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## The Outlook For Democracy

### RACE AND LANGUAGE PROBLEM IN THE EAST

By Sir Ivor Jennings

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THE conditions for democracy in the East are the same as in the West. The difference between the two hemispheres is only that the East is not used to it. Inexperience like youth is a stuff that will not endure; and as Shakespeare also said, in delay there lies no plenty — though the quotation cannot be completed unless our politicians are sweet and twenty.

Inexperience is not a question of illiteracy. It is said in Cambridge that the most learned dons most often spoil their ballot papers. The adult franchise which Ceylon has enjoyed since 1931 has been a considerable success. It is true that there has been a growth of electoral corruption; but the restricted franchise of the eighteenth century in England can hardly be said to have encouraged electoral purity. Moreover, corruption is not, as the middle classes sometimes allege, a product of adult franchise; it is a product of the morality, or lack of it, of the middle classes. There would be no bribery if nobody offered bribes, and it is not the poor who offer bribes. So far as one who cannot speak the languages of the people can judge, the ordinary Ceylonese voter seems to have a very good idea of the issues of an election. I think I have shown in an analysis of the General Election of 1947 in the July number of the *University of Ceylon Review* that the electoral pattern was too regular to be accidental. It may be that a chromium plated American car had more influence than in England, where in fact it would lose votes; it may be that the concession of the trouble politician in deigning to visit the villager's humble abode brought him

more glory (and votes) than he would obtain in a more sophisticated society; it may be that the erection of *pandals* and parish pumps gained more support than it should have done; and yet most of the "independent" candidates who relied on parentage, personality and prestige forfeited their deposits. Though India has a lower standard of literacy there seems to be no reason to suppose that the result would be different. The villager may not know the technique of international exchange, but he can distinguish sugar from sand.

#### National Sentiment

The more important consequence of inexperience is the weakness of national sentiment and the strength of irrelevant issues like race, caste and religion. Discussions of communalism usually ignore the fact that it is a universal problem. It is true that caste is peculiar to the East, and it is also true that the friction of race, which is of Western origin, has developed more emphatically in India and Ceylon than in most of the West. Nevertheless, the assumption of nineteenth century liberalism, that a nation is composed of individuals, is now known to be false. Modern theory has stressed the

### Communists Against Citizenship Bill

The Ceylon Communist Party, in a statement issued on Tuesday, declares that the Ceylon Citizenship Bill and the Immigration Bill, now before Parliament, "do not bring about a just and honourable settlement of these questions."

The Communist Party contends that the Government is seeking to prejudice issues and present the people and Parliament with a fait accompli when the third Bill, the Indian Citizenship Bill is considered.

"The introduction of the Immigration Bill does not mean that the U. N. P. Government has accepted the policy of controlling immigration, which has for years been demanded by the Communist Party and the trade union movement," the statement adds.

The Citizenship Bill seeks to give absolute power to the U. N. P. to decide the composition of the Ceylon state.

The tests of citizenship by descent and the qualifications of citizenship by registration are so designed as to give a bias in favour of the capitalist class and those whose views and activities are agreeable to the party in power.

"In the Bracegirdle incident the people had the right of appeal to the Supreme Court and hence the Governor's conduct was questioned and the Courts verdict was against the Governor's order. Under this new Bill all such powers have been taken away and the Minister has been vested with absolute powers. His conduct cannot be questioned, not even in a court of law."

### Kays Election Petition Inquiry on Monday

The inquiry into the petition filed by Mr. A. V. Kulasingam, of Hulftsdorp, challenging the election of Mr. A. L. Thambiyah, of Colombo to the Kays seat in the House of Representatives, will be heard next Monday, at Hulftsdorp, before Mr. Justice Basnayake.

"plural" nature of society. The individual is not merely a citizen but also a member of many other communities—religious, occupational, class, intellectual and recreational. Somehow a synthesis has to be produced so that my obligations as citizen university teacher, lawyer, graduate, father, husband and what not, may be rendered consistent: I have to render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, unto God that which is God's and unto various other organisations and authorities that which is appropriate to them. Indeed, I have an overriding obligation, of which we are becoming more and more conscious, to humanity as a whole. The United Nations is a false conception; they should be united not as nations but as citizens of the world.

Nevertheless, national sentiment is an important element in national government; and so long as we permit the existence of independent nations we must do what we can to strengthen it. In India and Ceylon it is inevitably weak. Though there are common cultural elements in India which derive from a long social heritage, the idea of national unity is of recent growth, is of Western origin, and derives from British rule. Equally the idea of racial unity seems to be of recent growth and of Western origin. What is surprising is its strength; but this, I think, derives from the endogamy of the castes. The idea of caste is strong because it is traditional and impregnates the social organisation. Marriage outside the caste having been virtually forbidden for some centuries, the theory of differentiation by racial inheritance, though brought from the West, found a singularly fruitful environment. The West has shown how strong are language barriers; they are stronger in India and Ceylon because inter-marriage between language groups is precluded by the rule of marriage within the caste. If this is so, one of the ways to increase the strength of national sentiment, which is essential to democracy, is to weaken the tradition of caste.

It is of course true that racialism has increased in the past couple of generations through political propaganda. But few politicians propagate unpalatable truths—that is the job of university professors. The politicians did not create communalism; they cashed in on it. Nor must it be forgotten that the politicians have also done much to foster national unity.

#### Problem of Language

The language problem is mixed with the racial problem, but it is also a problem in itself. The mechanics of democracy require a common language or at least mutual understanding of each other's languages. Under British rule the subject was charged with emotion and it is encouraging to see how calmly and dispassionately it can now be discussed. One aspect of the use of English is, however, often neglected. It is admitted on all sides that a knowledge of English will have a cash value. The question which needs to be asked is whether under democracy the masses will allow this commercial advantage to be monopolised.

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### Better and Cleaner Railway Carriages

#### Pre-War Comfort Provided

THE Program of providing better and cleaner railway carriages fitted with the amenities with which they were provided in pre-war days, has now been almost completed.

This means that 670 railway carriages with which the present train service is being maintained with considerable difficulty, have been renovated and brought up to pre-war standard to yield greater convenience of travel to the passengers.

#### Only 25 More

Only 25 more carriages are left to be attended to and these are being brought down to Colombo from the outstations for the purpose.

All the first and second class railway carriages have been upholstered and the first class carriages are also being provided with cushion covers for the first time since the last war.

The inside of the third class carriages has been scrubbed and renovated. The glass panes of which had disappeared by careless handling in the last few years, are now being replaced.

The electric lighting of the carriages has also been almost completed and every train has been fitted with communication chords, some which are of substitute material as the former chains are not available in sufficient quantities.

## 'OUR CULTURE KILLED BY ENGLISH SCHOOLS'

"OUR English schools have been bastions of foreign domination, products of the Colonial policy. They have nearly killed our cultural soul, strangled our national languages and made us almost forget our national heritage," said Mr. A. E. Tambar, President of the Northern Province Teachers' Association, addressing the 33rd annual general meeting of the Association, at the Jaffna Town Hall.

