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## Moral Order A Fundamental Need

### Communism and Fascism Sinister Manifestations of Materialism

THE All-Religions Conference, holding its second Convention in Bombay in a manifesto called for the maintenance of "the dignity and independence of the human personality at all costs by the rule of law." Dr. S. Radhakrishnan presided.

The Convention viewed with apprehension "the spread all over the world of materialism, of which Fascism and Communism are sinister manifestations, and the consequent undermining of moral values, which threaten the very existence of human society" and affirmed that "faith in God and the moral order are the fundamentals on which alone a happy and progressive society can be built and maintained."

### Emancipation from Superstition

"The religions of the world, through which runs the unity of this faith", the manifesto declared, "need emancipation from superstition, outworn social institutions and practices divorced from Truth", and added that the conscience of mankind required to be activated by the teachings and practice of moral values and the inculcation of faith in God. It deprecated "all activities to harness religious movements to Power politics."

Urging the imperative need for the adoption and enforcement by all member States of the United Nations of the International Charter of Fundamental Rights relating to freedom of religion, the Convention welcomed the lead given by the Constituent Assembly of India in adopting such rights as an integral part of her new constitution.

### Main Tradition of Tolerance

It called upon the followers of all religions and particularly the different religious communities in the country to co-operate with a view to maintaining the great

### Sweet Music As Soothing Cure

Just as colours are now used in hospitals for helping in the cure of ailments, I do not see why music may not be used for similar purposes, writes R. Srirovasan, expert professor of Mathematics in the Travancore University, in an article on "Indian Music" in the *Indian Affairs*, publication by the Foreign Department of the Indian National Congress. Especially in mental hospitals, I hope to see at an early date "Kalyani" wards, "Mukhari" wards, "Nilambari" wards and "Atana" wards to cure certain abnormal mental conditions, he adds.

The Convention affirmed that the right to freedom of thought and non violent action must be maintained at all costs in order that "man's supreme endeavour in life may be fulfilled and his kinship with the Divine realised."

### Who Is An Orphan?

"Not he is orphaned on the earth, from whom father and mother are gone; but he whose heart and mind since birth, nor love nor knowledge have known."

### Separatist Move "Silly"

### Tamil Nad President's Telling Criticism

No other than Sri Kamraj Nadar, President of the Tamil Nad Congress, administered this gentle admonition to politicians who have launched a campaign to divide tiny Lanka, into two, that it is simply silly to try to do so. Here are his words spoken at the mass meeting held at the Galle Face Green.

"Some people in this country I am told, are trying to divide the country. This is silly. The British adopted the policy of divide and rule when they ruled the country. After attaining freedom the Government of the country must not follow in the footsteps of its predecessor. There must be no division of the people of this country."

### He Too Said It

Acharya J. B. Kripalani, former President of the Indian National Congress and a great disciple of the Revered Mahatma roundly condemned this move for separation. Said he

Ceylon is a lotus flower. We know the difficulties that we underwent when India was divided. Big India was able to beat them. An body who has an idea of dividing this country should drop it, for if you break a beautiful flower it will die."

## Enhanced Equipment Grant

### Assisted Schools To Benefit

The Ministry of Education has decided to pay an enhanced grant towards the maintenance and equipment of Assisted Sinhalese, Tamil and Bilingual schools.

The new rates for each pupil are as follows:-

- (a) Rs. 2. 50 in the Primary classes;
- (b) Rs. 5 in the junior section of the Post-Primary classes;
- (c) Rs 10 in the Senior section of the Post-Primary classes, where an approved science laboratory is not provided;
- (d) Rs 15 in the Senior section of the Post-Primary classes where an approved science laboratory is provided.

### Equipment Will Become Government Property

In a circular addressed to the managers of schools, the Director of Education says the equipment purchased out of the grant should be deemed, for all purposes, to be the property of the Government.

The Director further says that a proper inventory should be maintained to facilitate verification of the equipment.

## Prisoners Celebrate New Year

### Saiva Paripalana Sabha's efforts

The Hindu Prisoners at the Jaffna Prisons were able to celebrate the Hindu New Year—thanks to the arrangements made on their behalf by the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha. The prisoners assembled in the Hall where religious preaching is allowed and participated in a common Prayer under the guidance of Mr. S. V. Subramaniam of the Kokuvil Hindu College tutorial staff.

Later Mr. Subramaniam delivered a lecture on "செயலும் சிவச்செயலும்." Refreshments were then served to the prisoners.

The grant towards the cost of books and other school materials supplied free by the school to poor pupils will continue to be paid.

The Director further points out that the aggregate of the grants paid to any school for maintenance and equipment should not exceed the sum actually spent by that school for this purpose.

## INFLUENCE OF COLOUR ON HUMAN THOUGHTS

### Mental Homes Use It Beneficially

COLOUR is a cosmic force exerting tremendous power on human life and thought, says Robert W. Hunter in *Prediction*. Colour affects human action and state of mind. It has a creative and sustaining force. It has a direct bearing on temperament, health, and well-being. I can cure both physically and mentally. Seemingly all powerful human thought, which only death itself has the power to disturb; can be influenced by colour. Sometimes that influence is for good, sometimes for evil. Hate and love can be stimulated by colours. Human emotions can be roused to the pitch of killing. Yet, colour vibrations can aid the human mind in transcending beyond the material into the realms of spiritual thought and communion.

