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## Duty Of The Living To The Departed

### FULFIL HIS CHERISHED DREAM

#### Gandhiji's Significant Message

THE living has a duty to the departed. What is that duty? Mahatma Gandhi expressed his views on that duty in a letter written by him, a few weeks before his death to the son and daughter of an old friend. The letters were sent to Dr. Jal Pavry and Miss Bapoy Pavry condoling them on the death of their father, Dastur Coursetji Pavry, the late Parsi High Priest of Bombay.

In the course of the letters, written in Gujerati, Mahatma Gandhi said, "One must not grieve excessively over one who is gone to the great beyond, for the departed one lives in spirit for ever, but we who are left behind must live to die in the service of humanity."

"The only way to cause rejoicing to the soul of the departed one is to fulfill his most cherished dream. In this the spirit of the departed, that is ever present with us, definitely gives strength to the living. Only when they fulfill that dream of the departed, do they prove themselves worthy of the sacred heritage, and then only, will the soul of the departed rejoice". The last of these letters ends with the words in Gujerati, "M. K. Gandhi's blessings."

Dr. Pavry and Miss Pavry, in releasing the substance of the letters said that they felt that the letters ought to be shared with everyone in India, as they would help them at this time to dedicate their lives to fulfil the Mahatma's dream of a United India, where Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Parsis, and others should live in peace and concord. They added that they had decided to give these letters to the Nation, to be owned by the National Museum of India, when founded, so that they may be read for generations to come.

#### 78 Foot Statue of Gandhiji

A fitting memorial for Mahatma Gandhi, will be erected at Chandivali, a small suburban village of Bombay. It has been decided to place a statue of Gandhiji 78 feet high on the summit of a mountain range extending to over four furlongs lying on one side of the village. The summit itself is 694 feet high. The summit will be named as "Gandhi Shring".

Along with the statue, 78 'Jeebanstupas' will be erected and on these 'stupas' events in Gandhiji's life till his 79th year will be carved with appropriate frescoes.

A Trust with Mr. Mangaldas Pakwasa, Governor of C. P. and

### The Heaven Of Peace

#### The Path According To Vedas

Mahatmaji's ashes were immersed in the confluence of the Ganges, the Jamna and the Saraswati last week. The following is a rendering of the text from the Vedic Scripture which was recited when the urn was emptied in the Sangam.

"The good deeds of self-sacrifice of the virtuous soul take shape as angel-spirits of the Heaven-world and lead the holy soul towards the Abode of Blessedness, with sweet smiles and grateful gestures, inviting him—This is the path to the Heaven of Peace and Universal Love where there is no evil, no hate, no sinful discord—which Heaven has been created by your offerings to the fire of life-long self-sacrifice for the well being of humanity. O Holy Soul! May the sun, the air, and the fire be auspicious unto thee.

"The dear ones on this earth do not bewail their lot at thy departure, for they know that thou art gone to the radiant Regions of the Blessed. May the waters of all the rivers and the oceans be helpful unto thee and serve thee ever in thy good deeds for the welfare of all beings; may all space and its four quarters be open unto thee for thy good deeds."

Barar. Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Congress Committee, Mr. Sabavala, Mayor of Bombay, and Mr. Amritlal D. Seth and others has been formed in this connection.

The foundation-stone of the "Gandhi Shring" will be laid on February 29

The Proprietors of the "Janma bhoomi" papers have decided to donate Rs 1 lakh for the purpose of raising this memorial in the first instance and further amounts as and when required.

### LOVE

"Behold, behold, it's Love that grimly walks  
In the flames of death and destruction anon.  
It's Love that shines in the colourful  
Hues of flowers and plants;  
It's Love that moves those shadowy figures  
In the rhythmic dance of Life."

## Himsa & Ahimsa

### How To Bridge The Two Aspects

(By ANTHONY ELENJIMITAM)

VIOLENCE or Himsa also should have a place in the world of today according to the writer and he quotes Joan of Arc, Rani Lakshmi Bai as standing proofs to what he calls the truth of his statement.

There is a way to bridge violence and non-violence, the doctrine of the sword and the doctrine of the pit. A heroic girl like Joan of Arc, Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi, are standing proofs to this truth. A Cantilya, Voltaire and Lenin are irrefutable arguments of statescraft blended with militarism and high idealism. We need a thousand more Lakshmi Bais who will defeat the logic of pacifists who are often one-eyed and lop-sided politicians. The Rani of Jhansi was one of the cast-steel girls Mother India gave birth to, and she represents one aspect of Indian civilisation, as also the great truths embodied in the myths of Durgha and Kali.

The very physical constitution of man reveals this ineluctable antagonism between the relative opposites of *ahimsa* and *himsa*, of light and darkness, of sanctity and sin. But above these relative opposites there is personality, the *purusha*, in whom the apparent contradictions are resolved. A lightning flash knocks down an innocent child. The victims of the communal fury are often the have-nots and the innocent members of either community, whereas the power hunters and career-mongers are safe in their palaces, and their money safer still in steel safes. A tiger lives by killing. A soldier lives by fighting defensive wars. Soldiers are as much needed in a society as thinkers, philosophers, and saints. Soldiers, it's true, often plunder, pillage and rape. But there is no ideal paradise on earth. The best we can hope for is to strive at something better, something nobler, but strive, every day, every hour of our life. The ideal you never reach; hence the very en-

chantment and *raison d'etre* of human existence.