Mr. Tambar, who presided said they were meeting there in Free Lanka, but he "still saw around him some of the shackles of slavery."

The great national upsurge in the East had, he declared, affected Lanka only skin-deep. The English schools were "almost foolproof against the permeation of national culture."

Continuing, he said that Free Lanka should have the freedom to develop the personality of her children in relation to her national ethos. Her national languages, art and music should be restored to their proper place. The whole trend of education in the English schools should be radically altered.

A planned programme of reform should be introduced in the En-

### Use of Ceylon Airfields By British Planes

#### Notice of Motion by M. P.

Mr. B. G. P. Keuneman, M.P. (Colombo Central Third) has given notice of the following motion in the House of Representatives:—

"This House disapproves the use of airfields in Ceylon by British aeroplanes which are strafing those who are fighting for the freedom of Malaya and demands that no port or airfield facilities in Ceylon, or any other direct or indirect assistance, should be given to suppression of the freedom movement in Malaya."

Mr. Keuneman is seeking a special date for an early debate on this motion.

#### cient quantities.

The mirrors in the first and second class carriages which had completely disappeared have also been replaced. They have been fitted up with a device which makes their removal difficult but in spite of it few mirrors have been damaged in the attempt to wrench them off.

The renovation of all these carriages, it is stated, would in the normal course of events have taken a minimum of four years but it was done in two and half months by the special organisation that was set up at Maligawatte with a special staff of men brought from the Railway Workshops at Ratmalana.

The program regarding the washing and cleaning of the railway carriages has also been accelerated.

## Dhyana Yoga

### (MEDITATION) The Thought of God or Atma

(Continued from our last issue)

True yearning or aspiration for the Divine has not yet dawned on you. The supply will only come when there is demand. Therefore aspire ceaselessly to live in the Divine. Do not allow the laith to flicker. Make it burn steadily. Then only you have steadiness of mind, zeal and earnestness in meditation.

The mental attitude, while meditating, differs according to the path in which the aspirant is treading or the nature or temperament or disposition of the Jijnasa. If he is a *Lakshana* he has the attitude of a servant towards his Master—i. e., humility and self-surrender; he prays, sings his praise and ever remembers Him, he adores and glorifies Him; he lives to serve and please Him. The devotee should constantly meditate on the form of his *Ishwara-Devata*. If he is a student of Vedanta; he asserts and tees or tries to feel: "I am the Immortal Self, I am all in all. I am Sat-chit-ananda Brahman." He identifies himself with the *advaita-brahman* ever free, independent, immortal and all-pervading Soul.

The meditation can be said to be perfect only when it ends in *Samadhi* or union with the Lord. The meditator and the meditated should become one and the same.

Contentment, untroubled peace, equanimity, mental vigour and strength, serenity, cheerfulness, ineffable joy, peculiar holy thrill in the heart, etc. are the signs that indicate that you are progressing in meditation.

#### III. Twenty Hints on Meditation

1. Have a separate Meditation Room under lock and key.

Never allow anybody to enter the room. Burn incense there. Or convert a corner into a room with a screen. Wash your feet and then enter the room.

2. Retire to a quiet place or room where you do not fear interruption so that your mind may feel secure and at rest. Of course the ideal condition cannot always be obtained, in which cases you should do the best you can. You should be alone yourself in communion with God or Brahman.

3. Get up at 4 A. M. (Brahma Muhurta) and meditate from 4 to 5. Have another sitting at night from 7 to 8.

4. Keep a picture of your *Ishwara* in the room and some religious and philosophical books such as *Gita*, *Upanishads*, *Yoga-Vasistha*, *Bhagawata*, etc. Spread your *Asana* in front of the picture.

5. Sit on *Padma*, *Sidha*, *Sukha*, *Swastika* or *Vira Asana*. Keep the head, neck and trunk erect. Do not bend either forwards or backwards.

6. Close your eyes and concentrate gently on the *Irituka*, the space between the eyebrows, the *lotus* of the heart, the tip of the nose or the crown of the head.

7. Never wrestle with the mind. Do not use any violent efforts in concentration. Relax all the muscles and nerves. Relax the brain. Gently think of your *Ishwara*. Slowly repeat your *Gurumantra* with *Bhav* and meaning. Still the bubbling thoughts.

8. Make no violent effort to control the mind, but rather allow the mind to run along for (Continued on Page 4)

### Tamil Congress to hold Mass Meeting

The All Ceylon Tamil Congress has arranged for a mass meeting to consider the present political situation of the Tamils. The meeting is to be held on the 21st inst (Saturday) at the Jaffna Esplanade. Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam will preside.

### Registration of Motor Vehicles in July

Motor vehicles numbering 601, were registered in the month of July, according to a statement issued by the Commissioner of Motor Transport.

United Kingdom heads the list with 354 vehicles which comprises 246 cars and cabs, 52 lorries and vans and 53 motor cycles.

Canada comes next with 160 vehicles, and United States of America with 77. The total number of vehicles registered is as follows:—

Cars and cabs 362, Omnibuses 22, lorries and vans 159, tractor 1, trailers 2, motor cycles 55.

### Indian Independence Day

G. G.'s Address in Colombo Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, K.C. M.P., leader of the Tamil Congress said at the Indian Independence Day celebrations in Colombo that he associated himself with that meeting because they had been Indians, were Indians now, and would always be Indians. Asian countries which had won freedom should be determined that never again would they lose it. Countries of Asia should build around India strong and independent states for the unity of South-East Asia.

Of citizenship rights, he said that "orphans" who had adopted Ceylon as their home, must get citizenship rights. He would, if necessary, fight for it.

#### New Advocate

Mr. T. W. Rajaratnam took his oath on Monday as an Advocate before Mr. Justice Gajapen. He is a son of Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam, the Jaffna Proctor, and a nephew of Mr. C. S. Barr Kumarakulasingham, the Colombo Advocate.





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PUBLIC HEALTH

HEALTH WEEK IS BEING celebrated in Ceylon this year in August instead of in July as in the past. The Minister of Health and Local Government the Hon. Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike in the course of a radio talk stated that the population of the Island had increased by 1 1/2 millions during the last 16 years; that the death rate for 1947 was the lowest on record; that the general death rate had been reduced from 20.3 per thousand in 1946 to 14.3 in 1947; that infant mortality rate had been reduced from 141 to 101 per thousand births and the maternal mortality rate from 15.5 to 10.6 per thousand. The Department of Medical and Sanitary Services deserves to be commended for the good work which has been done; but, as the Minister pointed out it did not mean that there was not a very great deal of work that could and had to be done in the future. Unless there is public co-operation little can be achieved; and His Excellency the Governor-General rightly pointed out, in the course of his address at the Central Health Exhibition that "it was of little use spending Government money on improvements, housing and sanitation if the structures themselves were immediately misused by an ignorant public; if success were to be achieved, it could not be done by the activities however zealous, of the Medical Department alone. It called for the whole-hearted co-operation and assistance of the public generally."

