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THE LIFE OF THE COMMON MAN

Study Of Art Makes It Happier

LIKE all great and good things in life, it is not enough if they are the possessions of a few. It is true that fine art is aristocratic in its essence because it is always a few who create it. But creation by a few is not inconsistent with enjoyment by all, writes Sri R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, in the *Hindustan Times* pleading that art should permeate the life of the common man. He continues:

In these days when the individual and society are and have to be integrated and identified, it is no longer either necessary or possible to restrict the enjoyment of fine art to a few. It is the duty of all those who deal in the matter to see that fine art is appreciated by the common man as much as by the high-brows. It is not open to us to say the common man does not understand. If he does not understand it, it is the duty of those who understand it to develop the capacity in him to understand. After all, the meaning of compulsory education and adult education which is being made universal, is to carry the fruit of the teachings of all ages to the common man. The same should be our attempt as regards fine art.

Primary Education Must Include Art

Fine arts in one form or the other should form part and parcel of our elementary education. Merely intellectual education is lop-sided. It does not make for the development either of the full man or the perfect man. The body, the mind, the moral sense, the aesthetic personality and spiritual being are all constituent elements of an individual. And if it is the aim of education to develop all these constituents, it stands to reason that aesthetics must form one of the elements even of primary education.

Man's progress has to be measured by the achievements that are to his credit in the field both of useful arts

Hindu Youngmen's Mahasabai

At a general meeting of the above association held in the reading room hall on Tuesday at 6 p.m. with Mr. R. C. Manmatharayan on the chair, Mr. S. D. Balarajah was unanimously elected as the Secretary in place of Mr. V. Ramakrishnan who went out station.

and fine arts. If we say that we are today more civilized than the barbarians and our ancestors 6,000 years ago, it is because we have advanced in the field of art. But when we analyse the real situation, the advance has not been much. When we examine our dull and drab daily lives and the small part fine art plays in them, we have to say that it is conspicuous more by its absence than by its presence.

Our Surroundings

We can find in the typical house of middle-class educated people, the walls are bare of any decoration or paintings, except perhaps the bizarre cheap western reproductions. The study tables are burdened with some cheap American magazine stuff, the furniture is bare and often without any art. Of music, possibly the whole household is quite innocent. We need

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Mayor's Malay Dishes For Labour Minister

Banquet At Town Hall

Mr. Sam. A. Sabapathy, Mayor of Jaffna entertained at dinner on Saturday night Mr. T. B. Jayah the Minister for Labour and Social Services at the Jaffna Town Hall.

The dinner consisted of Malay dishes and was the first of its kind in Jaffna.

The other guests included Messrs. G. G. Ponnambalam Minister for Industries and S. S. J. Gunasekera District Judge of Jaffna.

After dinner the guests were treated to popular songs by Dr. N. John Puvirajsinghe.

Mr. Jayah in thanking the Mayor said whatever the faults of the Government might be the Prime Minister had succeeded in bringing all communities together. He was happy to find that his friend and colleague Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam had the full backing of his community.

Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam speaking next paid a tribute to the integrity and sincerity of the Minister for Labour which fact has been proved by the love the people of Ceylon have for him.

Mr. Sam Sabapathy briefly thanked the Ministers and other guests for responding to his invitation.

Demise Of Communism

Chinese Seer's Prediction

An aged Taoist seer, scholar and philanthropist, whose past predictions have proved "surprisingly accurate", has prophesied that there will be a third world war in 1950, which would end two years later with the victory of the "anti-aggression forces over the totalitarian powers."

The prophet, Lee Yu-Chieh, sees World War III coming between the spring and summer of 1950. It would be fought, he says, "by the anti-aggression forces on the one hand, and the Soviet bloc on the other."

Basing his predictions on what is known in ancient Chinese culture and religion as movements of "nature's passion", aged Lee declares that the "forces of the universe are heading towards a head long clash". When that clash ended, the Chinese Communists would be among the defeated.

The "anti-aggression" victory he adds, would spell the demise of international Communism. The world would then know a long period of peace.

British Lion Will Stage Come-Back

The seer's forecasts are contained in a pamphlet, which has been distributed by some of his friends. In it, the Seer states that China would be a battle ground for the war he sees coming.

He also foresees the eventual "awakening of the British lion". But this, he says, would not take place until after the Chinese Communists had overrun Indo-China, Siam and Burma and were threatening India.

Lee further states that Japan would fight alongside the democratic forces in the war he forecasts. India, he adds, would be a base for a "Chinese military come-back".

COMMUNIST LEADER'S ADVISE TO STUDENTS

Study Marxism To Become Useful To Society

"Many working class students would give their right hands to have the education that you are receiving," said Mr. Pieter Keneuman, M. P., the Chief Guest at the annual dinner of the Jaffna Hindu College H. S. C. Hostellers Union held at the College on Sunday.