Colour can stimulate activity, or induce laziness. It can make one happy or sad. It can inspire. Significant it is that the bands of colour in the rainbow—violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, red—number seven, the number which, in sacred books, stands in relation to the spiritual or mysterious God force.

### Healing Temples of Colour

Bygone civilisations enjoyed the knowledge of colour wisdom. At Heliopolis in ancient Egypt were the Healing Temples of Light and Colour. The wise old civilisations of India and China revered healing by colour. The supreme value of colour waves and vibrations was known in the Golden Age of Greece. The highly initiated knew the significance of colours in relation to man's soul and the infinite.

### Violet for Meditation

Leonardo da Vinci, the famous painter and one of the greatest investigators of the science of colour, held the belief that the power of meditation will be increased tenfold by the rays of violet light. Violet draperies and materials surrounded Wagner when composing his musical scores from sources beyond earthly life. To the violet are indebted the great works of art, in music, prose, poetry, painting and sculpture, according to a well-known cosmotherapist. Violet provides nourishment of cells in the upper brain, is the stimulator of highest human ideals and has great inspirational effect.

### Green Soothes the Nerves

Green, the middle colour band of the rainbow, brings peace and harmony to the senses, has harmonic vibrations. It soothes the nervous system. Green is Nature's colour shown prolifically in its leaves and grasses. Green heals the nerves and minds of city dwellers worn ragged by the greys of stone, and the reddish hues of buildings among which they struggle to "live". Yellow colour rays are vitally stimulating to mental thought. Orange induces mental

tal brightness with a sense of freedom from limitation. The spiritual value assigned to gold is seen in the golden halos around the heads of saints and spiritual teachers as depicted by painters.

### Red Rouses Action

Red stimulates the flow of adrenalin from the glands into the bloodstream, quickening the heart-beat and the circulation of the blood. It rouses to physical action. It rouses the brain to willfulness and assertiveness. Red can rouse the mob to destroy and to kill. Blue brings peace and calm to the worried mind, to those in a strung up nervous state. The blue of the skies and tropic blue of seas induces a tranquillity, a sense of perfectness and of deep spiritual truth to the possessors of colour consciousness. Indigo lies in the psychic sphere.

### Indigo Restores Eye-sight

In the realms of colour healing practised by chromotherapists, psychics and some doctors, accom-

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## TWINS MARRIED TWINS

### Mistaken Identity Resulted In Separation

THE strange story of how twin brothers who married twin sisters in Germany later swapped each other's wife was unfolded in a Berlin Divorcees court, reports *Sunday Express*.

Rudi and Wolfgang were twins, and the only way of telling the difference between them was that Rudi parted his hair on the right and Wolfgang on the left.

In Berlin, where they lived, they met 16 year-old Ruth and Margot, and the only way of telling the differences between them was that Margot had a mole below her right eye and Ruth had a mole beneath her left—for they, too, were twins.

### The Marriage

The boys fell in love with them. Rudi took Ruth and Wolfgang chose Margot and they were very happy.

Then came the war. Rudi and Wolfgang went off to their battery and when they got leave together they went home and married.

Away up in Latvia, on the Baltic Sea they were separated and soon after taken prisoner by the Russians.

Years passed until early last year, Rudi was released. He returned to Berlin. His wife Ruth had gone to Bavaria he

found, but Margot was left.

Rudi, of course, was disappointed, but he had always liked Margot and soon they were living together.

After all, the only difference was that Margot had a mole in a different place from Ruth.

And as far as Margot could see, the only difference between Ruth and her husband Wolfgang was that he parted his hair on the other side.

### Double Divorce

Ruth when she heard that her husband had returned, set out for Berlin. It took some time, and when she arrived she found that her husband was the father of the baby Margot was going to have.

The time came when Wolfgang too was released by the Russians. He went back to Berlin and found that his brother had taken his place in his home.

He shook his head in embarrassment and went to the kitchen to get something to eat. There he found Ruth.

Except for the mole on the wrong side, he would have easily mistaken her for his wife Margot. As for Ruth, she did not care on what side Wolfgang parted his hair.

A double divorce and double remarriage straightened the whole thing out.

### Manipay V. C.

## Administration Report Presented In Public

## Controversial Politics Not For Public Servants

### Minister's Hint

The presentation of the annual administration report done by the Manipay V. C. was a unique event in the history of Village Committees said Mr. Rajakaruna, Assistant Commissioner of Local Government. He congratulated the Manipay V. C. and added that the manner in which it had conducted Local Government activities deserved emulation by other local bodies.

### Public Servants are no Slaves

Mr. C. Sittambalam, Minister for Post and Telecommunications who presided at the meeting said in regard to the question of public servants participating in public meetings that they should keep themselves clear of controversial political issues and declared that they should not be regarded as slaves and gagged.

Mr. E. J. Rajaratnam, A.G.A., Jaffna, Mr. A. C. Fernando, Superintendent of Police Dr. S. G. Mills and Messrs V. Veerasingham and T. Subramaniam also spoke.

Mudr. Thiagarajah Chairman V. C. Manipay, welcomed the Minister.





