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WHO IS A HINDU?

CONFLICT OF OPINIONS

THE controversy on the question 'Who is a Hindu' that has arisen out of the appeal for public support for the movement to build a Hindu Shrine for the Hindu students of the Ceylon University has reached an interesting stage.

Mr. K. RAMACHANDRA WRITES:-

I was surprised, and even amused to follow the controversy in your journal as to who is a Hindu and what is Hinduism. Your very journal has for the last six decades borne with honour the title of 'Hindu Organ'.

Hindus." This is another definition given by some.

"He who protects the cows and the Brahmin is a Hindu." This is another definition given by some.

Some define "A Hindu is one who regards India as his motherland the most sacred spot on earth".

Some others define "He who calls and considers himself a Hindu is a Hindu".

Some define "He who accepts the Vedas, the Smritis, the Puranas, and the Tantras as the basis of religion, and the rule of conduct, and believes in one Supreme God (Brahman), in the Law of Karma or retributive justice, and in re-incarnation (punarjanma) is a Hindu".

That part of the great Aryan race which migrate from Central Asia, through the mountain passes into India, settled first in the districts near the river Sindhu, now called the Indus or the other side of the river. The Persians pronounced this word Hindu and named their Aryan brethren Hindus. "Hindu" is only a corrupt form of "Sindhu".

Tilak's Views

"In a meeting of the Sanatana Dharma Sabha, Lokamanya Tilak said: "A Hindu is he who believes that the Vedas contain self-evident and axiomatic truths."

"He who follows the Vedic or Sanatana Dharma is a Hindu". This is the definition by some.

"He who is a follower of the Vedanta is a Hindu". This is another definition given by some others.

"He who has perfect faith in the Law of Karma, law of re-incarnation, Avatara, ancestor worship, Varnashrama-dharma, Vedas, existence of God, he who practices the instructions given in the Ved's with faith and earnestness, he who does Sandhya, Sraddha, Pitru-arpan, the Pancha Maha Yagna, he who follows the Varna-ashrama Dharmas, he who worships the Acaturam and studies the Vedas is a Hindu". This is the definition given by some highly cultured men. This is the only correct and complete definition.

The Hindu Aryans had spread themselves over the plains of the Ganges. Then the Persians gave the name of Hindustan or abode of the Hindus to the whole district between Punjab and Benares.

The classical name for India which is used in Sanskrit literature is Bharata-varsha or Bharatavarsha.

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The Kashmir Dispute

Russia Accuses Anglo-American Powers

The Moscow Radio, reporting the failure of Sir Owen Dixon's Mission to solve the Kashmir dispute said that the proposal to place Kashmir under a United Nations Administrator, preceding a plebiscite, was looked upon in India as an open attempt by "Anglo-American imperialists" to put their hands on the strategically important region of Kashmir.

Moscow Radio commented: "The Indian Press states that Sir Owen Dixon omitted to mention the proposal he made to the Indian Government for the removal of the present Government headed by Sheikh Abdullah and the transfer of power to a United Nations Administrator for the entire period preceding the plebiscite.

"This proposal is looked upon in India as an open attempt by the Anglo-American imperialists, whose will Dixon was executing, to put their hands on the strategically important region of Kashmir.

Indian National Congress.

TANDON ELECTED PRESIDENT

Kiripalani Loses By 214 Votes

ALMOST 93 per cent of the total voting strength of 2803 exercised their votes in the Congress Presidential Election in India. Only thrice before had there been a contest for the Presidential seat, first between Netaji Bose and Dr. Sitaramaya, second between Maulana Azad and M. N. Roy and the third between Dr. Sitaramaya and P. D. Tandon.

The Voting

Table with 2 columns: Name, Votes. Mr. Purushottamdas Tandon 1305, Mr. Acharya Kripalani 1092, Mr. Shankarrao Deo 202.

According to the Congress constitution the winning candidate should secure fifty per cent of the valid number of votes.

Anti-Partition Leader

The new Congress President, though not well known outside India, has been a staunch Congress man for full five decades and went through the 'jail service' like any other top-rank Congressman. He resigned from the Speakership of the U P Assembly to stand for election as Congress President. He was opposed to the Partition of India and led those of his views in the A.I.C.C. session in June 1947.

A great Hindi Scholar, and an ardent Nationalist, Mr. Tandon assumes a high responsibility at a time when determined leadership is necessary.

Snake Creeps Inside Sleeping Man

A labourer in Basrah awoke abruptly and found that a small snake had entered his open mouth while he was asleep.

He tried to grasp it but it wriggled free and disappeared down his throat. Doctors are to operate, but in the meantime the man says he feels in quite good health.

on in India as an open attempt by the Anglo-American imperialists, whose will Dixon was executing, to put their hands on the strategically important region of Kashmir.

"Having established their own administration in Kashmir, the Anglo American imperialists could have postponed the plebiscite indefinitely under the pretext of lack of agreement between India and Pakistan."