Covers were laid for about 60 diners.

Proposing the toast of the Association Mr. Keneuman said that students of the H. S. C. and School leaving stage should make a careful and serious study of Marxism. He said that he was making that statement with all seriousness and sense of responsibility.

Children From Large Families

They Are Less Intelligent

Children from large families are on the average less intelligent than those from smaller ones, according to Sir Godfrey Thomson, the psychologist of Edinburgh University.

He suggested that there was a "slight danger" that British educational system was tending to ensure that the next generation would, as a majority, descend from the least intelligent of the present one.

"Higher education," he said, "generally implies later marriage, which itself implies the likelihood of a small family."

"These people are anxious that their children should have the education they themselves had and therefore they tend to have fewer children."

"There is another kind of explanation—that on the average the large family is unintelligent because it is the family of unintelligent parents. And it is certain that some part of a child's intelligence is inherited."

Tests among post-graduate students of London University, from all kinds of homes, showed that those with more brothers and sisters did not do so well in intelligence.

"I don't assert that the national intelligence is falling. I say there is some fear that it may be falling."

TOTAL PROHIBITION IN MADRAS

Review Of One Year's Work

BROADCASTING from All-India Radio, Madras, Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras, said that "Madras may well be proud of the triumph of this socio-economic measure (prohibition) for it reflects to the credit of the people's paramount desire to end a force of evil which till a year back menaced this Province." The Premier took for his radio talk, "One year of total Prohibition."

A year ago, on October 2, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the Government of Madras introduced a social reform of vital significance and set in motion a silent but glorious revolution, said the Premier. The Province of Madras went "dry" for the Government had implemented the total prohibition programme in all the 25 districts that constituted this Presidency. He had great pleasure in announcing that Prohibition had completed one year of successful working. Many factors had contributed to this victory of moral good over social sin which was the ethical significance of Prohibition. The whole-hearted support of the people was the main reason why Prohibition could and did succeed. Had the public been antagonistic or even indifferent, Prohibition would have proved a dismal failure. The popular will backed the people's mandate in this great reform. Again, the officials who administered the Act were equally enthusiastic about the working of Prohibition, so that both the spirit and the letter of the Law were satisfied. Finally, the very addicts who were affected by the ban proved amenable to ameliorative measures, so that the enforcement work yielded place of importance to constructive activities, aimed at the rehabilitation of former addicts.

Critics Confounded

Recalling the violent opposition that prevailed at the time when total Prohibition was about to be launched, he said that the critics stood confounded. To the class of critics who felt that this reform could have been postponed to some later date when conditions would be more propitious, he would say that the best time to save a man from drowning was when he was struggling in the water, not when the tide was changing, or the flow was less.

During the last 12 months they missed in the Province certain scenes which bore eloquent testimony to the evils of drink. It had been said that the sight of a drunkard was a better sermon against that vice than the best that was ever preached by temperance lecturers. But now, no person drank in public and no sale of drink was permitted by the Government. This was no doubt a moral victory over the social crime. He was not unaware of the fact that illicit distillation, illegal tapping, smuggling of liquor and intoxicating drinks, were going on in this Province at various places, though on a small scale.

Taking into consideration the population—50 millions—of this Province, about 2,800 cases of illicit distillation, 300 of illicit tapping, 70 of smuggling of liquor and 130 relating to illegal possession of intoxicating drugs on an average per month, was a negligible fraction of crime. This not merely testified to the efficiency and vigilance of the Government officials appointed to enforce Prohibition, but also to the people's wish to make the Act a success.

Ameliorative Work

But mere enforcement was not what the Government aimed at. They were keen on improving the social and economic conditions of the masses. The ameliorative work was transferred on October 15, 1948, from the Revenue to the Co-operative Department which had more experience in starting and supervising co-operative enterprises. During the last year, nearly 1.63 lakhs of ex-today tappers were absorbed in other vocations and on their behalf a number of co-operative societies were organised in various parts of the Province. More than 1,500 jaggery manufacturing societies, 120 milk-supply societies, 20 cottage industries societies are functioning to-day. Many land colonisation schemes had been launched by which nearly 700 ex-tappers and 800 ex-addicts were assigned 2,300 acres of land, 1,160 acres had already been

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Health League Carnival

Jaffna's Unique Response

Mr. E. P. Rasiah, the Hon. Secretary of the Jubilee Celebrations Committee, announces that their gross collection from the recent carnival is in the neighbourhood of Rs. 22,000/-

With only a week to make all preliminary arrangements and hardly any advertisement, to have realised this amount reflects the greatest credit on all workers, helpers, well-wishers, members and office bearers all of whom deserve the thanks of the league for their whole-hearted co-operation and spontaneous assistance.

Mr. Rasiah sends his thanks, also to the members of the public for their kind patronage and generous response.

