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FREE EDUCATION

Suggestions To Make It Real

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FREE Education is the inalienable birth-right of all citizens in free Ceylon. To make Free Education real and to create a system of education truly national giving equal opportunities to all to bring out the best in them, the Government of Independent Ceylon should carry out the following:

1. (a) Ban the levying of all the Fees (Games fees, Library charges, Science deposits and what not) in all Schools-Primary, Junior, Practical, Senior or Secondary, may even in the University. This first step would end the pillorying of Free Education.

(b) Introduce an Education Tax tacked on to the Income Tax at such percentage on the earned income that would bring about Rs. 10,000,000. (the maximum that a return to the retrograde School fee levying age would give today) from those rich folk like the parents of children attending Royal and St. Thomas' who clamour their readiness to pay high school fees and utilize the amount derived from the Education Tax along with the usual Education vote to pay equitably the Equipment Grant to all urban and rural schools purely on an eligible unit basis. This step while removing snobbery would afford equal opportunities to all intelligent pupils, rich or poor.

(c) Allow Local Government Authorities like the Village Committees, Town, Urban and Municipal Councils to levy an Education rate and to distribute from the amounts thus collected local grants to each school on unit basis to cover up the Game fees, Library charges etc. This would inculcate the spirit of social service among all citizens of the

Human Heart

A machine, which can take over the work of the human heart and lungs has been invented by a scientist here and is to be mass-produced for use in French hospitals. It will be used in major operations. The machine is the result of ten years' research and experiment by Prof. Andre Thomas, Director of Experimental Biology at the Sorbonne.

Prof. Thomas claims that it is able to keep the organs living when their blood supply is connected with it. Organs such as the liver have been kept going for three days in the tests.

The machine is a miniature cupboard with pipes on each side connecting with the blood stream and a series of dials to control the beat of the artificial heart. The inventor believes the machine will help solve the riddle of life itself.

country, irrespective of caste or creed.

2. Give up establishing or directly managing Central, Junior or Primary Schools other than the Royal College, Colombo which by its traditions is setting up the norm of what a Public School in Ceylon should be like. And abolish all Junior and Central Schools where they are not wanted or where similar denominational Schools exist already. This step would do away with the plethora of Special Posts in Government Schools and would help the deserving assisted schools by

Individual Freedom

(M. K. Gandhi)

Individual freedom alone can make a man voluntarily surrender himself completely to the service of society. If it is wrested from him he becomes an automaton and society is ruined. No society can possibly be built on a denial of individual freedom. It is contrary to the very nature of man and just as a man will not grow horns or a tail so he will not exist as man if he has no mind of his own. In reality even those who do not believe in the liberty of the individual believe in their own.

a greater supply of Graduate Teachers.

(b) Hand over such existing necessary schools to Voluntary Educational Agencies as the Buddhist Theosophical Society, The Hindu Board of Education and the Board of Directors of the Jaffna Hindu College and Affiliated Schools, The Roman Catholic The Protestant (Anglican, Methodist and American) and the Ramakrishna Missions and the Muslim Educational Societies strictly on a population basis; and shape and control the work of these schools through local Education Committees appointed by the Minister of Education. This would be a very wholesome step in that the Government of the people for the people would foster local patriotism and encourage the people to carry on the task of educating the community's children with the philanthropically inclined citizens making endowments to their local educational Agencies.

3. Make all Local Government Bodies to encourage Voluntary Educational Agencies to establish and manage schools on a population basis strictly according to Language, Religion, Political and Economic conditions of particular areas.

4. Make each Education Area to provide for the compulsory edu-

Advancement In Agriculture Japan Worthy of Study

Japan is not only the most highly industrialised country in Asia and the Far East but also the most advanced in agricultural production; her average yield for cereal crops in 1936-39 was the highest in the world, for some crops more than double the average yield of the U. S. A.; Japan attaches great importance to farm manures which in 1946 supplied 81% of the nitrogen, 93% of the phosphorus and 99.5% of the potassium consumed in the country; and agricultural technicians, one for each village or group of villages, enable farmers to work in close co-operation with research experimental stations, which in turn are kept informed of the farmer's problems. These facts of importance to Indian agriculture are discussed in some detail by Mr. B. R. Sen in a note which forms part of the report of the F. A. O.—E. C. A. F. E. Working Party on Agriculture for the Far East of which Mr. Sen was the Chairman.

Scientific use of Fertilisers

The factors responsible for this high yield are known to all, namely, assured supply of water for irrigation, use of improved strains of seeds, and scientific use of fertilisers. Japan provides an example to all countries in the Far East of how these factors can be put to the best advantage.

The work in Japan is worthy of study by all countries in the Far East; the study should be made by both experts and administrators. It is suggested that countries which feel interested may arrange with SOAP for facilities to make this study.

Czechoslovakia Gives Up Trial By Jury

Trial by jury has been abolished under Czechoslovakia's new judicial system, which has been recently introduced. Judges and counsel must qualify in Marxist-Leninist principles before they may practise.

cation of all children up to 17+ and make education in the Primary and Junior Schools compulsory and academical or scholastic paying equal attention to the healthy growth and development of the child in body, mind and spirit.