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**Treasure These Thoughts**

Everything is made for some end. The sun itself has its business assigned, and so too the celestial deities. But pray, what were you made for? For pleasure? Common sense will not brook such a swar.

—MARCUS AURELIUS

**COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE**

COMPLETE AGREEMENT HAS been reached and India will remain within the Commonwealth; the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon and the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada deserve to be congratulated and commended for their action. Conditions are fast changing and it would have been regrettable had the Premiers of the Commonwealth countries not found a formula for keeping India within the Commonwealth. But for the Commonwealth Countries Britain would have sunk into insignificance. Communism is spreading like wild fire in China, and South East Asia has to be defended. The United Kingdom has for centuries defended democracy; so long as India was part of the British Empire Britain's Power in the East remained unaffected; Once India became independent it would have been difficult for the U. K. to defend democracy against communism in South East Asia without India remaining within the Commonwealth.

India has decided to be a Sovereign Independent Republic; her decision is justifiable. For several years Indian statesmen have fought for freedom; under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi by following the policy of passive resistance against a powerful Empire India attained freedom. The people of India will be loath to recognise the King of the United Kingdom and the Dominions overseas as their sovereign. For and on behalf of the Indian people the Constituent Assembly had authorised Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Premier to consent to India remaining within the Commonwealth provided the Commonwealth Conference agreed to recognise India as a Sovereign Independent Republic. A formula has been found and the Commonwealth Conference has been a success.

The Premier of Ceylon seems to think that the economic condition of the Island does not permit at present the raising and maintenance of a fully equipped army, navy and air force for the defence of Ceylon. It is therefore peremptory that Ceylon should act in collaboration with

other commonwealth countries in matters of defence. Ceylon should not fail in her duty to maintain sufficient military strength for the defence of her shores against a foreign aggressor; it will also be her duty to contribute her share towards any common action which the commonwealth countries might have to take for defending democracy. Although Ceylon cannot surrender such matters as defence, communications and foreign relations to India yet Ceylon should in her own interest act in collaboration with India; cordial relations should exist between the two countries. The task will be now easy for Ceylon to act in concert with India and Pakistan in particular and with other commonwealth countries in general in matters of defence because of the wise decision of the Commonwealth Conference to acknowledge India's Sovereign Independence and yet agree to India remaining within the Commonwealth.

**STATE SUSTAINING DRINK HABIT**

In making a wanton reference to an irrelevant idea, viz. that Sri Lanka is essentially a Buddhist country, in his ardent effort to mobilise public opinion in favour of prohibition of liquor, Mr. A. E. Goonesinghe, Minister without Portfolio, has allowed his enthusiasm to overstep ordinary bounds and has thus circumscribed a national and moral public question to the well-defined limits of a particular religious faith. However, the main idea behind this Ministerial move is one that deserves the unqualified support of all organisations that proclaim aloud their solicitude for the social and moral advancement of the people of Sri Lanka.

Modern tendency in the art of administration of a country is to examine all legislation in the light of the financial stability of the land and to put away such proposals as would tend to disturb the economic equilibrium of the state irrespective of the urgency for the introduction of enactments which provide for the moral upliftment of a people. There are measures which a Government has to take in the interest of the good life of the governed, whatever the financial implications which such proposals may bring. It is preposterous to think that any modern democratic Government should pay engaging attention to the question of increasing the revenue of the land without pausing for a moment to examine the justifiability of adopting such methods. It is not that Madras and Bombay have introduced total prohibition, not even that the different religious faiths will not tolerate the drink habit, that we in Sri Lanka should start a crusade against the demon of drink. It is because that commonsense and accepted moral conduct demand that the people of a country should be given as little encouragement as possible to indulge in a soul-destroying habit. How then did our Government decide to open a State Distillery?

In the House of Representatives

**FOOD AND DRUGS BILL PASSED**

**Legislation That Was Overdue**

DESPITE the declaration by Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Leader of the House and Minister of Health and Local Government who moved the second reading of the Food and Drugs Bill that it did not provide for any controversial issue, the Communist fire-eaters would not resist the temptation to repeat their concern for the poor bread-winner whom such regulations as envisaged in the Bill would hit hard.

Dr. N. M. Perera however, wanted only the rigor of the law to be minimised by a certain amount of laxity towards the poor man. It looked as if he wanted the regulations to remain idle in the Statute Book.

The M. P. for Galle as usual Contributed his share to the debate and expressed misgivings about the financial capacity of local Government bodies to employ sufficient staff to enforce the regulations.

Mr. Bandaranaike in reply frankly confessed that relaxation in regulations in their application to certain class of people, though acceptable could not be practicable.

The Bill was passed by 55 votes to 2—Mr. Keeneman and Mr. Kumarasiri calling "no".

**Housing Schemes**

The opposition to the Bill to provide for the establishment and regulation of a Board with funds and authority to grants loans for the executions of Housing

Schemes, also moved by Mr. Bandaranaike, counted 19 members.

Mr. Bandaranaike saw the necessity for measures to stimulate building houses by private enterprise, particularly because the Rent Restriction Ordinance had come to stay.

And again the Communist leader led the opposition and derided the bill as mere camouflage and declared that the Government had no plan about housing.