NOTICE

The offices of the Hindu Organ and Intusathanaam and of the Saiva Prakasa Press will be closed for Dweepavali Festival on 21-10-49 Friday. There will be no issue of the Hindu Organ and Intusathanaam on that day.

Manager.

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A dozen glass almyrabs suitable for shop and home at the Jaffna Hindu College.

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Treasure These Thoughts

To remain in the company of the virtuous and to avoid the company of the wicked are essential for maintaining and enhancing the life of devotion and attaining spiritual progress and God-realisation.

—SWAMI SIVANANDA.

RURAL REVOLUTION

MARXISM — THAT IS THE magic word students should know and digest to make themselves useful to society. So went the solemn directive of the Communist Party Leader, Mr. Peiter Kenneman, to the student population of the North. And in marked contrast the Minister for Home Affairs and Rural Development called for a band of loyal and trusted young workers for effecting a peaceful revolution in the rural areas with a view to reconstructing village life. Apart from the week-end relaxative value of these utterances, there is the truth underlying both statements that the youth have to play a definite part in the shaping of the rural life of Sri Lanka. The age of isms is fast fading into insignificance and the era of social work based on necessity alone is slowly dawning. At this juncture it is most important that both the Government and the people should realize the gravity of the situation and centre their combined attention on the need for more work and less talk.

It is a circle, certainly not vicious, but by all means a veritable one that encompasses the different social-work societies which gain publicity once as 'Community Centre', then as 'Rural Development Society' and yet again as something

else, keeping the public guess what this plethora of activities actually means. We have time and again drawn the attention of the Government to the fact that apart from the confusion this duplication of social undertakings brings, there is actually unnecessary wastage of government money and workers' energy. The Village Committee is a Local Government Institution that has to attend to the needs of the village but within the circumscribed limits of internal revenue and Government grant. What the Village Committee cannot provide for from its funds can be well entrusted to the peoples' organisation—the Rural Development Society. These two organisations can work in close consultation and plan rural welfare work in such a way as to eliminate unnecessary duplication of work.

There is the milk feeding centre in the rural area which again comes under the supervision of a third department. We are unable to understand how milk-feeding becomes a subject for separate administration by an organisation other than the Village Committee or the Rural Development Society. If only the milk-feeding can be entrusted to the Village Committee or the Rural Development Society, there would be an immediate saving of over fifty per centum of the expenditure on personal emoluments in the milk-feeding centres. The Rural Development Officer is a full time officer who can well supervise the milk feeding centres with the help of the Village Chairman. The Government may not be able to find out for itself the implications of this unnecessary duplication of work unless the different departments prepare statistics about these several social activities and study where and how the wastage occurs. We would, therefore, impress on all social - service organisations the need to get together in conference and combine themselves into one association titled, preferably, the Rural Development Society and to pool all human resources in an effort to provide the village-folk with all modern facilities for a reasonable living.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The dull and dreary daily routine once again willingly gives place to festivity and feasting—this time the advent of the Day of the Festival of Lights—Deepavali. In the midst of the pleasant diversion, it would be but proper that every one should devote a little time to peaceful meditation and attempt to discover for himself the inner illumination that shows the path to real Bliss. Let us for a time forget that we are in the temporal world fighting for the rights and privileges of the senses; let us turn our attention to something nobler and more edifying—to the search after the Eternal Truth.



Indian Letter

(By Lanka)

Devil's Arbitrators

It was not for nothing that Pandit Jawaharlal said on the Congress decision to join the government in 1946 that it might be they were walking into a trap. Events since freedom was obtained, and even during the travail, have shown that while public professions were plausible on the part of the previous rulers the path for India free was quered by other agents. Things that appeared grand and generous had sinister trails. The partition itself was beset with difficulties that a less generous-hearted people than the Indians might have found to be their doom. The deliberately uncertain state of the old native states was designed to be a mill stone round India's neck. Kashmir and Hyderabad were to be the ruin of India, and they came very near it. When Sardar Patel called the Security Council of the U.N. the Insecurity Council he really spoke his heart. If Kashmir had proved to be a huge pit in which India had to throw men in thousands and money in millions it had also shown certain Western peoples in their true and hideous colours. More than three months ago a Bombay newspaper raised the alarm about certain U.N. and American privileged parties exploring the country for future military purposes, though ostensibly they catered under theegis of the U.N. Commission charged with the settlement of the Indo-Pakistan dispute. Lt. General Delvoie's exploits now reported to the U.N. officially are only part of the "benevolent" foreigners exploitation of young nations for their continued supremacy. Sydney Cotton's Hydeabad gun-running was in the pattern. Kashmir will continue thus as long as the self interest of benevolent arbitrators requires it. Pakistan's devil-dancing at U.N. gatherings is of a piece with the plan too.

