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## MAKE A HEAVEN OF THIS EARTH

### Harmony & Peace

#### Essentials For Creating New World

(By SWAMI RAMDAS)

WE are living at present in momentous times. Humanity is on the verge of a great and far-reaching change. The old values and vision of life that stood for division and isolation are being re-placed by the dawn of a new spirit and consciousness which symbolise unity and brotherhood. The differences based on racial, national and creedal considerations are fast disappearing giving place to a feeling of mutual fellowship and solidarity.

Although a threat of another world conflict seem to be in the air, we can clearly feel or be aware that the coming of a state of world harmony and peace is very near.

The circumstances which are taken to be inimical to the birth of such an all round awakening to this new life and consciousness provide in fact the necessary condition for the consummation of this supreme idea. The old order is passing through the transforming crucible of the Divine Alchemist causing dissolution of all things that make for invidious distinctions and differences based on caste, creed and nationality. There is, so to say, an urge for the closing up of the ranks.

The real cause of the above transformation is the quickening of the spirit in man. It has been discovered that the true foundation of life should be built on the knowledge of the eternal life-principle—call it by the name God or Truth. It is both the outer necessity and the inner spiritual need that can break down all barriers between man and man and create a new world of mutual goodwill, harmony and peace.

Really we are living at a most important juncture of world history when each one of us can contribute potentially towards the formation of a world federation. It is not by a collective effort that we progress towards this realisation so much as by the striving of every individual to raise himself and tune his mind and heart with the universal principle on which all external forms of life hang on like so many beads strung on the thread of a rosary. So the Truth, the Divine Principle or God is the underlying Reality by the awareness of which or by whom alone can we achieve and

retain the supreme unity to which the humanity is led willy-nilly by the invisible hand of Providence.

Let us all wish and pray with a clear heart this process of transformation may proceed with acceleration so that the world may soon become a heavenly place for all human beings to live in peace and happiness.

#### F. I. N. Society, Jaffna

The Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna Friend-In-need Society Limited was held on 29th January 1948 at the Town Hall, Jaffna at 5 p. m.

Mr. P. J. Hudson, Presided.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting have been read and confirmed, Mr. R. R. Nalliah, Hon'y: Secretary presented the report for the year 1947.

The number of Pensioners according to the Secretary's Report was 313 as against 258 in the previous year. A sum of Rs. 18454/- was spent on pensions during the year as against 14527-50 in the previous year.

Donations were given in 3 cases.

The number of Pensioners was on the increase. Last year the Society received from Government Rs. 1507/- (October 1946-September 1947) by way of grant.

The Hon'y. Treasurer submitted the statement of accounts for the year 1947.

Mr. P. J. Hudson, President in moving the adoption of the Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's statement of accounts congratulated the Committee on the excellent work it has done

The election of Office bearers for 1948 resulted as follows:-

President Mr. P. J. Hudson  
Atikar A. Naganathar  
Vice Presidents: Mr. P. Mortimer  
Hon'y: Secretary Mr. R. R. Nalliah  
Hon'y: Treasurer Mr. R. Gnana-segaram.

### A VEHICLE OF SHAKTI

*Be A vehicle of Shakti  
Let Her will prevail in and through thee  
She controls the worlds  
At Her wish desert places  
Blossom forth and turn into  
Spots of charm and beauty  
At Her fiat all events take shape  
She is merciful protector of all goodness  
The soul in tune with Her  
Is a child of eternal power and enjoy.*

—Swamy Ramdas.

## Emulate Nandanar

### Gandhiji's Last Appeal To Harijans

A TRUE (Harijan) devotee will follow in the footsteps of Nandanar who disdained the help of anybody but God. Today he commands the homage even of the Brahman who regards himself as a 'high caste' said Mahatma Gandhi in an article on "Harijans and Temple entry" written on the eve of his death which has been published in the latest issue of *Harijan*. The article was in reply to an anonymous letter Gandhiji had received. The relevant portion of the letter is as follows:

'On the festival of Makar Sankranti on the 14th Harijans tried to visit temples. When they reached the Swami Narayan Mandir at 8 a. m. with the Bhajan mandalis they found the doors shut and fastened with Khambhati locks. They are squatting there still making satyagraha. They refuse to go to work. The local Congress Committee had condemned their action. How strange! If they do not come into their rights even after the attainment of independence, when will they at all? Local Congressmen go there and return after a few minutes' stay—there is no serious effort, no effective help and the poor Harijans are left to drown their discontenture by bawling out devotional songs in the bitter cold. Who will end this impasse? Gandhiji's reply to the letter is as follows:-

In spite of my clear view being as stated above, I fail to appreciate the impotency of the Harijans. The squatters are not true devotees. They do not care for *dev darshan*: they are running only after their right, and to that extent they are running

away from true religion. To write letters anonymously or get others to write them for you is not the mark of a devotee. A true devotee will follow in the footsteps of Nandanar who disdained the help of anybody but God. Today he commands the homage even of the Brahman who regards himself as "high caste". I look forward to the



birth of a Nandanar among those who have become Harijans by adoption. And, I know that must be the wish of the Harijans by birth, too. If Non Harijan Hindu Society wants let them take Harijans to their temples and shrines with due regard and respect, if not, and pending the consummation, let the Harijans stay in their homes and sanctify themselves by the purifying Ganga of their devotion. They don't have need to squat or sit Dharna before any temple. In my opinion, such Dharna carries no merit—it is irreligious, sinful and fit only to be eschewed.