Mr. Dahanayake would not miss the opportunity which gave him a handle to pour invectives on capitalists and asked in earnestness whether a capitalist scheme would benefit the poorer classes? He suggested a state-aided housing plan and added that to provide 1500 houses where 30000 are needed was simply understandable.

Mr. V. Nalliah (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health and Local Government) stepped in to answer the Leftist attack and asserted that the co-operative Building Societies which the Bill envisaged would enable the poorer classes to build their houses.

The L.S.S.P. leader exclaimed that the Parliamentary Secretary had only confirmed their worst suspicions that the Bill was calculated to assist capitalists to amass profits.

Mr. Bandaranaike replied and secured a voting of 35 votes to 18.

**DEMAND FOR PARTITION DENIED**

**M. Ps for Kopay and Kankesanturai Clarify Their Views**

A change in the form of Government, from the unitary to a federal type, that was all that he and his colleague Mr. Chelvanayagam wanted—said Mr. C. Vanniasingham M. P. for Kopay at a public meeting at Alaveddy North. Continuing Mr. Vanniasingham characterised it as mischievous propaganda to describe their demand as one for partition of the Island in the sense in which British India was partitioned.

**Administrative Fiat**

Referring to a pamphlet titled "Land for the people" issued by the Information Department in English and Sinhalese alone, Mr. Vanniasingham said that it seemed likely that the question of official languages was also likely to be decided by administrative fiat rather than by Parliament.

Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam, K. C., M. P., speaking from the chair declared that the demand for a Federal Government was nothing more than what Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam had himself demanded in 1947 viz, the right of self determination for the Tamils.

The Opposition parties, at a conference agreed to support Mrs. T. B. Ilangaratne, wife of the former M. P. for Kandy as the Opposition candidate at the forthcoming by-election.

**Chinese communist Regime**

**Not Yet Recognised By India**

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in a Press Note issued on April 25 says: The attention of the Government of India has been drawn to a report that India has decided to recognise the Communist Government in Nanking and that negotiations are under way in this connection. This report, the Press Note, says, is misleading.

**Defacts Relations**

It adds: The only decision which India, in common with the other diplomatic missions in Nanking, has taken is to remain in Nanking for the time being and to forward a list of personnel and property in the Embassy to the local authorities in Nanking. This amounts to nothing more than the establishment of de facto relations with the local authorities. The recognition of the new Government in China is a major question which will be taken up in due course.

**ONE THING AND ANOTHER**

By YALPANAN

**Dr. Pattabhi's Patronising Plea**

ET TU Pattabel Independent Lanka to integrate with Free India! Perish the thought, whoever gave expression to it! The official Head of INDIA, that super statesman of clear vision, Nehru, he did not say it, nay think of it. It was the unofficial Head of our neighbour nation who has pronounced this astounding political move. It is Sri Lanka's business and concern. Let the controversy end there for it ought never to have been started.

The Congress President has much to do in his own country—the re-establishing of Congress prestige which Mrs. Asaf Ali so very cruelly scorned at only recently. There is the Hindu—Urdu tug of war. The Andhra dis-integration there is in all earnestness. If the President needed a relaxation, he could have been well advised to have extended his fertile imagination to higher plans of thought—

**Disintegration Demand**

Another Indian Leader, Mr. Kamraj Nadar, the Tamil Nad Congress President, however, would not make a secret of his views on the "Partition Plan" of some Tamil Parliamentarians. With consuming causticity he characterised the more as "silly" and made the protagonists think furiously. Acharya Kiripalani, former President of the Indian National Congress, also joined in the condemnation.

But Mr. Chelvanayagam, the brilliant lawyer he is, would not allow himself to be outwitted. He has categorically denied that such a demand had ever been made. "A Federal form of Government and that is all" says he and further quotes from the doings of his erstwhile leader, Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam—his cable to White hall in 1947 for the right of self-determination for the Tamils, in support of the opposition to the Unitary Form of Government. The campaign has now shifted its premises of propaganda. It is now merely the examination of the terminological exactitude of the expression "self determination". The demand for "self-determination by a group of people in a geographical unit which has a heterogeneous population—does it or does it not mean partition or no partition? what a poser for political scientists!

**India To Produce Penicillin**

A three-crore project for the manufacture of penicillin, sulpha and antimalaria drugs was approved at a conference presided over by Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, India's Minister for Industry and Supply.

Maj. Gen. Sir Sahib Singh Sokhey, Director of the Haffkine Institute, Bombay, explained at the conference the requirements for the proposed manufacturing plant and gave details of the working of similar plants in Europe and America.

The Conference, after an hour's discussion of the various aspects of the project, appointed a Committee with Mr. Neville Wadia as Chairman to submit concrete

**Copyright of Gandhiji's Writings**

**Objections Against Approbate Application**

Two objections have been received in the District Court of Ahmedabad against the application made by Mr. Harehar Parikh for the grant of approbate of Mahatma Gandhi's will regarding the copyright of his writings and publications.

The district Judge refused to take notice of the objection received by post from Mr. S. Ganesan of Madras claiming copyright for publication of the book "Satyagraha in South Africa". Mr. Ganesan stated that the book was specially translated for him in English by Mr. V. G. Desai and corrected by Mahatma Gandhi himself. He had paid about rupees fifteen hundred to Mr. Desai as translation charges. This was known to Mahatma Gandhi and others.