Sometime ago the Senate passed a resolution for the appointment of a Commission to report on the administration, working and staffing of Hospitals in the Island; the Doctors' Union also passed a similar resolution. The Minister of Health refused to implement the decision of the Senate or the Doctors' Union; he however stated that he would appoint a prominent person of the World Health Organisation to report on the matter. Conditions in all Hospitals throughout the country remain unsatisfactory. More doctors, more nurses and more midwives are required to cope with the situation. The officiating Director-General of Health Services, Government of India, stated that the Bhoré Committee in estimating India's requirements for the next 25 years asked for only a four-fold increase of doctors, while the corresponding increases of nurses and health visitors are hundred times and for midwives twenty times. Sanitary Inspectors, Health Assistants and Anti-Malarial personnel can carry out a variety of functions of a preventive nature including the sterilisation of water supplies, inoculation against epidemic diseases and improvement of environmental hygiene. It is the duty of Government to devise ways and means for the training of sufficient number of medical and health personnel without delay.

A balanced diet is essential for maintaining a satisfactory

standard of health. The total calorific value of food which will be necessary is in the neighbourhood of 3,400. We are unable to state what percentage of the population in Ceylon are under-fed. In India at least for 80 per cent of the people, the food consumed gives a total calorific value of less than 1,700. The statistics regarding Ceylon cannot be very different. Diet surveys and health talks are necessary to point out to the public the calorific value of food eaten by the common man and in what manner the common man could raise the standard of food which he subsists on. Medical men point out that a large number of people who are over 40 years of age all over the world eat more than what is required for maintaining their health. Ceylon is not an exception. Health Officers ought to give their attention to this aspect of the problem.

MINISTERS' BONA FIDES

Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty has tendered his resignation as Finance Minister of the Dominion of India and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru India's Prime Minister has accepted it. Though Mr. Chetty's conduct was found to be bona fide yet he has resigned because he had committed a grievous error in having made order for the withdrawal of certain groups of cases which were referred to the Income Tax Commission. The order of withdrawal was issued by Mr. Chetty on March 12, 1948, but, the decision to do so was taken on February 19, 1948. An Amending Bill was introduced in the Legislature on March 1, 1948. Under these circumstances Mr. Chetty thought that the only honourable course was to tender his resignation. Pandit Nehru in accepting the resignation stated that when Mr. Chetty had sponsored the Bill before the Cabinet with the express provision that no withdrawal should take place without the consent of the Commission and the Bill was on the point of being introduced in the Assembly, there should have been no withdrawing it without reference to the Commission; the decision to withdraw the cases was taken before the Bill was introduced into the Assembly though the actual order was passed subsequently. Mr. Chetty has resigned because he thought that the bona fide order which he made for the withdrawal of certain groups of cases might be misunderstood as having been made in bad faith.

Budget leakage in Britain has been the cause for resignation of more than one Minister. In Ceylon it was definitely found by a Commission appointed for that purpose that there was a leakage of the Budget proposals, in reference to the Budget for 1947-48. The Commission, however, exculpated the Minister of Finance, Mr. J. R. Jayawardane, of any blame. It is essential that justice should not only be done but should also appear to be done. Men holding posts of ministerial responsibility should act not only bona fide but also appear to act bona fide. Whenever it is possible to impute any act of bad faith against a responsible Minister although the Minister concerned has acted in good faith yet, it is customary for him to resign. Will the same tradition be observed in Ceylon and if so when?

The Presidential Election In The United States

THE Presidential election in the United States is the biggest political event in which the majority of the U. S. citizens individually participate, and one of national and international importance. Occurring once in four years, every Presidential election year will also see the election of one third of the members of the Senate 32 out of 95—and all of the members of the House of Representatives 435. Both the major U. S. political parties are scheduled to hold their National conventions this year in Philadelphia—the Republicans held theirs on June 21 and the Democrats on July—when they choose their respective candidates for President and Vice President and decide on the party "platform".

Every four years—on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November—the people of the United States go to the polls to elect democratically their President for the ensuing four years.

This year is a Presidential election year. On November 2, 1948 around 90 million U. S. citizens may legally cast their permanent secret ballot for President.

The Presidential election is the biggest political event in which the majority of the people of the United States individually participate. It is an event of both national and international importance and, at the same time a personally important event. It reaches into virtually every body—in public halls and private clubs as well as in homes; among strangers in railroad cars and buses; among lifelong friends in the little country stores that are the

meeting places of rural U. S. citizens.

Just as every voting U. S. citizen has the right to vote for whom he pleases, so does he have the right to vote publicly or speak for whichever candidate he pleases. A basic part of the right of free discussion in the United States is the right to disagree. In a Presidential election year, U. S. citizens will state their disagreements frankly—with the Administration currently holding authority, with friends or strangers.

In short, a Presidential election in the United States-like itself—is of the people, by the people and for the people. President and Vice President

From Same Party

As the same time that the people of the United States elect their President, they elect other governmental officials. A Vice President is also chosen by free and secret ballot, and his selection is of course, second in importance only to that of the President. In fact, there is a mutual influence between the Presidential and vice presidential candidates in the minds of the people, because the people elect the two from the same political party.

Consequently, a party's choice for Vice President on the Presidential ticket may influence a voter to vote for or against that ticket, which in turn becomes a vote for or against the candidate for President. (At present, there is no U. S. Vice President. Elected Vice President in the last election in 1944, Harry S.

Truman, became President upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Elections to Senate And House of Representatives

Then, in a Presidential election year, one third of the members of the Senate—the so-called upper house of Congress—are up for election: 32 out of 96 Senators. All of the members of the House of Representatives are up for election—435. Senators are elected for six-year terms; Representatives are elected for two year terms. Congressmen are chosen in state elections—that is, since each state is represented by two Senators, all the people of each state vote for their Senatorial candidates; Representatives represent geographic areas called districts within a state, determined by population size, and therefore the people in each Congressional district vote for their own Representative.

Many state governors in the United States are to be elected this year—34 out of 48 states. In addition, there are many other state and local elections—for state officials other than the governor, and for country, city, and village officials.

National Conventions in Philadelphia

The milestone which marks the official initiation of the Presidential election campaigns is the national conventions of the two major U. S. political parties—the Republican and the Democratic parties. This year, by choice of

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Northern Assizes

Kokuvil Shooting Case

Death Sentence Passed On First Accused

At the conclusion of an eight-day trial at the Jaffna Assizes before Mr. Justice Nagalingam, the first accused in the Kokuvil shooting case was unanimously found guilty of murder.

In this case two men of the Palla community named Kandan Naniyan and Eliavan Kidnan stood indicted with having committed murder by causing the death of Kandan Sinnavan of Kokuvil, also a Palla by caste, by shooting him with revolvers on July 9, 1947, at Amban Thelai in Kokuvil.