5. (a) Impose a quota of not exceeding 600 eligible pupils to each Secondary School that admits pupils of 14+ to prepare them for higher education.

(b) Assign a quota of approved teachers, Graduates, Trained

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Jail Sentence For Striking School Girl

Sebastian Soundaranayagam a seventeen year old youth of Karayoor was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment by the Jaffna Magistrate on being found guilty of striking a school-girl while she was returning home from school.

Describing the accused a "menace" to the public, Mr. Conrad Perera, the Jaffna Magistrate said that sentences in such instances should be such as to prevent recurrence of such criminal acts. He added that the large number of school-going-girls should be protected from such rowdiness.

Mr. T.C. Rajaretnam, Proctor, appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Sam A. Sabapathy, Proctor, defended the accused.

Spirituality—Its Essence

"Spirituality is not high intellectuality, not idealism, not an ethical turn of mind or moral purity and austerity, not religiosity or an ardent and exalted emotional fervour, not even a compound of all these excellent things... spirituality is in its essence an awakening to the inner reality of our being..."

One may practise Yoga and get illumination in the mind and reason; one may conquer power and luxuriate in all kinds of experiences in the vital; one may even establish surprising physical siddhis; but if the true soul power behind does not manifest, if the physical nature does not come to the front, then nothing genuine is done."

SRI AUROBINDO.

Democracy In Eire Destroyed By Britain

De Valera

Mr. Eamon de Valera, former Prime Minister of Eire addressing a meeting of the British Rotary Club in Birmingham accused Britain of dividing the country and maintaining the division by armed force and appealed to the British to end the situation and not to be guilty by prejudice.

"You cannot speak about democracy when you are destroying democracy in my country", he said.

THE SOUL OF OUR SOUL THE MOTHER DIVINE

TRULY when we become the smallest children of the Divine Mother, we merge our little individuality in Her cosmic personality. Here we realise that the Mother and the child are one. Here again, if we wish to do so, we can, in our play as children, keep basking in the sunshine of Her divine grace and protection. Mother is no mother, if, not understanding Her in Her true light, we do not submit to Her will and guidance in all matters. Really, what She wills is ever for our good. Revolt against Her will, always knocks out of us, a good deal of our strength and peace.

The Supreme Deity

This Divine Mother is the heart of our heart and the soul

of our soul. Being universal, She is the supreme deity, ever having Her place and seat within us. Her revelation of the world phenomena is simply marvellous. Her sweet and gracious presence, Her smiling face, Her ever-guiding and protecting hand are seen everywhere. Her dazzling form is the sole attraction for our eyes. Her melodious and soothing voice is the most charming music for our ears. To do all things in Her name and for Her sake, is the most blissful service we can render. Oh, the Mother is our all in all. May Her light shine on the world! May it ever dawn in the hearts of all creatures, and awaken them to the knowledge of Her invincibility and all beneficent existence and power!

—From The Vision.



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Treasure These Thoughts

No nation and no individual can ever violate the moral law with impunity....Unrighteousness may triumph for a while, but terrible destruction awaits it sooner or later.

—MAHATMA GANDHI

CRUSADE AGAINST CORRUPTION

UNLIKE OUR MIGHTY motherland where Mahatma Gandhi dedicated his whole life-time to the preparing of the people to be ready to shoulder the onerous responsibility of managing their own affairs, Sri Lanka has been content only with the constitutional aspect of the struggle for freedom, her leaders not giving any thought to the more important question namely, the training of the people to equip themselves with the necessary requirements to preserve and maintain with moral magnanimity whatever freedom they asked for and obtained.

Our leaders should be reminded, therefore, of the pressing need for the launching and conducting of a big campaign to bring home to the mind of the common man in the Island that the knowing and discharging of the duties of citizenship is far more important and urgent than the clamouring for rights, and to the large number of politicians and social workers who parade the country as the saviours of the people that self-less service, sacrifice and above all, spotless conduct, of those who arrogate to themselves leadership, would inspire the people better than rhetorical outbursts on controversial and sentimental questions.

If the Indian National Congress than which the world has known no other peoples' organisation founded and maintained on the highest and broadest principles of human conduct has been confronted with the problem of fighting the cankerous evil of corruption in public life, no other country which has obtained freedom through the efforts and exertion of similarly constituted peoples' parties, will be able to remain content with only reviewing complacently the greatness of the freedom fight and the glory of their success. It is common knowledge that this hydra-headed monster of mass corruption in civic life has reared its dangerous head all over the world and that almost every Government has been forced to hold public investigation into the working of the administrative machinery.

Nearer home, two prominent Indian National Congress

Press Trust Of India Ownership Of Reuter Taken Over

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Press Trust of India Limited was held at Bombay, on February 3 and Mr. Kasturi Srinivasan, the Chairman, presided.

The following Directors attended: Messrs. Devadas Gandhi, C. R. Srinivasan, Ramnath Goenka, W. J. B. Walker, H. R. Moharaj, Ivor Jehu, Amritlal D. Sheth, and Dr. N. E. Parulekar.