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1948.

### INDEPENDENCE

RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN TEMPLES, vibares churches and mosques marked the attainment of Independence on the morning of February 4, 1948. From the 16th century a major part of Ceylon was under foreign domination. The Island became a Crown Colony of Britain in 1795 when the Dutch forces in Ceylon surrendered to the British. During the years that followed the French Revolution Holland made the mistake of joining with France in the war against Britain and lost Ceylon to the British. From then onwards the Union Jack has flown uninterruptedly for a period of about 150 years. The Kandyan Kingdom, however, continued to be independent till 1815 when the Kandyan Convention was signed. Thus the entire Island was subject to foreign rule for about 133 years. The sons of Lanka have cause to rejoice on the attainment of freedom. Not a gun was fired, nor a drop of blood shed to achieve Independence. The Prime Minister deserves to be congratulated for having, by constitutional and peaceful methods, won Freedom for Ceylon.

India achieved Independence in last August and Burma early this year. All countries, especially subject countries, have strongly felt the urge for Freedom. Had India and Burma remained under foreign rule it will be difficult to say whether Ceylon could have succeeded in achieving Independence or not. The need for joint action in all South East Asian countries to maintain and preserve the Independence they have won cannot be over-emphasised. Political emancipation, by itself without self-sufficiency in matters of food, clothing and other comforts cannot be considered satisfactory. Ceylon, we are afraid, is still bound by the fetters of economic bondage. It is the paramount duty of not only government but also of every son of the soil to act in concert to free Ceylon of its economic bondage.

The new Governor General who was sworn in at 7-30 a. m. on 4th February as well as the Prime Minister have voiced similar sentiments. That the Freedom which was being celebrated would have been won in vain if it was not possible to give a fuller and freer life to the common man despite the difficulty of racial prejudice, class and creed was what the

# Architects Of Freedom

RAMANATHAN & ARUNACHALAM

## Tributes Paid on Independence Day

THE statues of the late Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan and Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam were garlanded on Wednesday—the birthday of Ceylon's Independence—in commemoration of their initial and historic contribution to the fight for freedom, at the House of Representatives.

The garlanding ceremony was organised by the Vivekananda Society, of which these two famous brothers were patrons and presidents for many years. Mr S. Pararajasingham, President of the Society garlanded the statue of the late Sir P. Ramanathan and Mr S. Somasunderam that of the late Sir P. Arunachalam.

Speeches were made by Mr Pararajasingham and Mr Somasunderam, in which they referred to the splendid work and foresight of the two brothers. Ceylon in celebrating the birth of Independence thought it nothing but fitting to garland their statues in recognition of their services to the people of Ceylon.

This garlanding ceremony was followed by another, when at the invitation of the All Ceylon Nationalist Tamil Association, Mr A. F. Molamure, Speaker of the House of Representatives, garlanded both statues in the presence of the Prime Minister and a large number of Members of Parliament.

### Shoulder-To-Shoulder

Mr. Molamure said: "I feel it a great honour that I have been selected to garland the

Governor General said. The Prime Minister emphasised that the newly won Freedom should be transformed into an instrument of happiness for the people of prosperity for the country and of advancement of peace in the world. We are of the view that in India as well as in Ceylon the birth of Freedom is but the beginning of a great struggle for making the countries achieve economic freedom and establish inter-communal harmony and peace. The decision of the Prime Minister appointing a special committee to evolve a National Flag which will be acceptable to all communities is commendable. It is to be hoped that the same spirit of compromise will be shown by Mr. Senanayake and his Cabinet in all matters affecting the different communities in Ceylon. Political emancipation has come and Ceylonese may rejoice; we hope that the day will soon arrive when Ceylon will achieve economic freedom too, and we shall have cause for greater rejoicing.

statues. We Sinhalese as a special body gather together to render our thanks to Sir P. Ramanathan. In Council and out of it, he fought our battles and we elected him to the old Legislative Council. The Sinhalese and Tamil communities cannot be divided and unless we fight shoulder-to-shoulder we cannot maintain our independence.

The Prime Minister Mr D. S. Senanayake, in a short speech, also paid tributes to their memory. Mr S. Somasunderam President of the All Ceylon Nationalist Tamil Association garlanded the statue of Mr F. F. Senanayake during the procession of the Independence Day Parahera.

## Real Change Of Heart

That All Hindu Temples in Jaffna should be thrown open to the so-called Depressed classes as a gesture of the change of heart desired by Mahatma Gandhi was demanded at a meeting of the residents of Kankasanturai constituency held on Saturday last.

The meeting was held at the Malakam English School Hall and was presided over by Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam, O. B. E.

The following resolution was moved from the Chair.

"The residents of the Kankasanturai Constituency in public meeting assembled mourn the tragic death of Mahatma Gandhi and express their sincere feelings of deep and heartfelt sorrow to Bharata Maha at the irreparable loss mankind has suffered by the removal from this earth of the greatest soul force."

The resolution was passed in solemn silence.

Mr. N. Ponniah, Chairman Myliddy Village Committee stressed the great work done by the Mahatma for the uplift of the Harijans and demanded of the caste Hindus of Jaffna the throwing open of all temples and shrines to the so-called depressed classes as a gesture of the change of heart desired by Gandhiji.