Mr. K. Sivasubramaniam, Crown Counsel, prosecuted. Mr. M. Balasubdaram, instructed by Mr. S. Visuvaningham, appeared for the first accused while Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam K. C., with Mr. M. Balasubdaram, instructed by Mr. I. W. A. Samuel, defended the second accused, Mr. J. Rajaratnam was assigned Counsel for both accused.

Cultivator's Story

Suppan Thambau, cultivator, Kokuvil, giving evidence, said that the deceased was married to his sister. On the day the deceased was shot at, the witness and the deceased were in the evening conversing on the road. While they were talking, the two accused, along with two others, came from the direction of Kondavil. The first accused was wheeling a bicycle.

After an exchange of words, Palany Suppan, one of the two who accompanied the accused, said: "Shoot." The first accused fired the first shot and the second accused the second shot. The two accused pulled out revolvers from their waists.

The witness said he ran away in fear. Later, when he returned, he saw the deceased lying fallen. Sub-Inspector R. T. Naderajah of the Puttalam Police also gave evidence for the prosecution.

Kandan Naniyan, the first accused, gave evidence in defence. The Jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty of murder against the first accused. The second accused was unanimously found not guilty of any offence. The Judge discharged the second accused and passed sentence of death on the first.

House Clerk's Warning to M. P's

When Parliament adjourns at the end of the present sessions next week of September, it is not likely to meet again until November 23 after the return of the Speaker and the other members from the Empire Parliamentary Conference.

As the recess will be over two and half months and members who absent themselves from the sittings of the House for a continuous period of three months, run the risk of losing their seats. The Clerk to the House of Representatives is taking every opportunity of informing every member to safeguard their seats by being present at one sitting at least of the House between August 23 and September 3.

During this recess the Prime Minister will be away at the Dominion Primiers' Conference and the Speaker and the other delegates to the Empire Parliamentary Conference are expected to leave about September 6 and return about November 15.

The present sessions of the House of Representatives began on February 10 with the opening of Parliament by the Duke of Gloucester.

The first recess was during last Easter and the second recess is the one that is now impending.

The proroguing of the sessions, it is stated, is likely to

Govt. Is Fair By Tamils

Tribute By Mr. Vanniasingham

Speaking at the Valikamam East Agricultural Exhibition, Mr. C. Vanniasingham, M.P. for Kopya, said that the present Government was proving to be increasingly reasonable to the Tamil community.

The Exhibition was held at the Attiyar Hindu College buildings at Neervely.

One of the special attractions of the Exhibition was a double-bullock cart racing competition in which eight pairs of racing bulls took part. Afikar A. Naganathar made an appeal that a Society be formed in Jaffna on the lines of the Ceylon Turf Club, to have cart racing as a regular feature.

Lagoon Scheme: Agitation

At the public meeting held on the last day of the Exhibition, Mr. C. Vanniasingham, M.P., who presided, after making the statement quoted above, said that various requests made by him, such as the Puttar Tidal Well Scheme, Pokkunnai or Urelu Well Scheme, Atchchuvely Colonisation Scheme, to be regarded as major schemes in Jaffna, were granted by the Minister of Agriculture.

He was still agitating for the commencement of work on the Jaffna Lagoon Scheme at its southern end and hoped to be able to persuade the Minister of agriculture to sanction that as well.

Continuing, Mr. Vanniasingham appealed to the people of that area who were either landlords or who occupied small uneconomic units to join in colonisation schemes such as Killinochei and other places where Government intends to start colonisation in the near future.

"It," concluded Mr. Vanniasingham, "the present Government and the future leaders of the country adopt such conciliatory attitude towards the minorities, the communal problem in Free Lanka will disappear."

Mrs. P. J. Hudson distributed the prizes.

Russia Against Ceylon's Admission To UNO

Veto to Defeat Nine Supporting States

Russia used the Veto again to defeat a Chinese proposal that Ceylon should be admitted to the United Nations.

The Ukraine joined Russia in opposing the proposal, which was approved by nine members of the Security Council.

Earlier, a Soviet proposal to postpone admission of Ceylon was defeated, only Russia and the Ukraine voting in favour. The remaining Council members abstained.

Both the Soviet and Ukrainian delegates said that they could not support Ceylon's admission, because they were not convinced that the Ceylon Independence Act gave real and not "false" independence.

M. Dmitri Mannilsky (Ukraine) claimed that Ceylon was a "puppet" of Britain and therefore not a sovereign State.

take place in April or May next after which Parliament will be summoned again preliminary to the consideration of the budget proposals when the new sessions will start with an address by H. E. the Governor-General outlining the policy of the Government. This is likely to be an annual feature in the opening of Parliament.

Rajaji's Visit To Madras

Programme Of Engagements

His Excellency Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General, will, as already announced, arrive in Madras on August 23, on a three-day visit. He will stay in Government House, Guindy.

There will be four public engagements on the day of his arrival which will be in the afternoon.

His Excellency will attend a civic reception at the Ripon Buildings, unveil a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, attend a women's meeting at the Rajaji Hall and receive, later in the evening at the Corporation Stadium, addresses from mofussil Municipal Councils and Local Boards.

On August 24, His Excellency will unveil a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the Ekkirai Women's College, perform the foundation-stone laying ceremony at Thalakar Bapa Vidyalaya, Theagarayanagar, pay visits to the Musium Orphanage and the Loyala College and deliver the Convocation Address at the Madras University.

On August 25, His Excellency will lay the foundation-stone of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Tambaram and visit the Kalakshetra at Adyar. He will attend a garden party in the evening.

On the morning of August 26, His Excellency will leave Madras for Delhi.

JAFFNA HEALTH WEEK

U. C. Chairman's Appeal

Request To Officers Of U. C.

18-8-48 Wednesday Officers and Workers of the Urban Council. On this fourth day of the week, I appeal to you to help the citizens of the Town in their struggle to lead a healthy and happy life. You should come in intimate contact with the people you serve, find out their needs, their difficulties and help to solve them. Remember always that you are servants of the people, irrespective of caste, creed and race. I expect every one of you to contribute your share to improve the existing health conditions. Let not any resident point the finger of scorn at you; but see that they receive you with open arms.

19-8-48 Thursday Social service and other voluntary workers. I need hardly tell you that you have ample opportunities for service within the Urban Council area. It is not fair to expect only those who are charged with the administration of this Council to shoulder all the responsibilities. In advanced countries and towns, a good deal of useful work is done by Voluntary Agencies. Voluntary Workers are needed in this town to combat chiefly the menace of tuberculosis and venereal diseases. We also require more social service workers to further the Maternity and Child-Welfare work in this town. I therefore appeal to those who are more fortunately placed in life to help those who are less fortunate. You will thus help the less fortunate by bringing... Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

20-8-48 Friday On this sixth day of the week I appeal to the Central Government not to consider Local Authorities as step children. Residents within

the limits of local authorities, should be given all the amenities they require; and I hope now that our country is independent, the appeals made on their behalf, will not fall on deaf ears. Please expedite the pipe-borne water supply scheme for Jaffna Town and the removal of the I. D. H. from the Town.