So, a philosopher-saint, when necessity arises, calls his people to rally around the sword of Justice. The French people would have perished as a modern nation, had they not included in their national anthem *aux armes, citeyes*. The old ideal social order in India has placed the military class soon after the thinker, philosopher, seer and poet. Gandhiji was an ethical man. But he does not exhaust human life. There is the industrial man; there is the military man, the poet, the mystic and wrestler and film star, the playwright and the artist, the romantic and the pragmatist, who also must find a niche in an ordered society. There are vocational differences, temperamental differences and the play and interplay of *satwic*, *tamasic* and *rajasic* forces—as the Bhagavad Gita, while expounding the gospel of the Universal Man, states.

India is the brave land where minds have soared to the infinite heights of God and the universe, and have thought bravest thoughts in the realm of philosophy and religion. This freedom, I feel sure is not restricted to the realm of thought alone. If the present facts and figures could be any index, a fulfilled India, that has emancipated herself from all bondage, could rise high in military might, industrial progress, female emancipation, and in all those spheres in which the West now glories. But the soul of India should remain, and we should fight, tooth and nail, to preserve her national soul.



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### ENDURING PEACE

THAT THE UNITED STATES OF America must be prepared to repel a sudden atomic age attack by maintaining a minimum ground force of 1,300,000 men until all the nations show a positive willingness to discard armament was the view expressed by General Dwight Eisenhower, former Allied Supreme Commander in Europe. All the nations of the world are tired of war; they are all intent on maintaining peace but no one is willing to concede any thing in favour of another. The Big Powers are unable to see eye to eye with each other. Despite the fact that more than two and a half years have elapsed after Germany surrendered America, Russia and Britain have not yet been able to agree on terms of peace regarding Germany. America and Britain appear to be acting in concert and Russia seems to be suspicious about the Anglo-American Bloc. The Marshall Plan for aid to Europe, and the financial assistance to Turkey and Greece by America found very little favour in Russia. Peace cannot be maintained unless Nations live up to the maxims "Love thy neighbour as thyself" and "Love thine enemy".

In contrast with General Eisenhower's method advocated for the preservation of peace, is the suggestion of Lord Jowitt, Britain's Lord Chancellor. According to the latter world peace requires the establishment of a bench of judges in the Internal Court so free, so independent, so impartial that the particular interests of their own countries give place to the wider interests of humanity. People should think of themselves as citizens of the world. There should be no place for narrow nationalism. While the different nations of the world are free to foster their respective culture, literature and ideologies they should unite together in maintaining world peace. It may be necessary for every nation to subscribe to the sovereignty of a world state in which there might be no room for national sovereignty though there will be plenty of scope for national autonomy.

Even General Eisenhower concedes that it may not be possible to establish enduring peace except through the U. N. O., which august body does not, by its deliberations or achievements, give room for

# Mahatmaji's Ashes for Jaffna

## Immersion At Keerimalai Dharson On Saturday Night At Town Hall

A portion of Mahatmaji's ashes were brought to Ceylon by Mr. V. V. Giri, High Commissioner for India on Wednesday. The portion has been divided into 5 parts and distributed for immersion in five places including Keerimalai at Jaffna.

The urn containing the portion of ashes for Jaffna will be brought to Jaffna in car. The car starts from Colombo Town Hall on Friday morning (Today) at 8 a. m., and will halt at the following places on its way to Jaffna: Negombo, Chilav, Puttalam Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Mankulam, Murikandy, Kilinochechi, Palai, Kodigamam, Chavakachcheri.

The car with the sacred ashes is scheduled to arrive at Chavakachcheri at 1-45 p. m. on Saturday. It will then start from 3 p. m. for Jaffna.

A strong committee has been elected by the citizens of Jaffna who assembled yesterday evening at the Jaffna Central College Hall to make necessary steps to receive the urn when it arrives from Chavakachcheri. The urn will be taken charge of by the committee when it arrives at the U. C. boundary at Ariyalai and will be conducted in procession to the Town Hall, Jaffna, where the Chairman, U. C. Mr. C. Ponnampalam will receive it. The urn will be kept for DHARSHAN at the Town Hall the whole of Saturday night.

The urn will be taken out at 6 a. m. on Sunday morning in procession towards Keerimalai where the immersion ceremony will take place at 10.30 a. m. The procession's route will be the Jaffna-Kankasanturai Road; Elaborate steps are being taken by the citizens to accord a rousing reception to the mortal remains of the greatest saint of the modern age; citizens are vying with each other in erecting pardals; BH. JAN parties are being prepared.

Mr. K. Kanagaratnam M. P. is the coordinator of the reception ceremony in Jaffna.

### Lawyer's Tragic End

#### Found Hanging

The body of Mr. Hudson Thambiraja, Proctor, was found hanging on the branch of a tree in the compound of his bungalow at Uduvil on Monday evening.

Mr. Daniel Hensman, retired Government Surveyor who was passing by the bungalow, saw the body hanging and informed the Chunnakkam Police.

Mr. Thambiraja, aged 59, a practitioner in the Jaffna and Mallakam Courts, attended the Mallakam Court on Monday but returned home early in the afternoon.

any great hope regarding the future. The way things are being done by the Security Council makes one despair whether the U. N. O. would serve any useful purpose.

### Gandhian Path

#### The Only Way to Peace And Prosperity

A largely attended public meeting was held on the sacred occasion of the Shradha Day of Mahatmaji's demise when his earthly remains were deposited in the sacred rivers of India, at the Pillayar Temple Premises, Wellawatte to express the genuine sympathy and sorrow of the people of Ceylon on the tragic death of Mahatmaji. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Sri Lanka Gandhi Seva Sangh and was presided over by Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, M. P. the Patron of the Sangh. Songs composed for the occasion by Namakkal Ramalingampillai and Suddhananda Pharati were sung by many devotees both men and women and several distinguished public men spoke on the life and teachings of Mahatmaji. A bust of the Mahatma was placed in a decorated Kedagam and profusely garlanded by many devotees. The following resolution was passed.