EPIGRAMS THAT HELP IN THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH

Man Must Have Mental Poise

ONE does sometimes feel like lamenting with Wordsworth, "what has man made of man". In his quest for happiness, man has always wanted to escape from his sweat-of-brow condition of life. He has tried to escape from the toil and sweat by inventing machines which would do the work for him. He thought that machines would relieve him of his toil, and that he would become free. But, instead of the machine making man free, man finds himself to-day the slave of the machine, with the threat that the machine will finally destroy him. Similarly, in his quest for Truth, man has tried to escape from the toil and sweat by seeking gurus outside (and ignoring the guru within himself) and looked to them to dish out truth to him. In this manner, by trying to escape from himself in many cunning but foolish ways man has made himself the shuttlecock between machines and gurus and has lost his mental poise and courage of conviction. His every day existence is therefore, utter confusion, ignorance, sorrow and constant strife.

little value and becomes even a hindrance to comprehension. Without self-knowledge sadhana is not possible, and without awareness there is not self-knowledge. If he does not understand himself, his cravings, his motives, his contradictions, how can he comprehend truth? If he is not aware of his contradictory states, if he is passionate, ignorant, greedy, envious, sadhana strengthens the self enclosing process; without self-knowledge, there is no foundation for right-thinking; without right-thinking thought cannot transcend itself.

In pursuit of Truth there can be no question of gratitude. Every individual who has resolutely struggled to reach truth has had to be seemingly ungrateful to somebody—whether it be to relatives or friends, or to former teachers and co-workers. The teacher who could be pained or disappointed, because any pupil of his forsook him for what in that pupil's mind, seemed to be a higher, truth, would be no true teacher. He would be self-condemned by his resentment.

The writer's effort here is merely to represent the sayings of some of our spiritual giants in order to clear the misgivings in the minds of earnest seekers of Truth. Therefore the writer makes no excuse to present the following epigrams without any apology. There is much in them which the Orthodox, the so-called serious-minded and the hypocrite will strongly resent—that however cannot be helped, for it is said that man is potentially a saint or a devil. The choice is his, he may be either.

God is none other than the Self. To see the Self having destroyed the ego is to see God; all else is but a vision of the mind. In order to see the Self or God, the ego must get consumed and lost, having surrendered itself to the Supreme Being. The Self shines as the source of the mind. To turn the mind within towards that Source and to abide therein steadfastly is the only way to seek the Self.

He who is seeking Truth does not believe; he who is approaching Truth has no dogma or creed; he who is seeking the Timeless must be free from formulation and the time-binding quality of memory. When we believe we do not seek and belief hound and pain. Search to understand, not to know; for in understanding, the dual process of the knower and the known ceases. In the mere search for knowledge the knower is ever becoming and so is ever in conflict and sorrow. He who asserts, he knows does not know.

If the seeker does not know himself, his sadhana is of

Self-surrender is the same as self-knowledge, and either often necessarily implies self-control. Such knowledge comes after enquiry and reflection and ends invariably in self-surrender. The ego submits only when it recognizes the Higher Power. Surrender can take effect only when it is done with full knowledge as to what real surrender means.

The Kundalini Shakti is the Supreme Power of the Shakti in the human body, embodying all powers and assuming all forms.

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LEANING TOWER OF PISA TOPPLING?

Experts who have recently examined the Leaning Tower of Pisa estimate that it is toppling at the rate of two and three-quarter inches a year compared with less than half an inch annually over the past 100 years.

Cement has been injected into the foundation of the tower without noticeable effect.

The tilt is due to the spongy nature of the ground on which the tower was built under construction in the 14th century the foundations started to subside. It was then thought that the tower would collapse in the not far distant future. In 1926 a British firm unsuccessfully attempted to arrest the movement.

MAKING MONEY OUT OF MURDER

Confessing to have "made more money out of murder than any women since Lucrezia Borgia", Agatha Christie famous thriller-writer, celebrated the recent publication of her 50th novel with a party at London's Ritz Hotel. A special cake was prepared in her honour, with 50 candles on it, and decorated with a chocolate drawing of her favourite hero, Hercule Poirot. Her host was Mr. William Collins whose firm has published her books for the past 25 years.



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Treasure These Thoughts

The highest duty of life is to take delight in the World of God and to meditate constantly upon Him as the embodiment of all Truth.

—SRIMAD BHAGAWAT—

HEALTH WORK IN PUBLIC PLACES

IN THE UN-ENDING COMPETITIVE struggle for positions of vantage in the political front, leaders do lose sight of the more important spade work necessary for putting the standard of living of the common man on a higher economic and social footing. The social upliftment of a people cannot be successfully aimed at and achieved unless great attention is paid to the conditions of sanitation and health of the locality. With the gradual development and expansion of Local Government the health problem has been entrusted to the Local Authorities for study and solution.

In this connection we are unable to omit mentioning the interest taken by the Jaffna Municipal Council and its predecessor, the Urban Council in the health of the Town with a Medical Officer of Health and a strong band of sanitary assistants to put into administrative execution the plan and program laid down by the City Fathers. Special note of this matter becomes necessary in view of the scrupulously assiduous attention paid to the prevention of infection and the cropping up of diseases in public places where people gather together in large numbers. The High Festivals of the Nallur Kandasamy Temple are in progress; the sanitary arrangements made by the Health Officer and his assistants deserve to be commended judging by high standards of cleanliness. This achievement seems to have been possible because of the close co-operation that has existed among the public, the manager of the Temple and the Municipal Authorities.