21-8-48 Saturday This is the last day of the Week, I have reserved this day for a special appeal to the residents of this Town. Public Health is a "purchasable commodity." It is only if the necessary money is forthcoming that all the amenities you require, can be provided. We still do not have a pipe-borne water supply, though Jaffna is the second largest Town in the Island. There are still a number of homes without latrines. Our environmental sanitation on the whole needs considerable improvement. The Town needs a good drainage scheme. In the not distant future I anticipate that we will have to provide this Town with a water carriage system of disposal of sewage. The Town needs re-planning in certain sections. Our Grand Bazaar Market has outlived its usefulness. A new market is necessary. All our roads need improvement. Housing Schemes similar to the Karaiyar Housing Scheme are very necessary in other areas as well. These are some of the major improvements required. All this means money. The Urban Council has done its best, without increasing the rates, and if the Municipality is compelled to increase the rates, please do not blame it.

I would end this appeal by quoting an Arabian proverb: "He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything."

On Saturday 21st, at 6 p.m. A Free Schools Health Concert will be held at the Jaffna Town Hall under the distinguished patronage of C. Ponnambalam Esq., Chairman, Jaffna Urban Council,



THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN THE UNITED STATES

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the party officials, both will convene in the historic city of Philadelphia, in the eastern State of Pennsylvania, where Declaration of Independence was signed, and the U. S. Constitution was drawn up, and which served as the seat of the U. S. Government almost continuously from 1776 until 1800.

Historically, there have been two major political parties in the United States, and the "Republican and Democratic parties have held that role since at least the middle of the 18th century. The Democratic party traces its beginnings to Thomas Jefferson and counts among its outstanding presidents Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Republican Party includes Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt among its outstanding Presidents.

But, traditionally, there are minor parties which sometimes figure prominently in the election campaigns in that they may gain enough votes to influence the outcome of an election. Henry Wallace's party so far named simply Third Party—is campaigning for the 1948 elections, though very few of even its strongest backers predict victory for it.

The Republican Party convention was the first of the major party meetings to convene—on June 21. The Democratic Party convention opened on July 12.

Composition of Conventions

Those who make up the convention are the party delegates from each of the 48 states and from the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, and the Virgin Islands. It is estimated that there will be 1,094 delegates at the Republican convention; 1,234 at the Democratic convention. Each will choose its candidates for President and Vice President by majority vote of the delegates.

The convention delegates themselves are named in each state by one of two general methods determined by state law: either by a state party convention, which is the method in more than half the states, or by primary elections in which the people registered in each party vote for the party's Presidential convention delegates who may or may not be pledged to a candidate for the Presidential nomination. It

Why Mr. Shanmugam Chetty Resigned

Mr. Shanmugam Chetty the outgoing Finance Minister explained to the Indian Parliament the circumstances of his resignation, consequent on his decision to withdraw certain groups of cases referred to the Income Tax Investigation Commission.

He told a crowded house, that subsequent to the withdrawal, after consultations with the Prime Minister, the whole procedure was set right by referring in the cases again to the commission and asking for their consent for the withdrawal.

"Created Suspicion"

"Even though that has been done," said Mr. Chetty "my conduct in the original order of withdrawal created suspicion about my bona fides. The Prime Minister was good and generous enough to repeat on more than one occasion, that he was roughly satisfied with my honesty and bona fides, but notwithstanding these assurances from the Prime Minister, I felt that in the context of the independence our country has obtained, in the context of Parliamentary instructions, we must set the absolutely highest standards of integrity in public life.

Mr. Chetty added a Minister's bona fides might be justified by argument yet "if in the minds of our people who may not understand these technicalities, there is room even for suspicion, such a Minister ought not to continue in office. It is under these circumstances that I resigned.

is these primary elections which, in the pre-convention period, furnish the first real national sentiment concerning the year's Presidential election.

This Year's Candidates

This year, the major primary interest is in the Republican Party. There have been no Democratic Party Primary oppositions to the present U. S. President—Harry S. Truman—who is a member of this party. But in the Republican Party, there are a number of avowed candidates for the nomination, including Ohio Senator Robert Taft, long a Republican Party spokesman; former Minnesota Governor Harold Stassen, New York Governor Thomas Dewey, among others. Although he has stated that he is not a candidate Senate President Arthur H. Vandenberg, one of the architects of U. S. bipartisan foreign policy, is frequently mentioned.

But the nomination is not won until the convention decides by a majority vote. The winning candidates must have at least 548 out of the total 1,094 delegates at the Republican convention, for example. A dead-lock short of a majority among the leading candidates might mean the rise of a compromise candidate...not compromise in any sense on abilities, but a compromise in the sense that delegates backing other candidates would agree to switch their support to him—

At the party conventions, not only are the candidates for President nominated but party "platforms" are adopted. The platform constitutes a party's on domestic and foreign policy issues as well as a pledge of action to carry out programs in line with its stand if its candidate is elected.

During the time between the close of the party conventions and the election in November, the people of the United States will discuss freely and openly the merits of the Presidential candidates and the platforms to which they are pledged. Then, in November, they will make their choice in a Democratic free election, mindful of their individual rights and responsibilities in helping to shape their Government's future course.

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Sangeetha Mandalam Kandy

At a meeting of the staff and students of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College, Kandy, under the chairmanship of Swami Sivajayanda, Manager of the above College on Monday the 16th August, 1948, the following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year:

Patron: Sri S. Selvanayagam President: Sri. U. S. Venkatarama Iyer, M. A.

Vice Presidents: Rev. K. Punananda, Sri. K. Hari Hara Iyer B. Sc., Mr. A. J. Franklin B. A.

Hon. Secretaries: Sri. K. Ramaswamy Iyer B. A., Sri. M. Polgahadeniya. Honey, Treasurer: Sri. S. Mathuranyagam.

Committee: Messrs. S. Sathianathan, M. Nadesan, M. A. Thulasiraman, H. B. Illagan,ekara, V. Maruthiah, W. M. Gunasekera, P. F. C. Wijetillaka, Mrs. A. M. Devanayagam, Mrs. L. Pilmatalaws, Miss E. P. Satgunam, Miss R. Unanetene.

requested the Prime Minister to relieve me of my office."

Premier's Tribute

The Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru paid a tribute to Mr. Chetty for the services rendered by him as Finance Minister, and congratulated him on the way he had faced the issue, bravely and frankly, and accepted the fact that he had made a serious mistake at the time, and has in consequence offered his resignation.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Jaffna Conference Decisions

THE above conference was held at the headmen's rest, Jaffna Kachcheri, recently. The Government Agent, N. P., presided.