#### Resolution

1. As, in this world which is full of hate and violence, strife and dissension, there can be no emancipation for mankind except through the Gandhian way of life, we the devotees of the Great Mahatma assembled at a prayer meeting at Wellawatte on this day the 12th February 1948 in holy memory of the Mahatma under the auspices of the Sri Lanka Gandhi Seva Sangham, do solemnly and wholeheartedly resolve, in the name of human peace and bliss, to strive incessantly to the best of our ability to follow the Gandhian path in every walk of life, social, political and spiritual.

2. It is also resolved by this meeting of the Mahatma's devotees that a message of sympathy and solace be conveyed to Jawaharlalji the most beloved political and spiritual heir of Mahatmaji and through him to the Indian people with the humble prayer that the divine courage of Mahatma will lift him up from the depress of distress and despondency, so that the fullest inspiration and guidance, which he alone as the most valiant among the Gandhian warriors can give, may immediately flow from him to the world is thirsting for wise and noble leadership.

#### TRADE AND SHIPPING

A Conference for Trade and Shipping will be held at the Town Hall, Kandy on Saturday, February 21st 1948 at 4 p. m.

Mr. A. C. L. Ratwatte, Mayor of Kandy will preside.

Several business men with experience in Shipping enterprise will discuss a "Scheme to develop a Merchant Navy for Sri Lanka".

Letter To The Editor

### THE THAMIL CONGRESS

Sir,—I shall be thankful if the Tamils in the North can be enlightened on the following questions by Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam "the undisputed" Leader of the Tamils:—

(1) Is it not the policy of the Tamil Congress to co-operate only with the "progressive" sections in the South?

(2) Was it not because of this policy that Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam refused to negotiate with the Senanayake Government in as much as this Government was not that "progressive" section with which alone the T. C. was willing to co-operate?

(3) Is there any substance in the rumour that the T. C. has decided to enter the Senanayake Cabinet?

(4) If so, may we know at what point of time the Senanayake Government became representatives of "progressive" section in the South?

(5) For what reason best known to himself has our Leader decided to join in the celebrations of Independence which according to the T. C. Senator Dr. Nagana'han is only an Imperial snare (vide "Political Truth and Light Series No. 1 Pamphlet printed at the Sutantran Press)?

(6) Will Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam kindly refresh his memory by digesting once again this pamphlet in question which was inflicted along with several others on the Tamil Public during the General Elections?

(7) Which is it—has the Senanayake Government become progressive or has Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam grown wiser?

(8) If it is the former, will Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam admit that today the Senanayake Government is as progressive as Mr. A. Mahadeva tried to impress on the Jaffna Electorate *et d'na ferentes* or is it that Mr. Ponnambalam does not fear the Sinhalese so long as they offer him a Ministry?

Jaffna,  
10-2-48

Yours etc.  
TAURUS.

### Evacuation Problem In India

Up to the end of January 1948 the Military Organisation in India had evacuated 28 lakhs of Hindus and Sikhs from Pakistan to India and 29½ lakhs of Muslims from India to Pakistan. The military Evacuation Organisation was set up after September 1947 and no reliable estimates were available of the numbers evacuated from one Dominion to the other. On a rough estimate it was believed that some five lakhs of non-Muslims had crossed the border into India before the 15th of August and some 7 to 8 lakhs from the 15th August upto the first week of September 1947.

The number of non Muslims left in Sind was about 9 lakhs and in the West Punjab about half a lakh. There was no reliable estimate of the number left in East Bengal. The number of Muslims left in India was of the order of 37 to 38 millions.

In the Bawalpur State which has acceded to Pakistan over a lakh of Hindus and Sikhs are unaccounted for and a large portion of this probably represents forcible conversions which have been particularly heavy in this State.

The above details were given by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the Indian Parliament last week.

# Freedom-For Whom?

## For All and Not to Some

(By V. Veerasingham B. A.)

THE following is a Summary of a lecture delivered by Mr. V. Veerasingham B. A. Principal, Manipal Hindu College at the Independence Day Celebrations of Valigamam West.

Independence is a magic wand. It raises visions of horrible oppression, massacres, revolutions, martyrs and heroes. The scope of freedom has never been enlarged without troubles, turmoils and bloodshed. It is indeed very fortunate that Ceylon is getting independence without any such unpleasant associations. Therefore this is an occasion for rendering thanks to the Almighty who has favoured Ceylon with a unique occasion in the history of independence and to Britain which has gracefully withdrawn itself.

Antecedents of national independence have always been selfless service and sacrifice. Love of freedom has been the cause of selfless service and sacrifice and freedom came in its wake. It cannot thrive in any other atmosphere. Is there any parallel in Ceylon to the amount of selfless service and sacrifice which India, America and Russia contributed to obtain their freedom? Judged by that standard Ceylon is found wanting in that atmosphere necessary for the seedling of freedom to thrive. The sapling of the Bo-tree brought by Sanghamitta has withstood all storms. Let us hope and pray that this seedling of Freedom planted today generate the right atmosphere and thrive well in this beloved Lanka of ours, giving shelter to every son of Lanka irrespective of race, caste or creed. Let freedom unite us and unify us laying the foundation for the Ceylonese nation that is yet to be.