Mr. R. N. Sivapirakasam said that unless they drew a moral from the noble life and tragic circumstances of the death of the Mahatma and deavoured to translate into at least some of his teachings, they would be only deceiving themselves by shedding crocodile tears and exhorted the audience to resolve within themselves to eschew hatred and foster goodwill; as such a real change of heart would be the only fitting memorial to the Mahatma.

Messrs. T. S. Kanagaratnam, S. Nayathambay, T. Manickavasagar and S. Ambikaipakan spoke on the various aspects of Gandhiji's service to humanity.

## Atom Bomb or Gandhi?

### The Choice Before World

"Atom Bomb or Gandhi" was offered as the choice to the world's troubled peoples by Rev. John Haynes Holmes, pastor of the New York's Community Church who returned to America from India only a month ago. Rev. Holmes spoke over a N. E. C. radio programme at a University of Chicago round table which, this week, was devoted to an eulogy of Gandhiji. He shared the half hour broadcast with the Indian Ambassador, Mr. Asaf Ali, Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, Leader of the Indian delegation to the United Nations, and Sir Mahomed Zafrullah Khan, Leader of the Pakistan delegation.

Dr. Holmes admonished the world; "It is the Atom Bomb or Gandhi; Choose ye this day which ye will serve." He said that Gandhiji "believed that Spirit is the reality. He trusted it as more potent than the sword. He lived as Love in the midst of Hate, as forgiveness in the midst of vengeance and as good in the midst of evil. The spirit which is God is within the soul of man—this can overcome the world. Here was Gandhiji's Secret which he called truth. In his own faith and practice he proved it to be truth and we must accept it if we would live."

## Anglo-Soviet Amity

Mr. H. N. Brailsford, author of Indian affairs, suggested in a tribute to Gandhiji that as a monument to him, Britain should approach Russia in Gandhiji's name, "with an offer to talk over our differences and try to discover a road to peace."

Writing in the left-wing Co-operative Sunday newspaper, *Reynolds News* Mr. Brailsford said: "If Pandit Nehru would consent to act as host, it might begin with an informal talk in Delhi between spokesmen of the two Governments."

"I venture to commend this suggestion to Mr. Bevin and Pandit Nehru."

## Gandhiji Condolence Meeting

The Joint Secretaries of Gandhiji Condolence meeting write:

A public Meeting under the auspices of the Ceylon Indian Congress, Jaffna, and several other local associations will be held at 4 p. m. on Saturday, February 7, at the Jaffna Esplanade, to express sorrow at Gandhiji's demise.

### PROGRAMME:

3 p. m. Procession from Navalur School, Vannarponnai, to the esplanade.

4 p. m. Public Meeting

Chairman: Mr. S. Natesan

### SPEAKERS:

Bishop Kulendran

Mr. P. T. Mathai

Kathi S. M. Aboobucker

Dr. Stanley Jones

Mr. T. Muthuswami Pillai

Very Rev. Fr. T. M. F. Long

Mrs. S. P. Pillai

Mr. P. Navaratnam

Mr. A. M. Mohideen (Tiruppur)

All are cordially invited to join the procession and attend the meeting.

### NOTICE

Max Langer 1255 W. 14th Vancouver B. C. Canada would like somebody to correspond with in Ceylon or India. He will exchange stamps with anyone interested. He is also interested in Coins.

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# Freedom Dawns on Ceylon

## Momentous Event in History

### "Rise to the Opportunities"

—Senanayake

AT midnight on February 3, 1948, one hundred and three years of British rule in Ceylon ended, and the Dominion of Lanka was inaugurated on the 4th.

The firing of guns and the pealing of Church and Temple bells heralded the dawn of freedom. Sir Henry Moore, till lately the Governor of Ceylon, has become the first Governor-General of the Youngest Dominion in the Commonwealth.

Two messages to the people of Ceylon were broadcast by Sir Henry Moore and Mr. D. S. Senanayake.

The Governor-General in his Broadcast said.

"At 7.30 this morning I took the oaths of office as Governor-General at Queen's House in the presence of members of my Cabinet. The salute of guns which marked the brief ceremony was the signal for the public rejoicings which are taking place throughout the Island to mark Ceylon's attainment of that full political freedom which her leaders have so ardently desired.

"I regard it as at once a great honour and a great responsibility to have been chosen to be your first Governor-General, for Ceylon today has made history not only in being the first Colonial territory to take her place in full nationhood among her sister members of the British Commonwealth, but also in having attained that status by constitutional methods in an atmosphere of the greatest cordiality and goodwill.

"How sincere is that goodwill will be seen from the hands of friendship that are being extended to us across the seven seas in the messages that the Prime Minister is receiving from all quarters on this great occasion. The presence of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and of so many other distinguished representatives of Dominion and Foreign Powers will not only add lustre to our official celebrations but also encourage us in the discharge of those heavy responsibilities which we have now assumed. For we hope and believe that the personal contacts so made will ripen into a lasting friendship that will be sympathetic to our aspirations and, if need be, make allowances for our shortcomings, as we approach the portals of the United Nations.

"For my wife and myself it is a great privilege to have the opportunity of rendering any further service we can to Ceylon at this period in her history. We are much encouraged in facing the tasks that lie before us by the kind tributes that we have received both privately and in the Press. We thank you one and all.