The Director of Rural Development was present.

The G. A., invited the Director of Rural Development to address the conference.

In the course of the address the Director of Rural Development remarked that Government attached the greatest importance to Rural Development which is proved by the appointment of a special Minister of State and a Director to be in charge of this subject. A scheme had been introduced throughout the Island. The work and results achieved from the existing sources point to the possibility of an Island-wide movement. The whole Province is to be covered by a network of Societies called the Rural Development Societies. There is also the Women's Welfare Movement which gets Government backing in the form of an annual grant. There are the Co-operative Societies, Better Living Societies, Health Societies, Anti-Crime Societies, etc., etc. Some of these societies are private and some are sponsored by the Government. Rural Development Societies will not wipe out the existing societies, but on the other hand the new scheme will try to supplement the activities of the existing societies, and give every assistance for them to continue. We want to give whatever help we can through Government Officers to enable the existing Societies to carry on their work on the planned basis. Where there is a gap, the rural area concerned will form a Society on the proper lines. There should be a multiplicity of Societies the more contact the people have, the greater will be the results.

sults. The societies will make the villager more public spirited.

Villager to get Maximum Benefits

The new Department is not going to do anything new except to organise the activities of Government in such a way that the villager gets maximum benefits from the service rendered by Government. The new scheme will attempt to bring the Officers of Government Departments together at regular intervals, establish regular contacts and provide opportunities for discussion and find out how one Department can help the other to carry out its work.

Divisional Committee's Functions

A Divisional Committee at the level of the D. R. O., is to be organised, where Officers of other Departments of that level will meet frequently and discuss matters. By these means the officers can settle a number of questions then and there, which otherwise would take weeks together to settle its correspondence.

Members

All V. C., Chairman will come into the Divisional Society as ex-officio members. Other members will be Government Officers of the D. R. O. level. There can also be a few members of the public who have personnel experience. The Committee should not be too big.

There will be a District Rural Development Committee. The Chairman will be the G. A. He will be the Liaison Officer between the people and the Government. He will have to study the needs of the people. He has to give every Department of Government in his District all the necessary assistance needed by them.

Colombo-Trichy Air service opened formally

The Colombo-Trichinopoly air service operated by Air Ceylon, was formally inaugurated on Tuesday morning at Ratmalana. There will be regular services in future to Trichinopoly and back via Kankesanur on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the plane leaving Ratmalana at 9 a. m.

necessary assistance needed by them.

The District Committee will comprise the local heads of Government departments and the D. R. O. The District Committee will study the needs of the District brought before it by the Divisional Committee. Members of the public can bring to the notice of the District Committee any needs of the District.

District Committees Work

Having studied the needs of the District (from Official and unofficial sources) the District Committee should do the planning and development work. The District Committee should see that the Government Departments in the District function properly.

The plans will be sent by the District Committee to Colombo. There will be a Central Board of Rural Development which consists of all the Permanent Secretaries, who run the Govt. of Ceylon. This body gets the opportunity of knowing what the needs of the Island are. They will be able to help the Cabinet in regard to an All-Island plan of Development.

The Central Board will have to correlate the needs of the Island in relation to the availability of funds.

The scheme has been made as flexible as possible to enable adjustment to suit the needs of each District.

D. R. D. concluded his speech by inviting those present for a discussion of matters about which they had any doubts.

All questions raised were answered to the satisfaction of all and the conference terminated at about 12 noon

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr. W. Dahanayaka, M. P. has appealed to Sir Richard Aluwihare, the Inspector-General of Police, to despatch a steam pump to recover the body of a 10-year-old child who was believed to have been drowned in a plumbo pit at Katubempola, about three miles from Galle.

Sir Ivor Jennings, vice-Chancellor of the Ceylon University, has forwarded to the Education Minister a resolution passed by the Union Society suggesting that university students should be granted second class travelling warrants by the Government for use on the railway. Sir Ivor in forwarding the motion, has added the comment that the proposal if accepted will enable university students to become better acquainted with the country.

Mr. K. Thuraisingham manager of the State Cattle Farm of Polonnaruwa, has left for India on a Government Scholarship for a 10-month course of training in Advanced Animal Husbandry at Izatnagar.

The Air Ceylon Dakota which left for Trichinopoly on Tuesday morning on the inaugural flight of the regular Colombo-Trichinopoly service, burst one of its tyres when it landed at the Ratmalana air port on its return the same evening. None of the passengers or the crew was injured.

Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru hopes to pay a brief visit to Europe if circumstances permit during the third session of the UNO General Assembly commencing in Paris on September 1. In that event he will lead the delegation while he is in Paris, says a Press note.

It is also possible that Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai Secretary-General of the External Affairs Ministry may be in Europe at that time. In that case he will join the delegation as a representative.

Mr. P. J. Hudson, Government Agent, who presided on the third day of the 3-day Valikam East Agricultural Exhibition, announced that Jaffna District had overshot the Savings Week target of Rs. 150,000 by Rs. 20,000. A race in which double-bullock carts took part was a feature of the exhibition. Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam M. P., opened the exhibition and Mr. R. E. Blazey, Superintendent of Police, Jaffna, Mr. E. J. Rajaratnam, Assistant Government Agent (E), and Mr. C. Vanniasinkam, M. P. judged the competition. Miss M. P. Dora, who spoke in Tamil, appealed to the audience to change their attitude towards life and stressed that rectitude was essential to man's well-being. Mrs. Hudson gave away the prizes.

The Government of Ceylon has selected six more Doctors to proceed to England to obtain Higher Qualifications in various branches of the profession. With the present selection the number of Ceylon Doctors receiving special training in England will be about sixty.

An examination to select candidates for the General Clerical Service will be held on the 16th of October this year in Colombo, Kandy, Galle and Jaffna. Application forms for this examination can be obtained at the Inquiry Office, Education De-

Our Culture Killed By English Schools

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to the new order. Those unable to fit in should, he said, be given the option to retire, with adequate compensation.

Free Education and the mother-tongue policy should go hand in hand otherwise there would be a tendency for pupils to migrate from the Tamil and Sinhalese schools to English schools. It had happened in Jaffna, he added.

Referring to headmasters in Ceylon, Mr. Tambur said they were overburdened with financial responsibilities and routine administration. They had almost ceased to be teachers and teachers alleged that they were beginning to acquire an "employer's complex."

Regarding amelioration of teachers' conditions, he said the pension scheme for widows and orphans of teachers could no longer be delayed. The housing problem should engage the attention of their employers, and in urban areas at least rent allowances should be provided.

In conclusion, Mr. Tambur appealed to his fellow-teachers to strengthen their organisation.

Mr. C. S. Ponnuthurai, the Secretary of the association, presented the annual report.

Passenger Shot Pilot

The pilot of a Norwegian charter plane was attacked and shot by his passenger in mid-air on Tuesday.