Mr. K Srinivasan has made the following announcement on behalf of the Board:

With effect from 1st February, 1949, the Press Trust of India have fully and formally taken over the ownership and management of the Reuter and the Associated Press of India organisations in India and have entered into partnership with Reuter's world news organisation in terms of the agreement arrived at with them last year by a delegation of the Indian Press.

The Press Trust of India have appointed Mr. C. R. Srinivasan as their Trustee on the Reuter Trust, Mr. Devadas Gandhi as their Director on the Reuter Board and Mr. Ramnath Goenka as the alternative Director on the same Board.

workers, were found guilty of interference with the course of Justice and were sentenced to a term of imprisonment. In Pakistan, the Sind Premier has been forced into the inevitable situation of resigning his seat in the Assembly on account of the charges of malpractise in the election of a member to the legislature. Here in Sri Lanka the Bribery Commission has brought to light astounding facts though they are only a negligible fraction of the many acts of corruption actually committed in public affairs.

Let our leaders take stock of the actual situation, spending less time and energy on self congratulatory speech-making on the achievement of Independence and devoting more attention to devise ways and means to meet the new menace of corruption in public affairs with resolute determination. A country-wide campaign should be launched to educate the masses on the multifarious duties they have to discharge as citizens and to train our political and social workers how their service to the people should conform to a moral code of public conduct. The leaders and the led should both strive to learn what disinterested, dis-passionate and dignified service is and to conduct themselves accordingly. Unless and until a cleansing of the public life of the country is effected the people of Sri Lanka cannot have any cause for rejoicing, for the freedom that has been obtained cannot be sustained in circumstances which will not allow the free growth of a nation.

Sidelights and Lightsides

(BY SQUINT EYE)

Five prisoners escaped from Munshiganj (India) jail by removing the iron bars of the lock-up from inside, says an East Bengal message.

If they had attempted to remove the iron bars from outside they would have been arrested!

German women in the eastern zone of Berlin have been advised by the Soviet Commandant of the occupation troops to carry bottles of ink to throw at Soviet troops who molest them, so that their single uniform would tell the tale.

This is turning all before ink-ing a few!

Prof. Jean Picard, Belgian Scientist has broadcast his intention to try to reach an altitude of 100,000 feet in a balloon, with his wife as companion.

With a good wife by his side there's no knowing to what heights a man may rise!

Unrealised rents from unauthorised occupiers of government quarters in Delhi, says a report, amount to over five lakhs of rupees.

When a new party becomes the government the unauthorised occupation will be regularised, and a fresh set will become unauthorised!

Colombo papers publish the names of persons arriving and departing by aeroplanes. The Daily News the other day had among the arrivals from Madras "Mrs. Silva Koluthu" and "Mr. S. Thinnatamby".

If Air Ceylon wish to make air travel popular they might ask the press to print names that are reasonable!

When Mrs Hill travels if you are not careful with the i in her name you will go to—!

Mrs. Harne Yamashita, former parliamentarian (Japanese Diet) who charged Minister Izumiyama with making improper advances to her in the Parliament lobby, and thereby caused his resignation, has now been summoned for giving a wine party for prospective voters in her election campaign.

The minister was then said to have been under the influence of drink. But there is nothing to suggest it was the same wine Yamashita provided that went to the minister's head. Anyway she has a'so lost her seat. Both are quits now!

Netherlands Foreign Minister M. D. U. Stikker has asked Parliament for finance to publicise development in Indonesia.

That's Bill Stikker on the Job.

An anonymous petitioner from Holland has asked the Jerusalem Supreme Court to review the trial and conviction of Jesus Christ. He contends the trial court had no jurisdiction and Pontius Pilate exceeded his rights confirming the sentence.

This may lead the way for the institution of other cases for

Island Air Mail Service Inaugurated

By The P. M. G.

In the eve of the inauguration of the Air Mail Service between Colombo and Jaffna, the Post-Master - General Mr. Ignatius Perera was accorded a reception at the Jaffna Town Hall yesterday evening. The Mayor of Jaffna Mr. Sam A. Sabapathy presided.

Mr. Sabapathy speaking from the chair said that the Post-Master-General was an industrious man who rose from the ranks. He has set an example for the youths of this country to follow.

"We thank Mr. Perera for choosing Jaffna as the first place for inaugurating the air-mail service", he said. He suggested a new building for the Jaffna Post Office in which Diavidian Architecture must be displayed instead of occidental design and stressed on the importance of introducing automatic telephone system in Jaffna.

Mr. C. Vanniasingham M. P., Mr. V. Kumaraswamy M. P. Mr. T. Ramalingam M. P. and the Rev. Fr. T.M.F. Long O.M.I. addressed the meeting. They paid a high tribute to the Post Master General's integrity and impartiality.

Mr. Ignatius Perera in his reply thanked the people of Jaffna for the reception accorded to him. He explained the difficulties in getting sites for new buildings but promised to attend to the requests made by the various speakers.

Farewell Dinner To Mr. Suriyakumaran

Mr. C. Suriyakumaran, Assistant Commissioner of Local Government was given a dinner on Saturday, on the eve of his departure on transfer to Colombo.

