.

Korean Mediator—Nehru?

"What is needed in Korea is a new mediator of world stature and repute. The one man who measures up to that standard is Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, a great Asiatic and a great statesman. Simultaneously the new China should be brought into the U. N. O. and Chian-kai Shek thrown out"—REYNOLDS NEWS.

Prosecutor (U. N. O. Member) as mediator!

And as global arbitrator

The New York "Daily Compass" appealing to Pandit Nehru to call a Truman-Stalin peace meeting in New Delhi says

"In view of the cordial relationships which you have secured for India both with the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics while avoiding the entanglement of military, political and economic alliances with either, you and your government are in a position enjoyed by no other government to act in behalf of universal peace."

Nehru's moral stature being unduly high the warring groups of the East and the West dwarfs of moral build will not be able to hear the verdict of the mediator.

Aggression does not pay—Morrison

The British Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison describing Korean invasion as an act of naked aggression said:

"Only by showing that the free democracies will take a stand can we hope to convince disturbers of the peace that aggression just does not pay."

"We have been bearing the brunt of the cold war for months in Malaya which our boys have been defending against the terrorists in the hot jungle."

"By accepting this fresh challenge I have every hope that the war can be averted. This is the only way to preserve peace."

Naked aggression versus armed intervention will not sound moral.

White Paper will Please Teachers

—Premier Senanayake

The White Paper on Education will be out 'in a few days' said Premier Senanayake at a school function and added that he was confident that every teacher would be satisfied with the plan that the White Paper would contain—NEWS ITEM.

Education White Paper looks like Black Magic.

HEALTH HABITS

T. B. TESTS

New methods of detecting and measuring the progress of tuberculosis in human beings and animals were reported recently in the United States at a meeting of the National Tuberculosis Association.

One test shows promise of being useful for detecting tuberculosis in its very early stages. Developed by Dr. Gardner Middlebrook and Dr. Rene Dubos of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York City, the test measures certain properties of human blood when it is mixed with tuberculosis germs. A sample of human blood is separated into its red cell and serum components. Tuberculosis germs are mixed with the red cells, which are then returned to the blood serum. The formation of a slump of red cells in the serum indicates their tuberculosis germs are present.

The second test measures the progress of the disease. The "gamma globulin fraction of a sample of a patient's blood is used as an indicator. A proportionate increase in this blood component indicates that the disease is becoming more severe, while a decrease in the gamma globulin shows improvement in the patient's condition, according to Dr. Bruno Gerstl, of the Veterans Hospital at Oakland, in the State of California.

Drug For Blood Pressure

A new drug which claims to relieve high blood pressure by dilating the small blood vessel of the body is said to have been developed by a drug company in Los Angeles.

Mr. Justin W. Dart, President of the Company, said the drug could be taken by mouth in tablet form. In most cases it relieved headaches and other discomforts caused by high blood pressure and helped to prevent complications, he claimed.

The drug is derived from the roots of a plant; *Veratrum Viride*, commonly known as American Hellebore. In the United States, it grows along the North Carolina coast.

Mr. Dart said the tablets must be taken under a doctor's supervision to determine the desirable dosage for each patient. As in the case of insulin in the treatment of diabetes the drug controlled but did not cure, high blood pressure.

Rest The Only Cure For T. B.

Another theory of T. B., which says that drugs, diets and even sunshine are useless in its treatment is advanced by Dr. Edward Hayes, President of California Tuberculosis Health Association.

According to him, mental and physical relaxation is the

G. C. S. U.

PREMIER AS MEDIATOR?

Persuasion Before Final Plunge

THE Council of management of the G. C. S. U. decided at a meeting held on Sunday that a deputation of the G. C. S. U. should meet the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister and place before them facts and figures relating to the demand for an increase in the middle-class employee's cost of living allowance.

Approval of Branch Unions

24 of the 34 branches of the G. C. S. U. have intimated to the parent association their approval of the plan of action. Jaffna Branch Resolution

The following resolution has been adopted by the Jaffna branch of the G. C. S. U.

