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## EDUCATION-- IS IT INEXPLICABLE?

**E**DUCATION is an enigma. Equality suffers least where the people remain uneducated. Primitive folk have often their upper, middle and lower classes, but the gulfs are narrow and shallow. Children are rarely caste-ridden and see and recognise equal status in one another, the differences pertaining mostly to health or wealth. There are of course great underlying disparities in the matter of inheritance and consequently in the qualities and capabilities of life each, given opportunities of development, and functioning, should put forth, but these seldom get a chance, unless the dormant elements in personality are stimulated into germination and growth.

Men and women are born with all kinds of potential. Enormous and depressing is the waste even where facilities for development are available, unless they are properly implemented. Where facilities are lacking primitive life remains the general rule.

Educating, the means whereby the human potential is developed, creates inequality as do few other factors, rank, wealth or power, especially education based on the legitimate and fundamental freedom of the child. Education can produce men and women with the same qualifications but seldom with the same qualities. All B.A.s are B.A.s but no two are alike, in worth or ability, in any of the major functions. Children go to school, apparently more or less

equal, but at the touch of education they become glaringly different. Democracy is a leveler and education on which democracy is dependent for its success works in a contrary direction. These opposite forces have to be adjusted and reconciled.

### Curriculum and the Child

The content of education is not the curriculum of the syllabus, but the child itself—particularly its mind, hand and eye. The syllabus is the wrapping, but the substance is the personality. Basic education is culture and development. It is the awakening of the juvenile spirit that counts. Reading and counting and making things such as might be learnt in basic education are by-products. Literacy is not the end, nor craftsmanship, but a beautiful and creative personality, though literacy and craftsmanship are necessary and useful. One may be able to read and write and perform the principal operations with numbers; besides spinning and weave it into cloth and do other useful work; and yet remain no better than an aboriginal in the jungle. The savage has a sure skill in making his livelihood, but it may happen that the noblest soul can get nothing to eat; which does not mean the type to emulate is the savage or that its occurrence is inevitable.

Gandhiji rightly insisted that *Nai Talim* was all sufficient, because the object is neither spinning nor reading, nor sweeping nor anything else of the kind, but children themselves. It does not matter whether the medium is the takli or the slate, a shovel, broom or script, provided the object is kept clearly and continuously in view that the pupil is enabled without needless vexation or wasteful toil to discover himself and know for himself the particular occupation or activity by which he might best fulfil himself and contribute his share of richness and refinement to the company of his fellow-beings.

The curriculum of basic education is not any skill, but growth and unfoldment, though a skill or two will be praiseworthy if growth is not affected, and more praiseworthy if growth is stimulated thereby. The point needs stressing, since much is made of the subjects taught and small heed, wittingly or unwittingly, is paid in the process to the pupils themselves. The order of importance as it obtains is precisely this; teaching subjects to pupils; whereas if basic education were understood and implemented in its rightful sense it would indubitably be this: Pupils Teaching Themselves. The prevailing preoccupation with subjects is in reality the most serious peril that threatens the fate of the young in the country.

### Inevitable Inequalities

Education creates inequalities, but that in a certain degree may be both desirable and inevitable, uniformly in the long run being bound to become dull and stagnant. (Continued on page 3)

## JAFFNA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS END

### Tamil Congress Gets A Majority

#### Vannarponnai Ward

Mr. S. Thuraijiah a Tamil Congress nominee was returned to the Vannarponnai Ward by a thumping majority. He polled 1329 votes while his opponent Mr. M. Karthigesu a Communist candidate polled 451. (Majority 878).

#### Kandemadam Ward

Mr. S. S. Navaretnam a Tamil Congress nominee was returned to the Kandemadam ward.

#### The results were:-

Mr S S Navaratnam (T.C.)	803
Mr R C Manmatharayan (T.C.)	770
Mr K Aiyadurai (I)	106
Majority	33
spoilt	25

Mr. Aiyadurai forfeited his deposit.

The elections for the Jaffna Municipal Council ended on Saturday when the results for New Mosque, Station and Chundikuli Wards were announced.

#### The results were:-

#### The New Mosque Ward

Mr Kathi S M Aboobucker (T.C.)	1275
Mr S Habeeb Mohamed (I)	455
Majority	820

#### Station Ward

Mr S R Thalayasingam (T.C.)	1255
Mr M C Subramaniam (C)	765
Mr K V Sinnadurai (I)	177
Majority	490

## Saiva Paripalana Sabhai

### Urges Govt to Prohibit Cow Slaughter

At a meeting of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai held on 12-12-48 it was unanimously resolved.

(1) That the Government should take steps to see that vegetarian diet is provided on Saiva lines in all Government schools to Hindu boarders who are vegetarians.

(2) That the Government should prohibit the slaughter of cows by legislation as has been done in India.