Debunked at last

The Indian Finance Minister's forth right exposure of the Sterling Talks hoax must have shown to the world that the power-politicians will go any length to protect their own pockets. And they can do this so sleek and cute. In the process they set India, Ceylon and Pakistan at logger heads. Will these countries now learn to be wiser, or are they wise and just are compelled to go through the dismal process? Anyway the stock of the Westerner in the realm of honesty in Eastern Countries has been down these many years, and Britain knew it in good time.

Force in Non-violent India?

People are wanting who twit Gandhi's India with empty professions when she organises her Police and Army and Navy and Air Force, and quite a few among responsible Congressmen had felt they were defeated by circumstances. It required great courage and a realisation of realities for the top leaders to justify government policy in this matter. The latest occasion for a clarification was the opening of the Defence Academy in Poona recently by the Prime Minister himself. Referring to the apparent conflict between Gandhian professions and governmental practice Pandit Jawaharlal said "it struck him as odd that we who for generations had talked about and attempted everything

in a peaceful way and practised non-violence, should now be, in a sense, glorifying our Army, Navy and Air Force. It means a lot. This question has been asked by many foreigners. Though it is odd, yet it simply reflects the oddness of life. Though life is logical the people have to face all contingencies and unless they are prepared to face them they would go under. There was no greater Prince of Peace and apostle of non-violence than Mahatma Gandhi, but yet he said it was better to take to the sword than to surrender, to fail or run away..... We cannot afford to take risks and risk our hard-won freedom. We have to be prepared with all modern defence methods."

Enemies Within

Though some months ago the government reduced the price of sugar and hoped to enable people to get it easily sugar producers and merchants contrived to make sugar scarce. Now it has shot up to sky high prices and country sugar and jaggery have also shot up in price. That's business vs government.

Flattery in Excelsis

Let not the readers of newspapers bug the idea that Jawaharlal's trip to America is a triumphant tour. As only the Westerners can do it all looks so grand, this elevation of India and her first leader to world's high alt. They fete him, flatter him and make it appear that without him at least Southern and South East Asia will be in jeopardy. That is all bosh, and they know it, and Jawaharlal knows it, and India knows it. As usual this is another trial for poor Jawaharlal, the man on whom a nation's destiny depends. But as his father had said he is a lion's cub!

Total Prohibition Or Tavern System

Samooga Sangam Resolutions

At the special meeting held by the North Ceylon Samuga Seva Sangham on the 5th inst: Mr. V. Sundram of Kankasanturai urged the necessity of forwarding a copy of resolution as submitted by the North Ceylon Samuga Seva Sangam to the All Ceylon Tamil Congress for discussion at its sessions to be held shortly, with regard to the total prohibition or tavern system by abolishing the present tree tax system as it is an utter ruination for human beings both in financial status and spiritual lines.

Another resolution submitted by the above Sangham in its last meeting to the Minister of Health proposes that the Government should appoint even a part time Lady Doctor to attend the maternity cases at the Kankasanturai Civil Hospital, as most of the ladies who are pregnant are reluctant to go to the said Hospital as there is no Lady Doctor to attend the maternity cases.

IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

JAFFNA AWAITS PREMIER TO HONOUR HIM

Governor-General Also Invited

At a general meeting of the Jaffna Municipal Council, Mr. Sam A. Sabapathy, Mayor, presiding, Mr. T. S. Durairajah moved: "This Council on behalf of the citizens of Jaffna respectfully requests the Prime Minister to give it an opportunity to welcome him at an early date in Jaffna."

In moving the motion, he said that they all admired the Leadership and service given by Mr. Senanayake to the country.

Mr. P. M. John, in seconding said that he wished Mr. Senanayake to declare open the Karaiyur Housing Scheme.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Another motion moved by Mr. A. M. Brodie and seconded by Mr. S. R. Thalayasingham inviting Lord Soulbury Governor General to visit Jaffna at an early date was also passed unanimously.

Mr. E.T. Hitchcock's Motion:

"Whereas one M. Kandaswamy of Kantharmadam (Ward No. 9) of this town who was bitten by a rabid dog about two months ago and who went immediately for treatment to the Civil Hospital Out Patients Department was not given the necessary injections but had his wound only dressed on the orders of Doctor in charge of the Out Patients Department at that time and whereas as a result of careless and inefficient treatment the wound took months to heal and the patient showed signs of hydrophobia on the 21st September and succumbed to the disease on the following day."

I move that this Council resolves to request the Government to hold an immediate inquiry into the matter and take suitable action and see that there is no recurrence of such serious neglect of duty on the part of the Medical Officers was passed.