That purity of the soul cannot be attained but by cleanliness of the exterior is clear when one remembers the old saying 'Cleanliness comes next to Godliness'. It will not be an over-statement if it is asserted that cleanliness is Godliness. It, therefore, becomes an absolutely necessary social commandment that congregations in Places of Worship should be made understand the paramount need for clean habits by educating them in the practical application of theories of health-preserving habits by means of leaflets, lectures and if necessary by attaching

NEED FOR HANUMAN - LIKE SOLDIERS

Indian National Ideal

EVERYONE in our armed forces should be like god Hanuman and be free from desire and attachment, says Sri Vinobha Bhave, writing in *Sarvodaya* on the exemption given to soldiers to drink.

Prohibition was one of the numerous items of the Congress programme and had four objects, namely moral, social, economic and health improvement. Gandhiji was keen on it and Congressmen carried it with zeal as a weapon for spreading discontent against and condemning the British rule.

This popular zeal abated with the end of the foreign rule. Old workers became inactive; some entered the Government and others became envious. Implementing the programme became the duty of the Congress Governments in the provinces and when they faced facts they found that prohibition involved substantial loss of revenue. The Old Government used to raise this very objection, but we ridiculed them in those days. In the meanwhile, a Committee of Economists was appointed to investigate the economic condition of the country and suggest ways and means for improvement. The Committee submitted their recommendations, one of which was to make the progress of prohibition slow, and this was welcomed by most provincial Governments.

Prohibition Pledge

Only the Governments of Madras and Bombay stuck to their resolve of complete prohibition. Bombay inaugurated the prohibition week with President Rajendra Babu's blessings on 6th April. In that public meeting,

penal consequences to disobedience to sanitary regulations. We do not make the conditions of outer purity alone a requirement for a worshipper; for as the poet mused falsehood may have a goody outside; but it cannot be denied that cleanliness is a *sine qua non* for attaining mental magnanimity as may be seen from the fact that in Temples ablution occupies a definite and high place in the various details of ceremonies performed daily.

We would commend the great example of Nallur to those in charge of other Temples and to local authorities and to the people in general for emulation. The success at Nallur has been due to the civic consciousness awakened in the congregation by regular inducement in which the Sanitary Assistants have taken a prominent part by making efficient arrangements in consultation with the Health Officer and under the direction of the Mayor. Anything that has been proved to be beneficial to the lasting good of man is worthy of being followed and here is something for congregations of other public places of worship to copy with advantage.

I stressed the special importance of prohibition from the point of view of Bombay. Madras had already gone ahead with the programme.

In my speech, I congratulated the Government on its boldness and appealed to the social workers for whole-hearted co-operation. Now I am referring to it for a special reason. It is learnt from the press that the military is excluded from prohibition.

All over the world, the soldier is given latitude in vice; his desires good or bad are dutifully satisfied since he defends the country at the cost of his life. Is it not strange that with the avowed revolutionary undertaking of prohibition, we cannot rise above the general habit of pampering the soldier in his vice. We swear by Sarvodaya and aspire to establish the rule of ahimsa. And we maintain military forces helplessly for the distressed. Our soldiers must therefore be of superior character. Their ideal—like that of God Hanuman—should be free from desire and attachment. Was Hanuman and his monkey bands given to wine drinking? That was the habit of Ravan and his Rakshasa forces.

I am much pained at penning such criticism. I trust that this ugly exception to the pious enactment will be removed. I am ignorant of the practical difficulties involved but in any case they must be solved.

S. S. C. Exam

Passports Necessary For Private Candidates

As a precaution against impersonation at Examinations, all private candidates for the Senior School Certificate Examinations to be held in December 1950 are required to prove their identity in the examination hall by means of an identity card issued by the Post-master General, a valid Passport issued within three years of the date of the examination, any Teachers' Certificate issued by the Director and embodying a photograph of the holder or any certificate, licence or other document embodying a photograph of the holder.

Income Tax & Beauty

A pretty girl sent her picture to the Singapore income-tax controller when applying for a short extension before submitting her return.

She wrote: "This is my photograph. Do I look as if I would run away?"

Back came the grave reply: "If your face is your fortune, madam, an additional assessment must be made."

Northern Assizes

12 Years R. I For Murder

Thamban Viswalingam, Thamban Rasu and Sellappan Thamban stood charged at the Northern Assizes with the murder of Nanniyar Rajasingham of Thavady by cutting him with a knife on February 11th.

After trial the Jury brought in a verdict of guilty of culpable homicide not amounting to murder against the 1st accused and of causing hurt against the second accused.

The third accused was found not guilty.

The judge sentenced the first accused to 12 years R. I. and the second accused to 1 month R. I. The third accused was acquitted and discharged.

