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Our Clarion Call To Action And Unity

Task Ahead of Hindus

Arise Awake And Stop Not Until The Goal is Reached

By Our Staff Reporter

Two devastating wars fought in the life time of a generation of people have not mended the world and it is once again heading for a catastrophe which may well prove to be the end of the human race. The world to be saved must hearken to the call of resurgent Hinduism. Hinduism is the beacon light which can in truth guide the ship called the world now tossing up and down in the rough waters of hate envy and power politics to the land of hope, peace harmony and bliss.

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Delegates and representatives from different parts of the Peninsula attended the Tea Party held in the evening which was followed by a musical entertainment in which talented musicians from Jaffna took part.

The public meeting began at 6 p.m. with the singing of the Thevaram by Mr. ST. M. P. Sathamparamba Chettiar, the eldest son of Mr. ST. M. Pasupathy Chettiar of beloved memory who was one of the founders of the Sabha and who (Mr. Sathamparamba Chettiar) is a Vice-President of the Sabha.

Mr. R. Sivagurunathan, President of the Sabha and a nephew of the late Advocate Mr. S. Nagalingam who along with Mr. Pasupathy Chettiar and others founded the Sabha, in his Presidential address extended a cordial welcome to the delegates and representatives. He recalled the services rendered by the Sabha during its career of sixty years and said: "On this memorable day when the Sabha has reached an important stage of its journey we lift our hands in solemn prayer to the Almighty Nadaraja Peruman for His great Thiru Arul in our activities and pray to that almighty to grant us the great Hindu Community—the strength to carry on the message of our lofty religion to regions far and wide. Our message to the world is this: love and tolerance. And this message is more urgently needed today than ever before in this world which through it has seen two devastating wars within the life of one generation of its people is, through lack of love and tolerance, heading for a catastrophe which may well prove to be the end of the world. Hinduism is the beacon light which can in truth guide the ship tossing up and down in the rough waters of hate, envy

and power politics to the land of hope, peace harmony and bliss."

Mr. Sivagurunathan then detailed the dangers that lie ahead of the Hindu community of Ceylon. He warned the members of the Hindu Tamil community to be on the guard and to be ever watchful. There was a move—a sinister move by a certain type of Sinhalese politicians to make Sinhalese the official language. The recent speech of Mr. H. Sri Nisanka was a pointer.

In conclusion he appealed to the Hindus to be united and to strengthen their only organization viz. The Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha. It was the solidarity of the Hindu Society alone that would help the Sabha in its great work of warding off future dangers from whatever quarter they might come. "The time for complacency has long past," said Mr. Sivagurunathan, and continued "and what is needed today is united action on the part of the Hindu Community. In the words of Swami Vivekananda let us

Awake, arise and stop not until the Goal is reached."

Mr. M. Mylvaganam, the Hon. Secretary of the Sabha read the Report of the activities of the Sabha for the last 60 years.

The War Scare

B. L. P. Leader's Views

Dr. Colvin R. de Silva, Ceylon's B. L. P. leader was in Paris last week. In a letter to the "Times of Ceylon" he sums up his impressions on the war talk and states that it is only a scare. According to him the Americans are in no position to launch any sort of military operations on the European continent today. They have no army worth the name in Europe. Indeed, at Paris takes it for granted that if war should indeed break out in the present situation all Europe would come under Soviet military domination and that the Americans would have to start laboriously from somewhere in Alaska or the islands in the Atlantic.

The basic reason why no war is immediately anticipated, however, is the sharply balanced political situation in Western Europe.

France has the strongest Communist Party in the world outside the Soviet Union and, although this Party is shut out of the Government of the day, there is no doubt at the same time that the present so-called Third Force Government of France is both weak and precarious.

On top of this, the situation in Germany is confused and American policy in relation to Franco Spain uncertain. How then can the Americans find a secure base in Western Europe from which to conduct military operations against the Soviet Union?

The general belief here is that the present war scare is not even so much a method of bringing pressure on the Soviet Union as a weapon in the American presidential campaign. Of such is the material of politics!

V. Nagalingham B. A., Principal Kockuvil Hindu College, Pandithamani Navaneetha Krishna Bharathi and Mr. S. Kannan Adigal the talented orator from South India spoke eulogising the past services of the Sabha. Summaries of the speeches of Senator C. Coomaraswamy, Messrs. K. Kanagaratnam and V. Nagalingham appear elsewhere in this issue.

Pandithamani N. K. Bharathy in the course of his address said that it was Jaffna that always led the Tamil Nad in the past and it was left for Jaffna to lead in the future too. Adverting to the Temple entry question referred to by the previous speakers Mr. Bharathy said that leaders who ought to lead have by their speeches and writings simply made confusion more confounded and the people—the masses—were perplexed as if they were in a daze. Mr. Bharathy said: "There is one party which states with all earnestness and sincerity that the temples should be opened to the Harijans and they quote

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Senator Coomaraswamy Says

No Legislation Please

Change of Heart needed

Harijans and Temple Entry

By Our Staff Reporter

There should be no compulsion; there should be no Government legislation to enforce Temple entry, and no Government has any right to enact legislation to enforce the entry of Harijans into temples built according to Agamic injunctions for the worship of the 'High Caste Hindus.' But at the same time, I emphatically declare that the Harijans are of us, and they should be given equal opportunity to worship in temples as others. This should be effected by a change of heart among the 'Caste Hindus,' said Senator C. Coomaraswamy in the course of his address at the public meeting of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha.