"In view of the recent consideration given by the Government to the various representations of the G. C. S. U. during the last ten years for the provision of a satisfactory cost-of-living allowance for the middle classes, the Jaffna branch of the G. C. S. U. endorses the resolution passed at the annual conference of delegates on 8. 6. 50 and agrees with the view of the Council of Management that if a satisfactory decision on the question of an adequate increase in the cost-of-living allowance is not reached before the end of July this year, a strike would be the only measure by which a satisfactory solution could be obtained."

Kokuvil Hindu O. B. A.

The sixth Annual General Meeting of the Kokuvil Hindu College Old Students' Association (Colombo Branch) was held at the Saiva Mangaiyer Kalagam Hall, Wellawatte with Mr. S. Handy Perinpanayagam, the Principal of the College, in the chair.

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:-

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. M. A. Nadarajah, A. Kanapathipillai, V. Suppiah, S. Rajendram, V. Ramanathan, S. Balasubramaniam, A. Sinnathamby and A. Apputhurai

Hony Secretary: Mr. S. Ratnaprasadam.

Hony Asst Secretary: Mr. N. Sivasubramaniam.

Hony Treasurer: Mr. C. Somasuntharam.

Hony Asst Treasurer: Mr. R. Sivaratham.

only thing that cures. T. B.

He says that "five or ten minutes' unusual mental, physical or emotional activity can undo the healing resulting from the months of controlled rest."

Smoking A Cause Of Tooth Decay

Professor Gustaf Herufl, of Stockholm Institute of Dentistry, states in a report that smoking causes a gradual "breaking down" of the jawbone, increasing the more a person is smoking, and may eventually cause teeth to fall out.

Upper-Class Speech Fading

According to a writer in the Oxford University magazine "Oberwell", the world-famous "Oxford accent" is "about as exotic to-day as the Oxford slang of earlier generations. The writer declares: 'The age of uniformity is upon us. You can listen to a conversation on a bus and wonder whether the man you hear are from the University or the Town. The Oxford Accent, will soon be a myth.'"

Cited as distinguished exponents of the "Oxford accent" are author Aldous Huxley and Professor Gilbert Murray, the great Greek scholar. In their mouths it is "mellifluous, gently and almost softly persuasive". In comparison, the Cambridge accent is reckoned high-pitched, and with a tendency, to stammer.

For the disappearance of traditional Oxford accent the writer blames the Left Wing atmosphere of the 1930's at the University, when he says, there was "a clear reaction against certain upper-class speech forms".

Covenant on Press Freedom

Demand For Rejection

The Empire Press Union urged that the United Nations' draft covenant on freedom of information be rejected by Commonwealth countries.

At the final session of the seventh Imperial Press Conference, held at Royal Muskova Hotel, the Union adopted a resolution which one delegate described as a "direct answer" to the covenant, to be considered by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization at Lake Success on July 3.

The resolution read in part: "The Press should enjoy by law the full freedom of expression that is secured to every individual, which freedom should in no case be restricted save for specific transgression, proved to the satisfaction of a competent court."

"No separate limitations of the exercise by the Press of the rights of the individual are necessary or tolerable except during declared national emergencies. There should at no time be any obstacle to editorial protest by newspapers that the proclamation of a state of emergency is premature, or is unwarrantably prolonged or is in any way misused."

Jaffna Hindu College Sports Meet

Mr. C. Ponnampalam, Mayor of Jaffna will be the Patron of the Meet on Saturday, 8th June at 3-30 p. m.

All old boys and their families parents of the present boys and benefactors are cordially invited.

PRINCIPAL.

Foundation Day And Prize Giving At Mahajana College

"The shortage of teachers is still an acute problem and unless teaching is made attractive to young men and women who pass out of our University, the position is bound to deteriorate further. With the cost of living steadily mounting and with the pitifully inadequate remuneration now offered to teachers it is no wonder that qualified men and women give a wide berth to teaching if they can possibly avoid it. Nor is the poor scale of salaries the only factor that scares away prospective teachers and makes those who are already in the profession discontented and despondent. It is a tragedy that of all officers that are paid out of public funds the teachers alone have no scheme of pensions for their widows and orphans. Theirs is the pathetic plight of having to leave their widows and orphans in destitution, whereas even a peon in Government Service has the mental comfort that in the event of his death his dependents will have something to fall back upon. Can the teacher in the present scheme of things, be expected to provide for the dependents, when during his life time, he has to struggle hard to keep himself and his family above want. It is my fervent appeal to our Chairmen to take an interest in this question."