K. Suppan a witness in the case was sentenced to 1 month R. I. for perjury.

Mr. A. Mahendrarajah, Crown Counsel prosecuted and Mr. A. Sambandhan with Mr. S. Thiruvavukkarasu instructed by Mr. S. C. Cathiravelu and Mr. A. Duraiyappah appeared for the accused.

The Korean War

What It Costs The Press

Fleet street estimates that the costs of covering the Korean war is around £7,000 a week.

The costs of one big news agency are around £500 a day. One cable despatched to a London daily in three parts cost the paper £150.

The cost on correspondents is also high. After only a little more than two months of war, the list stands at 12 correspondents dead, one missing, one prisoner and three wounded.

Valvetiturai Smuggling

Holding that there was no doubt that the launch 'Arthur' resorted to violence and that the fatal shot that killed Chamugam was fired from either the Arthur or from shore, Mr. W. W. Mutturajah Magistrate. Point Pedro, returned an open verdict in the Valvetiturai gun battle between smugglers and Customs Officers that resulted in the death of one S. Chamugam.

The Magistrate directed the police to continue investigations and search for the owner of the 'Arthur' who is said to be absconding.

Tamil Recreation Club Wellawatte

The following office-bearers were elected at the annual general meeting of the Tamil Recreation and Dramatic Club Wellawatte:

Patron: Mr. A. Sellamuttu Vice-Patrons: Messrs. K. Kanagaratnam, and T. Rudra, President: Mr. M. M. Kulasekeram. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. P. Kandassamy, A. A. Cooke, R. P. Sherrard, John Chellappah. Dr. K. Kanagaratnam, Messrs. C. Rasiyah K. Kanagaratnam E. P. Chelliah, G. H. R. Hubert and A. Subramaniam, Hony. Gen Secy: Mr. E. Rasakulasuriar. Hony Asst. Gen. Secy: Mr. S. Subramaniam, Hony. Treasurer: Mr. K. Raganatha Iyer. Hony. Secy. (Tennis): Mr. S. Ramanaathan. Secy. (Indoor Games): Mr. K. Sriskandan, Hony. Secy. (Library): Mr. E. Thevanesan, together with an Executive Committee of eight members.

Remaking The World In Fifty Days

Memorandum To UNO By A Filipino

DON'T look now, but here comes the would-be Chief Impartial Magistrate of the World, the One Man Constitution Maker, World President, World Secretary of the Department of the World Peace and Order Movement, and the Commander-in-Chief of the World Armed Forces.

His name is Pascual B. Racuyal, and this Filipino wants to remake the world in 50 days for a fee of five hundred thousand dollars. In a ten-page, coloured-cover booklet, he announces his intentions and issues a challenge to world leaders. Truman, Stalin, Churchill, Dr. Einstein, Attlee, Trygve Lie, Nehru, Generals Eisenhower and MacArthur, Tito, Franco and a few others, have been asked by Sacuyal to show whether any of them are better fitted than himself to be a World Constitution Maker. He wants UNO to set them all to work in drawing up such a constitution, and claims that he himself can produce one in exactly 50 days—not counting official Philippine holidays.

Standard World Flag

Racuyal has 46 planks and platforms and 27 detailed contract conditions. Among the things he promises to provide if entrusted with running the world are 26 creations, to include a Department of World Trade Progress, a Bureau of Want-to-be Free States, a Chamber of Screening Appointments, a World Impartial Court, a World Mint for making fire-proof, water-proof, and rust-proof money, and of course various world civil service departments, including the World Unemployment and Calamity Bureau. And just to show what he will do with his spare time, Racuyal promises in Plank No. 37 to "make a Standard World Government Flag."

Describing himself as advertising representative of the World Famous Commercial Directory of the Philippines, Racuyal is now waiting to hear how UNO reacts to his memorandum. Prompt and favourable action in the matter will, he says in a letter to Mr. Trygve Lie be highly appreciated.

Pakistan Owes No Allegiance To King In Future

Pakistan Governors, Ministers and Judges of High Courts will in future owe no allegiance to "King George VI, his heirs and successors". The Governor-General of Pakistan is understood to have passed an order deleting the words "King George VI" contained in the oath of allegiance administered to high dignitaries on their assumption of office. The allegiance will instead be shown to "constitution, law and the Government of Pakistan".

Moral Rearmament To Build A New World

An exposition of the Moral Rearmament Movement in Europe was given by Mr. Rogre Hicks at a meeting held under the auspices of the Southern India Journalists Federation in Madras.

Mr. Hicks quoting the French Foreign Minister M. Schuman, said that moral rearmament brought then "the philosophy of life applied in action". The fact that human nature could be changed and was being changed nations also changed: this was the core of the matter.

He described the growth of the movement and said that Dr. Buchman leader of the movement was decorated with the Legion of Honour by the President of France. It has influenced even some of the German Marxists. The movement had brought the Germans and the French together who had bitterly hated each other before. The headquarters of the movement was in Coux, Switzerland.

Summing up he said that movement aimed at building a new world. It had an inspired ideology of democracy, which was above class and creed.

Answering questions Mr. Hicks said that the movement was not directed against Russia. It was not anti-communist. Only they believed that Russia like any other country needed change. Their plan for achieving their objective lay through the observance of such principles like honesty, purity, service and belief in God. They got their funds from the contributions from innumerable men with small means. There were no paid workers.