### Beware! Easy Come, Easy Go

Let us face facts. The freedom that we are getting is either a fake or a freak. It is not for us to look a gift horse in the mouth. Let us believe that it is real even if it be a faked one; let us give it the right atmosphere to grow even if it be a freakish one. It is in us to make freedom or mar freedom. Absolute unselfishness is the life breath of freedom, and selflessness is the essence of sacrifice. Our religions are based on those virtues. The only way to get of this freedom what is expected of it is for all Ceylonese to make the solemn vow of absolute unselfishness as the lode star of their life. Freedom emerges usually after a blood bath. Not a drop of blood was shed in Ceylon in Freedom's cause. This freakish freedom may spring a surprise on us all by trailing in its wake bloodshed. We have to take all measures to avoid it. There is the fear that in communal rancour lies the dead y spark. At all costs communal harmony has to be established and maintained. This is best done by upholding in every day life unselfishness, the essential of freedom. Hold fast to the essentials and be prepared to forego with a grace the non-essentials. If we cannot do this, we may lose the freedom.

### Freedom is not for Cowards

Denial of freedom destroys it. It grows by faith and freely sharing it with others. I have heard it said that this freedom is for

Singhalese and not for the Tamils. Tamils will lose the freedom if they entertain the slightest doubt of their freedom and fail to adopt ways and means to make the fullest use of the freedom given to them. The Singhalese will lose if they reserve the lion share of it for themselves and deny an equal share of it to others. If one is unable to get the freedom which is a free gift to all, he deserves to lose. Unselfishness and fearlessness are the two virtues that will make Ceylonese enjoy the freedom and widen its scope. The caste problem has to be solved. Demagogues are taking advantage of the ignorance of the low castes and the masses. They want to become leaders by exploiting the masses; and the masses are yet a virgin soil and a tower of strength to the nation. Let us sow the seeds of true freedom among them and not to make them a prey to political vultures. Let us on this day launch a campaign to give this freedom to all and tell every one to practise unselfishness, be fearless and respect the faith and feelings of others. Let us re-deline lowcastes to mean the group of cowards who for purposes of sheer selfishness refuse to respect the faith and genuine feelings of others.

### The Gleam in the Gloom

The Independence Day for Ceylon has fallen at time when a gloom is caste over it by the death of Mahatma Gandhi, one of the saviours of the world and unquestionably the saviour of the present day world of materialism and militarism. The atmosphere is charged with his spirit that made India great and is destined to give peace to the world. Therein lies the gleam of hope for Ceylon. This unique Independence is declared at a time when the heart of everyone is in tune with the noble spirit of Gandhi. This is a very auspicious sign and strengthens the hope that this freedom would grow in peace. The spirit of the Mahatma stood for firm faith in God, a feeling of the imperfections of man, a disciplined effort to overcome the imperfections and a devoted adherence to truth. Let us all endeavour to follow in the footsteps of the Mahatma and make Ceylon the bulwark of freedom and the heaven of peace.

# How to Celebrate.

How shall we celebrate our independence?  
Not merely by unlasting hot excitement,  
Festoons and flags a-fluttering on the air,  
Feeding of guests by hosts who can afford it,  
Impassioned merry-making and speech-making,  
Nay, but a planned and lasting celebration  
By vowing that the fields shall burst to harvests  
Under redoubled toiling and shall cram  
The granaries of the toilers,  
The erst-long gaping granaries of the people.

By vowing that the factories shall hum  
To cloth the toiling millions,  
The erstwhile naked people.  
The Day of Independence needs must mark  
Release of all those rotting in the dark,  
The strength of prisons.....all because they rose  
To snatch this selfsame Independence from their foes,  
*Harindranath Chattopadhyaya.*

## EDUCATION AND THE NEW ERA

### THE TASKS AHEAD

(By 'Agasthiar')

II

THE Report submitted by the Special Committee on Education is an Epic in educational study and criticism. The political storms in the horizon however were not propitious for the immediate implementation of its recommendations nor was it lucky in respect of the steersman at its helm.

The earlier the new government makes a radical change in its outlook on Education the better it will be for the future of the country. It will be too late and the task would become more complicated when the chaos and conflicts of a depression are on us. The sober statesman should take the bull by the horns and go ahead leading the educational organisation in the direction of the true well being of the nation. The dawn of Independence, if it is to have any meaning must mean a stock taking and the turning over of a new and rational page in education and the reassessment of its values.

All progressive democratic countries have in mind the following three objectives in their educational plans—individual development, citizenship and vocation and organise their systems to meet these ends. In addition to these three objectives there are three other fundamental principles—equality of opportunity for all, a variety of educational provision to meet the needs of individual differences in ability and aptitude and the recognition of education as a continuous process marked off for administrative convenience in three successive stages, primary post-primary and further education. The following broad outline is put forward for consideration.

1. Age Span 5-13 Universal Primary Education in the national tongue with a proper religious and national background suited to the genius of our race planned out in terms of activities and experiences. This last feature will give the essential practical bias.

2. Age span 13-17. Selective Post-Primary education, with the following features:-

a. National languages medium.  
b. A second language for the pupils with more than average linguistic ability who might have contacts all over the island. This

language has to be the other Ceylonese language.

c. Third language English for the select few with special linguistic abilities and for higher education. These would be of use for international contacts, and scientific progress.

d. Emphasis on industrial and commercial education to the large majority as well as agricultural education. The study of other languages should be definitely made to subservise these ends.

e. Education to be selective and the provisions made to be according to the economic position of the country and its actual needs.