The pilot, though wounded in the neck, safely landed the aircraft, a seaplane, on the sea near Horten, and also rescued his attacker from drowning.

The pilot lost consciousness after being shot, but recovered just in time to control the aircraft as it was diving towards the sea.

The cause of the attack was not yet known, and police were questioning the passenger.

The pilot was being treated in hospital at Horten, 30 miles south of the capital.

AUCTION SALE

251 logs of palo, satin, mulla, lumudella, Mahogany, Hulanhik, and 1 ton 17 cwts. of mahogany will be sold by Auction on Saturday, 28th August 1948 commencing from 9 a. m. at the Forest Department, Timber Depot Jaffna Customs, Jaffna. Further particulars of the sale can be had from the Divisional Forest Officer, Northern Division, Jaffna. R. E. C. LINDHOLM, Conservator of Forests. Colombo, 14th August 1948. G. 68. 20-8-48.

partment or at the Examinations Branch up to 31st inst. Applications should reach the office on or before the 31st inst. Further particulars can be had from the Ceylon Government Gazette dated 6th inst.

A proposal has been made that the allowance of the Members of Parliament be raised to Rs. 750 a month. At present Members get an allowance of Rs. 600 with the exception of Members in the outstation areas who get Rs. 75 more for trucking their cars. This matter is considered in connection with the provision made for the Members to get the assistance of two clerks to attend to their clerical work. This has been approved in the Budget estimates.

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 22ND AUGUST TO 28TH AUGUST 1948

ARIES Aswini, Bharani, Karkai 1st part—[Medha Rasi]

Do not plunge into any new undertakings this week. Expenditure tends to be on the increase. Unless you are quite poised developments at home and in office could prove unsettling this week. Health must be given particular care specially after Tuesday.

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

A good week financially. But spend the first two days of the week carefully. Have nothing to do with girl friends. Things will brighten up after Tuesday. A personal success may culminate during week end. Good week for speculation.

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

Better conditions than last week. You will find your boss giving you a patient hearing to your complaints. A change for the better indicated. If you are planning for any new schemes go ahead. Don't spend much week end.

CANCER Panarpusam 4, Poosam, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

A good week again. But in laws may cause you some trouble Wednesday. Fresh link-ups will help you a good deal this week. Mid week will bring you in contact with influential people. Money comes in from unexpected source week end.

LEO Maha, Pooram, Uthira 1st part—[Singha Rasi]

Some disturbing cross currents in evidence. A somewhat difficult week financially although money comes in. Let your job and necessary work have full attention. Be patient and avoid clashes and argumentative situations. Health also must be given particular care

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

The present time is not favourable for your domestic affairs. To add to your difficulties you will be experiencing a lot of opposition in your professional life. Take care of your health. Tension may ease after mid-week.

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

A good week for all undertakings. Run to enemies, financial gains, domestic harmony, and happiness through friends indicated. You may gain something through speculations also. But spend Friday and Saturday very cautiously.

SCORPIO Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

Do not count on new friends keeping their promises. Your financial problem may be solved a little this week. There will be petty official troubles and I would advise you to be low. Do not start anything new and do not go out of the way to help friends.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uthiradam 1. [Thani Rasi]

You will find your financial position improving this week. But on the other hand expenditure will also be very heavy. Take care of your health and let not petty affairs worry your mind a lot. Some friend's affairs may cause you much anxiety week end.

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

You will have some official troubles this week. There won't be much domestic harmony. Children's health may cause you much anxiety. If you are owning a vehicle be on the alert and avoid accidents. No calamity of a serious order indicated as Jupiters Gochara is favourable.

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

The first three days of the week will be good for propitious undertakings. Run to enemies success and fame indicated. Domestic snags are likely mid-week avoid blowing up over trifles and dodge arguments over money. Romance may blossom week end.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uthiradati, Revathi. [Meena Rasi]

You will find things as you desired this week. But health may upset an important plan for enjoyment. It must be given particular care after Tuesday. Petty official troubles also shown. It will be nothing less than a storm in a tea cup.



# DHYANA YOGA

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a while and exhaust its efforts. It will take advantage of the opportunity and will jump around like an unchained monkey at first, until it gradually slows down and looks to you for orders. It may take some time to tame the mind, but each time you try, it will come round to you in a shorter time.

9. Have a background of thought, either a concrete background of your Ishta-Murthy along with the Mantra or an abstract background of the idea of Infinity with OM if you are a student of Gyana-yoga. This will destroy all other worldly thoughts and take you to the goal. Through force of habit the mind will at once take shelter in this background, the moment you release it from worldly activities.

10. Again and again withdraw the mind from worldly objects, when it runs away from the Lakshya and fix it there. This sort of combat will go on for some time.

11. When you meditate on Lord Hari in the beginning, keep His picture in front of you. Look at it with a steady gaze without winking the eyelids. See His Feet first, then the yellow sliken robe, then the ornaments around His neck, then His armlets, bracelets, then His conch, disc, mace and lotus. Then come back again to the feet. Now start again the same process. Do this again and again for half an hour. When you feel tired, look steadily on the face only. Follow this routine for three months.

12. Then close your eyes and mentally visualise the picture and rotate the mind in the different parts as you did before.

13. You can associate the attributes of God such as Omnipotence, Omniscience, Parity, Perfection, etc., during the course of meditation.

14. If evil thoughts enter the mind do not use your will-force in driving them. You will lose your energy only. You will tax your will only. You will fatigue yourself. The greater the efforts you make, the more the evil thoughts will return with redoubled force. They will return

more quickly also. The thoughts will become more powerful. Be indifferent. Keep quite. They will pass off soon. Or substitute good counterthoughts (Pratipaksha Bhavana method). Or think of the picture of God and the Mantra again and again forcibly. Pray.

15. Never miss a day in meditation. Be regular and systematic. Take Sattvic food. Fruits and milk will help mental focussing. Give up meat, fish, eggs, smoking, liquors, etc.

16. Dash cold water in the face to drive off drowsiness. Stand erect for 15 minutes. Tie the tuft of hair on the head with a piece of string to a nail above. As soon as you begin to doze, the string will pull you up. Or lean upon an improvised swing for 10 minutes and move to and fro. Do 10 or 20 mild Kumbhakas (Pranayama). Do Sirshasana or Mayurasana. Take milk and fruits only at night. By these methods you can combat against sleep.

17. Be careful in the selection of your companions. Give up talks. Talk little. Observe Mouna for two hours daily. Do not mix with undesirable persons. Read good, inspiring, religious books. (This is negative good company, if you do not get positive good company.) Have Satsang. These are all auxiliaries in meditation.

18. Do not shake the body. Keep it as firm as a rock. Breathe slowly. Do not scratch the body every now and then. Have the right mental Bhava as taught by your Guru (Dasya Bhav or Sivoham Bhavana or any suitable Bhav according to your temperament).