#### Chundikuli Ward

Mr E T Hitchcock (T.C.)	636
Mr P Mortimer (T.C.)	517
Majority	119

Mr Hitchcock on behalf of all the elected members thanked the Returning Officer, Mr S N Rajah and his staff for the efficient manner in which the various elections had been conducted.

As Mr Hitchcock emerged from the Town Hall after the announcement of his election the gathering outside rushed into the grounds and an unusual scene was witnessed when several voters were seen embracing and kissing him.

After profuse garlanding Mr. Hitchcock was conducted in procession throughout his constituency amidst cries of "Victory to Congress" "Long Live G. G."

At his residence Mr. Sam A Sabapathy thanked the voters for having elected Mr. Hitchcock who by his victory has demonstrated in unmistakable terms the affection he had among the depressed and poor classes.

Today the position of the various parties in the Council is as follows:-

Tamil Congress	10
Independent	4
Depressed Class	1

A meeting of the Jaffna District Committee of the Tamil Congress is to be held shortly to consider the nomination of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

## Rent Restriction Ordinance

### When does Cause of Action Accrue

Mr. Justice Nagalingam, in the course of a judgment delivered by him in an appeal in a tenancy case said that a landlord cannot institute an action for recovery of rent unless it remained unpaid at the date of institution of action, that if rent was in arrears, a cause of action accrued to the landlord to sue for it, but, if before he filed or could file action the rent was tendered or paid to him, the cause of action was extinguished and with it the right to sue.

## Indian Bill Second Reading Passed

### Free Vote Upsets Govt. Party Whip

**T**HE Indian Residents (Citizenship Bill) was read a second time and accepted by the House of Representatives by 52 votes to 32.

There was emitting of fire and brimstone, the I. S. S. P., the B. S. P., & the C. I. C. combining in battle with a helping hand rendered by the Mahajana Peramuna and the Member for Kankasanturai.

Mr. C. Suntharalingam, the

Minister of Commerce and Trade confused his Cabinet colleagues when he disappeared from the House just a few minutes before division time.

The Chief Whip of the Government Party, Mr. A. E. Goonesinghe, it is understood is in communication with Mr. C. Suntharalingam regarding his action in absenting himself at the division and with the 3 Tamil Congress members who exercised the right of 'free vote.'

## U. N. O. Approves 'Rights' Charter

### Russia Refuses Support

A declaration embodying the fundamental principles contained in the English Magna Carta, the American Declaration of Independence and the French 'Rights of Man' was approved by U N O. General Assembly.

This 31-article declaration has only a moral binding force on the member states. The Soviet Union, five Eastern European Countries, South Africa and Saudi Arabia did not support the declaration. The remaining 48 states voted for the declaration.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, stated that the declaration was not "worthy of the U.N.O."

"It is essential if man is not to be compelled, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of Law" states the preamble to the Declaration.

The Soviet proposal that all nations should amend their laws to enforce the principles of the Declaration of Human rights was accepted by a majority vote.

The British Amendment governing the application of human rights to Colonial and Trustship peoples was also accepted.

The Communist Countries, while supporting most of the articles of the Declaration, maintained that since man reaches his highest state in co-operation with the community, his duties to the community should be stated alongside his personal rights.

## Thenmaradchy Co-operative Union

### Holds 4th Annual Meeting

The fourth annual General meeting of the above Union was held at the Driberg College, Chayakochei on the 23rd day of October 1948 with Mr. V. Vinayagamoorthy in the chair. Mr. S. Kanapathipillai the Secretary read out the minutes of the last Annual General meeting and his report, was adopted unanimously. With a turn over of Rs. 2325865-88 the Union got a gross profit of Rs. 4121-68 which works at 1-8% and a net profit of Rs. 9629-84 which works at 1-2%. The share Capital is Rs. 6085 00 This Union serves about 50 co-operative stores and 23 A. D. S. and the strength of employees is 47461. Mr. R. C. S. Cooke the Assistant Registrar of this Division in his report dated 7th September 1948, stated that the Union has done satisfactory work and congratulated the committee of management for having conducted the affairs of the Society satisfactorily.

## Indonesian President Invited By Indian Premier

President Soekarno of the Indonesian Republic has been invited by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India to visit India for exchange of talks regarding the strengthening of ties between the two countries. The invitation has been accepted by Dr. Soekarno. No date has been fixed, the visit being at the convenience of the Indonesian President.



**NOTICE**

The offices of the Hindu Organ and Inthusathanam will be closed on Friday the 17th instant on account of Sri Nadesar Ardradarsanam. There will be no issue of the Hindu Organ and the Inthusathanam on that date.