3. Span 18 and over.

a. University education in Arts and Sciences in National, Indian and European languages being made the privilege of the few on the basis of special abilities, aptitudes and in the spirit of service. The numbers to be controlled by the funds available and the needs of the country.

b. Further Education (i) to make good any deficiencies in the past and (2) to create a living interest in their respective vocations and attain a higher standard of output in work in this age of intense competition.

It will be immediately apparent to the man in the street that the present system needs radical reorganisation. A Blue Print of the immediate educational needs of the nation should be drawn up and all excrescences of the past eliminated, without regard to personalities or parties. The interest of the state and the needs of a balanced economy should be placed in the forefront. Schools are not meant for the teacher and the Managers but for the actual needs of the country and the younger generation, and the interests of the latter should prevail.

The main issues that would need immediate consideration are the following:-

1. All Primary Education should be on one single plan. The Primary sections of English schools should be eliminated or brought into line with Primary education in the other schools. No school should be given special treatment and the

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main emphasis should be in the national tongue. The necessity for employing costly English qualified teachers who are not interested in teaching in the vernacular should not arise and the level of Vernacular training should be raised.

A practical activity bias should be the sine qua non at this stage.

2. Post Primary education should be made selective. Wasteful competition should be eliminated and the number of schools and places as well as the curricula to be followed should be controlled scientifically according to the needs of area and the economic resources of the country.

3. The religion of the parent should be made the background of all education. Our country is lucky in having two of the greatest religions of the world. The present anachroism of the state subsidising from taxes raised from Buddhist and Hindu Parents, Christian denominational schools which openly pride in their Christian background and deny the Buddhists and Hindus in their midst any religious training is a nineteenth century invention based on Imperial policy and has to go immediately. Even the most hard politician in England would consider it unjustified under present conditions and if it is allowed to continue it will be a travesty of democracy. No national regeneration suited to the genius of our eastern race is possible with these agencies poisoning at the fountain head itself—the youth of our country. These agencies have their primary loyalties to their churches in Rome, London and America; their cultural outlook is definitely un-eastern. They have outlived their usefulness. They paid lip service to national culture and national languages and they are responsible for undermining the very foundations of Buddhist and Hindu life and culture. It is time they followed the rational and generous lead given by their politicians and retreated from the field. They have the right to look after their own flock and to that extent they may be subsidised from state funds.

4. The administrative machinery should be radically reorganised, a new outlook of service is

essential and efficiency should be the main consideration. The machinery of British rule had become clogged in the recent past. The white sahibs were interested in foisting native incompetents who were too ready to sell their religion, culture and soul and the system was devised to create a class of people who would be interested in perpetuating British rule. Their aims have misfired and their efforts to prove the white man's superiority at the cost of the Ceylonese officials' reputation have proved fruitless. The misfits who had scrambled into positions of importance by their ineptitude should be eliminated and no other loyalties but loyalty to the new Ceylonese nation should be recognised. There should be a thorough purge and corruption and nepotism put down with a stern hand. Qualifications, efficiency and correctness of outlook on national problems should be the prime tests in the national services.

The above suggestions may indicate a violent break-away from existing conditions. Stern remedies and forbearance and understanding cooperation are essential on the part of the members of the society if the cancer that has seized the heart of our society is to be eliminated and a new nation is to be built speedily, recognising its individuality enabling it to meet international competition and securing for it a high place in the comity of self-governing nations.

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 840.

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Ambalavanar Vaithilingam of Suthumalai

Deceased.

Sinnappillai widow of A. Vaithilingam of Suthumalai

Vs. Petitioner.

Minor 1. Vaithilingam Mahechuran  
do 2. Navanayaki daughter of Vaithilingam  
do 3. Vaithilingam Balasubramaniam  
do 4. Savundaranayaky daughter of Vythilingam minors

### ORDER "NISI" DECLARING WILL PROVED, &c.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 826.

Sangarapillai Ponnampalam of Karainagar west. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Ponnampalam Thavamany.  
2. Ponnampalam Kandiah and  
3. Ponnampalam Yokammah all of Karainagar west.  
4. Marimuttu Kandiah of do. The 1st to 3rd Respondents are minors appearing by their Guardian-ad-litem the 4th Respondent. Respondents.

In the matter of the Last Will and testament of the late Rasammah wife of Sangarapillai Ponnampalam of Karainagar west. Deceased.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 17th day of December, 1947, in the presence of Mr. A. Kanagasabai, Proctor on the part of the petitioner, and the affidavit of the above-mentioned petitioner and of the witnesses to the Last Will dated 25th November and 10th December 1947 respectively having been read:

It is ordered that the Will of the abovenamed deceased, dated 11th April 1947 be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the respondents or other person or persons interested shall, on or before the 15th day of January 1948 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the said 4th respondent, be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 1st to 3rd respondents and that the said petitioner, is the executor named in the said Will and that he is entitled to have Probate of the same issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or other person or persons interested shall on or before the 15th day of January 1948 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 17th day of December, 1947.  
Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,  
District Judge.

Time to show cause extended to 26-2-48.

R. R. S. (Initialled)  
D. J.

(O. 154. 20 & 24).

appearing by their Guardian-ad-litem

5. Chellappah Ponnambalam all of Suthumalai Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner coming on for final disposal before R. R. Selvadurai, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 26th day of January 1948 in the presence of Mr. M. R. Karalasingham, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 23rd day of January 1948 having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 5th Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 1st to 4th Respondents for the purpose of this case and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the Petitioner unless the Respondents or any other person interested shall appear before this Court on or before the 24th day of February 1948 and shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The minors to be produced on the said date.