Tribute to New Director

"It is believed that the Government's Educational Policy will be announced in a matter of weeks and I earnestly hope that the reactionary and in many aspects obnoxious features embodied in the proposals of a year ago have been abandoned and that wiser counsels have prevailed in reshaping the educational destiny of the country. In this connection I must express my warm appreciation of the part Dr. Howes, our new Director of Education, has played in trying to bring order into our educational chaos. Whatever the future policy is going to be we must be sure of the stability of assisted schools which have entered the Free Education scheme. The worse than step-motherly attitude the Government has been adopting towards such schools and the undue patronage given to the fee-levying schools which are bent on exploiting the situation to their material advantage cannot be too strongly condemned. I trust that immediate attention will be paid to the complaints of the Free Schools, and the long promised financial succour brought to them without further delay. I hope that these

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"Wanted immediately for the Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College Lady teachers qualified to teach Mathematics, Geography and Chemistry for the S. S. C. and H. S. C. classes. Apply Manager, Jaffna Hindu College, before 20-7-50.

(M. 82. 4-18.)

WANTED

PUPIL NURSES

Applications are called for pupil nurses with J. S. C. qualifications (either English or Tamil or Sinhalese with English knowledge.)

Selected applicants will have to enter into an agreement before assumption of duties with the Hospital to serve three years after training.

Applications close on 20th July 1950.

Apply to the Secretary, Co-operative Hospital Society Ltd., Moolai, Chulipuram. (M 84 4)

and other allied matters will receive the early attention of our representatives in Parliament," said the Principal, Mr. T. T. Jayaratnam in the course of his annual report at the Founder's Day celebration and Prize-giving on Saturday, 24th June.

Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayagam, K. C., M. P., presided and Mrs. Chelvanayagam gave away the prizes. Miss. Sivamany Kasipillai delivered the welcome speech. The chairman congratulated the Principal and the Staff on the rapid growth of the school and the good work that was being done there and appealed to the residents of the area to help them put their building scheme into operation as expeditiously as possible. Commenting on the future of the boys at school, Mr. Chelvanayagam deplored the present tendency to look for jobs in foreign lands or in the other parts of the Island which happen to be well-developed. The available resources in their own district had to be tapped, he said, and it was folly to send out their youth ear after year.

A One-Act play in English entitled "The End of the Beginning" a Tamil playlet, "The Bark of Life" and a "Kumini" by the girls of the Lower School brought the evenings' delightful programme to a close. With a vote of thanks by Mr. C. Sinnathamby, B. A. and the singing of the College Song the function terminated at 10 p. m.

WANTED

Registered Nurses And Midwife Applications are invited from candidates qualified to be registered as Nurses. Preference will be given to unmarried nurses. Salary Scale: 1080-1890

10 of 6 Applications close on the 20th July 1950.

Apply to the Hony. Secretary, Co-op. Hospital Society Ltd., Moolai, Chulipuram. (M 83 4)

ORDER "NISI" DECLARING WILL PROVED

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1195 Perampalam Vaitilingam of Chulipuram Vs. (Petitioner-)

1. Vaitilingam Balasundram and 2. Vaitilingam Rajasundram both of do Respondents.

In the matter of the Last Will and testament of the late Seethaththai-pillai wife of Perampalam Vaitilingam of Chulipuram Deceased.