**MANAGER**



**Hindu Organ**

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**Treasure These Thoughts**

*The blessings of Peace and Freedom, and Happiness cannot fail to be bestowed on the nation that follows the law of righteousness.*

—MAHATMA GANDHI

**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS in Jaffna are over; the contest in some wards was very keen; the police deserve to be complimented for preventing any breach of law and order; though feelings ran high the polling was orderly and no incidents have been reported. We congratulate such of the candidates as have been duly elected members of the Jaffna Municipal Council on their success.

Jaffna town has been administered by the Urban Council from 1921 up to now and from January 1949 the affairs of the town will be managed by the newly constituted Municipality. The needs of the town are many. It should be the aim and object of the Municipal Council to make the town ideal to live in. A pipe-borne water-supply is one of the essential needs. For several years the Electric Power House has been a subject of complaint by many a resident. Differences among the employees themselves and differences between the employees at the Power Station and the Urban Council alike contributed to the unsatisfactory state of affairs regarding the supply of electricity to consumers. Several applicants for electricity are still on the waiting list while those who have been fortunate in securing permanent connection for the supply of electricity have had for several months to manage without electricity for several hours of the day. The purchase of an additional plant for generating current during the course of the year did not solve the difficulty, either because there is something inherently wrong with the plant or because the authorities miscalculated their needs. It has to be stated that all has not been well in reference to the newly acquired plant. The sanitation and health of the town also deserve attention. Visitors from other parts of the world have been

**ONE THING AND ANOTHER**

—By YALPANAN

**U. N. O. 'Magna Carta'**

Powder and shot is being wasted on the floor of the U. N. O. General Assembly in determining what exactly are the human rights which should be placed on pious record in the U. N. O. proceedings. That the declaration of human rights by the U. N. O. should have been described as "not worthy of the United Nations" by the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Vyshinsky is not in the least surprising, knowing as all students of world politics do that no one attaches any importance to these 'declarations' made most solemnly and sincerely but nullified by conduct of the Big Nations themselves with equally solemn and sincere contempt.

The greatness of the declaration lies here—the declaration has on its moral building force on the member states. The U. N. O. would be well advised not to convert itself to a Board of Philosophers compiling maxims of moral conduct only to be read,

**K. C. Versus K. C.**

The Indian Bill while threatening to sow seeds of discord between India and Ceylon has actually set the mischief afoot amidst the Tamil Congress ranks. It is common knowledge that the T.C. has joined the Government Party but one does not know on what terms this alliance was brought

horried at the condition of the drains especially at the Jaffna Civil Hospital.

The aim and object of Municipal Councils is to make the cities administered by them beautiful. The newly elected members, it may be presumed, will not fail in their duty to make Jaffna the city beautiful. The election of the Mayor will take place shortly; the Tamil Congress has succeeded in capturing 10 out of the 15 seats. Whether the Mayor will be a Congress nominee or not remains to be seen. One of the successful candidates belongs to the 'minority Tamil Community' and we offer him our felicitations.

The *Thesavalamai* wife has no legal status to appear in a Court of Law by herself without her husband unlike her Sinhalese or Muslim sisters. The fact remains that not one of the fair sex was bold enough to announce her candidature for election to any of the wards. We do not know when women will vie with men and take their due place in administering the affairs of the town.

It is creditable that despite party differences or differences between brothers or members of the same family Municipal elections have been conducted smoothly without any breach of the peace. It is to be hoped that the newly elected city fathers will do their duty without fear or favour and do all that is necessary to make Jaffna not only the city beautiful but also the city ideal to live in.

about. It might be that there had been no terms at all.

Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, K. C., leader of the Tamil Congress Party, true to the interpretation of an ordinary prudent man would give to the alliance of one party with the Government Party, and in conformity with the convention regarding cabinet responsibility, voted with the Government along with 3 other T.C. members.

Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam, K. C., leader of the separatist section of the T. C., along with 2 others, however, voted against the Indian Bill in keeping with the fundamental principles on which the Tamil Congress was inaugurated and honouring the election pledges given by the Congress party in no uncertain terms about the Indian question.

Now this battle of the K. C.'s has confounded students of parliamentary procedure beyond measure. The only question that is worth being examined in this context is not who violated constitutional conventions but which group should leave the Congress, the G. G. group or the S. J. V. group.

**Party Discipline**

If in this Island party discipline is paradoxical, the explanation is that the party system suddenly thrust on an unprepared people has not taken root sufficiently for its growth to be discernible. Quite recently, the Communist party took exception to a Communist M. P.'s unpardonable misdemeanour in having blessed a Government proposal viz Rural Reconstruction and having sung the praise of the U. N. P. Minister for Home Affairs. But it did not end with a feeble protest made in sotto voice. It was carried to its logical conclusion and comrade Wickremasinghe was peremptorily ordered to bid goodbye to the party which returned him to the Parliament.