Jaffna this 26th day of January 1948

(Sgd) R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

Drawn by (Sgd) M. R. Karalasingham  
Proctor for Petitioner.

(O. 150. 17 & 20-2-48.)

### SALE NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF JAFFNA

Guardianship Jurisdiction No. 323.

In the matter of the Estate of Ponniah Somasundram, Ponniah Baisubramaniam, Wijayaedchumy daughter of Ponniah, Rajeswary daughter of Ponniah, Pushpavathy daughter of Ponniah.—Minors.

Theivanaipillai Widow of A. E. Ponniah of Vadaliadaippu in Chankana.

—Guardian and Curatrix.

The following lands belonging to the said minors and others shall be sold and intending buyers shall forward tenders either to the Secretary District Court Jaffna or to Mr. V. Sivasubramaniam Proctor S. C. & Notary Public Jaffna within 21 days of this publication quoting the number of this Case and the price per acre or lacham at which they would purchase the said land.

The schedule of property above referred to.

1. Land called "Maniveerapathirayar Valavu" and other parcels in extent, 131 lms. V. C. situated at Ithavil in the Parish of Thambahamam in Pachilaipalli division, Jaffna district Northern Province and bounded on the East by John James Baravin and others North by Wharverton Road, West by the property of Vallyyammai pillai wife of Kandiah and South by the property of Vairavy Krishnar and shareholders 5/7 share in and out of half share of a half share.

2. Land called "Mullaiyady and other parcels" in extent 115 lms. V. C. situated as aforesaid and is bounded on the East by the property of below hereof described in 'Schedule 3 hereof and North by the property of Kanthar Sivaguru Vallipillai wife of Kandiah and brother and Kanthar Kanapathipillai, West by the property of Vallipillai wife of Kandiah and brother & others, South by the property of Velupillai Kandiah and Saravanamuttu Sinnappu & shareholders an undivided 5/7 share in and out of half share of a half share.

3. Land called Mullaiyady Paaiyappattupirivu moorum Ilankai naranathevan valavu and Thavandy Pattu and Kudiyirunthavalavu and Pankady and Varivalavu in extent 68 3/8 lms V. C. & situated as aforesaid and bounded on the east by Veeragaty Muthucumar and shareholders, North by the property of Kanthar Sivaguru, West by the aforesaid 2nd land South by the property of Saravanamuttu Sinnappu & shareholders 5/7 share out of 1/2 share of a half share.

4. Land called "Kudiyirunthavalavu & Palaiya pattu and Valigamathanpallai" in extent 150 lms. V. C. and situated as aforesaid and bounded on the East South by Saravanamuttu Sinnappu & shareholders & others, North by the property of Kanthar Sivaguru West by the property of Kanthar Sivaguru and Alagi widow of Karthy & shareholders an undivided 5/7 share in and out of 1/2 share of a half share.

V. SIVASUBRAMANIAM,  
Proctor for Guardian  
& Curatrix.

Navalar Kottam,  
Jaffna. 18-2-48.

(M. 242. 20-2-48).

## NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN

### Mr. Manmatharayan Elected

AT the monthly meeting of the Jaffna Urban Council held on Friday the 13th inst, Mr. R. C. Manmatharayan was elected Vice-Chairman of the Council by a majority of 3 votes. His name was proposed by Mr. S. Patanjali and seconded by Mr. K. V. Sinnadurai.

Mr. S. M. M. Abdulcader was proposed by Mr. J. Sebastiampillai and seconded by Mr. P. Casipillai.

Mr. R. C. Manmatharayan secured 7 votes while Mr. Abdulcader got 4 votes.



Mr. R. C. Manmatharayan

# Great Day for Lanka

## Our Progress and Achievement

(By M. S. MAHENDRAN)

President of the Ceylon Association of Perak and Member of the Perak Executive Council

EXTRACTED from a speech delivered by Mr. Mahendran on the occasion of the hoisting of the Lion Flag at the Independence day celebrations by the Ceylonese of Perak, last week.

"To day is a very memorable day in the annals both of our homeland—Ceylon and to us here in Malaya as this is a day when we are celebrating the attainment of Dominion Status by Ceylon.

The history of Ceylon extends to a period of over 2000 years and is a history of a proud and highly civilised people who held their own through 20 centuries.

Our progress and achievements in modern times have been in no small measure due to the help given us by Britain. During the first 20 years of British occupation from 1805 the system of rule followed that of their predecessors the Dutch. It was subsequently a report of Lt. Colonel Colebrook similar to the report of Lord Durham on Canada which led to the inauguration of the liberal system of Government affording opportunities for the people of Ceylon to take a responsible part in the administration.

Since then it has been a period of steady and uninterrupted progress due both to the genius of Britain, and the sobriety of character, aptitude for sustained effort and the genius for compromise so characteristic of the people of Ceylon. On an occasion like this we should remember with reverence the leaders of Ceylon, Sir Muttuchumsawamy, the first Asiatic Barrister-at-Law and the first Ceylon Knight, Sir Harry Dias, Charles Lorenz, James Alwis, Sir Samuel Grenier, Frederick Dornhorst, C. L. Ferdinands, Sir Ambalavanar Kanagasabai, Mr. A. Sabapathy Editor of the "Hindu Organ", Sir G. S. Schneider, John Ferguson, George Wall Sir Ponnampalam Ramathan, Sir Ponnampalam Arunachalam, F. R. Senanayake, E. W. Perera, Sir James Peiris, Sir D. B. Jayatilake, Sir Hilarion Marcus Fernando and the present first Prime Minister of Ceylon Mr. D. S. Senanayake. To some of us here, these are but names but to the people of Ceylon these are names of great leaders who, with the great Governors, and administrators of Ceylon, helped to make Ceylon what it is, shine resplendent in her modern history.