The Mayor of Jaffna presided and covers were laid for eighty. The hosts were the leading residents of Jaffna.

Advocate S. R. Kanaganayagam proposed the toast of the guest supported by Mr. V. Kumarasamy M. P.

The toast of Sri Lanka was proposed by the Rev. Fr. T. M. F. Long, O. M. I. and supported by Senator C. Coomarasamy.

Mr. Suriyakumaran replying to the toast indicated the lines on which town planning should be made.

review from the dim and misty past. Lawyers have a chance.

Farmers in certain parts of America have protested against artificial rain-making which certain scientists profess to do by dispersing clouds by firing them.

Almost everywhere nature has to fight against artifice—in an unequal contest!

Sunspots have been observed to be frequent and crowded recently and to have interfered with radio-transmission and reception.

Once in a way Nature takes the revenge, too!

CRICKET ON TOAST

(BY YALPADI)

HOW far has cricket travelled these ten, twenty, thirty, fifty years! Far indeed, for has it not formed the subject of a conference early this year of votaries from South East Asia? And we are, most of us, engrossed in the games of the West Indies Cricketers who are on tour in India and Ceylon. From the days when a select few played the game while those who passed or chose to stay locked on, when wickets were mostly ungrounded and rugged and pristine, when runs were hard-earned and few, to the present is a long, long way. Flannelled fools they may be who take part in the game, but they are the cynosure of packed crowds in galleries and stands and chairs and sofas, comprised of men women and children, who pay fancy prices for admission. It is a thorough-going business this Cricket Competition, and it has caught on wherever the Englishman had set his foot. In India, South Africa Australia, England, Ceylon and the Colonies Cricket has come to be a national game and pastime.

Batsman on top

What a vast difference there is in the circumstances of the game as compared with some years ago. Bowler and batsman had about even chances or advantages, and match scores rarely went beyond a couple of hundreds for an innings. A full-blooded match could be easily finished in two or three days. International matches were unknown except between England and Australia, and then South Africa.

Today scores reach up to several hundreds, batsmen dominate the pitch, matches lengthen out to six days, international tests are regular. Ceylon will have five touring teams in four years 1948 to 1951. And it is so much money too, for as I have said, this Cricket test is a regular, live, taxing business for which you and I have to and do pay.

Handicap the batsman

The dominance of the batsman has raised queer problems, and today cricketing countries are worried over a situation which is becoming more and more acute as scores seem to soar to the skies. Solutions suggested are to make it hard for the batsman to play the ball as he chooses. Even bumpers have failed to beat him. He ducks when necessary and otherwise hooks or swipes them. Having doctored the pitch and the field regularly and perfected them into billiard table polish, what else can you expect but this? Now they suggest reducing the width of the bat, or increasing the height or and width of the stumps, or enlarging the size of the ball—all to give the much-worried bowler a chance. Otherwise they ought to make the pitch rugged and uneven!

Vulgarised Game!

Having watched Cricket for forty odd years and played it for some years I sigh for the simple old days when a day's bag was considered rich, if it gave anywhere near a hundred runs. Boos and catcalls and suggestions from the crowd did not worry us. Today with the game vulgarised by cheap publicity and touting for gate money all and sundry are there calling the tune, each in their own way and according to their metier—boys and bus-conductors, fitters and mechanics, black-marketees and traders sitting cheek by jowl with millionaires and madames, college students and Co-eds,

society belles and cinema stars et hoc genus omne.

To the majority who attend these big matches in India and Ceylon they are just a *tamasha*, some little relaxation purchased at whatever price in which cricket takes a back row.

To those unable to be present at the matches radio commentators dole out a ball-by-ball rigmarole, and newspapers put up minute-to-minute scores on huge boards at which large crowds gaze in varying moods of joy and cheer. I have seen these crowds clapping enthusiastically at the changes in the score-board and cheering and hollering. Such is their vicarious enjoyment!

What cricket is in for now may be imagined from the appeal made by the President of the Indian Board of cricket to the people to desist from all indecent noises, bellowing, clanging of cymbals, blowing of bugles when they visit to see the fifth test match at Bombay. Having seen the general behaviour of the vulgar crowd at these matches I know that the appeal is needed but will fail. The teams play under a nervous strain in these circumstances, and if visiting teams say they enjoyed their game it is just polite glossing, you may be sure.

Fireworks in Cricket

Cricket is being played in unnatural conditions notwithstanding the thousands and thousands of rupees spent on it. Neither crippling the batsman nor investing bowlers with wings, or monkeying with stumps will get the game out of the stinking mess it is in. Commercialising, as in every other activity, has been the bane, and when will it let go its grip?

Eastern crowds enjoy fireworks and when they pay for them they demand them. And Eastern players temperamentally are for fireworks too. Not for them the stonewalling of a Stollmeyer or steadiness of a Jardine. That is how you find more spectacular stroke makers in these lands than anywhere else. To that extent they are not match-winners, they shine and sparkle and scintillate individually, while the steady, if stolid, Westerners play the game and win the match. Test matches, therefore, between the one and the other teams are a snare if you want to judge by results.