"Ceylon's freedom, which we are celebrating today, will have been won in vain if we cannot use it to give a fuller and freer life to the common man despite the difficulties of racial prejudice, caste and creed. That will call for the best energies of all men of goodwill if it is to be achieved peacefully and without disturbance. To this end let us all play our part."

#### Prime Minister's Broadcast

His Excellency was followed by the Prime Minister half an hour

late, and Mr. Senanayake's message to his people was as follows:—

"Today we shall celebrate a momentous event in the history of Sri Lanka. It will mark the birth of our freedom. In the long history of our Island, the attainment of political freedom is, perhaps, only second in importance to the message of spiritual freedom which Lord Buddha delivered 2500 years ago.

"After several centuries of domination we have regained our birthright which our little Island enjoyed from time immemorial.

"Freedom can only survive and advance the cause of human happiness among a people prepared to receive it and in a peaceful world. But in the world of today, despite its war weariness, the seeds of discord threaten it with destruction. It behoves all nations, big and small, to strive ceaselessly to propagate the gospel of peace and to inculcate harmony not only within their territories but among themselves.

"The rebirth of freedom in Lanka, while marking the end of one struggle, is but the beginning of another and a greater struggle. For, we must transform this newly won freedom into an instrument of happiness for the people, of prosperity for the country, and of advancement of peace in the world.

"At this moment of rejoicing, we cannot but recollect with gratitude the noble part played in the attainment of freedom by several of our countrymen whose names are too numerous to mention. These names will ever remain green in our memories.

"Whatever disagreements we may have had with the British in the past, we are grateful for their goodwill and co-operation which has culminated in our freedom and I hope and trust that the seed of voluntary renunciation which they have sown will grow into a stately tree of mutual and perpetual friendship.

"I hail the Sister Nations of the World with the united goodwill of my countrymen and pray that all nations will bend their energies towards establishing a peaceful and prosperous world in which every human being can enjoy the fruits of peace. Lanka with its great traditions of peace and goodwill, preached by Lord Buddha will always advance the cause of freedom and peace.

"To my countrymen I would say that the dawn of freedom has just broken and that they should rise to the opportunities which it offers and strive and toil willingly for advancing the happiness of our people and for the establishment of a greater Lanka.

## HAIL FREE LANKA!

Go forward...! Onward... Free Lanka  
With ocean-human of victory!  
Jewelled sister of sacred India,  
Glory to thy new history!

Scale the heights of thy soul's rebirth  
With rapid wings of unity,  
O shining gem of mother Earth.  
Paradise of humanity!

Unfurl thy flag of love and faith  
And truth and heroic courage,  
Rise up to thy starry zenith,  
O lion that hast broken the cage!

O commonwealth of grand beauty,  
Rich in art and nature's bounty,  
Let the grace of the Almighty  
Bless thy immortal liberty!

—Yogi Sri Shuddhananda Bharatiar.

## China Greet

### Free Ceylon

On the occasion of Ceylon attaining independence President Chiang Kai-shek and Premier Chang Chun of China sent messages of congratulations to Sir Henry Moore, Governor-General of Ceylon, and Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the Premier, respectively.

The President's message, extended on behalf of the Chinese people, said: "My warmest greetings and best wishes for your personal well-being and the future prosperity of Ceylon."

Premier Chang Chun said: "We rejoice with the people of Ceylon and are sure she will play an important part in the maintenance of world peace."

A message from Canberra says that Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, has sent congratulations on behalf of the Australian Government and people to Ceylon through Mr. Senanayake.

Dr. Evatt said: "In entering free, equal partnership with her sister Dominions, Ceylon inherits the proud and enviable record of a constant endeavour to preserve international justice, goodwill, respect for law and the recognition of the fundamental rights of the individual."

"It is our hope that Ceylon will draw strength from her association with the Commonwealth and other nations, and will in turn contribute from her rich ancient culture for the furtherance of international tolerance and understanding and the maintenance of peace."

## PREMONITION

"Mahatma Gandhi would under no circumstances permit the search of people coming to his prayer meetings," said Sardar Vallabhai Patel.

Gandhi had almost a premonition, for he said, if any body wanted to assassinate him, he could do so at a prayer meeting."

## Convicts Freed

### To Mark Independence

To mark the Independence Day celebrations the Government has decided to release 1,856 prisoners. Those released are:

(1) All persons who were undergoing imprisonment for non-payment of fines inflicted for offences under the penal laws.

(2) all persons undergoing simple imprisonment, whatever the term may be, for any offences of a criminal nature.

(3) those who, having been sentenced to three months' or under rigorous or simple, are in prison today.

(4) all persons who have yet three months to serve on February 4.

All prisoners will get remissions of sentences. The normal period of one-fourth remission of the sentence will be raised to one-third. In the case of women prisoners the remission will be increased to half.

Sentences of death awaiting execution will not be carried out but will be commuted to imprisonment. At least nine convicts will benefit by this order.

## AN APPEAL

### To Observe Day of Mourning

Mr. V. Kumarasingham of Norris Road, Colombo, writes:—

In connection with the unfortunate death of this Great Hindu Leader may I appeal to all Hindus to observe the days up to 12th of February 1948 as the days of mourning in honour of the Sacred Saint who gave up his life for the upliftment of humanity.