Mr. Ganesan also claimed rights to publish again innumerable books specially "Young India" volumes one, two and three published by him during the life-time of Mahatma Gandhi and with his blessings. He added that he was using all the profits from the publications for constructive work.

The second objection was presented through a plea by Mr. A. L. Natrajan of Madras claiming to have published certain speeches and writings of Mahatma Gandhi under special permission given to him by Mr. K. G. Mashruvala, Secretary of Mahatma Gandhi. The court gave him time to file objection till April 27.

**Communist Clash in Calcutta**

**Police Fire: 7 Killed**

Seven people were reported killed by gun-shot and bomb splinters when the Police fired on a banned Communist procession in Calcutta's Bow Bazaar.

Nine people were injured and the casualties included five policemen.

Twenty-seven arrests were made.

The police opened fire after making lathi (staves) charges and using teargas on the demonstrators.

Crude hand-grenades were thrown.

The procession came out in defiance of a Police ban. Later batches of demonstrators tried to interfere with traffic.

Tram cars were set on fire and some buses were damaged by stone throwing.

The procession itself was the offshoot of a meeting organised by the local Women's Communist organisation to express sympathy with Communist prisoners now hunger-striking in West Bengal jails.

proposals" to the Government of India for the early execution of the scheme, an official spokesman said.

The Conference gave its general approval to the suggestion to locate the penicillin plant at Dehu Road, 16 miles from Poon.



## Influence of Colour On Human Thought

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plishments are innumerable. Some examples are: Leprosy cures by yellow rays—Blue stopping bleeding of the lungs—Indigo restoring to full seeing from a state of encroaching blindness. Air, liquids and foods can be charged with the powers of individual colours. The principles of colour are successfully employed in many mental homes throughout the world in treatment of patients.

### Create Harmony By Colour Scheme

The power of colour is being harnessed in factories, and has actually created more goods and more money for both workers and for owners. Daily human lives are being saved, and slight and serious accidents are being reduced by scientific use of various shades and colours. Happiness is being brought to factory workers. Discord and constant quarrelling reigned in a fruit packing plant in California, through the employees absorbing too much yellow and orange. Adoption of a scientific colour scheme created harmony.

Colour waves impact themselves on every living thing on earth at a frequency rate of about 750,000,000,000,000 waves per second. Light, which is composed of the rainbow colours, travels earthwards at 186,000 miles per second! Sunshine in a mere twenty minutes charges ordinary drinking water with the same magnetic potency as a nine layered magnet! Let the earth suddenly be plunged into darkness for a period, and all human, animal, and plant life would shrivel up. Human thought, both material and spiritual would cease. The power of colour is indeed atomic.

## Republican India Remains in Commonwealth

### King Only A Symbol of Free Association

THE following communique was issued by the Ministry of External Affairs:

During the past week the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon, and the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs have met in London to exchange views upon the important constitutional issues arising from India's decision to adopt a Republican form of Constitution and her desire to continue her Membership of the Commonwealth.

The discussions have been concerned with the effects of such a development upon the existing structure of the Commonwealth and the constitutional relations between its Members. They have been conducted in an atmosphere of goodwill and mutual understanding, and have had as their historical background the traditional capacity of the Commonwealth to strengthen its unity of purpose, while adapting its organisation and procedures to changing circumstances.

After full discussion the Representatives of the Governments of all the Commonwealth countries have agreed that the conclusions reached should be placed on record in the following declaration:—

#### The Declaration

"The Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon,

whose countries are united as Members of the British Commonwealth of Nations by a common allegiance to the Crown, which is also the symbol of their free association, have considered the impending constitutional changes in India.

"The Government of India have informed the other Governments of the Commonwealth of the intention of the Indian people that under the new constitution which is about to be adopted India shall become a sovereign independent Republic. The Government of India have, however, declared and affirmed India's desire to continue her full Membership of the Commonwealth of Nations and her acceptance of the King as the symbol of the free association of its independent member nations and as such the head of the Commonwealth.

"The Governments of the other countries of the Commonwealth, the basis of whose membership of the Commonwealth is not hereby changed, accept and recognise India's continuing membership in accordance with the terms of this declaration.

"Accordingly the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon hereby declare that they remain united as free and equal members of the Commonwealth of Nations, freely co-operating in the pursuit of peace, liberty and progress."

These constitutional questions have been the sole subject of discussions at the full meetings of Prime Ministers.

## The Siddha Graduates Association

The meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday the 23rd April, 1949 at 4 p.m. at the Town Hall, Jaffna. Dr. K. Ambalavanar, D. I. M. S. (Ceylon) the Vice-President of the Association presided. At the commencement of the meeting it was unanimously decided to extend the membership of the Association to the Siddha Graduates of the Govt. Indian Medical College, Madras, in addition to the Siddha Graduates of the College of Indigenous Medicine, Colombo. Secondly the following resolutions were unanimously passed.

1. This Association request the Hon'ble the Minister of Health and Local Govt. to grant an interview to a deputation of the Association, to place before him the Association's view regarding the Registration of Indigenous Medical Practitioners before a decision is arrived by the Ministry regarding the above subject.