19. When the mind is tired, do not concentrate. Give it a little rest.

20. When an idea exclusively occupies the mind, it is transformed into an actual physical or mental state. Therefore if you keep the mind fully occupied with the thought of God and God alone, you will get into the blissful Nirvikalpa Samadhi very quickly. Therefore exert. Exert in right earnest.

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## The Outlook For Democracy

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by the middle classes. It is significant that in Ceylon, where education has been under democratic control for seventeen years, the English-educated have been rapidly increasing. "Free Education" means free education in English, for education in Sinhalese and Tamil was always free.

The transfer of power in the past year has necessarily been difficult and there are plenty of problems yet unsolved. Yet the pessimists have been confounded even if the optimists have not been entirely justified. History will soon be rewritten because hitherto too much of it has been propaganda. The year 1947-48 will find a not inglorious place in it.

—The Hindu

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Guardianship Jurisdiction No. 407

In the matter of the Estate of Vaithianathan Sachithanatham of Karaman a Minor Kanapathippillai Vaithianathan of Karaman Guardian & Curator Vs. (Minor) 1. Vaithianathan Sachithanatham 2. Murugesu Namasivayam both of Karaman Respondents

By order of the above Court dated 29-7-1948 the following property belonging to the said minor has been authorised to be sold and intending purchasers may forward their tenders quoting the number of this case and stating the price at which they are prepared to buy the property per lacham V.C. or in its entirety either to the Secretary of the District Court of Jaffna or to the undersigned Proctor for Curator within 21 days of this publication. The highest offer over and above the appraised value shall be accepted subject to the approval of Court.

### THE SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

All that allotment of land called "Sooduventhapulam" in extent 22 3/8 lms. V.C. with house sheds well and plantations and situated at Karaman in the Parish of Kayts Islands Division Jaffna District Northern Province and bounded on the East by the property of Rasammah wife of Avurampillai and shareholders, on the North by the property of Elizabeth widow of Velichore Pillai on the West by lane on the South by the properties of the heirs of Rasammah wife of Joseph and shareholders.

V. SIVASUBRAMANIAM, Proctor S. C. & Notary Public "Navalar Kottam", 14 B-43 Vannarponnai, Jaffna, (M 90, 20, & 24)

### ORDER NISI

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 908

In the matter of the Intestate estate of the late Chinnathambu Kandasamy of Tellippalai East Deceased

Kathirasippillai widow of Mailvaganam Chinnathambu of Tellippalai East Vs. Petitioner Chinnathambu Mailvaganam of Tellippalai East Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 24th day of July 1948 in the presence of Mr. S. Ilayatambi Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 5th day of May and 20th day of July 1948 respectively having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner be declared entitled to the grant of letters of administration in respect of the estate of the abovesaid deceased and that letters of administration be granted to her accordingly unless the abovesaid respondent or any other person shall on or before the 26th day of August 1948 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 24th day of July 1948, Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai, District Judge, (O. 60, 20 & 24)

### ORDER NISI

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 818,

In the matter of the estate of the late Thampos Suppiah of Nallore Deceased. Annammah widow of Thampos Suppiah of Nallore Petitioner, Vs.

1. Thangammah daughter of Suppiah of do
2. Suppiah Balasundram of do
3. Annammal daughter of Suppiah of do
4. Thillampalam Sivarajah of do Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on the 1st day of December 1947 in the presence of Mr. C. Subramaniam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the abovesaid Petitioner dated 26th November 1947 having been read.

It is ordered that the said 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors—3 Respondents and that the said Petitioner declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as his legal widow and as such Letters be issued to her accordingly unless the said Respondents or others interested shall on or before the 4th day of December 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 1st day of December 1947, Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai District Judge.

Time to show cause extended to 9-1-48.

Intld. R. R. S. D. J.

Time to show cause extended to 27-3-48

Intld. R. R. S. D. J. (O. 61, 20 & 24)

### ORDER NISI

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 906,

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Ragunatha Iyer Sivaramalinga Iyer Ratnasabapathy Iyer of Kokkuvil Deceased. Ragunatha Iyer Sivaramalinga Iyer of Kokkuvil Petitioner, Vs.

1. Lalithambal daughter of RS Ratnasabapathy Iyer
2. R. S. Ratnasabapathy Iyer Venkadesa Iyer
3. R. S. Ratnasabapathy Iyer Kathiresa Iyer
4. Ratnammah widow of R. S. Ratnasabapathy Iyer of all Kokkuvil Jaffna Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 19th day of July 1948 in the presence of Mr. M. Mathiparanam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 19th July 1948 having been read:

It is ordered that the abovesaid petitioner declared entitled to have letters of administration over the estate of the abovesaid deceased and the same issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or any others shall on or before the 25th day of August 1948 appear before this court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the petitioner do produce the minor respondents in court on the said date.

This 19th day of July 1948 Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai District Judge.

(O. 57, 17 & 20.)

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### ORDER NISI

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 904

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Manuel Fernando Singharayer of Kayts East Deceased. Susan widow of Singharayer of Kayts East Petitioner Vs.

1. Mary Joseph Singharayer of 169 Jampettah Street, Colombo
2. Edmund Singharayer, 100/3 Jampettah Street, Colombo
3. Anthonispillai daughter of Singharayer
4. Rita daughter of Singharayer

Mary Elizabeth daughter of Singharayer of Kayts East by their (3, 4, 5th Respondents) Guardian-ad-litem 1st Respondent Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 14th day of July 1948 in the presence of Mr. N. T. Sivagnanam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and 1) the Affidavit of the Petitioner dated 11th December 1948 and 2) the Affidavit dated 6th November 1948 of the attesting Notary of the Will No. 3660 and the witnesses thereto having been read:

It is ordered that the Will of the abovesaid deceased dated 17th May 1947 and numbered 3660 attested by P. Ramalingam Notary Public be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the Respondents or others interested shall on or before the 20th day of August 1948 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors 3, 4 and 5th Respondents and that the said Petitioner be declared entitled to have probate of the last will and testament of the deceased

### ORDER NISI

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 919

In the matter of the Intestate estate and effects of Canapathy pillai Namasivayam of Kopay South, Deceased 1. Murugesu Chelliah and wife 2. Sivapackiam of Kopay South, Kopay Petitioners

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 2nd day of August 1948 in the presence of Mr. R. Sivatsubramaniam, Proctor on the part of the petitioners and the affidavit of the Petitioners dated 28th July 1948 having been read:

It is ordered that the 2nd petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled as the daughter and sole heir of the deceased to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased issued to her accordingly unless any person or persons interested shall on or before the 30th day of August 1948 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. L. W. de Silva District Judge. The 17th day of Aug. 1948. (O. 59, 20 & 24)

as his lawful widow and the Petitioner is the executrix named in the said will and that she is entitled to have probate of the same issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents or others interested shall on or before the 20th day of August 1948 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the petitioner do produce the minors in court on the said date. This 15th day of July 1948, Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai, District Judge, (O. 58, 20 & 24)

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