Hindu authorities in Ceylon especially Kandaswamy Temple Nallur, will help the Hindus to observe these days of religious worship and fasting as a mark of respect to the Great Soul. All should lead a religious life during these days and refrain from unholy pleasures, which are detrimental to the teachings of Mahatma. The days may be spent in prayers and singing religious songs in praise of Mahatma.

## Prayer for Gandhiji

### Wellawatte Charka Sangh's Move

Under the auspices of the Gandhiji Charka Sangh, Wellawatte, a mass meeting will be held at 5 p. m. on Thursday the 12th instant at the Hindu temple premises Wellawatte, to offer prayers for the peace of the departed soul of the revered leader and for emphasising and reiterating his life long teachings of Ahimsa and satyama and for propagating the universal use of Charka in every home as an economic factor and more so as the emblem of a nation's self respect in accordance with the Mahatma's Spirit and practice during his life time.

The proceedings will be mostly devoted to the singing of songs specially composed for the occasion.

Mr. K. Kanagaratnam M. P., the president of the sangh will preside and several speakers both men and women who have worked for the spreading of charka spinning and weaving will take part.

### At Kandy

A special General Meeting of the Central Province Saiva Maha Sabha Limited, Kandy, was held at the Sabhai Hall at 5 p. m. on Saturday to mourn the loss of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Sabhai Hall was beflagged with white flags and a large size photo of the Mahatma was placed on the platform. The photo was garlanded and it presented a living appearance of the great soul. The large attendance, besides the members, consisted of members of all nationalities and creed. Messrs. Chary and Menon, Representatives of the Government of India were among those present.

The meeting started with the singing of Thevaram and the President of the Sabhai, Mr. S. Kandiah, in expressing the sentiments of those assembled said that it was superfluous to dwell on the life history of the great Mahatma as he and his mission were known to all and that it was not an occasion for speeches. The meeting was convened to pay their homage to one who had transcended all limitations of an ordinary life. One of the joint honorary secretaries, Mr. A. K. Velupillai, recited a few verses composed in honour of the Mahatma portraying his unique virtues.

The photo was then taken in procession to the Katukellu Vinayagar Temple where a special poojah was performed. The photo was then placed on a central spot suitably prepared for the occasion. After a special poojah to the photo and the singing of sacred hymns, those assembled paid their homage by placing flowers at his feet. —Cor.

### At Navatkuli

On receipt of the tragic news of Mahatma Gandhi on Saturday 31-1-48, an emergency Meeting of the above Association was called when a vote of condolence was passed and resolved unanimously to forward a message to that effect to his son at New Delhi. —Cor.

### At Erlalai

A largely attended public meeting was held at 7 p. m. at Erlalai Saivite School Hall on the 31st

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
(held at Point Pedro)  
Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. 365/P. T.

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Ponnammah widow of Kandiah of Valveddy

Deceased

Kandiah Arunasalam of Valveddy  
Vs. Petitioner

1. Kandiah Sandirasegaram of Karanavai South
2. Kandiah Mailvaganam of Malakam
3. Kandiah Vaithilingam of Colombo
4. Maheswary daughter of Ganasundram of Valveddy
5. Ganasunderam Kandasamy of do
6. Chellammah widow of Ganasunderam of Do.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before W. Thalagodapitiya Esquire additional District Judge on the 12th day of December 1947 in the presence of Messrs Rajaratnam & Nadarajasunderam Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 12th December 1947 having been read.

It is ordered that the 6th Respondent be and is hereby appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 4th and 5th Respondents unless the respondents shall on or before 22nd day of January 1948 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the Petitioner be and is hereby declared entitled to Letters of Administration as heir of the deceased unless the respondents shall on or before the 22nd day of January 1948 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

The day of January 1948.

Sgd. W. Thalagodapitiya  
Addl. District Judge,

Drawn by  
Rajaratnam & Nadarajasundram  
Proctors for Petitioner  
29-1-48.

Extended & Reissued for 20-2-48.  
Sgd. W. T.  
A. D. J.  
(O. 146. 3 & 6.)

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January to show the sympathy of the residents of Erlalai at the sudden and tragic removal of the body of Mahatma Gandhi from the world.

Messrs. C. Sinnathurai, E. Sabaratnam and M. Kandiah spoke at length on the lofty ideals of Mahatma who was the dynamic personality and the light of the world. The speakers asked the audience to follow his footsteps and become worthy citizens of the country.

—Cor.

## The Second Crucifixion

Never, since Calvary, has there been such power in such weakness seen. He conquered by the stern denial Of conquest, undergoing trial The noblest souls this world has known

Have undergone, nothing his own But holy trust, humility, And pity for the world to be Without the cleansing change of heart His own had been. And his frail part, Miraculously magnified, Till that dark hour when he died No desperation brought through grief Has stunned the world beyond relief. These first few hours we feel the loss,

The sublime sacrifice, the cross All martyrdom that ever was Has raised above the last recess Of every greatness gentleness Has brought about. No conqueror By guile or force has heretofore Enlisted such a following As was this Son of Man, this king Of sons of men who know their quest Of rectitude and honour blest By his exhorting words of peace, His martyrdom and his release— Now beyond words, this saddening news

Crowns the long story of abuse His life was, until the divine Equity gave the world a sign. And this the dispensation is: Our very grief, our elegies And eulogies in every tongue The wide world over, said and sung Unite in deeper sympathy Our darkened lives that we may be Linked by his humble heart's bequest In all our restlessness and rest—

E. E. Speight.

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 834.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Karthigesu Nagamuthu of Vaddukodai East. Deceased.