"As the accommodation for store of the Council is not adequate and great inconvenience is caused thereby and as the owner of the present store premises has given the Council notice to vacate the premises, I move that premises bearing No. 25 Front Street, Jaffna, adjoining the Store premises, be purchased by the Council and necessary alterations made to accommodate the Store. Steps may also be taken to put up an one-storeyed building on the Southern boundary of the Town Hall for relieving congestion in the Main Office and also as additional accommodation for the Store, chiefly printed forms, books, registers etc., and stationery." was referred to the respective committees

Water Supply Scheme

"As I understand from the Public Works Department that the Water Supply Scheme in connection with the Karaiyur Re-Housing Scheme is capable of supplying sufficient water to the residents of the Town I move that pending a permanent Water Supply Scheme for the Town, the present pipes laid out for the Karaiyur Water Supply may be tapped to enable supply to the residents of the Town by Stand Pipes to be provided along the

Roads in these two wards." was passed as amended.

"As the Scavenging and removal of rubbish along lanes are not being properly and efficiently carried out since the discontinuance of the cart or carts employed in that service and as the lanes in the eastern part of the town can never be attended to satisfactorily by scavenging lorries which cannot be taken along these lanes, I move that at least one or two carts be employed to attend to this work in the area referred to" was accepted and the Mayor promised to look into the matter.

Kathi S. M. Aboubuckers' motion: "This Council considers that Mr. S. R. Thalayasingham is eminently fitted to be Registrar of Marriages, Jaffna and is pleased to recommend him for appointment as such." was passed.

Jaffna Civil Hospital

Mr. D. James motion to the effect that additional medical officers and staff should be provided for the Out Patients' Department of the Jaffna Civil Hospital as the present staff were inadequate to cope with the number of patients which averages about 500 a day was passed.

Mr. P. M. John's motion: "I move that the Tree Tax System be abolished as it has on the whole done more harm than any good, increased drunkenness and made it spread widely caused it to become more familiar—indeed common and shed the social stigma attached to drunkenness and set evil examples to the young and those of tender years." was lost.

Mr. T. S. Durairajah's motion: "This Council understands that it is proposed to have Jaffna Town and Valigamam East as one Revenue Division which if carried out would cause immense inconvenience to the public and therefore this Council requests the Hon'ble the Minister for Home Affairs to maintain the two separate Divisions under different Divisional Revenue Officers as at present." was passed.

Home Minister Impressed By School of Dancing

Mr. E. A. P. Wijayaratne the Minister for Home Affairs and Rural Development visited the School of Dancing last Sunday in the company of Senator S.R. Kanaganayagam

Mr. S. Natesan, Principal, Parameswari College welcomed the Minister. He said that the school was not only teaching dancing but also assisting other schools to teach dancing. He added that a branch of the school was opened at Ramanathan College.

The Home Minister said that he was highly impressed by the school and wished it every success. He said that dancing which had been neglected through the centuries of foreign domination is now taking its proper place.

RURAL WELFARE WORKERS IN CONFERENCE

Minister's Address At The Town Hall

THE Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. E. A. P. Wijeyaratne made a fervent appeal to the Youths of Jaffna to take an active interest in the Rural Development activities which he characterised as the noblest service a youth could do while addressing officers and members of the Rural Development Societies of Jaffna, last Friday at the Jaffna Town Hall.

He said that Ceylon is free today and the foreigners have left the shores of the Island after ruling for 400 years and added that the culture and tradition of Sri Lanka should be preserved.

He said that the Jaffna man need not be told anything about Rural Development as he knows the true significance of it. He traced the History of the Rural Development Department and said that in 1935-90,000 died during an epidemic of malaria. There were incidents in houses in rural areas where dead couldn't be buried because there were only the dead to look after themselves. He narrated an incident where an infant was trying to suck milk from its dead mother's breast.

He said that the Prime Minister made the Home Ministry take charge of the Rural Development

not because the Minister concerned was very able in handling the Department but because he had at his disposal a large number of officers who could be harnessed for the noble work. The Minister added that he was trying to establish the Department in a good foundation which would never be shaken.

He told about the noble works carried on by the different R. D. Societies in the South and said that he was very happy to hear about the progress and good work done by the R. D. Societies in the North.

In the conclusion the Minister said that he disliked making political speeches during his official tours as much as he spurs garlands and pandals during official visits and made the appeal to the youth quoted earlier.

Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, M. P. gave the Tamil version of the Minister's speech and added that he was perfectly confident that the Minister would make a success of the Rural Development movement.

Senator A. B. Rajandra also spoke.

Mr. P. J. Hudson, the G. A., N. P. presided.

Mr. V. Venasithamby Proctor S. C. proposed a vote of thanks.

Communist Leader's Advice To Students

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after their own heart, the world. He referred to the example of students in the South of Ceylon who as members of the Ceylon Students' Congress, were taking an active part in fighting not only for amenities that directly concerned them but also for the political condition that would ensure these amenities.

The chairman Mr. P. S. Pathmanathan, replying to the toast of the Association, said that when free education was introduced students had thought that a new era had dawned over Lanka. Now with the proposed changes in education abolishing free education they were disillusioned.

Mr. V. K. Nadarajah proposed the Toast of education which was replied by Mr. S. P. Appasamy Prof. of English, Jaffna College and Mr. C. Vanniasingham, M. P. for Kopay.