2. This Association begs to inform the Hon. the Minister of Health and Local Govt., that the opinion expressed by the so-called "All Ceylon Siddha Medical Association" is only an opinion of a certain section of Vaidyas of Jaffna and not the opinion of the recognised Siddha Physicians of Ceylon and also this Association further begs to inform the Minister that the All Ceylon Siddha Medical Association which is renamed as the All Ceylon Siddha Ayurvedic Association is not a representative body of recognised Siddha Physicians of Ceylon.

Finally the Association elected the following as the Members of the Executive Committee of the Association in addition to the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who were elected earlier.

Dr. S. M. Ponjiah L. I. M. (Madras), Dr. A. Rajanayakam L. I. M. (Madras), Dr. A. Nadarajah D. I. M. S. (Ceylon), Dr. K. Krishner D. I. M. S. (Ceylon) and Dr. V. Lhamparam D. I. M. S. (Ceylon).

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF POINT PEDRO Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 388/T

In the matter of the Intestate Estate and effects of the late Veeragathiar Thambimuttu of Thondamanar. Deceased. Thangaratnam widow of Thambimuttu of Thondamanar.

- Vs. Petitioner
1. Paramsothyambal daughter of Thambimuttu
  2. Thambimuttu Gnanasegaram
  3. Thambimuttu Gnanasabayam
  4. Kuttalakuil daughter of Thambimuttu
  5. Sinar Santhirasegarampillai all of Thondamanar.
- 1-4 Respondents are minors appearing by their G. A. L. the 5th Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before S. R. Wijeyatilake Esquire, District Judge of Point Pedro on the 6th day of October 1948 in the presence of Mr. S. Nagalingamudaly Proctor on the part of the petitioner above-named and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated the 30th day of April 1948 having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner above-named be and she is hereby declared entitled as widow of the deceased to have Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said deceased issued to her accordingly, unless the respondents above-named or any person or persons interested shall on or before the 19th day of January 1949 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 6th day of October 1948  
Sgd. S. R. Wijeyatilake  
District Judge  
Extended & Reissued for 6-5-49  
Inld. S. R. W.  
D. J.  
Drawn by  
Sgd. Nagalingamudaly  
Proctor for Petitioner.  
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## ANTI-SOCIAL DOWRY SYSTEM

### A STIGMA ON SOCIETY

#### Restraint Bill In Bihar Assembly

THE Bihar Assembly heard in sombre silence the tales of misfortune, of forced spinsterhood for inability of the poor parents to provide dowry to purchase bridegrooms and consequent immatured widowhood of many for unequal marriages, when Srimati Sundari Devi moved for reference of the Bihar Dowry Restraint Bill to a select committee. The Congress members were found emitting venom against this system which was causing social anarchy in the Hindu Society and appealed to liquidate dowry both by legislation and propaganda. The greedy and lustful fathers' hankering for dowry in time of marriages of their sons and apparently neutral role of modern youths in the matter of acceptance of dowry on the eve of matrimonial alliance came in for sharp criticism. One member pointed out that some of those marriageable youths who freely indulged in tall talks on radical democracy and scientific socialism, in the event of their marriages observed painful silence amounting to quiet approval of this inhuman and atrocious custom.

Srimathi Sundari Devi (Congress) moving the Restraint of Dowry Bill to the Select Committee said the system of dowry was playing havoc in the Hindu Society. It was becoming unbearable to stand to the determined efforts of marriageable sons and their parents to exploit the parents of the marriageable daughters: The dowry system was an obstacle on the way of timely marriage of girls in poor families. The exorbitant demands of cash and property just for marrying girls were leading families to indebtedness. For centuries propaganda against this system has been in vogue without much purpose. Hence she found to eradicate this ancient evil it was necessary to use legislation. Years of British subjugation have caused demoralisation in the society which needed to be reclaimed from the social bog. In the present state of helplessness existence of such social legislation on the Statute Book against evils of the dowry system was necessary. This would produce a healthy effect on the society by holding before public the regulative ideal of proper marriage negotiations.

#### Baneful Consequences

Continuing she said that many happy homes were uprooted and many daughters of the country were frustrated and denied pleasure of useful existence and contribution to the growth of the society due to the prevalence of the dowry system. Quoting instances of 'baneful' consequence of such a custom she said that until the country and the people waged war against dowry the entire fabric of the society would go 'leprotic' and cause such degeneration wherefrom the recovery would be impossible; The only course left open to resist the greed and lust for dowry was by placing the legislative obstacle which she hoped, would bring back sense of justice and equity among those who 'bragged' about by demonstrating, unholily glee in accepting immoral bribes in lieu of marrying our girls.