Parupathipillai widow of Karthigesu Nagamuthu of Vaddukodai East.

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Thangeswary daughter of Nagamuthu of Vaddukodai East.

2. Saraswathy daughter of Nagamuthu of do.

Minors. 3. Nagamuthu Selvarajah of do.

" 4. Nagamuthu Thirunavukarasu of do.

" 5. Nagamuthu Theivasundararajah of do.

6. Ponnampalam Nagalingam of 1st Cross Street, Jaffna.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr. District Judge Jaffna on the 15th day of January 1948 in the presence of Mr. N. Ehamparam, Proctor for the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 9th day of January 1948 and of the attesting Notary dated 9th day of January 1948 having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 6th Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-Litem over the minors 3 to 5 Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interest in the administration proceedings and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to probate and that probate be issued to the Petitioner as Executor and soul legatee under the said will, unless the said Respondents shall appear before this court on the 16th day of February 1948 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 15th day of January 1948.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

(O. 144. 3 & 6).

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
(held at Point Pedro)  
Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. 364 P.

In the matter of the Last will and testament of the late Velan Sinnaddy of Alway North

Deceased.

Sinnaddy Namasivayam of Alway North

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Moorthy widow of Murgan of do
2. Velan Arumugattan of do
3. wife Sinnatangam of do
4. Mailan Sabapathy of do
5. wife Lachumpillai of do

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying that probate declaring the Last will hearing No: 16857 dated 18th June 1947 and filed of record coming on for disposal before W. Thalagodapitiya Esquire additional District Judge Jaffna on the 13th day of November 1947 in the presence of Mr. K. Subramaniam Proctor for Petitioner and on reading the Petition and the affidavit of the Notary and witnesses dated 6th October 1947.

It is ordered that the said Last will be and the same is hereby declared proved and that probate declaring the last will proved be issued to the petitioner unless the respondents shall on or before the 22nd day of January 1948 shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

The 13th day of November 1947

Sgd. G. C. T. A. De Silva,  
Additional District Judge.

Extended to 13th February 1948.

Sgd. W. Thalagodapitiya  
Additional District Judge.

(O. 142. 3 & 6-2-48.)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 825.

In the matter of the intestate estate of Sivakolunthu wife of Sanmugam Ponniah of Vaddukodai west. Deceased.

Sanmugam Ponniah of Vaddukodai west. Petitioner.

Vs.

- Minor. 1. Ponniah Kandiah and  
2. Visaladchippillai widow of Vythilingam both of Vaddukodai west.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr., District Judge, Jaffna on the 17th day of December 1947 in the presence of Mr. N. Ehamparam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit and Petition of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-Litem over the minor the 1st Respondent for the purpose of watching his interest in this administration proceedings and that Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of the said deceased be issued to the Petitioner as his legal husband unless the said Respondents or any other person shall appear before this court on the 15th day of January 1948 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

The 17th day of December 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

Order Nisi extended for 26-2-48.

R. R. S.

D. J.

(O. 143. 3 & 6).

# World Leaders Greet New Ceylon

## MESSAGE OF GOODWILL AND HOPE

### Lanka's Rightful Place Among Nations

MESSAGES from the leaders of all the freedom-loving nations of the world have been received by His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Henry Moore, and the Prime Minister of the new Dominion of Ceylon, Mr. D. S. Senanayake, congratulating this country on attaining independence and wishing her well as a self-governing member of the British Commonwealth.

Typical of the messages of goodwill are those from Mr. Clement Attlee, the British Prime Minister, and President Truman of the United States.

#### Mr. Clement Attlee

##### Prime Minister of Great Britain

"On this memorable day for Ceylon I send you, and all the peoples of Ceylon, greetings from the United Kingdom. We in this country recognise the high significance of this occasion not only to Ceylon but to all countries of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

"Today Ceylon takes her place besides Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, India and Pakistan as a fully independent and self-governing country.

"This event represents yet another landmark in the development of the association of free peoples which constitutes the Commonwealth.

"We look forward to full and close co-operation in mutual interests of our respective countries and are confident that in her new status Ceylon will play a worthy part among the Nations of the world."

#### President Truman

##### Of the United States

"On this memorable occasion I extend on behalf of the people of the United States of America sincere best wishes to you, to Prime Minister Senanayake and to the people of Ceylon. The peaceful and orderly progress of constitutional development in Ceylon has now culminated in the attainment of fully responsible status within the British Commonwealth of Nations.

"The people of Ceylon today assume added responsibility for their own destiny. We are confident that they will join with other democratic nations and peoples in the high endeavour of increasing individual liberty and freedom throughout the world.

"Please accept my assurance that Ceylon embarks on its new course with the firm friendship and goodwill of the United States of America whose Government and people look forward to the maintenance of close and cordial relations with your country."

#### Message from Secretary General, United Nations' Organization

"On the occasion of Ceylon's attainment of Independence within the British Commonwealth I request your Excellency to transmit to the Prime Minister and to the Government of Ceylon my cordial greetings and my best wishes for the prosperous future of Ceylon. I regret that I am unable to attend personally the celebration of this historic event."

#### From Field Marshal Smuts, Prime Minister, Union of South Africa

"10th February, 1948, will be the red letter day for the New Ceylon.