But the U. N. P., the major partner in the Government Party concern, has a party discipline of the U. N. O. Brand. It has become the hobby for one U. N. P. Minister to express contempt in public for another U. N. P. Minister's Ministerial acts; but the party whip will not crack.

**Tamil Nad Congress President**

EXPECTED TO VISIT CEYLON

Mr. Kamraj Nadur, President of the Tamil Nad Congress is expected to pay a visit to this Island to study Indian Labour conditions here.

His visit extends up to Malaya. He is very much concerned with the plight of Indians overseas.

**Kandy Election Inquiry**

Order Reserved

Mr. Justice Nagalingam, reserved his order in the Kandy Election Petition which had sought to set aside the election of Mr. T. B. Nangaratna to the Kandy seat in the House of Representatives.

**OUR INDIAN LETTER**

**ANDAMANS A NEW EL DORADO**

(BY LANKA)

THE first headquarters of the Azad Hind Government of Subas Chandra Bose, the Andamans and Nicobars, are likely to become a well developed colony of the Indian Union, if the recommendations of a committee of visitors from Bengal are accepted. They have suggested that the Islands with their wealth of natural beauty and resources of many kinds, such as, timber, mineral, oil, etc., can afford scope for development and colonisation by the refugees now pressing on Calcutta and other places. Further Government observation has been set on foot, and a Civil Aviation landing ground is also proposed. The Japanese had realised the value of these Islands early in the War. They form a strategic point in international communications and defence. As a relief to the pressure on populated country in several provinces in India the proposal to utilise the Andamans must be very commendable. The Andamans were in British times the exile ground of criminals from India, and had earned an undeserved notoriety. Many years ago in the Madras Legislative Council Indian members used to make of the criminal settlement in the Andamans a hardy annual for attacking the government's heartless policy of sending criminals to a malaria-ridden, god-forsaken jungle. The Madras Government in desperation sent a commission to report and the commission presented a very attractive picture, making it appear that the Islands were a paradise. The late Mr. Sathyamurthy, quick of tongue, asked in Council when the Home Member presented the report and commended the Islands as a very inviting place, why the Home member should not himself go and settle there. That was dialectics. Meanwhile the Anglo-Indians, disowned by Anglo and rejected by India, tried to start a colonisation scheme on their own, and actually some of them sailed for the Andamans. The war intervened and stopped all speculation and planning. Now post-war necessity and war wisdom have combined to put the Islands definitely on the Map of Civilisation. It is very likely that these one-time hotbeds of head hunters and malaria will soon be the el-dorado of India.

**Red Tape is Thick Head**

Are Governments everywhere and always thick in their think-boxes? Some time ago the Indian Railway Board decided to abolish the four classes of railway accommodation and introduced three, which they chose to designate as Upper, Intermediate and Ordinary, to come into vogue in January next. Various Railway managements proceeded to paint the new classes on their carriages and work had gone far when somebody seemed to have found out that to the average illiterate person using the railway in India, the inscription of the new classification would be Greek, and confusion must result. Sense thus came to the Railway Board and the three classes are to be known as I-II-III which the veriest village fool can understand. Educated, of course, don't catch this so easily. Result: Much loss of paint and labour in the Railways!

**Religion in Education**

The place of religious education in the state, so long and in so many places a cause for worry and friction, is sought to be de-

fined in the new Constitution of India by a compromise. Under religious freedom it is provided that in educational institutions wholly maintained by the state religious teaching shall be forbidden, while aided institutions are permitted, under conditions, to teach religion, and other institutions are free to give religious instruction. But the permitted institutions are not to give religious instruction except on the consent of pupils and parents. How far this will serve the purpose of critics remains to be seen.

**Radicals to Wind up**

Rated one of the finest intellects of India, M. N. Roy, famous as having served in the third International, before the war, and later come back to India and founded the Radical Democratic Party after failing to influence the Gandhian Congress to his way of thinking, has since many months seen the futility of establishing democracy through party politics and retired to Dehra Dun to contemplate Neo-humanism. A recent meeting of the Radical party at his place seems to have decided to wind up the party and to start a new socio-political organisation to make people democracy-conscious. The Radicals supported the war after Russia joined the fray and drew large sums of money from government for war-propaganda. Thus and by Roy's own superiority complex he estranged all other leaders.

**Plums of office**

The Governor General's salaries and allowances amounting to over a lakh of rupees a month have come in for so much whole-hearted criticism that G. G. himself has asked for some of the salary to be cut down. Provincial Congress Ministers luxuriate in fat salaries and allowances after a maximum of Rs. 600 per month had been stipulated by Congress before the Independence *Conferents*, and the public, particularly anti-Congress parties continue to scourge Congress Ministers. The Madras Ministry, however, have asked for a sumptuary allowance of Rs. 400 per month to enable Ministers to meet the expenses of entertaining visitors, fulfilling social calls and engagements and so on. Perhaps they think criticism that much money is being spent on themselves, may be met by proof of spending it on the public.