This matter coming on for disposal before William Gunam Spencer Esqr District Judge, Jaffna on the 12th day of June 1950, in the presence of Mr. A. K. Navaratnam, Proctor on the part of the petitioner, and the affidavit of the above mentioned petitioner dated 7th June 1950 and of the witnesses to the Last Will dated 28th May 1950 having been read:-

It is ordered that the Will of the abovenamed deceased dated 3rd February 1930 and attested by V. Nagalingam Notary Public, under No. 2464 be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the respondents or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before the 31st day of July 1950, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the said petitioner is the executor named in the said will and that he is entitled to have probate of the same issued to him accordingly, unless the respondents or others interested shall on or before the 31st day of July 1950 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary

This 12th day of June 1950 Sgd Wm. G. SPENCER District Judge

(On. 41. 4 & 7.)

Order Absolute in the First Instance

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1176

In the matter of the last will and testament of the late Sangarapillai Suppar of Karainagar East. Deceased.

Ponnupillai widow of Sangarapillai Suppar of Karainagar East. Executrix.

This matter coming on for final determination before Wm. G. Spencer Esquire, Acting District Judge Jaffna on the 8th day of May 1950 in the presence of Mr. A. Kanagasabai, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 23rd April 1950 and that of the attesting notary and witnesses dated 27th April 1950 filed of record having been read:-

It is ordered that the last will of the late Sangarapillai Suppar deceased dated 10th February 1950 and attested by T. Vannianathan N. P. under No. 445 and now deposited in this court be and the same is hereby declared proved and that Probate of the said last will be issued to the petitioner Ponnupillai widow of Sangarapillai Suppar who is the Executrix named in the said last will accordingly.

This 8th day of May 1950 (Sgd) Wm G. Spencer, District Judge

Drawn by Sgd. A. KANAGASABAI Proctor for Petitioner. (O. 42. 4 & 7).

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COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

(Continued from page 1)

of Lady-Demonstrators. The Lady-Demonstrator stationed at Chavakachcheri centre visits another at Meesalai. With the establishment of more such centres and the consequent creation of rural consciousness, more of our village girls ought to go in for training in stitching etc. so that they may be able to stitch their own jackets and those needed for babies.

Hosiery: Of the two Hosiery Centres in Ceylon, the one down South is situated at Dodanduwa and the other is at Mirisuvil, an outlandish place in the North. If one is established in Jaffna Town or in close proximity to it, it is likely to be well patronised by our own Town folks who could get instructions and training in the knitting of socks, hoses sweaters etc.

Carpet-weaving: The only one of its kind in the Island, has been recently established at Kalliyankadu, off Nallur. Much is expected from this. Some of our unemployed craftsmen should try and get themselves trained there.

Coir: There are about 20 centres in Jaffna but owing to the lack of raw materials—coconut and Palmyra Fibre—their development appear to be considerably hampered. Yet, there are several who are learning the production of rugs, coir mats etc., in these centres.

Twine: The twine centre at Kockuvil was closed sometime ago. The members of the Public must take up this matter and carry on a sustained agitation and get Government to open another one where raw material—hemp—is available in abundance.

Pottery: With a view to popularising the pottery industry, superior clay from Murunkan and Vavuniya has been made available to craftsmen. Government has banned the import of pottery from India—another action in the right direction—and also given the workers assistance to form Societies on Co-operative lines.

To circumvent the ban imposed by Government, some scheming local dealers in pottery, seem to be getting down clay and craftsmen from India and manufacturing the pottery here. The Department of Industries should take necessary steps to counteract this.

There are now about 5 Co-operative Societies trying to produce the country's needs out of clay available here.

It is essential that a Mobile Ceramic Laboratory should be established here to move from place to place and to test raw materials and to give expert and technical advice to potters and thus train them and improve their knowledge and technique so that they may even manufacture tiles, bricks and glazed pottery.

Toys: The clay-toy workshop at Vasavilan and the paper-pulp toy workshop at Navanthurai, are working in the right lines and appear to be in a position to meet the demands at local fairs, carnivals, etc. and are indirectly giving employment to many. More such workshops could be established in other parts of Jaffna, if more men and women would come forward for training in these workshops.

Sericulture: The success of sericulture is dependent on the availability of Mulberry leaves (the staple food of the silk-worm)

and the degree of patience of the rearer of these silk worms. Those who do not possess that degree of patience may well concentrate on the cultivation of certain extent of their lands with the Mulberry cuttings and then supplying the leaves to the Centres that rear silk worms.