Truman's Program of Civil Liberties

President Truman reiterated his demand for "a program of civil liberties guaranteeing to all people the heritage of freedom which we have received from the founders of this nation."

He made the statement in a letter to the National Citizen's Conference on Civil Liberties. The conference will investigate the segregation of Negroes in certain areas of America and other restrictions on the rights of minority groups.

Mr. Truman said: "We must provide a solid foundation for the future growth of our country. A free system can endure only when there is freedom of opinion, expression and conscience."

INDEPENDENCE DAY REJOICINGS IN THE NORTH

THE Town of Jaffna celebrated the first anniversary of Ceylon's Independence, with great enthusiasm.

The Day opened with the holding of religious services in temples and churches. In the afternoon there was a parade on the Police ground by the Jaffna Police, cadets of St. Patrick's and St. John's Colleges.

Mr. P. J. Hudson, Government Agent took the salute and with him was associated the Mayor of Jaffna, Mr. Sam A. Sabapathy.

After the parade there was a physical drill display by scouts and dances by girl guides.

At the public meeting which followed, the Mayor of Jaffna addressing the large gathering assembled, said that they had met together to celebrate the first anniversary of their attaining Independence. It was necessary to celebrate it to make the people realize where once they were not free, they were today free. They had achieved that freedom without the blood, sweat and tears which accompanied the struggle for freedom in other lands. It was necessary to celebrate the achievement of freedom and make every man and woman and child conscious that they were free so that if ever their freedom was threatened they would be inspired to fight for its preservation.

Occasion For Stock-taking

Continuing the Mayor said "An anniversary such as this is an occasion not only for celebration but also for stock-taking what difference has this one year of Independence made for the common man? Our Government has planned schemes and has undoubtedly gone forward in its attempt to improve our economic conditions and we should with patience give them time to produce results. But it is urgently necessary that we should prepare ourselves to be deserving of freedom.

"The demon of corruption is rearing its head all the world over as an aftermath of the war. We read of the Stanley scandals in England and of corruption in the Provincial Governments of India—the land of Mahatma Gandhi, the Apostle of Truth. In our own part of this little Island where we celebrated the martyrdom of the Mahatma with such sincerity only a few days ago, there has been during the past few years such a lowering in the standards of public morality that we should today be sitting in sack cloth and ashes instead of indulging in celebrations.

"In the Middle Ages, peoples from all parts of Europe undertook crusades to recapture for Christendom Palestine, the Holyland. I appeal to our youth to become crusaders in the Holy war of eradicating bribery and corruption from our midst.

"Finally Independence would have no significance unless every one of you created and cultivated a civic sense, a sense of each individual's duty to his community and to his country. Without that sense government with Freedom or without freedom can achieve nothing."

Part Youth Should Play

Mr. S. Natesan Principal Parameshwara College addressing next said that the celebrations of the Independence Day should remind the Tamils of the many centuries of independence they along with the Sinhalese people had enjoyed in this country before the advent of foreign powers. The Tamil had every reason to be proud of the noble part played

by the two illustrious sons of Jaffna, Sir P. Ramanathan and Sir P. Arunachalam in the political movements which culminated in the attainment of independence by Ceylon.

Mr. Natesan urged the younger generation of Tamils to be worthy of their past traditions and to dedicate themselves to the service of the country in the manner in which these two great patriots had dedicated themselves. They should purify politics looking upon it as an effective opportunity for service and should work for the economic prosperity of Ceylon so that independence might convey some real meaning to the under nourished and suffering people of the country.

The Independence of Ceylon, the speaker concluded, had a special significance in international affairs, on account of its strategic importance, and there was a great future for the country, if only it had leaders of vision and high statesmanship.

AT CHANKANAI

The celebrations at Chankanaï Parish included the planting of commemoration tree on the Village Committee grounds followed by a public meeting presided over by Mr. M. Ebauparanathan President Rural Court.

AT TELLIPPALAI

"Public opinion should be so moulded as to bring into being as leaders men of intelligence and integrity, whose one aim at all times should be service above self" declared Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam O. B. E.; J. P. U. M. speaking from the chair last evening at the public meeting held at Tellippalai in Kankasanturai, to commemorate the first anniversary of Ceylon's Independence.

The venue of the meeting was the grounds of the Union College.

Mr. Rajaratnam paid a tribute to the Prime Minister, under whose wise leadership, he said, country had attained its present position.

Continuing the speaker said "The old order has changed yielding place to the new. For a country to have been freed from an alien rule by peaceful and constitutional means was a happy event. But there are more things yet to be achieved. We must gain our economic freedom. The different and urgent problems that lie ahead can be tackled only by a stable and efficient Government.

"Choose your leaders wisely and well", declared Mr. Rajaratnam. "In every country there are political adventurers and charlatans who masquerade as patriots and thrive on their slogans. They are a danger to the state, more so when they creep into positions of power. Public opinion should be so moulded as to bring in to being as leaders, men of intelligence and integrity, whose one aim at all times should be service above self."