**The Strike Technique**

How far Congress technique of pre-Independence days may be pointed to as the example and precept for post-war strikes and threats is a debatable point. But the fast spreading disease of direct action among students gives cause for headache to people and government alike. School discipline is as extinct as the dodo. In two Colleges this month, the National College of Tiruchirappalli, and the Madura College, police had to make a baton charge and use tear gas to disperse picketers and strikers. In a number of schools and Colleges in the South sympathetic strikes by students disturbed school work. Grievance in this particular instance was that the educational institutions held selection examinations to sift candidates to appear for the Intermediate and Degree examinations of the University. That was the usual procedure, but students have come to dislike ex-

**Beauty of the Heart Ambition of Womanhood**

—Says Sarojini Naidu

Speaking at the Patna Women's College, Sri Jasti Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces of India exhorted the girls to achieve not only the physical beauty but also the beauty of the heart which was the ambition of womanhood in life.

Even her great master, she added, loved girls. And all knew that he always, moved about in their company leaning his frail frame on their shoulders. He did not, though he could very well, have hefty youngmen to depend upon. This dependence of Mahatma Gandhi on girls was symbolic of India's dependence of its womanhood. He wanted to take 'Swaraj' from the hands of young girls, she said.

The purpose of education, specially of woman, Srivasti Naidu said, was to create happiness in the world and for that it was necessary that they created happiness in their own selves. What was important was how they fashioned life so as to make men feel that the world was beautiful and did not merely mean striving and sordidness. India, she said was passing through critical times and the girls had to so mould themselves and act as to create conditions of happiness and security for all. They could not make the nation happy unless they made also minorities share that happiness.

"I want you, she said, "to use your education and talents to strive towards progress and civilization. Make the world happy and fulfil the mission of your education. Through the beauty and perfume of your heart create conditions of happiness."

**Whitehouse Murder Trail**

FOUR SENTENCED TO DEATH

The Whitehouse murder trial ended, four of the prisoners being found guilty by the unanimous verdict of the Jury and sentenced to death by Mr. V. L. St. Clair Swan, Commissioner of Assize.

The condemned man are Halpe Martin, M. A, Albert R. A. Peter alias Latara Baas and B. M. Thomas Appabamy alias Saradiel Appabamy.

Two others who were originally on trial were acquitted. The trial began on November 24. Six men were charged with having, between April 3 and 10, 1948, conspired to murder Mr. J. E. F. Whitehouse, Manager of Madampe Group, Madampe and to commit robbery of cash in Mr. Whitehouse's possession, and with having on April 9 at Pandukerapitiya been members of an unlawful assembly of which the common object was robbery of cash in the possession of Mr. Whitehouse; and with having committed murder.

Remedy: strike, picketing, and in some cases unruly demonstrations. In the National College the strikers virtually succeeded in their campaign and by a face-saving compromise the Principal came to a settlement. In the Grant Medical College of Bombay students have started a "No-fee" campaign to protest against the increase in tuition fees. In all or most of these campaigns a core of Communist incentive has been traced.



# INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

## Working Committee Defines Objectives

THE promotion of unity and goodwill between all people of India, the abolition of class distinctions, and working for a classless democratic society in a peaceful manner—these points are emphasised in a resolution which the Congress Working Committee adopted on the objectives of Congress.

The Committee finalised the six draft resolutions which will be placed before the Subjects Committee of Congress at Jaipur during the week-end and later before the open session for its ratification.

The resolutions adopted include the following subjects:

The objectives of Congress, the foreign policy of India, sufferers as a result of partition, labour, Communalism and Indians in South Africa.

### Foreign Policy

The objectives resolution pays a high tribute to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi, and expresses the resolve of Congress to continue to do service to the people of India and humanity in the light of Gandhi's message. Political freedom having been attained through non-violent action under Gandhi's leadership, the National Congress resolution says it has now to labour for the attainment of social and economic freedom.

The resolution on foreign policy expresses the full adherence of Congress to the principles underlying the Charter of the United Nations, the maintenance of friendly and co-operative relations with all nations, and the desire to avoid entanglement in a military or similar alliance which tends to divide the world in rival groups and thus endanger world peace and closer bonds of fellowship and co-operative effort for the maintenance of the free-

dom of Asian nations.

### Attitude to Commonwealth

On the question of the Commonwealth the resolution states that Congress would welcome India's free association with independent nations of the Commonwealth for their common wealth and the promotion of world peace.

The third resolution extends the sympathy of Congress to refugee sufferers. While appreciating the Central and Provincial Governments' work in giving relief and rehabilitating refugees Congress trusts that every effort will be made to expedite this work.