Silkweaving: This has been started at Perumalkovilady and those interested in weaving may obtain there training there, for, a trained Demonstrator from Velaona is to be found there.

Furniture with Rattan and Malacca Cane: A centre is functioning for this purpose at Chiviatu. Craftsmen and youngsters who desire training here would be welcomed.

Palmyrah products: Inquiries are pouring in from various parts of Ceylon for mats, baskets etc. Kudoos for packing onions are in demand at all times.

Jaggery Manufacture: It is heartening to note that the Department of Industries is tackling the question in right earnest. It is understood that a qualified Chemist has been sent to make experiments and tests, round about Polikandy and Karugampalai, with sweet toddy and jaggery. It is hoped that this officer's experiments would result in the discovery of simple methods of purification of Sweet Toddy—the elimination of the active principles of lime present in it and the removal of the charring effects caused while the sweet toddy is being heated.

The practicability of the filtration of sweet toddy through possibly activated charcoal to remove its brownish colour, without its sugar-content being affected, need also his trial.

Jaggery manufacturers ought to find useful hints and processes in his report.

Needs of Cottage Industries

Industrial Products may be divided into two major groups:—
(a) Machine or mill-made goods which have a permanent, stable demand with its requirements standardised and its prices mostly regularised.

(b) Goods that are turned out by hand and whose demand is fitful and mostly personal.

Commercial considerations of fair margins of profit, supply and demand, marketing facilities, standard of finish and excellence will not permit cottage products to compete with mill-made articles.

Therefore in the second group lies the scope for development of cottage industries, where the industrial talents and artistic creative instinct could also be displayed. But the lack of adequate patronage for such articles and the absence of a sure market with guaranteed prices, militate against their development. Besides, the private trader and middlemen, who have an eye only to their profit, without any concern for the future growth of these industries, seem to act as the scourge of cottage industries.

So, either Government or a Co-operative organisation should come forward to champion the cause of these languishing Cottage Industries by arranging the following:—

(a) Establishing "Buying Centres" to take over their products.

(b) Making immediate payments to the producers.

(c) Giving the producer technical advice and demonstrations to improve the quality and finish of his products.

(d) Stocking and supplying almost at cost price, such raw

materials as are in short supply or are difficult to obtain locally.

(e) Giving financial assistance in the shape of advances.

Duty of Public

With all the attractive return that weaving could yield, it appears to be popular only among a certain section of the people here—the traditional weavers. Unfortunately there seem to still exist a prejudice among the so-called high caste people against weaving, for they are perhaps afraid that posterity would brand them as weaver-caste people should they take to it. Mr. Wijaya Devendran, the popular D. O., of the Department of Industries here and his Demonstrators are doing their bit to eradicate this fear and bring the common man also into weaving. Public-spirited men should come forward and carry on a crusade to dispel these erroneous notions of caste and its concomitant evils and educate the Classes and the Masses on the merits of "The Dignity of Labour", whatever the nature of the work may be.

"செய்யத் தொழிலைத் தீர்த்துக் கொடுப்பதற்குத் தனியாகப் பணியாற்றுவதில் ஈடுபட்டவர்கள் மட்டுமே தான் தொழிலாளர்கள் என்று கருதுவது தவறு. தொழிலாளர்கள் எல்லாம் தான் தொழிலாளர்கள்." — சி. பி. குமாரன்

It is gratifying to find that on the suggestion of Mr. R. C. S. Cooke, the energetic Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Mr. Edward Navaretnasingham (Head Master of a Junior School) a public spirited social worker from outlandish Delft, is laying the foundation for a paying new Cottage Industry—the weaving of Kudoos out of raw materials that had hitherto gone waste at Delft.

He appears to have given advances on his own responsibility to School Children and needy adults and is getting them to turn out thousands of Kudoos required by a Co-operative Union to pack and transport its harvest of Jaffna Onions. This ought to give succour to many unemployed persons at Delft.