The toast of the sister associations was proposed by Mr. A. K. Mahalingam, and Mr. T. Arulambalam and Mr. S. Sivapathasundaram, Vice Principal of Parameshwara College, replied. Mr. V. K. Singham proposed the toast of the guests and Mr. A. Arulampalam, Proctor responded.

The Jaffna Rly. Passengers' Assn.

Protest Meeting

"The Government should consider the convenience of the poor—the third class travellers" before making any innovations" said Mr. S. Natesan, B. A; B. L. presiding over a public meeting held at the Mallakam English School to protest against the reported proposal of the Government to run Colombo-Jaffna mail train express at way-side stations.

Mr. C. Ponnambalam, M. M. C. requested the Association not to lose courage but to keep on agitating for the proper administration of the railway.

Senator S. R. Kaaganayagam, suggested that a memorandum picturing the whole situation supported by statistics should be prepared and presented to the Railway Authorities for consideration.

Mr. R. N. Sivapirakasam moved a resolution expressing disapproval of the proposal of the Govt. to run mail trains express at way side stations and requesting the Authorities not to put in to execution that proposal.

Mr. T. V. Chellappah, Chairman V. C. Tellipallai seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously.

Mr. T. K. Rajasekaram proposed a vote of thanks.

SIDELIGHTS & LIGHTSIDES

(By Squint Eye)

In a letter to the Daily News on Ceylon's Import Trade, a correspondent writes, "It generally happens in Ceylon that the Banks have the goods cleared by a cheating agent....."

In fairness to a body of established business men let it be said that what was meant was "clearing agent". Bad handwriting or typewriting would show up as h and r a s t. Of course it's the Devil that makes sense out of non-sense!

The Iranian Cabinet has declared the Aga Khan as the spiritual head of the Ismailia Muslims and an Iranian subject. The Aga Khan asked about this, said he was British and Iranian, and could also be any of twenty nationalities.

So he could be Indian Union National and Pakistan National being also the spiritual head of the Borah Muslims of these countries, though he rarely comes here, except being weighed against gold or diamonds. But then he has lately lost his love for these!

MAN ACCUSED OF BLOWING UP PLANE TO KILL WIFE, said headlines about the Canadian on trial for murder.

He couldn't screw up courage to face her

Muslim women in Kalmunai complained to the Gate Mudaliar that their men would not allow them to have a good view of the Premier when he visited the place, and drove them away.

So they climbed fences to go out. It was so in the early days of the Island when a Prince went on procession the women broke all bounds to spy him!

Delvoie for Geneva—Lie asks for explanation.

—Newspaper headlines. Lie will be the explanation!

The Birmingham Gazette has installed the first electronically-driven high speed printing press in Britain.

The press is preparing for the atomic war, eh?

Deepavali - Festival of Lights

'Attain Inner Illumination'—The Moral

(By His Holiness Swami Sivananda.)

DEEPAVALI means a row of lights. There are various alleged origins of this festival. Some hold that they celebrate the marriage of Lakshmi with Lord Vishnu. In Bengal the festival is dedicated to the worship of Kali.

It commemorates that blessed day when Sri Rama returned to Ayodhya after defeating Ravana. On this day Sri Krishna killed the demon Narakasura.

In South India all take oil bath in the morning and wear new cloths. At this festival, Hindu merchants in Northern India begin their accounts books and pray for success and prosperity during the coming year. The houses of the Hindus are cleaned and decorated by day and illuminated by night with earthen lamps. The best and finest illuminations are to be seen in Bombay and Amritsar. The famous

Golden Temple at Amritsar is lit in the evening with thousands of lamps which are placed all over the steps of the big tank on all sides.

O Ram! The Light of Lights, the self luminous inner light of Atman is ever burning steadily in the Chamber of your heart. Sit quietly; Close your eyes; Withdraw the senses; Fix the mind on this supreme light (Param Jyothi) and enjoy the real Deepavali by attaining illumination of the soul.

Enjoy Spiritual Deepavali

Egoism or Ahankara is the real Narakasura. Kill this egoism through the sword Atma-gnana of knowledge of the Self, merge in Sri Krishna, the Supreme Light of the World and enjoy

spiritual Deepavali of inner illumination.

Who Himself sees all, Whom no one beholds, Who illumines the intellect, the sun, the moon and the stars and the whole universe, but Whom they cannot illumine, That is Brahman. That is Atma. Celebrate the real Deepavali by living in Brahman and enjoy the eternal bliss of the soul.

The sun does not shine there, nor do the moon and the stars, nor do these lightings shine and much less this fire. All the lights of the world cannot be compared even to a ray of the inner light of the Soul. Merge yourself in this Lights and enjoy the Supreme Deepavali.