Mr. R. N. Sivapirakasam speaking next deplored the fact that leaders instead of planning and executing constructive programmes to raise the standard of living of the common man and to increase production both industrial and agricultural wasted their energy and time in talking all the time. "The place of leaders is not on the platform or the pulpit but in the homes and farms. It is there that people could be taught to live up as free men. The degree of freedom and independence differ and let not our leaders waste their lungs in conducting a whispering campaign regarding

Citizenship Training For Youth

The Indian Example

Shri Shankarrao Deo, General Secretary of the Indian National Congress, in a circular letter addressed to the Provincial Congress Committees and important Congressmen, stresses the necessity for the Congress to make an immediate and direct approach to the youth of the country, to canalise their energies, and to train them in the constructive task of building up the nation.

Shri Deo has suggested that the Congress should sponsor and develop a healthy youth organization for this purpose.

Duties and Rights of Citizenship

The circular, which is a covering letter, forwarding a draft constitution for the proposed organisation says that it is the duty of the Congress to wean the youths from destructive paths to the way of constructive and co-operative effort. The Congress must, therefore, foster a strong and healthy youth movement in the country, a movement which attempts to build up the character, discipline and efficiency of youth, and trains them in the duties and rights of citizenship.

Referring to the attempts being made by the Governments to organise and discipline youth, and explaining that such work can best be taken up by popular institutions, Shri Deo says: "The present Government are trying to train and discipline people through their Raksha Dals, Home Guards and Officers' Training Corps. Such institutions, no doubt, have their value. But the ideal of democracy can be realised only through voluntary and co-operative effort of the people from below. Popular and non-official institutions have therefore to take up this task of training youth in citizenship and democracy. The Congress, being the largest political organisation in the country, with years of service to its credit, has a special responsibility in this behalf.

PERSONAL

Mr. T. Sivapirakasam, Urban Co-operative Officer, Kuala Lumpur who went on a study tour on behalf of the Government of Malaya to England, Switzerland, France and India is now in Ceylon visiting the various Co-operative Centres.

He was awarded the title of M. B. E. on New Year's day in recognition of his services as Co-operative Officer, Malaya.

the exact worth of the independence gained by Sri Lanka," he concluded.

Mr. T. V. Chellappah, Chairman, V. C. Tellippalai Pandit Mutuumuru and Mr. T. Balachandran D.R.O. also addressed the meeting.

Earlier there was a Fancy Dress Football match played in the Union College Grounds.

AT KANKESANTURAI

The Independence Day celebrations at Kankasanturai took the form of a public procession, school sports and public meeting arranged by the Manager, the Principal and Staff of Nadeswara College with the assistance and co-operation of the public.

Mr. Chandrasoodamani Iyer, Principal of Nadeswara College, presided at the public meeting. Mr. T. Balachandran, D. R. O., Mr. R. N. Sivapirakasam and Mr. P. Sivasamboo, Police Inspector addressed the gathering.

Later prizes were distributed to school children who participated in the sports competition.

CONGRESS OF PEOPLES AGAINST IMPERIALISM

AN International Committee of 30 members' 10 from each of three continents, has been appointed to promote the work of the Congress of Peoples against Imperialism, the organization formed in the French capital at an initial conference last June. A strong centre has recently been established in London, representing 13 British movements, in addition to the Paris centre.

The new International Committee represents the Mass Nationalist Movement of Senegal, Morocco, Tunisia, Lybia and the Sudan, and a place has been left open for representation of Negro movements in the Gold Coast, Nigeria, and East Africa. Also represented are the Socialist parties of India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Viet-Nam and Indonesia, and the All India Peasants' Congress.

Centres are now being arranged in Calcutta for Asia, and in Cairo for Africa, while a Negro African centre will be set up either at Dakar or Khartoum. A monthly bulletin is soon to be issued by the Congress.

The Primary Initiative

When the Congress had its first meeting, a surprising thing was apparent—the primary initiative came from citizens of the lands most commonly called "imperialistic," Fenner Brockway, well-known British labourite, and Jean Rouse, of the French Socialist Party's executive committee, took the drive under way, finding immediate support in such countries as Belgium and the Netherlands, which also have overseas possessions. Later, other European groups, such as those in Norway and Luxemburg, joined in.

Another kind of support came for the movement, in the adherence of refugees from Eastern Europe who have set up what they call a "temporary heaven of democracy" in Paris. Members of the exiled and out-lawed Socialist parties of Yugoslavia, Rumania and other East European countries sent spokesmen to the opening meeting, and have been helping in the work of the organization. This move drew on the Congress strong criticism from Communists in Europe and from "New Times," the semi-official organ of the Soviet Union Foreign Office.

Prerequisite

The Congress stands for "the right of presently dependent peoples to freedom and national independence, as a prerequisite of all progress, whether social or economic." Detailed views on the implications of this principle have been formulated, and presented to the United Nations. For Madagascar, demands have been put forward for a dissolution of the court which gave out death sentences to leading nationalists, and a retrial in Paris. For Viet-Nam, the Congress asks immediate cessation of hostilities and negotiations between the French government and Ho Chi-Min, President of the provincial Viet-Nam Republic.

According to the Congress, French authorities have been guilty of suppressing workers' and nationalist movements in Morocco, and the international representatives are supporting Moroccan members in asking that the double protectorate by France and Spain be abolished, and a single, independent Moroccan

state be recognized.