#### TENDER NOTICE

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, N. P., up to 12 noon on Tuesday, May 17, 1949 for the necessary improvements to Puthukulam in Tunukkai, Pudukkottai Divisional Revenue Officer's Division, Northern Province. Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the Kacheri, Jaffna, where all particulars can be obtained. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Saturday, May 14, 1949, only on production of receipt for Rs 25 deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kacheri. (G 13 29)

## Thiruketheesvaram Restoration

### More Meetings in Support

Meetings at Kandy in support of the movement for the restoration of the Thiruketheesvaram Temple were recently held. Representative of the Working Committee of the Thiruketheesvaram Temple Restoration Society met Hindu Overseers at Kingswood College Hall. Mr. C. K. Kalyasundaram, the President of the All-Ceylon Overseers' Union presided. Messrs. K. Ramachandra, P. S. Thuraiappah, V. S. Chelappah, S. Saravanamuttu and S. Sivasubramaniam addressed the meeting regarding the antiquity and importance of the temple and the necessity for its restoration. The President and Messrs. K. A. Vythilingam and K. Velupillai made observations and assured support on behalf of the Overseers.

The representatives of the Society met some of the leading Hindu residents of Kandy at the Sabhai Hall on the same day. Gate Mudaliyar N. Canaganayagam J. P., M. M. C. presided. The President and Messrs. M. Ambalavanar, S. Kandiah, T. Kailasapillai, M. Kanagarajah and M. Rajagunam addressed the gathering. A representative sub-committee with Gate Mudaliyar Canaganayagam as Chairman was appointed to make collections and to assist in the work.

The fourth tragedy in the Mata-ra district within a fortnight since the Sinhalese New Year occurred yesterday at Kottegoda, a village about 10 miles from Matara, when two cousins Marakkalage John Silva and Marakkalage Juwanis, stabbed each other in a drunken brawl and both fell dead on the spot.

### Our Astrological Feature

# WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 1ST MAY TO 7TH MAY, 1949.

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

Take things easy if you want to succeed this week. If you are not in a hurry you will be satisfied with the development in your affairs. A long standing friend will help you a good deal week end.

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

Luck will serve you well this week. A good week for important changes. Some prospects of quarrels being heald in the family and better understanding made.

**GEMINI** *Mrgasirisha 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Punarvasom 1, 2, 3—[Mithuna Rasi]*

Although this week will begin with disappointments on the whole it will be a prosperous week. There will be some worries over old members of your family. Take good care of health.

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

Good week for dealing in landed properties etc. Domestic harmony and triumph over competitors also shown. If you are on the alert you will gain through unusual and speculative deals.

**LEO** *Maha, Poora, Uttirai 1 part—[Singha Rasi]*

A turn in the financial situation may bring dismay. Beware of controversy and suddenly revealed enmity this week. Refrain from making any important changes. Mischief makers will work against you and you have to be very careful in all your affairs.

**VIRGO** *Uttirai 2, 3, 4, Attai, Chittirai 1, 2—[Kanni Rasi]*

You may have to face up to some unkind criticism from relatives probably from brothers or sisters. Financially a good time. You will make some interesting links up week end.

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

From the point of view of business or profession this will be a good week although profits will be slow in coming in. Spend the first two days of the week carefully. Avoid accidents.

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

A bereavement in the family circle shown. Avoid arguments and quarrels on Tuesday and Wednesday. Official troubles also indicated. A cynical attitude towards friends and relatives would probably be the wisest way this week.

**SAGITTARIUS** *Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thamun Rasi]*

Nothing turns out as you expect but progressive week nevertheless. Spend Thursday and Friday with care. Beware of official troubles and care of health

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

This week will make you take a more optimistic view of life. You will make some new friends. Your quiet life and settled routine will be disturbed a bit week end but it will be for your good.

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

Don't lose your head if people behave oddly. Prospects of financial gains and professional advancement shown. If employed better understanding with fellow workers follows a short controversy early this week.

**PISCES** *Pooradati 4, Uttiradati, Rovati. [Meena Rasi]*

If you can keep alert and seize opportunities your own progress will give you a surprise. You will make some new friends and will gain much through them. Domestic harmony and ruin to enemies also shown.



# MESMERISM AND YOGA

## Manifestation of Mental Faculty

[Mr. C. Thamotharampillai Retired Medical Officer of Chankai spent many years of his life studying and practising hypnotism, mesmerism and thought reading. He explains that by concentration and discipline of the mind it will be possible to know the past, present and future, to tell accurately what is happening at far off places to heal the sick and perform other wonders. We publish below an account of an exhibition of his mental powers.

The performance was under the patronage and immediate presence of Major C. H. Woolwam of 1st Jordan Highlanders, Commandant of Trincomalee; the subject who was mesmerised was a British soldier who was made to laugh cry aloud and hold his hands and feet in different positions and otherwise to obey as ordered by Mr. Thamotharampillai.