The question before them was whether a person was willing to accept moral standards and they had men of all faiths and got on well together.

Greater Care Of Rail Goods

Mr. M. Kanagasabay, General Manager of Railways has in a recent circular warned all railway employees to take greater care of the goods thus "It is needless to emphasize here that it is one of the most important duties of the staff to examine the labels and satisfy themselves that the contents and postal addresses of consignors and consignees are fully and legibly written or marked on each package, and that particulars are fully and clearly transcribed in the way-bills and invoices, in order to effect prompt and correct deliveries at destinations".

IS COMMUNISM A SHORT CUT TO SOCIAL BETTERMENT?

RT. Hon. P. C. Gordon—Walker M. P. replies to this question in an address to the Union Society, University of Ceylon.

It seems to me that there are two great choices before the world, both of which will be decided more in men's minds than by the clash of arms. The first is the choice between those who wish to disrupt and destroy society and those who wish to keep it together and steadily improve it. The second is the choice between those who wish to impose their wills upon society and those who wish to advance with the consent and agreement of their fellows—the choice between dictatorship and tolerance.

Crucial Choices

Although there are many differences between Asia and the West, they are alike confronted with these crucial choices. And the two choices are themselves very closely related. It is those who are in a hurry, those who are absolutely certain that they are right and everyone else wrong—it is they who want to break up society in order to clear the ground for sweeping reforms and who want to impose their wills upon their slow and reactionary fellow citizens.

The root error of the totalitarians occurs at the very point where they are most inspired by certainty. They wholly distort and misunderstand human nature. Communists, like all totalitarians, think that they can perfect the world, achieve a heaven on earth, by following out a correct scientific line, as they call it. But human beings are not just factors in a scientific equation—not bricks to be built into a wall—not units whose behaviour can be wholly calculated and controlled.

Pseudo-Scientific Theories

Human beings are a troublesome lot, perverse and often wicked, though capable of great sacrifice and devotion. They are quite different from the idea of the human being in the materialistic dogmas and doctrines of Communism. And that is why Communists are totalitarian wherever they get power they are driven by an irresistible logic that is more powerful than themselves to drag on and bully and drive the human beings under their control. The real reason why Communists destroy liberty is that free human beings do not fit into their false and pseudo-scientific theories.

It is for the same reason that Communists always seek to disrupt societies in which they are not in power. They can never win the willing consent of free men because free men are not in fact like the men of communist theory. The only way in which Communists can win control the only way they ever have won control is by creating such disorder and disruption that men are driven into irrationality and unreason. Communists do not seek to win men by reason and persuasion; they seek to create what they call a "revolutionary situation" a moment of madness and irrational disorder in which by their adroit ruthlessness they can seize power. It is significant that they never talk of winning power, but always of "seizing it".

Now, it follows from what I have said that the struggle with Communism does of course reveal itself in the form of calculated imperialist aggression—as in Europe. And wherever this hap-

pens the free peoples must resist and defeat it with its own weapons which are tanks and guns.

No Dodging Of Issues

We must then resist world Communism with arms when it resorts to arms. There is no dodging the issue. The Communists allow no-one to be neutral. Every country that wishes to be free and on the side of freedom must be ready to pay the price of freedom, which unfortunately includes today the diversion of money into defence which we would all prefer to devote to peaceful and constructive ends.

But as I say, this issue will never be settled by arms alone. Communism flourishes where there are grave evils that are not remedied—unsatisfied national aspirations, hunger, poverty and unemployment. Certainly there is an absolute obligation upon those who reject totalitarianism to remedy such evils. As long as they endure, the struggle is between those who wish to exploit these evils in order to impose their views on stupid and unenlightened mankind; and those who are content to try and make the world a better place, who are content to take human beings as they are with all their faults and failings and to try and win their agreement and support for the slow work of constructive advance.

To young people there may appear to be some attraction in the flashy certainty of Communism; it may seem to provide a short-cut to power and social betterment. But I assure you that all the power and might of totalitarian states cannot compare with the force that arises out of the free ascent of free men. That was shown in the war against Hitler and Japan. If its power you want, power to do good, the way to get it is by the road of democracy and freedom.

Now in this struggle for men's souls in the world today we cannot rely on ourselves alone, we must look around and see how the forces of good and evil are distributed around the world.

Free Import of Chillies

The ban on the import of chillies from India which had brought about a shortage of this commodity, has been lifted.

Resistance To Atomic Rays

Value of Lemon

If the atom bomb is ever used, lemons might become of great importance.

A group of American scientists led by Dr. Boris Sokolet, report that by giving extra doses of vitamins extracted from lemons, they have been able to reduce the death rate among animals exposed to atomic rays from 80 per cent to 10 per cent.

The vitamin giving this beneficial result is known as vitamin "P" and is also found in other citrus fruits, such as oranges, grapefruit and limes.