Malaya

Regarding Malaya, the Congress programme consists of three points. The first is the granting of Malayan nationality to all present residents of that territory. This step, it is held, would grant national privileges to a large number of Indians, Pakistanis, Chinese and others who now lack any such status. Singapore, says the Congress, should be joined to the Malayan national administration. Finally, the colonial spokesmen urge popular education on a democratic basis, with free voting for all qualified citizens.

Italy's former colonies must not be settled by the "bartering" of the great powers a procedure which the Congress condemns as completely inconsistent with the United Nations charter. No settlement should be made, in any case, the Congress says, without consultation of the peoples involved, on the basis of genuine democracy and freedom.

U. N. O's Part

Though Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, has taken cognizance of the Congress request for admission to the non-governmental organizations working with the U. N., and agreed to circulate the memorandum presented to him by the Congress, the leaders of the movement emphasize that nothing worth while is likely to come from such negotiations unless the delegations from various colonial territories, and those from countries interested in freedom for all peoples, raise the issue forcefully at all U. N. sessions.

A ferment is at work in the whole colonial world, and it is the aim of the People's Congress against Imperialism not only to organize protests against power-dominance, but to direct discontent into united and constructive channels.

(From the Indian Social Reformer)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 970

In the matter of the last will and testament of the late Arumugam Jacob Kanapathippillai of Karaitivu North Deceased Ponnamma widow of Arumugam Jacob Kanapathippillai of Karaitivu North Petitioner

- Vs
1. Arumugam Arunasalam of Karaitivu North
 2. Arumugam Sangarappillai of Erlalai
 3. Valliammai widow of Arumugam
 4. Parupathy widow of K. Arumugam both of Karaitivu North Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge of Jaffna on the 29th day of November 1948 in the presence of Mr. S. Kandiah Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 21st day of November 1948 having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner be and she is declared entitled as widow of the deceased to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased issued to her unless the respondents above named or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 17th day of January 1949 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 29 day of November 1948
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge

Date for showing cause is extended to 21st February 1949

(Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge
17th January 1949)

Turf Club Robbery

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The entire Police Force is working on the Rs. 400,000 Ceylon Turf Club robbery.

The Inspector General of Police has given top priority to this matter. The story that two maoe bodies had been found in the jungles near Puttalam has been denied.

One Mr. Albert de Silva of Katukurunda who is alleged to be a suspect has been remanded until February 14.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 838

In the matter of the estate of the late Vethanayagi wife of Kanagasabai Vairavananthar of Vaddukodai East, Jaffna.

Deceased. Vaitilingam Kandasamy of Vaddukodai East. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Vaitilingam Karunananthar of do, presently Health Inspector, Kallar in Malaya.
2. Kathiravelu Karthigesu. Sanitary Inspector, Tapah in Malaya.
3. and wife Nagammah of do.
4. Arumugam Ampalavanar of the P. W. D. Office, Kuala-Lumpur in Malaya.
5. and wife Neelayathadchiammah of do. Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the above-named petitioner coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 22nd day of January 1949 in the presence of Mr. V. Nacalingm, Proctor for Petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read; it is ordered that letters of administration of the estate of the said deceased be granted to the petitioner unless the said respondents shall appear before this court on the 19th day of March 1949 and show cause to the satisfaction of the court to the contrary.

This 22 day of January 1949.

Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI
District Judge.

Extended 21-2-49
(O 131 8 & 11)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary No. 955

In the matter of the last will and testament of the late Valliammaipillai widow of Tillaiampalam Payson Tambyahpillai of Navaly Deceased.

1. Reginald Paul Selvanayagam Rajasooria and his wife
2. Victoria Nesamany Rajasooria both of No. 23 Perak Road, Kuala Lumpur, appearing by their Attorney Mubanditam Swaminathan Kanagaratnam Swaminathan of Manipay. Petitioner.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 20th day of October, 1948 in the presence of Mr. C. R. Tambiah proctor on the part of the petitioners and the affidavits of (1) the petitioner dated 15th September, 1948 and (2) the attesting Notary and the witnesses dated 15th September 1948 having been read.

It is ordered that the Last will No. 13251 dated 30th March 1931 be and she is declared entitled as widow of the deceased to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased issued to her unless the respondents above named or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 17th day of January 1949 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 26th day of November 1948
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

Drawn by
C. R. Tambiah,
Proctor for Petitioner.
(O. 132 8 & 11)

ORDER NISI

FOR SALE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 837
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Vaitilingam Kandasamy of Vaddukoddai East Petitioner

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3. and wife Nagammah of do
4. Arumugam Ampalavanar of the P. W. D. Office, Kuala Lumpur in Malaya
5. and wife Neelayathadchiammah of do Respondents

Jaffna on the 22nd day of January 1949 in the presence of Mr. V. Nagalingam, For Petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the said petitioner having been read; it is ordered that letters of administration of the estate of the above named deceased be granted to the petitioner unless the said respondents shall appear before this court on the 19th day of March 1949 and show cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 22 day of January 1949 Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai District Judge.