The resolution on labour calls upon Congressmen to take a more active interest in the Labour field, and warns workers against organised attempts to exploit the working classes for narrow political ends in utter disregard of vital needs and the basic interest of the country. It appeals for more production, approves the recommendations of the Economic Programme Committee of the A. I. C. C. fixing fair wages and fair profit-sharing for labour in industry, and calls upon the Central and Provincial Governments to take steps to implement these recommendations.

The aim of Congress is to develop India as a democratic secular state which neither favours nor discriminates, against any particular religion says the resolution on Communalism, which reiterates not to promote Communalism or the misuse of religion as a political weapon for an anti-national and socially reactionary purpose.

### Racial Discrimination

The resolution on Indians in South-Africa expresses sympathy with all those who have suffered

## Birthdays Celebrations Only for Children

SAYS THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari when approached for a message on his 70th Birthday explained his conception of a 'Birthday' thus:

"My birth must have taken place on some day or other in the year and so I must have a birthday in 1948. Unfortunately my father who knew how to cast horoscopes had so much confidence in himself that he mislaid my horoscope and my birthday could not be settled when he tried to get me married towards the end of the 19th century. Enquiry among aunts and uncles produced some kind of data which were found to be self-contradictory and rejected. So I am in the position of the peasants of my district who generally do not know their date of birth. This is one of the reasons why I asked my enthusiastic friends in Madras to drop the idea of celebrating my birthday this year, for one does not feel exhilarated when all the time one is conscious the date is wrong. But one day is as good as another and having received the felicitations of many friends to-day, I almost feel as if to-day was my birthday. I think, it would be a good thing to reserve birthday celebrations for children to whom really birth is an interesting mystery. As for men of my age, work matters and not a date in the Calendar.

by the racial discrimination policy of the Union of South Africa. It regrets that the Union ignored the wishes of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and says that this repudiation of a vital principle, if persisted in can only lead to bitter and far-reaching racial conflicts and the break up of the UNO.

## Sidelights and Lightsides

(BY SQUINT EYE)

2500 workers of the Calcutta mint went on a sit-down strike the other day to protest against certain deductions in their wages.

*It is an irony of fate that even those who are engaged in minting money find themselves without it. Money, money everywhere, and not a copper in our pockets!*

Restaurant waiters in the U. N. General Assembly headquarters in Paris went on strike for more pay, and the catering establishment had to rush in raw substitutes. Delegates found that the new recruits brought them dessert before soup.

*They might have got their desserts, some of the delegates, and found themselves in a soup.*

"British husbands do not realise that in Russia wives were considered as equals. Why, therefore, should they demand that their wives should come to them in Britain? Their wives have every right to demand that the husbands should come to them", said the Soviet delegate to the U.N. Legal Committee commenting on the Russian detention of Russian wives whom British men had married during the war.

*Husbands going to live in the wives' place of residence was a common feature of Jaffna and of certain parts of Malabar, and was considered a very convenient custom till, perhaps, wife's thought otherwise. Even now the majority of wife's rule in their own homes!*

and every husband invariably understands.

Don't let husbands alone with other women, is a wise wifely saw.

Australian Immigration Minister, Arthur Calwell, has said that Australia must increase her population before Japan again becomes powerful.

*Japanese themselves would be willing to help, but Mr. Calwell has made the condition, he wants people of good health and character from Europe, particularly Britain. From White Australia to British Australia?*

The Indian Union Constitution provides for seven freedoms for its citizens. 1. Freedom of speech and expression. 2. Freedom of assembly peaceably and without arms. 3. Freedom to form associations or unions, 4. Freedom to move freely throughout the territory of India. 5. Freedom to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India. 6. Freedom to acquire, hold and dispose of property. 7. Freedom to practice any profession or carry on any occupation, trade or business.

*India does better. The late F D Roosevelt with Winston Churchill in wartime could only tot up four freedoms for mankind.*

Sir Ivor Jennings, the Professor of Constitutions complains that India's Constitution occupies some five hundred odd pages of paper whereas Ceylon has hers in less than thirty.

*Sir Ivor possibly had something to do with the Ceylon instrument.*

### PERSONAL

Mudaliar C. Muttatamby has been appointed by the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha as the chief honorary religious preacher to Hindu prisoners at the Jaffna Prisons in place of Mr. V. Karthigesu, with effect from January 1949.

### Ceylon Government Railway TENDER NOTICE

The Chairman, Way & Works Head Office Tender Board, will receive, at the Chief Engineer's Office, C. G. R., McCallum Road, Maradana, tenders up to 2.30 p.m. on Friday, January 14 1949 for the construction of Six Sets of Workmen's Dwellings on Railway land at Malignawatta, Colombo.

For further particulars, please see Government Gazette of 10th December, 1938.