The enthusiastic D. R. O. O., of Valikamam East, North and West have also taken action on similar lines in their areas, where Kudoos are being now turned out in large numbers. Pungudutivu's contribution of Kudoos reflects credit to the D. R. O. of Kays and his Rural Development Societies.

It is hoped at this rate, within another two or three years, Jaffna would become self-sufficient in Kudoos and thereby this industry would have the proud distinction of having helped to retain in Jaffna about 1½ lakhs of Rupees, that were yearly remitted to South India for the purchase of this commodity.

I entertain the hope that all concerned would continue to exhibit the same earnestness and enthusiasm till the goal of self-sufficiency is reached and this Koodu Industry becomes so permanent and stable as to confer lasting benefits to the common man of Jaffna. Should more public spirited men, with similar grit and tenacity of purpose, come forward and interest themselves in other types of cottage industries, the future of Jaffna is bound to get rosy.

Let the Spinning Wheel and the Potters' Wheel be kept in perpetual motion here, for I feel that alone could, like the philosopher's Stone, transform impoverished Jaffna into that promised land of Milk and Honey.

"வணிகத்து விவகாரத்து போக்கை மாட்டார்—பெண்கள் வாசலிலே கூட்டமிட்டுப் போகமாட்டார்கள். தொழிலாளர்கள் தான் தொழிலாளர்கள்." — சி. பி. குமாரன்

Leading Figures of Asia

An American journalist impressed with the growing importance of Asia in world affairs lately picked a list of the ten leading figures who suggest that Asia's new men of destiny wander between two worlds. A similar list may be made even by one who has waded causally through "Inside Asia" to find that the men of the moment are still men of the hour. It is, of course, patent that the leaders of Soviet Asia don't come into the picture. The Soviet segment is tied to Moscow and princes in Inner Mongolia are of even less account than the forgotten Khans of Turkestan.

China's Leaders

China's leaders are little known but the party Chair-mao Mao looms longer than Chou en-lai the front man. Mao made his peace with Moscow and secured partial recognition quickly from the West. The Third Republic owes more to him than to Chu Teh the successful soldier. Mao as a dyed-in-the-wool Communist may repel rather than attract most, but he is certainly one to reckon with. China's destiny, as also Formosa's is now entrusted to the Communist chief who failed to make a truce but won a civil war.

He has a disciple or rather a colleague in Dr. Ho Chi Minh. Dr. Ho's education began in Paris but was completed in Moscow. He began as a nationalist but took to Marxian terrorism and exported it to Indo-China during the war. The link between Mao and Ho may be recent but it is strong enough to make Mr. Acheson think of Indo-China as a second Greece in danger of Red invasion. Though Ho seems sinister, his rapid ascent to popularity has made him a world figure, less enigmatic than Mao, but dangerous to the West which seeks to save South East Asia from Communism.

Emperor of Japan

Hirohito, the 126th Emperor of Japan, is more than an instrument of Japan's surrender to the U. S. A. The Emperor who fought the militarists without success has become a sponsor of democracy and Hirohito's acceptance of the new constitution puts him in the same line as the Emperor Meiji. Post-war recovery may be uneven but Japan has again set its face towards the West. The Emperor holds still the key to national thought and feeling and Reds in Japan are made insignificant by the Emperor rather than Gen. Mac Arthur. Hirohito is the descendant of the Sun and the past like the present enhances Imperial importance. The old empire is gone but the Emperor remains and the U. S. A. has cast its mantle over the dynasty since Japan is vital for control of the Pacific.

Another, King Abdul Aziz of Arabia is self-made. The oil companies have only added to the importance of the chief who overran Mecca and made the British turn round on their tracks. Sultan Abdul Aziz began as a Bedouin chief but he has become a bigger figure than the Arab League. King Abdul Aziz is versed in modern diplomacy as well as war or the chief success has been in his balancing Britain against U. S. A. The Sultan as Lord of Arabia has made the Wahabi sect a world force. The first conquest of Mecca has been eclipsed by the Sultan of Nejd's success in driving out King Husain. There may be Hashimite princes but they are over-topped by Abdul Aziz.

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