Extended to 21-2-49 (O 130 8 & 11)

This matter of the petition of the above-named petitioner coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai, Esq. District Judge.

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FREE EDUCATION

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Assignment of quotas to Secondary Schools would afford opportunities to such intelligent pupils who are fit for higher education and would divert all other pupils to Practical Schools (Agricultural, Technical, or Commercial) and thus the need for bifurcation would naturally arise at 14+ by which age every child would have had a full training of body, mind and spirit and would have acquired sufficient general knowledge and a taste for reading that would stand in good stead for him all through life in whatever sphere he may be-

6. (a) Establish Provincial or District Farm and Technical Schools and education centres for the training of Primary and Secondary school Teachers. These vocational or professional training Institutions should be, as it were, the monopoly of the

State, for these send out to the service of the country the Nation's workers.

(b) Entrust to the University the work of training graduate teachers and educational research workers.

The implementation of a scheme planned on the lines of the above suggestions would end the Campaign of vested interests to sabotage free education by systematically pillorying it in parts and evolves a system of rationalised national education. Neither the Cabinet nor the Ministry of Education can effect a Reform in the wooden frame of the existing-culturally and economically-dominated state of education characterised by an entire absence of co-ordination. If the Senanayake Government is in real earnest to make the Island a 'social service State' through 'efficient socialism', it should instead of tinkering with education by means of Ministerial declarations and Secretarial White papers appoint a Commission on Education with three experts recruited from America, Britain, and India.

VEDANTA MOOLA SARAM

OR

THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

(Continued from our issue of 1-2-49)

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XXII. THE KAIVALYA UPANISHAD (contd)

பந்தமும் விடும் ஆயுபத பதாதித்தகன் அலவான், அந்தமும் ஆதிவிலான், அன்பிலவன், ஆதலவன் எந்ததான் இன்னன் என்றும், இன்னது ஆம் இன்னது ஆகி வந்திடான் என்றும், சொல்ல வந்தகொடு மாற்றம் இன்றே.

He is not of the nature of any entity (souls) subject to bondage and liberation. He has no end, no beginning, and is im-measurable. Hence there can be no question, and hence no answer, as to whether our (Divine) Father is such and such only or is incapable of becoming such and such else.

In Thiruvachakam, we read:

வேதமும் வேள்வியும் ஆயினும்,
மெய்கமையும் பொய்கமையும் ஆயினும்,
சோதிமாயம் இருள் ஆயினும்,
தும்பமும் ஆய் இன்பம் ஆயினும்,
பாதிமாயம் மறிமும் ஆயினும்,
பந்தமாயம் விடும் ஆயினும்,
ஆதிமாயம் அந்தம் ஆயினும்,
ஆடப் பொற்கண்ணம் இடிந்து நாமே.

To Him who is the Vedam and the sacrifice,
To Him who is the Truth and the falsehood,
To Him who is the Light and the darkness.
To Him who is the sorrow and the happiness,
To Him who is the part and the whole,
To Him who is the bond and the release,
To Him who is the beginning and the end,
To bathe, do we pound the golden dust.

The Upanishad concludes, and we conclude: Thus is attained supreme knowledge (wisdom) which is destructive of the ocean of births and deaths. Therefore, having thus known Him, one attains the Kaivalya (alone-become or emancipated) state, yea, one attains the Kaivalya state (sruti 24).—This is the state of remaining (alone) (freed from all worldly shackles) prayed for by Thyumanavar in such verses as the following:

இவ்யேதேமந்தன் அருள் வநமோ எனக்கருதி
எங்குதே தெந்தம், ஐயோ
இன்னமும் இருந்தானா நாளைக்கு இருப்பி என்று
என்னவோ திடம் இல்லவோ,
அநியாயமாய் இந்த உடலை நாம் அன்றுவரும்
அந்தகந்த ஆனாகவோ,
கொடித் தீர்ந்து நான் கற்றதும் கேட்டதும்
அவலமாயப் பேரதல் நன்றே,
கனியேனும் வறிய செககையேனும் உதிக் சகுது
கந்த மலக்களேனும்
எனல் வாதை வந்தெய்திக் அன்னிப்புசித்து நான்
கன்றுடி மெளனி ஆகித்
தனியே இருப்பதற்கு என்னினேன், என்னம் இது
சாயித் அறியாததோ
சீவ பரி பூணை அண்ட தந்துவம் ஆன
சக்சி தானந்த சீவமே.

Oh! God,—all-pervading, indivisible, self-existent, of the form of Truth, Wisdom and Bliss,—my heart trembles at the thought that Thy Grace may never descend on me. Alas! there is no guarantee that those who live today will continue to live till tomorrow. Am I to dedicate this body uselessly to the service of Anuthaka (the king of hell) who may pounce on me at any moment? Is it fitting that all the learning and instruction received by me at great personal sacrifice should go to waste? I wish to remain alone (in Kaivalya state) picking up and eating fruits, ripe or unripe, fallen leaves or roots (of the vegetable kingdom) to assuage unendurable hunger, and to sit silent with closed eyes —Is this wish of mine, Oh! my Good Lord, not known to Thee? (To be continued)

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