On this occasion, too, we should remember that the inheritance transmitted to us is a great possession and we are grateful to Britain for all she has accomplished for Ceylon in leading us to the attainment of Dominion Status and as a sister nation holding a proud place by virtue of her own right amongst the other nations of the Commonwealth.

It should be our duty both in conversation and conduct to live worthily and to make Ceylon greater and nobler than she was entrusted to us.

May this flag, which symbolises freedom, tolerance, harmony and goodwill float proudly, and be eternal, as a token of the spirit of the freedom, goodwill, faith, love, courage and charity to all and malice to none.

It is learned that the Textile Controller has reported to the Minister of Commerce and Trade that textile control can be abolished this year. Mr. Jayaratne (Controller) has, however, not specified a definite date for the lifting of the control.

### Follow Gandhiji

#### Prayachita Day At Mathagal

Thursday (12-2-48) when the ashes of Mahatma Gandhi were immersed in the several holy rivers of India was observed as a day of prayer by the people of Mathagal. Bells of the Catholic churches and Hindu temples tolled heavily at 7 a. m. on that day to mark the commencement of Prayers. Special services were held in the churches and temples for the repose of Gandhiji's soul. Villagers in large numbers assembled in the hall of the Mathagal Vigneswara Vidyalayam and spent the time till 12 noon in offering prayers and meditations and in reading passages from the Holy Bible and Bahavat Gita. From 12 noon to 2 p. m. more than 500 hundred poor people irrespective of caste or creed were fed in the above school hall. To a spectator it seemed that the Mahatma though dead lived in that the people, hitherto torn assunder through differences of caste, creed, rank and distinctions, partook in the feast forgetful of their erstwhile caste and religious prejudices.

A special 'Prayachita' Meeting was held at 6 p. m. in the hall of the Vigneswara Vidyalayam with Pandit E. Ramalingam in the chair. On an improvised platform lay mounted a portrait of the Mahatma Gandhi with a 'Kathar' wreath. At its feet amidst flowers lay the Holy Bible and Bahavat Gita, and brass lamps, candles and incense cubicles.

Pandit E. Ramalingam described the loss that the world has suffered by Gandhiji's death and explained the object of that meeting to the gathering. Mr. N. Sivapathasundaram Vidhvan of the Annamalai University emphasised that communalism was the cause of Gandhiji's tragic death and warned the people to guard themselves against that curse which had ended the life of the greatest man the world has seen since the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Pandithamani S. Navaneetha Krishna Barathiyar speaking next exhorted the people to follow the way that the Mahatma had shown to the world. Thereby, he said that Gandhiji would live with us even though he was dead. Mr. Handy Perinpanayagam, Advocate, charged the people to examine their conscience and find out whether they were guilty of the evils that Gandhiji endeavoured in his life time to get rid of from the human society and to discard communalism and untouchability the dual demons that scourge the human society. He further said that the only way of loving Gandhiji and enshrining his sweet memory in our hearts, is to follow the way of Gandhiji. Mr. C. Tharmakalingham Proctor in his speech said that communalism and untouchability, the curses that corrode the very life of man and which Gandhiji worked to banish from this world, are enthroned in Jaffna.

He urged the people to bury once for all, racial hatred, caste and religious

### Vote of No-Confidence On Chairman U. C.

Six members of the Jaffna Urban Council have sent in a requisition to the Chairman Mr. C. Ponnampalam to convene a meeting of the Council to consider a vote of no-confidence on him.

The following are the six members who have signed the requisition: Messrs. K. V. Sinnathurai, S. R. Thalayasingham, R. C. Manmatharayan newly elected Vice-Chairman) Sam A. Sabapathy, S. P. Nadarajah and S. Patanjali.

It is learned that the meeting of the Council will be held today (Friday).

### Post of Sub-Overseer Conservancy and Scavenging Services Jaffna Urban Council

1. Applications for the above post will be received by the Chairman, Urban Council, Jaffna up to 12 Noon on 28th February 1948.

2. The salary attached to the post is Rs. 480 rising up to 1080 with annual increments of Rs. 30/- per annum plus war allowance at Government Rates. Rent allowance will be paid according to Financial Regulations. The successful applicant will be on probation for a period of one year.

3. Grant of Leave and other conditions of Service will be as in the case of new entrants to the Local Government Service.

4. Applicants should have a minimum educational qualification of J. S. C. in English and Tamil.

5. Applicants should be between the ages of 25 years and 30 years.

6. Applicants with previous experience of supervision of labourers will be preferred.

7. Applicants should be physically fit and be able to cycle. They should also own a cycle. A cycle allowance of Rs. 12/- per mensem will be paid.

8. Applicants should annex copies of two certificates with regard to their character, educational qualifications and ability.

9. Applicants should be residents within the Urban Council limits of Jaffna.

10. The selected applicant will be acquainted with the nature of the duties etc that he has to perform by the Chairman Urban Council through the Medical Officer of Health Jaffna.