Senator Coomaraswamy said it is indeed a great pleasure to pay a great tribute—to be present on this occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Saiva Paripalana Sabha. This great organization founded to carry out the message of the Great Navalar has a very great future, for unlike in the case of some mushroom organizations, the foundation of this Sabha has been well and firmly laid.

"It is an undoubted characteristic of Hindustan that she gives birth to saints, philosophers, and warriors in the time of crises when her civilisation, her ancient heritage and whatever else considered sacred to her are about to be destroyed and defaced by vandals hordes of Adharmists. Such an occasion occurred in the nineteenth century in this little island of ours. The crisis was averted by the appearance of the Great Navalar. The proselytising activities of the Missionaries have been considerably curbed, and today educational institutions are not the happy hunting ground of Missionaries as they were in the last century thanks to the Saiva Paripalana Sabha which founded the Jaffna Hindu College which became the forerunner of many such institutions."

Referring to the remarks made by Mr. Sivagurunathan on the language question, Senator Coomaraswamy said:

"To be candid, I am not at all afraid, I am convinced that our language, the language of the Kishies and ages of yore, the language that made its indelible mark in latitudes of the past—and our Saiva religion which have withstood many a storm in the past created by murderous marauders and materialist Vandals will survive in the future also, perhaps with greater glory and greater lustre in spite of the vituperations of a type of politicians in Ceylon. But this does not mean that we should sleep in smug complacency with the thought that whenever crises appear they will be solved by avatars coming to our aid. No, we should do our duty. I feel the days of conver-

enact legislation to enable Harijans right of entry into temples. There should be a change of heart among those 'high caste people' for whose worship these temples have been built, and certainly there should be no place for compulsion. The 'Caste Hindus' should not be compelled by legislation to open their temples for Harijan entry.

"What is urgently required for the depressed and suppressed classes is the elevation of their position in the social life. They should be educated. They should be uplifted. They should be made to shed off their inferiority complex and their economic position should be improved. Their morality should be raised. It is my fervent appeal to the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha to devote, in the future, their attention to this aspect of the question. This is an all-important matter and brooks no delay."

A New Advocate

Mr. J. Rajaratnam took his oath on at the Jaffna Assises before Mr. Justice A. K. H. A. S. Rajaratnam, as an Advocate.

His lordship in congratulating Mr. Rajaratnam said, "I wish you prosperous and honourable career as a member of the profession. It will not be difficult for you to succeed if you follow the great example of your father. You are fortunate having as your father a successful lawyer who will be of immense assistance to you in the commencement of your career."

The new Advocate who is a son of Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam O.B.E. J.P., U.M. had a distinguished career at Trinity College, Kandy.

Tamil Encyclopaedia

M. P.'s Request to the Education Minister

The Government of Madras has appointed a committee for the preparation of a Tamil Encyclopaedia and recently the Indian Dominion Government gave the Madras Government a donation of Rs. 75,000.

Mr. V. Coomaraswamy M. P. for Chavakachcheri has drawn the attention of the Minister for Education to this matter and urges him to get in touch with Mr. Omandur Ramaswamy Reddiar, Madras Premier (who is also a member of the Encyclopaedia Committee) and get a Ceylon Tamil also included in that committee so that the contribution made by the Ceylon Tamils to the Tamil Literature shall not go by default.

Mr. Coomaraswamy concludes: "I feel sure you will appreciate to you that this is the second most important literature of the people of the country."

Kishnan & Mathuran to Visit Ceylon

It is understood that Mr. N. S. Kishnan the famous film comedian of Tamil Nad and his film partner T. A. Mathuran, have accepted the invitation of Mr. P. Saravananth, President of the Tamil Union, Colombo, to visit Ceylon. The pair will come to Ceylon in July next. It is learned that the Ceylon Indian Congress will take an important part in welcoming the pair to Ceylon.

M. P. PLEADS FOR New Religious Order Without Deviating from The Fundamentals of Hinduism

(By Our Staff Reporter)

MR. K. Kanagaratnam M. P. who was one of the principal speakers at the public meeting on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Saiva Paripalana Sabha held on Wednesday last made an earnest plea for a new Religious order without in any way deviating from the fundamentals of our religion. He suggested five points for the earnest consideration of the Hindu Society. We have attained political freedom and Mr. Kanagaratnam in his characteristic manner entreats us to take advantage of this political freedom and use it for our religious freedom and religious reform to suit modern progress of society. The thought provoking speech of Mr. K. Kanagaratnam should provide food for thought to the Hindu Bodies in Ceylon.

As a Hindu, it gives me great pleasure to associate myself with the celebrations of today which mark the completion of 60 years of extended services rendered by the Saiva Paripalana Sabha in the cause of our religion and religious activities. Our religion has passed through many vicissitudes. Three centuries of foreign rule and contact with foreign civilisation have not only weakened its hold on the people but also brought many foreign practices to obscure its essential fundamentals and their application to life. The late Dr. G. H. Pope stated after a close and careful study of the Saiva Siddhanta which is the ancient Hinduism in its purest and noblest form that it is the 'most elaborate' (Continued on page 4).