Mr. Thamotharampillai asked the soldier to sit down, and said, "You cannot stand up, try if you can", the soldier tried his best to stand up but he was unable to stand up. Mr. Thamotharampillai said, "Well, now you can stand up", and he stood at once. Again Mr. T. asked him to lie down, he did so, and Mr. T. said, "You cannot rise up, try if you can". He tried his best with hands and legs rising up from the lying position, but he failed. Now Mr. Thamotharampillai said "you can rise up." He rose up at once easily. Again Mr. Thamotharampillai ordered him to walk around him with folded hands three times. He did so obediently. Again Mr. T. told him to dance for five minutes. He did so beautifully. Again Mr. T. asked him to open his mouth, and put out his tongue. He did so, Mr. T. said you cannot shut or draw in the tongue, and said, try if you can do it. He tried but failed to shut his mouth or draw in the tongue. Mr. T. said now you can do them. He did so at once. Again Mr. T. said that he will see a big forest in front of him for a few seconds he was quiet, and then he said "yes, I see a forest and there are many big trees in it and some animals are moving there and there. Now Mr. T. asked him "what are the animals you see." He after seeing carefully, said I see a tiger, a deer, a deer is running away fast, birds are flying about here and there. Again Mr. T. asked what else you see, he said, I see an elephant which is breaking out branches of trees. Now Mr. T. asked what else you see, he said "I see monkeys and snakes all moving about". Mr. T. said now stop they will disappear. Now you will see an ocean with ships and steamers. He after looking for a few minutes said, "Yes, I see an ocean with ships and steamers with men in them, they are moving fast. Mr. T. said, look at one coast, a steamer is unloading her cargo. "Yes, I see a steamer is unloading her goods, small boats are full around it, loaded with goods, they are carrying them to the shore. Again Mr. T. said: All those disappear. Now you will see a Court House. He after looking for a few seconds said "yes, I see a court house, there is a judge in the bench, with a good number of lawyers seated round a table, I see a large number of people and a very big house. Again Mr. T. said "You will see your house. He after looking for a few seconds said "Yes, I see my house. Mr. T. said "you will see father and mother. He said "Yes, I see my father and mother. Mr. T. asked who else you see, I see my brother and sister said the

soldier. Mr. T. said "speak with them. He said that they say something, which I cannot understand. Mr. T. said, "you will see your lover. "Yes, he said and laughed, yes I see my darling Mr. T. said, you can kiss her, he embraced and kissed her in a most loving manner. So on in this way, many more astonishing statements were made by the soldier to the admiration of the audience. Mr. T. told the audience that these are the phenomena of mesmerised state of a person. This soldier was a stout built young man of thirty five years of age, and he was a European.]

Mr. Thamotharampillai read the thoughts of most of the European and natives of those present with perfect accuracy "on the whole the audience was not very mirthful, but seemed struck with serious contemplation on the peculiar assertions and explanations of the philosopher"

Mr. Thamotharampillai says that these phenomena are examples, which belong to the class of Anima and Mahima of the Addamasithy of Yoga system of the Hindus. Some of these states are called in Tamil as மாயச்சம்பிரதம், மஹிமையுடையதம், தத்துவச்சம்பிரதம், மகாசகடுமையதம், தத்துவச்சம்பிரதம் and the like.

These phenomena or powers were manifested in the ancient time by yogees or clairvoyant seers, with many more astonishing feats of yogam or mesmerism, such as the telling of past, present and future events to a person the telling the thoughts of one man to another, the healing of diseases by simple suggestions without the use of medicines, seeing things which lie several miles off without the use of the normal eye or instruments and the like.

These yogees or clairvoyant seers were considered and treated in the olden days by the people as divine persons or prophets: that is the people respected them with admiration and reverence and as men who have obtained the special favour of God; because they manifested these super human powers, and as they claimed that they were sent or ordered by God to serve as His special servants in this world. They also believed that these prophets were selected persons of God to help human beings to lead them towards the true path to attain everlasting happiness in the next life which is in the spiritual world.

These things were done by the ancient people as they were ignorant of the fact that these powers were mere manifestation of the mental faculties under certain conditions of the development of the brain powers, which lie embedded in man. The science of psychology has proved after extensive investigation that these extraordinary or super-human powers of the human brain, such as phantasy or the state of suggestion, telling the thoughts of others, telling the past present and future events of a person healing diseases, by simple suggestion, looking at things which lie several miles away, looking through opaque bodies and the like are mere results of the manifestation of natural laws which lie embedded in the human brain. They evolve and exhibit when certain favourable conditions occur or are induced in the brain by certain methods. Over these abnormal powers and manifestations, God has no special connection or concern.

wardena Esquire. Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 30th day of March, 1949 in the presence of Mr M Kathiravelu, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner and the affidavit of the attesting Notary and witnesses of the said Will having been read;

It is ordered that the above-named 8th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad-litem over the minors 3-7 Respondents for the purpose of representing them and watching their interest in the matter of this Testamentary proceedings and that the Petitioner is entitled to have probate of the Last Will and Testament of the above named deceased and the same may be issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents or any others shall on or before the 5th day of May, 1949 at 10 a.m. show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 6th day of April, 1949  
Sgd. S. S. I. Gunasekara  
District Judge  
(O 2 26 & 29)

**ORDER NISI**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. 1023  
In the matter of the last will and Testament of late Murugappiar Arumugam of Vaddukoddai East Jaffna.  
Deceased.  
Valliammai widow of Murugappiar Arumugam of Vaddukoddai East, Jaffna. Petitioner.  
Vs.  
1. Arumugam Velupillai of Education Office, Colombo.  
2. Arumugam Subramaniam of 19 Kampong Bharu Singapore.  
3. Arumugam Rejaratnam, G. P. O. Colombo.  
4. Arumugam Sellathurai  
5. Arumugam Tharumalingam  
6. Arumugam Mahendram  
7. Arumugam Poovaneswari  
8. Velupillai Chelliah all of Vaddukoddai East, Jaffna  
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