C. PONNAMPALAM  
Chairman, Urban Council  
Jaffna

(Mis. 224. 20.)

ous prejudices and their invidious ranks and distinctions and to purify their conscience thus to live the life that Gandhiji preached and practised. Mr. N. Francis in his speech condemned communalism and requested the people to look to Gandhiji for guidance in their life. Mr. P. Kandiah speaking last stated that Ahimsa and truth were the lungs of the human society without which life was not worth living. He implored the people to admit the depressed class people into their temples. He said that he could not conceive of any other better way by which the people of Mathagal could pay homage to the Mahatma than by admitting the depressed class people into their temples. With a vote of thanks the meeting came to close.

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 767

In the matter of the estate of the late Marimuttu wife of Vethavanam Sellam of Thirunelvely Jaffna

Deceased.  
Vethavanam Sellam of Thirunelvely Jaffna

Petitioner.  
Vs.  
Velupillai Thillaiampalam of do.

Respondents.  
This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Se vadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 22nd day of September 1947 in the presence of Mr. M. Mathiaparaman Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the above named petitioner dated 9-9-47 having been read.

It is ordered that letters of administration to the estate of the above named deceased be granted to the petitioner unless the respondents or theirs shall on or before the 24th day of October 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 22nd day of September 1947  
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

Time to show cause to the contrary is extended to 26-2-48.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.  
(O. 157 20 & 24)

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 82

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Ponnampalam Gurusathapillai Thambiappah of Kankesanthurai

Sellam widow of Thambiappah of Kankesanthurai  
Petitioner  
Vs

1. Thambiappah Thavarasan  
2. Thambiappah Sivanesan—  
Minor both of Kankesanthurai  
Respondents

This matter of the petition of the above named Petitioner coming on for final disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge Jaffna on the 5th day of January 1948 in the presence of Mr. M. Sithamparanathan Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered and declared that the 1st respondent above named be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minor the above named 2nd Respondent for the purpose of representing him in this case and that the petitioner be declared entitled to letters of administration to the estate of the above named deceased and that the same be issued to her accordingly unless the above named respondents or any other person shall on or before the 30th day of January 1948 appear before this Court and shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the said minor respondent shall be produced before Court on the said date.

Jaffna This 5th day of January 1948  
(Sgd) R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge

30-1-48  
Time to show cause extended to 27-2-48  
R. R. S. (Inf'd)  
(O. 156 20 & 24)

The All-Ceylon Estate Worker's Congress has decided to award a number of scholarships to the Indian and Ceylonese estate workers. The scholarships will be known as "Gandhi Scholarships."

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 811

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Ardasalam Saravanamuttu of Alaveddy Deceased  
Sinnammah widow of Arunasalam Saravanamuttu of Alaveddy  
Vs. Petitioner

1. Saravanamuttu Kanesa-moorthy of Alaveddy  
2. Saviththiri daughter of Saravanamuttu of Alaveddy  
3. Pushpavathy daughter of Saravanamuttu of Alaveddy  
4. Amarakone Murugesar Kanapathippillai of Alaveddy. Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 18th day of November 1947 in the presence of Mr. S. Elayatambi Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner dated 1st and 14th day of November 1947 respectively having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th Respondent to be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the abovenamed 2nd and 3rd respondents Minors and that the petitioner be granted letters of administration in respect of the estate of the abovenamed deceased unless the abovenamed respondents shall on or before the 16th day of December 1947 appear before this court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. The minors should be produced in court on the said date.

This 18th day of November 1947  
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge

16-2-47  
Order Nisi extended for  
27th January 1948  
Intld. R. R. S.

D. J.  
27-1-48  
Order Nisi extended for  
24th February 1948  
Intld. R. R. S.  
D. J.  
(O. 151, 17 & 20.)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 839

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Sivahamy wife of Kasiar Duraisamy of Jaffna Deceased

Kasiar Duraisamy of Jaffna  
Petitioner.  
Vs.  
Duraisamy Sivasamy of Jaffna  
Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on 23rd January

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 836

In the matter of the intestate estate of Kanmayi wife of Thambipillai Muttutampi of Kokuvil West Deceased.  
Thambipillai Muttutampi of Kokuvil West  
Petitioner.

1. Muttutampi Sri Vigneswaran  
2. Muttutampi Vigneswary  
3. Muttutampi Rajeswary  
4. Muttutampi Puvaneswary  
5. Muttutampi Jagatheswaran  
6. Muttutampi Kamaleswary  
7. Muttutampi Mangaleswaran, all of Kokuvil West all being minors appearing by their Guardian-ad-litem the 8th Respondent  
8. Vallipuram Kanagalingam of Nalore Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge of Jaffna on the 15th day of January 1948 in the presence of Mr. S. Thirunavukkasu Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the Petitioner having been read.

It is ordered and decreed that the 8th Respondent abovenamed be and he is hereby appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Respondents minors for the purpose of representing them in these Testamentary proceedings and that Letters of Administration of the estate of the late Kanmayi wife of Thambipillai Muttutampi of Kokuvil West be issued to the Petitioner unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 16th day of February 1948 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

This 15th day of January 1948,  
(Sgd.) R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge

16-2-48  
Time to show cause is extended till 8.3.48.  
(Intld.) R. R. S.  
D. J.  
(O. 153, 20 & 24)

1948 in the presence of Mr. K. V. Rasiyah Proctor for the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner and of the Witnesses having been read.

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased be declared proved and that Probate thereof be issued to the petitioner as Executor named therein unless the Respondent or any other persons appear before this Court on the 27th day of February 1948 and show cause to the contrary.

The 23rd day of January 1948.  
(Sgd.) R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge, Jaffna

Drawn by  
K. V. Rasiyah  
Proctor for Petitioner  
(O. 155, 20 & 24)

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