Trade Unionism In Ceylon

(By A. M. Devasagayam)

It should be appropriate at the present time to examine briefly the past and present position of trade unionism in this country. Working class movement took an active turn all over the globe after World War 1, and it was steadily growing and consolidating its position in the economic struggle in this country too. The Trade Union Ordinance was promulgated in 1935 and the workers' organisations functioning at the time were registered as trade unions from the beginning of 1936, and new trade unions were registered from time to time thereafter. Patriotic leaders fighting for the freedom of the country also championed the emancipation of the workers from the inception of the labour movement, and many rights and privileges were granted by the colonial authorities.

But with the gradual political changes in favour of this country lukewarm in earnest has been, and is being still, shown by the Government towards the economic upliftment of the working people. Here are a few instances: (1) Abandonment of the remodelling work of the Industrial Disputes (Conciliation) Ordinance No 3 of 1931 taken in hand in 1939, (2) Annulment in 1946 of the Essential Services (Avoidance of Strikes and Lockouts) Order 1942 before a proper labour charter was brought into being, (3) The protracted delay in bringing out the Industrial Disputes Bill which was taken up in 1944, (4) The removal of the rubber industry in 1949 from the jurisdiction of the Wages Board Ordinance when there was a temporary fall in the price of Rubber (5) The attitude of splendid isolation shown by Government at the present demand made for higher labour wages when there is a boom in the tea and rubber market, and (6) Amendment of P. S. R. 208 B.

There is a tendency on the part of the Government to distinguish the "people" from the workers and their Unions. Over 90 per cent of the people are workers themselves. Who are the "people" and who are the "workers" then?

Governmental Aid To Deserted Wives

Relief for a period not exceeding three months to enable women whose husbands have deserted them will be given by Government, to institute proceedings for maintenance or to provide satisfactory proof of their inability to institute such action. This is the arrangement referred to in a circular to Government Agents issued by the Director of Social Services.

Also Government Agents will have to take all measures to bring such cases to the notice of the Magistrate in order that he might entertain the action without the usual charges if the applicants, plight could be proved.

Matrimonial

The marriage of Mr. S. GNANANATHAN (Co-operative Department) son of Mr. and Mrs. Sabapathy of Chetty Street, Nallur with Miss. SIVAPAKIAVATHY (daughter of Mr. V. Thambyaiyah (Malayan Pensioner) and Mrs. Thambyaiyah of Velanai East will take place according to Hindu rites on Wednesday the 6th inst. at 4 p. m. at the Bride's residence. Friends and relations are cordially invited.

No individual invitations please. (M. 132. 5.)

Nothing Beyond Truth

It is when we discover the Truth within ourselves that we are able to recognise it whenever and wherever it is expressed. ...Wherever Truth is felt and realised, those who feel and realise it, must be aware of belonging to each other and nothing can separate them. There is that which binds them closer than the ties of even family life. Love and understanding knocks down the barriers of caste and race and creeds and dogmas.

Ananda Coomaraswamy wrote: "The chosen people of the future can be no nation, no race, but an aristocracy of the whole world in whom the vigour of European action will be united to the serenity of Asiatic thought."

When men and women will examine their motives for doing and saying everything they do and say, and when they can say truthfully that the only real joy and happiness is to lose sight of themselves in service to others, then there will come such a change in the individual life, as to make for a revolution in values. Fortunately it would be a bloodless revolution. The swords will be turned into ploughshares.

Let us not wait for the other man to put himself right, but let us begin ourselves. The Spirit of Truth within us is a majority against any foe. When you allow it to take complete charge of everything, you find you have time to relax in His presence. He is no task master, and He never forces His advice or counsel. He knocks and asks—"May I come in?"

Truth! What a wonderful thing it is to walk in Truth, to feel the presence of Truth, and yet to know that it is an everlasting discovery revealing new aspects of Itself, all the way long, for no finite mind can grasp Truth in its entirety. When we think deeply about it, doesn't it cause us to drop all our petty limitations, all our narrowisms, of whatever nature they may be.

I love to feel that I belong to everyone everywhere, and that because I have discovered, that, Truth and Love and Wisdom and Power are limitless, I surely can cease from limiting anything.

Search for the Truth in everything; it may be clothed round with lots of garments in some cases, but if you seek earnestly, you will find it and having found it, unite with it. It lies at the centre of everything and everything. There is nothing beyond it, but Itself.

(From the 'Vision')

OBITUARY

MRS. MUTTUPILLAI CARTHIGESAR

The remains of Muttupillai widow of the late Mr. C. Carthigesar of Paloli West and mother of Mudaliyar C. Ganapathipillai retired c. o. s. Nallore, Mr. C. M. Coomaraswamy of Malacca and Mr. C. Sivapiragasam, was cremated at the Chemmani Cremation Ground at 12-30 p. m. on Monday the 28th ultimo.

The funeral pyre was lit by the youngest son in the presence of a large number of friends and relations. The deceased was 88 years of age at the time of her death.