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### Sale...Coconut Estate

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## Education— Is It Inexplicable?

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Nevertheless, the primary impulse of democratic education will always remain the humanitarian ideal of equalisation. It is a common weakness in educational systems to glorify the gifted and diligent pupils and cry down the backward. This highly undemocratic and reactionary practice accentuates the inequalities that education throws up. The forward will fend for themselves even if neglected, but it is the backward who need and deserve the utmost care; by whose progress in fact the system will be judged. Basic education would therefore function as a process of uplift, by slow degrees self-confidence and self-reliance being gained mainly through self-effort by the backward classes of pupils. Talent is priceless and must sedulously be patronised in public interest, but lack of it is not always unredeemable. The general level of life in a democracy on which the stability of democracy must itself depend necessarily, depends on the uplift of the intellectually depressed.

### Old Evils in New Bottles

There is even a more serious point: a perfunctory educational system is often capable of mischief. The nucleus of inheritance in human nature is a bundle. Very often in education the bad elements in the bundle get a fillip and the good, in the face of the opposite quality gaining the upper hand, are virtually discouraged. The English system of education in India did something of the kind and a new caste system sprung up with the old evils in new bottles. All the communalism that has been running amok emanated from the educated classes and the evil filtered down to the uneducated layers of the population, not the good. The two-nation theory itself is an offspring of the same parent. The fact is, much more than a little knowledge, an indifferent educational system is a dangerous thing.

It goes without saying that the life of the system would be the teacher. The better he is the less he would teach; the more he would set to work and stir. The less he would rule; the more he would befriend, feeling one himself in company. Thus it will be that the teacher is nine points of basic education, a silent guidance and influence nowhere seen, everywhere felt—a joy and stimulation, unknown to anybody, adding to the comelier sum of juvenile life and implanting its future blessings.

—From the Indian Social Reformer

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### Our Astrological Feature

## WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 19TH DECEMBER TO 25TH DECEMBER, 1948

**ARIES** Aswini, Bharani, Kartikai 1st part—[Mudra Rasi]

This week will bring you a change to shine in your particular business or profession. You can also make any long desired changes. A good week for social life and personal affairs as well.

**TAURUS** Kartikai 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mirugasirisha 1, 2—[Idapa Rasi]

Don't take risks in any affairs this week. Health will need care for some time to come. Financially it will be a dull week. If you become too much involved in family controversies or friends adventures you will regret it.

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

Your relatives may help you out of difficulties this week. Financially a better week than the previous one. Illness in the family circle may upset your mind a bit.

**CANCER** Panarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

You are in some danger of getting the wrong advice wrong or making the link-up this week. Keep out of fishy deals this week. You will need a clear head and good judgment to negotiate the pitfalls of this week successfully.

**LEO** Maha, Poora, Uttira 1st part—[Singha Rasi]

If married, keep interfering and gossiping friends at a distance this week. Petty official troubles also indicated. Be careful about newly made acquaintances and avoid misunderstandings with relatives.

**VIRGO** Uttira 2, 3, 4, Attai, Chittirai 1, 2—[Kanni Rasi]

Don't put money into land or into any slowly developing schemes this week. If in a profession, a step up is likely in the teeth of opposition from older colleagues.

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

A new friendship that started under glamorous conditions may end in disillusionment this week. Progress in business will be better than previous week. You may have to spend a lot on friends week end.

**SCORPIO** Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

Unless you are very lazy or very stupid, you cannot fail to attain at least one of your ambitions this week. Make use of this week for laying any foundations for your future good.

**SAGITTARIUS** Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thanu Rasi]

You will be worried over petty affairs this week and your mind will be in a confused state. Those whom you trust may behave oddly or breakaway from you. Avoid quarrels week-end.

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

Not a favourable week. Little misunderstanding in the family may create a lot of unpleasantness. Spend Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday carefully.

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

Except for the last three days this week must do you immense good. Thursday, Friday and Saturday must be spent with care. Take care of health and avoid accidents.

**PISCES** Pooraddati 4, Uttiradati, Revathi. [Meena Rasi]

Your success this week depends on your ability to utilise good will and upon the reputation you build for yourself. You should find a good deal of happiness this week end.



ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA Testamentary Jurisdiction No 967 In the matter of the intestate of the late Thamothearampillai Nadarajah of Kondavil

Deceased. Murugesu Kanagasingam of Kondavil Petitioner

coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvarajuraj Esqr., District Judge. Jaffna on the 16th day of November 1948 in the presence of Mr. Navaratnarajah 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 petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased and the 4th respondent be and she is hereby appointed guardian ad litem over the minor the 3rd respondent, unless the respondents or any other interested shall show sufficient cause if any to the contrary on or before the 6th day of December 1948

It is further ordered that the minor is to be produced on that date. This 16th day of November 1948 Sgd. R. R. Selvarajuraj. District Judge.