Many Deepavali festivals have come and gone. Yet the hearts of the vast majority of persons are as dark as new moon light. The house is lit with the lamps but the heart is full of darkness of ignorance. O Man! wake up from the slumber of ignorance. Realise the constant and eternal light of the soul which has neither rising nor setting through meditation and Vihara or enquiry and dispel darkness of ignorance.

May you all attain full inner illumination: May the Supreme Light of lights enlighten your understanding: May you all get the inexhaustible spiritual wealth of Atma! May you all prosper gloriously in the material and spiritual planes!

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[This is an extract from the book "Hindu Fasts and Festival and their Philosophy" by Swami Sivananda of Rikhikesh.]

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 23RD OCTOBER TO 29TH OCTOBER 1949.

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

The first 3 days of this week are not very favourable to you. Mental restlessness, ill health and petty official troubles shown. You may have to worry your head over some particular relative who is overseas or far away from you. From Wednesday matters will improve and you can march ahead.

TAURUS Kartikai 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mithuna Rasi 1. 2—[Idapa Rasi]

After Tuesday Taurus lovers will have a gay time. Anyhow go slow policy is needed till Friday morning. Although you will face with some obstacles when dealing with some important affairs you are sure to succeed at the end.

GEMINI Mithuna Rasi 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Punarvasu 1, 2, 3—[Mithuna Rasi]

The first five days of the week will be favourable to you for official affairs. Take care of health for another 3 weeks. Friday and Saturday must be spent with care. Minor accidents shown.

CANCER Punarvasu 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

New friends and vehicles will cause you some trouble and expenditure this week. In spite of all that, you can go ahead in your profession or business. Some financial troubles may clear away unexpectedly.

LEO Maha, Poora, Uttira 1, part—[Singha Rasi]

This will be an anxious period in the financial sense. Health also must be given particular care. Favours and help shown through brothers and sisters.

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

Don't take any undue risk this week. Interest yourself in normal routine and you are bound to succeed. You will find mists clearing these days.

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

Domestic troubles and ill health shown this week. Official troubles and troubles through secret enemies are also not ruled out. Go slow in your important deals. Major planets are favourable so don't worry much.

SCORPIO Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

You will come to know that some one is trying to stab you in the back this week. Have patience and be diplomatic in your deals. Cut out travel plans and take rest week end.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thanu Rasi]

A favourable week again. If your periods and subperiods are also favourable you are bound to achieve something big. Relatives will help you and happiness through wife also shown.

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

You will have fame and success in your official affairs. Beware secret enemies and friends who are jealous of you. They cannot harm you but may hinder your progress.

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

A stormy week. It is difficult for you to have mental or physical rest. Don't add any new responsibilities. Financially you will stand to gain much.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uttiradati, Revati. [Meena Rasi]

A good week except for some petty official troubles. You can march ahead with your new ideas. If married beware domestic bickering about money and fresh expenditure.

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Total Prohibition In Madras

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brought under the plough. It must be said to the credit of ex-tappers and ex-addicts that the major share of the capital required for these societies came from them. The Government also contributed some amounts by way of grants and loans.

"Tainted Money"

To those who pointed to the loss of Rs. 16 crores of revenue in these critical times, on account of the Prohibition policy, he would say that the aim of all nation-building activities worth the name, was to raise the standard of the masses, and that could be easily achieved by Prohibition. Besides, all the vast sums of money on activities like fika development, cottage industries, adult education, village uplift would be waste if the drink evil, the greatest force of disintegration, still persisted. Experience had taught them that the people derived more benefits by the loss of 16 crores to the Government exchequer than by utilising that 'tainted money', in nation-building activities. That was the fundamental reason for the introduction of Prohibition.

Sales Tax was imposed on the guarantee that Prohibition would be introduced in this Province and they were bound by that pledge, said the Premier.

He was glad to reveal that savings to the extent of rupees 4.61 lakhs had been effected through the Hundi-boxes—nearly 33,000—distributed to the families of ex-addicts by the ameliorative staff. The National Savings Scheme was also being encouraged. He would like to pay his respectful thanks to his predecessors who had launched the programme from 1937. "Our revered Rajaji is the Father of the Prohibition movement in our Province nay in India itself," he said. But for his tenacity and foresight, this revolutionary scheme could not have been implemented. It was he who proved that the Government could be run without getting the 'tainted money' from the poor.

Increase in Domestic Happiness

One indisputable fact no critic can ignore; and that was, that there was a tangible increase in domestic happiness and social harmony to an unprecedented extent to-day. More than anybody else, the womenfolk who suffered a lot at the hands of ex-addicts know the benefits of Prohibition and they could not forget the blessings the Congress Government conferred on them by banning liquor.

By introducing total Prohibition in the Province, they had raised an imperishable monument

NOTICE

An application has been made by Mrs. Sivarogambal Thamby of Vannarponnai West for duplicate certificates as she has lost the Share certificates for shares Nos. 685 to 690 and 857 to 861 held by the late Mr. S. Sabaretam on her behalf in this Company. Unless objection is received within 14 days from now a duplicate will be issued.