Then it becomes a Sovereign State in the circle of free states of the Commonwealth. On behalf of the people of South Africa I send our cordial congratulations and good wishes to the people of Ceylon on this happy consummation. Links between our peoples in South Africa and Ceylon date far back into the centuries. Now both will be together again in the great company of Sovereign States which form one of the great and most powerful groups of mankind. A vast storm has passed over the world and the prospect is still far from clear and reassuring. But we may at least hope that the peace which has uninterruptedly existed so long between members of our group may spread to the rest of the world and the possession of free and peaceful self-government may be assured to all mankind.

"The new Dominion of Ceylon is a step forward on that broad progress and our heartfelt good wishes for the future go out to her in this great hour.

#### From Mohamed Ali Jinnah, Governor General of Pakistan

"People of Pakistan and I fully share and rejoice in attainment of independence by Ceylon on February 4th. Feel honoured by your invitation to participate in celebrations on this great historic occasion but extremely regret cannot leave Karachi at present. Wish you and Ceylon Government every success and all happiness and prosperity to the people of Ceylon."

## TRIBUTE TO 'G. G.'

### London Paper's Comment

AN article in the London "Times" on the 4th stated that there was every reason to believe that the new form of Government in Ceylon—which becomes a self-governing Dominion of the British Commonwealth with the coming into force of the Independence Act—could foster a national outlook and the political differences would develop increasingly on economic rather than communal lines.

Discussing in detail the Ceylon Government, the "Times" Colombo Correspondent wrote:

"There are at present only two Tamils in a Cabinet of fourteen. It will not be surprising if within the next few months, the Government is strengthened by the inclusion of some members of the Tamil Congress, notably Mr G. G. Ponnambalam, a first-rate debater and Parliamentarian.

"Even now the Government, contrary to expectations, has a sound working majority which has imparted a desirable stability to the administration. A significant feature of the present party alignment is that all Muslim members, who have been returned for territorial constituencies, are strong supporters of the Government."

#### Letter To The Editor

### Fitting Memorial to Gandhiji

Sir,—Much has been talked recently about raising a fitting memorial to Gandhiji. Some people seem to wish for a statue. I am not sure how much Gandhiji himself would have liked this idea. But people also talk plenty about taking Gandhiji's precepts to heart and acting upon them. In view of that I would like to place a suggestion before them.

Gandhiji during his life-time was a bitter opponent of untouchability within the Hindu fold. If we are to respect his memory it is but proper efforts should be directed towards removing this stigma on Hinduism. I suggest that every Hindu will hereafter make it a point not to recognise distinctions of caste. There is no use in being boisterous about this and asking the temples to be thrown open to the Harijans, if there is no cleansing of the hearts of the people. If every Hindu hereafter refuses to recognise the distinctions of caste in his own life all the concerted manifestations of this action would be automatic. So without shouting slogans let us all decide now not to observe in our individual affairs any distinctions of caste. The removal of untouchability is probably the only fitting memorial to Gandhiji. It is the least we could do, to expiate the crime of one of our co-religionists.

Yours truly

V. Ramakrishnan

Vannarponnai  
4-2-48

## FOR MUSEUM

### Gandhiji's Khaddar Clothes

The blood stained khaddar pieces which Gandhiji wore on his body when he was shot dead on Friday last have been preserved by the inmates of the Gandhi Camp. It is believed that these clothes will be kept safe to be exhibited in the proposed Gandhi Museum.

No trace has so far been found of Gandhiji's spectacles which fell on the ground, when he was shot at and he fell down. In their bewilderment,

## Mahatma Gandhi Road

### U. C. Will Make Early Decision

It is reliably learned that the Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council is considering the changing the name of the Clock Tower Road. Mr. K. Navaratnam drew the attention of the Chairman and the Councillors to this question through the press. The letter of Mr. Navaratnam is being circulated among the members and it is stated that an early decision on the subject will be made by the Council.

Mahatma Gandhi was accommodated in the palatial building at Clock Tower Road, when Jaffna had the rare privilege of having him as her guest some years ago.

## TENDER NOTICE

The Chairman, Tender Board, Ministry for Agriculture and Lands, Colombo, will receive sealed tenders up to 12 noon on Tuesday, February 17th, 1948 for the following services at Cattle Farm, Kilinochchi:—

- (1) Stumping about 200 acres.
- (2) Earthwork about 10,000 cubes
- (3) Fencing 1000 Chains
- (4) Cadjans (Double) 100 000

Tenders in duplicate are to be made on forms obtainable from this office on application and on production of a Kachcheri or Treasury receipt for Rs. 25/- as tender deposit which will be forfeited if the successful tenderer fails to enter into an agreement.

Further particulars can be had from the Divisional Agricultural Officer N. D. Kilinochchi.

V. THURASINGHAM,  
Divisional Agricultural Officer, N. D. Kilinochchi, 10-1-48.  
G. 155, 30, 6 & 13.)

the Astramites forgot to collect the spectacles. The pair of sandals which Gandhiji wore at that time were also left at the place of the dastardly occurrence. Latter, one sandal was, however, found and this has been preserved in Gandhiji's room in Birla House.

The 'Noakhali hat' which the Mahatma used during his Noakhali pilgrimage and which he used in Delhi has also been preserved.