Drawn by Sgd. V. Navaratnarajah, Proctor for Petitioner. (O. 116, 10 & 14)

- 1. Nadarajah Arasakularajah
2. Nadarajah Kugadasa both of presently at Singapore

Minor 3. Mankayakaravi daughter of Nadarajah of Kondavil appearing by her guardian ad litem

4. Ammakuddy widow of Vaitthilingam of Kondavil Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to him and the 4th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor the 3rd Respondent.

VEDANTA MOOLA SARAM OR THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

(Continued from our issue of 7-12-48)

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XXII. THE KAIVALYA UPANISHAD (contd)

The Upanishad starts with an enquiry by the Rishi Asvalayana addressed to the Lord Paramashuti (Brahma) asking for enlightenment regarding Brahma Vidya (Godly knowledge), most excellent and mystic, which is ever resorted to by the wise and by which the enlightened get rid of all sin and attain the Purushan (Parama Purushan, God) the Supreme of the supreme. Prahma's reply follows: You have to know it through Sraddha (faith) Bhaakti (devotion) and Dhyanam (meditation) all combined. Not by (performance of ceremonial) works, not by projeny, nor by (amassing) wealth can Deathlessness (Sivahood) be attained, but by renunciation. Beyond the heavens, yet shining in the cave (of the heart of his devotees), Him the sages attain with minds enlightened and purified by Vedantic wisdom and Sannyasa-Yogam. They attain the Supreme Abode and get emancipated (from all bonds), becoming immortal when their bodies fall off (Sruties 2 and 3).—It is hardly necessary to explain here that faith leads to devotion, and these to meditation, and all these combined lead to the meditation losing his individual consciousness (ego) and getting merged in what is meditated upon. The words "not by works.....but by renunciation" are intended to emphasise the comparative importance of renunciation, to which works, &c, are really stepping stones. One should not pin his faith to the performance of ceremonial works only, as do the Mimamsakas (Jaimini's school).—We should not omit to warn our readers here not to misunderstand the meaning of the Sruti. The intention is not to condemn works but to emphasise the excellence of renunciation. What is condemned here is reliance on ceremonial works only regardless of God and performance thereof with a view to the enjoyment of the fruits arising therefrom as did Daksha Prajapati and the Rishies of Tarkavaram of old. Sannyasam does not consist in mere formal abstention from external work.....புறப்பொருள் செய்வதற்கு விரும்பாதது, thus we read in Siddhyar. Even if they (the infernally attached) show outward signs of detachment, they will continue to be swayed by good and evil and undergo births (and deaths). True Sannyasam or renunciation implies detachment from the world, non-attachment to the fruits of actions, even where actions are performed. எவ்வகைத் தந்தை கணம் எல்லாம் செய்வதற்கும் துறந்த குருவர்களைக் காண்பது அந்நியம். Even if a Gnan (or true Sannyasi) performs all sorts of actions, the resulting pleasures and pains will not effect him.

The words "beyond the heavens" and "in the cave" have reference to the macrocosm and microcosm, respectively, which we have already spoken of, and they aptly illustrate the illimitable greatness of God and His extreme fineness (and consequent immanence in everything). We have already quoted a number of passages regarding the shrine in the cave of the heart in which He lives. Similar passages can be quoted by the legion if necessary, and the reader's attention is particularly drawn to the following additional Sruties among others.

There is Brahma Puram (body) and, in it, the Daharam (palace) of the lotus (lotus like heart), and, in it, the Antara Akasam (inner space). Now, what exists in this Antara Akasam is to be sought after, is to be understood...as large as this Akasam (in the outside world) is, so large, is that Akasam within the heart. Both heaven and earth are contained in it, both fire and air, both sun and moon, both lightning and the stars, and whatever there is of Him (God) in this world and whatever is not, within it (the tiny Akas within the heart) is all that contained. (Uhand: Up: VIII, 1, 1 & 3.)

That heavenly Bright (God) of thought-transcending nature smaller than what is small, shines out in various ways, far farther than the far, yet close at hand here too, just here to the seers, nestling within the heart-cave. (Mund: Up. III, 1, 7).

God is Existence, Intelligence and Infinity (Satyam Gnanam Anantam); whoever realizes Him dwelling in the highest Akas (Parama Vyomin) in the cave (of the heart) enjoys all blessings together with the Omniscent Brahman. (Tait: Up. II, 1, 1).

The Spirit, the Inner Soul, which is of the size of a thumb is always residing in the heart of man. Let a man with firmness separate (distinguish) It from Its body, as one draws the pith from a reed. Let man know It as the pure, as the Deathless (Sivam). Let man know It as the pure, as the Deathless (Sivam). (Katha Up. VI. 17).

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