PACIFICISM AND KOREAN WAR

SINCE the fighting in Korea began, I have had several letters asking me "What are the world pacifists doing about Korea?" I am not sure what a "world pacifist" is, or whether such a person exists. But what I am rather sure is that all those, who believe that there are non-violent ways of resisting evil and violence and that the way of life taught by Gandhiji can be practised in all situations, ought to be asking: "What can and must we do about this new outbreak of naked violence?" I am entirely unconvinced by those who say: "We ought to have acted sooner. Now it is too late." Surely, it is never too late to try to sow seeds of peace in the midst of strife.

But what can we do? Here are one or two things that may give some idea of possible lines of action. I learn that members of the War Resisters League, and perhaps others in America, issued a printed leaflet demanding mediation, which they distributed at Lake Success early in July. And some undertook a fast. Similarly in London, the "Faithful Few," if I may so describe them, got busy along these same lines. These efforts are continuing. No doubt in other countries similar efforts are being undertaken. They do not get into the Press, because I suppose they do not fit the popular mood. But surely these are the things that we, who believe in ways of peace, should tell each other about, so that we may support one another in these efforts.

Relief Work

In Calcutta, a meeting had been held, attended by representatives of the local Red Cross and of the International Red Cross, the Marwari Relief Society, the local Y. M. C. A. and the Friends Service Unit, together with concerned individuals, which "expressed its deep concern for arranging some relief and reconciliation work in connection with the Korean conflict." They would like to see a relief or ambulance team formed in India, preferably on a national basis, to serve in both North and South Korea. I am also assured from the Quakers in England that if anything of this sort is undertaken in India, under Indian leadership, but allowing for international personnel, they and others would be keenly interested, and would like to participate in some way.

Please do not think that I am trying to persuade any one to abandon essential work that they

"The Discovering Of God"

"A few months ago I was trying to write a chapter on the 'discovering of God' Now that I have discovered Him I find that it is a continuous discovery. Every day is rich with new aspects of Him and his working. As one makes discoveries about his friends by being with them so one discovers the 'individuality' of God if one entertains Him continuously. One thing I have seen this week is that God loves beauty. Everything He makes is lovely. The clouds, the tumbling river, the waving lake, the soaring eagle, the slender blade of grass, the whispering of the wind, the fluttering butterfly, this graceful transparent innocent child of the lake which clings to my window for an hour and vanishes for ever. Beautiful craft of God! And I know He makes my thought-life beautiful when I am open all the day to Him. If I throw these mind-windows apart and say 'God, what shall we think of now?' he answers always in some graceful, tender dream. And I know that God is love-hungry for he is constantly pointing me to some dull dead soul which he has never reached and wistfully urges me to help him reach that stolid, tight shut mind. All day I see souls dead to God look sadly out of hungry eyes. I want them to know my discovery! That any minute can be paradise, that any place can be heaven! That any man can have God; That every man does have God the moment he speaks to God, or listens to him!"

—In the Vision.

are already doing, which may be attacking the real roots of war more effectively than anything that can be done by a Relief Unit for Korea. I am not even sure that a Relief Unit is the right answer. But, taking the pacifists or Satyagrahis as a whole, I am not convinced that we can be satisfied to say, in answer to those who ask us, "What are you doing about Korea?", "We are going on with our regular work." Yes, that we certainly must do. But I think we ought also to do something more. What can your readers advise? And what offers of service can they make?"

(Horace Alexander in the Harijan)

MELTING INTO HIS RADIANCE

From the time my God
Hidden in the heart revealed Himself,
My life underwent a change.
First He filled my mind and senses—
He tuned my will with His.
Then He entered my physical being.
Last He absorbed all of me into Himself:
And I melted into His radiance.
Now God and His lover are one.

Swami Ramdas.

Epigrams That Help In The Search For Truth

(Continued from page 1)

The physical body is the manifestation of the Kundalini Shakti. In the individual moving body the Kundalini Shakti is the representation of the great Cosmic Power which Creates, Maintains and Dissolves the universe. The Kundalini Shakti is the subtlest of the subtle created things and it holds the creation of Mystery and the way to Freedom (Moksha). It is both Avidya-Shakti (ignorance) and Vidya, Shakti (knowledge). It is the Kundalini Shakti that liberates and binds beings.

When the Kundalini Shakti ascends from centre to centre, then the dormant powers come into action and one gets different hidden powers at different centres or chakras. The chakras or the centres are the different seats of the Kundalini Shakti. They are six in all. The Kundalini Shakti remains in its gross form in the Muladhara chakra. This centre, Muladhara is the normal abode of the Kundalini Shakti in the human body. When the Kundalini Shakti ascends from centre to centre, the Shakti in its ascent or return journey, becomes finer and finer and goes on gathering the lost powers which it had left behind in each chakra while descending. This is what is meant by gaining supernatural powers claimed by the yogis. Actually, these powers are not supernatural, but they are so to the ignorant persons.

Deep devotional songs gather the power of the dissipated mind automatically and make it one-pointed. When devotional songs, kirtans, etc., are properly and regularly carried out, they help a devotee very much.

The chief distinction between a saint and a sage is that the former has yet some ego to lose while the sage has none. Therefore the saint has a mind and holds to a creed; the sage is mindless and creedless. The heart of a saint, said a great saint-sage, is like the river Yamuna which flows unevenly while that of a sage is like the river Ganges which flows serenely and majestically.