## INDEPENDANCE CELEBRATION

10TH FEBRUARY, 1948

- 10 A. M. Tree Planting by the Government Agent, N. P., in the Old Park.
- 11 A. M. Feeding of the poor at the Kachcheri premises.
- AT THE POLICE GROUNDS (ESPLANADE)
- 3 P. M. Arrival of the school children at the Police Grounds, National Music, and Refreshments to School Children.
- 4 P. M. March Past of School Children.
- 4 15 P. M. Address in English by the Government Agent on the significance of the event.
- 4 30 P. M. Address in Tamil by the Education Officer.
- 4 45 P. M. National songs and dances by school children:—  
Song on Independence—Miss S. N. Saraswathy and her pupils, Kokkuvil Hindu College.  
Abinayam—Miss Sroojini Devi Thuraisingham, Sandilippai English School.  
National Song of Lanka—Mr. Sivakolunthu & party, Ramanathan College.  
"Bharata Dance"—Miss G. K. Pathy, Sandilippai English School.  
Dance—Baby Jaya Devi, Kokkuvil Hindu College.  
National Songs—N. C. O. M. S. Party.  
Dance—Ram Kumaraswamy.
- 7 30 P. M. Presentation of prizes for decoration.
- AT THE RECLAMATION GROUNDS (P. W. D. JETTY)
- 8 30 P. M. Fireworks.

All members of the public are being cordially invited.

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 824  
In the matter of the estate of the  
late Rasammah wife of Chellappah  
Nagalingam of Vaddukodai East  
Deceased  
Chellappah Nagalingam of Vaddu-  
koddai East Petitioner

Vs

1. Nagalingam Nadarajah  
of do
2. Nagalingam Sivarajah of  
do, presently of the Town  
Board, Seremban in  
Maaya
3. Nagalingam Pararajah  
of Vaddukodai East
- Minors 4. Nagalingam Suntharajah  
of do
5. Nagalingam Pahtini  
Ambikai of do

Respondents

This matter of the petition of the  
abovenamed petitioner coming on for  
disposal before R R Selvadurai Esq  
District Judge, Jaffna on the 15th  
day of December 1947 in the presence  
of Mr. V. Nagalingam, Proctor for  
petitioner and the affidavit and peti-  
tion of the said petitioner having  
been read; it is ordered that the  
abovenamed respondents be ap-  
pointed guardian-ad-litem over the  
minors 4th and 5th respondents,  
and 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 15th day of Janu-  
ary 1948 and show cause to the satis-  
faction of the court to the contrary.

This day of January 1948

Sgd R R Selvadurai  
District Judge

Extended to 19-2-48.

(O, 148 6 &amp; 10)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 770  
In the matter of the late will and  
testament of the late Mailvaganam  
Arumugam of Mahiyapiddy late of  
Ke'aniya in the District of  
Colombo Deceased  
Arumugam Mahadeva of Mahiya-  
piddy Petitioner

Vs.

1. Arumugam Mahesan
2. Arumugam Mailvaganam
3. Arumugam Mahenderam
4. Arumugam Ganeshan all of do

Respondents

This matter coming for disposal  
before R. R. Selvadurai Esq District  
Judge, Jaffna on the 22nd day of  
September 1947 in the presence of  
Mr. C. Arumampalam Proctor on the  
part of the petitioner and the  
affidavit of the abovementioned  
petitioner and of the witnesses to the  
last will dated 5th October 1946  
21st December 1946 and 29th May  
1947 having been read.

It is ordered that the will of the  
abovenamed deceased dated 12th  
July 1941 be and the same is hereby  
declared proved unless the respo-  
ndents or others interested shall on or  
before the 13th day of February  
1948, show sufficient cause to the  
satisfaction of this court to the  
contrary.

It is further ordered that the  
petitioner is the executor named in  
the said last will and that he is  
entitled to have probate of the same  
issued to him accordingly unless the  
respondents or others interested shall  
on or before the 13th day of Febru-  
ary 1948 show sufficient cause to  
the satisfaction of this court to the  
contrary.

This 22nd day of September 1947.

(Sgd.) R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge.Drawn by:  
O. Arulampalam,  
Proctor for petitioner.

(O 141, 6 &amp; 10)

7th January 1948 having been read  
it is declared that the said Aruna-  
salam Chinnathamby the 3rd  
respondent be appointed guardian ad-  
litem over the 1st 2nd respondents  
and that the said Casinather Eliya-  
thamby and Eliyathamby Arunas-  
alam, Petitioners, be entitled to have  
Letters of Administration to the  
estate of the deceased jointly and  
severally and the same issued to  
them accordingly unless the respon-  
dents or others shall on or before  
the 12th day of February 1948 show  
sufficient cause to the satisfaction of  
this court to the contrary.

This 16th day of January 1948

R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge.

(O. 145, 6 &amp; 10)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 831

1. Casinathar Eliyathamby and
2. Eliyathamby Arunasalam both  
of Achchelu Petitioners

Vs

1. Arunthavanayaki daughter of  
Mailvaganam
2. Mailvaganam Sivarajah
3. Arunasalam Chinnathamby all of  
Achchelu Respondents

In the matter of the estate of the  
late Annapillai widow of Aruna-  
salam Mailvaganam deceased of  
Achchelu

This matter coming on for disposal  
before R R Selvadurai Esq District  
Judge, Jaffna on the 9th day of January  
1948 in the presence of Mr. R. Siva-  
supramaniam, Proctor on the part of  
the petitioners and the affidavit of  
the abovementioned petitioners dated

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