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No. 1087

In the matter of the intestate estate and effects of the late R. S. Sivasubramaniam of Kokuvi East Jaffna Deceased.

Somasundaram Sivasubramaniam of Araly North, Vaddukodai Petitioner.

1 Kandapillai Appakuddy and wife
2 Chellammah both of Kokuvi East Jaffna Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before S. S. J. Goonasekera Esqr., District Judge Jaffna on the 31st day of August 1949 in the presence of Mr. R. Sivasubramaniam, Proctor on the part of the petitioner abovenamed and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated 29th day of August 1949 having been read:

It is ordered that the said petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased issued to him as the widower of the deceased unless the respondents or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 2nd day of November 1949 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 31st day of August 1949
Sgd. S. S. J. Goonasekera
District Judge.
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to Mahatma Gandhi to whom this scheme was the dearest of all. In the name of the Mahatma, therefore, he would appeal to all to do their bit and continue to make the scheme a success, he concluded.

—(From the Indian Social Reformer)

Special Committee On Hindu Temporalities Etc

In view of representations received by Government from time to time from various Hindu Associations and prominent Hindu citizens urging the need for legislation to control Hindu Temporalities and other allied matters, the Hon. the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development has on the advice of the Hindu Members of both Houses of Parliament, appointed a Special Committee consisting of:

- (1) Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, M. P. Vaddukodai (Chairman);
- (2) Mr. S. Sivapalan, M. P. Trincomalee;
- (3) Mr. S. Ethirmanasingham, M. P. Paddiruppu;
- (4) Mr. T. Ramalingam, M. P. Point Pedro;
- (5) Mr. V. E. K. R. S. Thondaman, M. P. Nuwara Eliya;
- (6) Mr. K. Rajalingam, M. P. Nawalapitiya; and
- (7) Mr. V. Kumaraswamy M. P. Chavakachcheri.

(a) consider the representations made to Government urging the introduction of legislation to:

- (i) control Hindu Temporalities and endowments;
- (ii) prohibit animal sacrifice in Hindu Temples;
- (iii) ensure freedom of worship in Hindu Temples to all Hindus without discrimination;

(b) ascertain the views of prominent Hindus, Hindu Associations, and Hindu Temple authorities in particular, and of the Hindu community in general, in regard to these matters; and

(c) recommend the lines on which legislation, if any, should be introduced in respect of all or any of these matters on which public opinion among Hindus favours the introduction of legislation.

2 The Special Committee propose to visit the more important Hindu areas like Jaffna, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, etc. to make investigations and receive representations on the matters referred to them. Their programme of visit to these places will be announced in the Press in due course. In the meantime, the Special Committee will be pleased to receive written representations individual Hindu citizens or Hindu Associations or Hindu Temple authorities may wish to make. Those who wish to meet the Special Committee in person individually or in a deputational representative of any recognised Hindu body, will be afforded the opportunity of doing so after their written representations have been considered.

3. The Special Committee desire to emphasise that they are starting on their investigations with an open mind and would be quite prepared to hear and consider the views of all those who wish to be heard. In view of the great importance to the Hindu community of any action that Government may ultimately be advised to take, the Special Committee hope that all public-spirited Hindus will co-operate in these investigations and help in determining the course of action that would be of lasting benefit to the Hindu community.

The Life Of The Common Man

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not at all dream of any piece of sculpture, unless it be some dull piece as one of the gods. Possibly, there are on the table only some outlandish paperweights with figures here and there. Now, can any family boast really of any development of kind of surrounding in which we live and spend our lives? It is not enough to have only big museums in which to store away all that we have of art. Fine art is something which is to permeate our lives and which is to express itself not only in the material needs but also in the words that we make, and the movements that we indulge in. Ultimately fine art is an attitude towards life more than a concrete material thing. It is the urge to fill life in all its multitudinous variety with forms of beauty in all their richness.

Peep Into The Infinite

Let us for illustration take the art of painting. It is line and colour with which a painter goes to work. A painter is to be judged by the way in which he uses line and colour to create forms of beauty which would appeal to the aesthetic sense of man and evoke in him appreciation of beauty. The more beautiful a piece of art, the nearer it is to truth. The more intensely a man appreciates real art, the more he is identified with the very spirit of beauty. He loses his individuality and his limitations and becomes one with the ocean of beauty to which that particular piece of art is a passage. Every true piece of art is, in fact, a peep into the infinite, and the greater the artist, the greater his power to lift us from our limitations into the realm of the eternal.

benefit to the Hindu community.

4. All representations or other communications intended for the Special Committee should be addressed to—

The Secretary to the Special Committee on Hindu Temporalities Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development, Torrington Square Colombo 7.

M. VAIRAMUTTU,
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