Furacin in Place of Penicillin

American scientists are studying a new group of drugs made from furfural, a chemical derived from corn cobs. One of these "furan" drugs, called furacin, already is used as a germ killer in wounds and infections, the *Wall Street Journal* reports. Another kills disease-causing fungus, and a third is used in the treatment of certain allergies and of the common cold. Furfural also is used in the manufacture of nylon and in the refining of oil.

Furacin is said to kill some germs that penicillin does not attack. At present it cannot be taken internally, although it is effective as a powder or ointment for wounds and burns. Since some of the furan drugs now being tested seem to be effective against certain kidney and urinary tract diseases that resist other anti-biotics, scientists hope

WHO IS A HINDU?

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rata-kbanda, after the name of Bharata who ruled over a large extent of territory in days of yore. Manu's name for the whole central region between the Himalayas and the Vindhya mountains is Aryavarta, the abode of the Aryans. Another name for the whole central region between the Himalayas and the Vindhya mountains is Aryavarta, the abode of the Aryans. Another name for the whole of India is Jampur-dvipa. The Greeks gave the name of "Indu" to the whole of this country. It was on account of this that "India" became popular as the name of this country throughout Europe.

National Importance

This name of "Hindu" was not only of geographic but of national and racial importance.

"Hindu" is not a mere name. The whole history of our nation from the very beginning is bound up with it. All our ideas and ideals are so intimately connected with it that it is difficult to give a simple definition of it. Poets, prophets and Avatars came into the World to sing the praises and glory of this name. Heroes and warriors have fought for its honour and laid down their very lives for it. Piety, nobility, generosity, philosophy, religious bent of mind, Yoga, religious tolerance, wisdom, devotion, renunciation, self-realisation, Ahimsa, Satyam, putiy are associated with the name Hindu.

Therefore, be proud to call yourself a Hindu, my friend.

The above remarks and definitions may not prove acceptable to a certain school of thought peculiar to the North. Let us not worry about those, who have found at Elephant Pass the Southern boundary of their Universe, and go ahead with the proposal which Messrs. S. Sivabramanian and P. Muthulinga swamy have so well explained as the bounden duty of every Hindu in this land.

MR. C. NAGIAH STATES:—

It is reassuring to learn from Mr. P. Muttulinghasamy's letter appearing in your paper of 29.8.50 that Hinduism is only another name for Sanathana-Tharma, and its texts of authority are Vedas and Agamas. My question to clarify the kind of Temple which Mr. Sivabramanian had in view gets, I presume, answered, by Mr. Muttulinghasamy's letter, unless the former objects to it through the press.

The Agamas, are but the true interpretations of the Vedhas and they both, divine that they are, can collectively admit one, and only one, Valid interpretation. I wish God-speed to the movement.

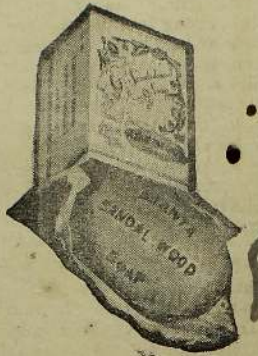
eventually to make a compound that can be taken internally.

Furacin also is finding new uses in animal medicine. Small amounts of it in chicken feed, prevents pullorum and coccidiosis, two fowl diseases. Researchers also report that clinical tests have shown it to be effective in the treatment of mastitis in cows. It also is being tested against hog dysentery.

WAY TO LIBERATION

"HE can free himself from attachment to 'woman and gold' if, by the grace of God, he cultivates the spirit of strong renunciation. What is this strong renunciation? One who has only a mild spirit of renunciation says, 'Well, all will happen in the course of time; let me now simply repeat the name of God.' But a man possessed of a strong spirit of renunciation feels restless for God, as the mother feels for her own child. A man of strong renunciation seeks nothing but God. He regards the world as a deep well and feels as if he was going to be drowned in it. He looks upon his relatives as venomous snakes; he wants to fly away from them. And he does go away. He never thinks, 'Let me first make some arrangement for my family and then I shall think of God.' He has great inward resolution."

—SRI RAMAKRISHNA



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1069

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Kanagasabai Kumaraswamy of Velanai East

Deceased.

Annalechmy widow of Kumaraswamy of Velanai East

Vs. Petitioner.

Minors 1. Kumaraswamy Loganathan

2. Thayanithi daughter of Kumaraswamy both of Velanai East, minors appearing by their Guardian-ad-litem

3. Vaithianather Karthigesu of Saravanai

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before Wm Gunam Spencer, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 27th day of July 1950 in the presence of Mr. M R. Karalasingham, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the abovesaid petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the 3rd respondent abovesaid be appointed Guardian ad-litem over the minors the 1st and 2nd respondents and that the said Annalechmy widow of Kumaraswamy the petitioner abovesaid be declared entitled to have letters of administration to the intestate estate of the abovesaid deceased unless the Respondents, or others interested shall appear before this Court on or before the 12th day of September 1950 and show sufficient cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of

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WM. GUNAM SPENCER.

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M. R. Karalasingham, Proctor for Petitioner.

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