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If War Break Out With Soviet Union

IN PARLIAMENT

Three Conditions For Speeches In Sinhalese

In Parliament When the House of Representatives met on Tuesday last the Speaker, Mr. A. F. Molamare, announced that he was now in a position to inform the House that speeches in Sinhalese would be permitted in the House, but under certain conditions.

They were—

(a) Only a maximum of two Sinhalese speeches would be permitted on any given date.

(b) Each speech must not exceed 15 minutes duration.

(c) Members desiring to speak in Sinhalese must give 24 hours' notice of their intention of doing so.

These conditions, explained Mr. Speaker, were necessitated owing to the limited stenographic staff available for the recording of speeches in Sinhalese.

As regards speeches in Tamil, the Speaker said that it would not be possible for him to allow speeches in Tamil till sometime after the Appropriation Bill, as arrangements for the recording of Tamil speeches—Hansard were still not completed.

Britain And America On The Defence Of Western Europe

The Projected Defence Plans Are Examined

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THERE has lately been a good deal of discussion in Britain and America on the defence of Western Europe should war break out with the Soviet Union. The projected defence plans are examined in this article. It is also an analysis of the respective strength of the rival power blocs.

The people in Europe, as elsewhere, are dismayed at the disquieting shower of abusive polemics and bellicose propaganda, bickerings and recriminations, that are too frequently pouring in from Moscow and Washington. They are visibly distressed, almost petrified, at the fast growth of rival military strategies. Apparently each side is making defensive preparations, and professing, has no aggressive intentions on the other. Yet in many cases these interests collide as what appears a defensive base from A's point of view may seem quite the contrary to B's.

The control of the Dardanelles is essential for Russian defence, but they are equally as important for the projection of the Anglo-American oil fields in the Middle East. Hence the cold war in Turkey and Greece. Fearing America, the Soviet Union has consolidated in Eastern Europe and is trying to

NORTHERN ASSIZES

Accused Acquitted in Urumpirai Murder Case

There are 16 cases on the trial roll, of which 10 are murder cases, at the second circuit of the Northern Assizes which began at the Jaffna Town Hall. Mr. Justice Nagalingam presided.

Mr. P. J. Hudson, Fiscal, Northern Province, who handed the Mandate, was accommodated on the Bench, and a posse of constables, under the command of Inspector F. K. Jonklaas, presented a guard of honour.

The case in which two brothers of Urumpirai, Nagalingam Rasiah and Nagalingam Nadarajah, were charged with having committed the murder of K. Selvaratnam, by stabbing him with a knife and cutting him with a sword, collapsed. After trial Rasiah and Nadarajah were found not guilty and were acquitted and discharged.

a total of \$10,196,672.250 for the three Services—\$6,599,939,000 for the Army and Air Force, and \$3,586,733,250 for the Navy. The total authorised strength is 1,886,500 men. This will bring about what is called a balanced defence scheme. The air force with its eventual strength of 35,000 planes, designed on the latest models, will still play the most important role.

American scientists have made excellent progress in the technique of destructive warfare and in their inventions of deadly weapons. The recent tests of atomic weapons are reported to be entirely satisfactory. The new atom bombs are stated to be far more effective than those dropped on Hiroshima. Research for further nuclear development is now being conducted. It is said that the U.S. Navy has perfected guided missiles with a 'homing device' that will be able to search out a ship at sea and destroy it. The radio-active cloud is designed to kill every one who comes into contact with it, and is effective over a larger area than the atom bomb. Victims of bacteria contamination which will be used in future wars will be caused to suffer from an incurable disease. Behind the Iron Curtain

To pierce through the iron curtain of the Soviet Union is a difficult task, and so it is impossible to assess with any amount of precision the respective strength of the two rival Powers. All talks in this direction must necessarily be in the realm of conjecture. According

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Britain Reveals Secret of Atom Plants

Britain, at the peak of an international crisis, has given the world a glimpse of her top secret atom plant.

For two days, representatives of the International Press have toured 75 per cent. of Britain's "atom capital" the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, on the windswept Berkshire Downs.

Many of Harwell's programmes are still in embryo. In a tower, once used by the R. A. F. for navigational training, looms the 5,000,000 volt, Van de Graaf generator.

This device—to be given a proper home in September, consists of a high pressure vessel in which a moving belt machine generates the voltage. Inside the vessel are vacuum tubes, through which hydrogen nuclei are shot and speeded up.

They emerge into a pit below, to be harnessed in studying the properties of atomic nuclei.

Bigger still is the giant Cyclotron, now being erected in one of the hangars—which will speed particles up to an energy of 200,000,000 volts. Ready at the end of this year, it will enable the nuclei of most atoms to be broken up into fragments, and will provide Harwell with new types of nuclei which even the pile cannot produce.

House of Commons Gift to Ceylon

Now In The Hands Of The Manufacturers

The Mace and Speaker's Chair, which the House of Commons is presenting to the Parliament of Ceylon are now in the hands of the manufacturers. Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, told the House of Commons.

The date of their presentation, he said, had not yet been settled. It would be a matter for consultation with Ceylon. "I am advised, however, that the gifts are unlikely to be completed before early next year" he added.

Siam's Name Changed Again

The Siamese Constituent Assembly has agreed to change the country's name to Thailand.

The change of name will take effect after the draft constitution has been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

This is the second time Siam's name has been changed. It was changed to Thailand before the war but recognition of this name by world powers was withdrawn after the country joined Japan in the last war and declared war on Britain and the United States.

Dhyana Yoga (MEDITATION)

The Thought of God or Atma

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JUST as you saturate the water with salt or sugar, you will have to saturate the mind with thoughts of God and Brahman, with Divine glory, Divine presence with sublime, soul-awakening spiritual thoughts. Then only you will be established in the Divine Consciousness always.

In Nididhyasan (meditation) you will have to develop the Swajatheeya Vritti Pravaha. Make the thoughts of Brahman or Divine Presence flow like inundation of flood. Do Vijatheeya Vritti Trishkar. Renounce the thoughts of objects. Drive them away with the whip of Vivek and Vichara. There is struggle in the beginning. It is trying indeed. But later on as you will grow stronger and stronger and as you grow in purity and Brahma Chintan, Sadhana becomes easy. You rejoice in the life of unity. You get strength from Atma. Inner strength grows when all the Vishaya Vrittis are thinned out and the mind becomes one-pointed (Ekagrata).

Fill the mind with the thoughts of God again and again.

The mind can be controlled by continuous practice. You must keep it always occupied in Divine contemplation. If you slacken your efforts, idle thoughts will at once enter. Continuous practice can bring the mind under control quite easily. Samadhi is possible by the practice of continuous meditation with a light diet.

Put a piece of iron rod in the blazing furnace. It becomes red like a fire. Remove it. It loses its red colour. If you want to keep it always red, you must always keep it in fire. Even so, if you want to keep the mind charged with the fire of Brahmic wisdom, you must keep it always in contact or touch with the Brahmic fire of knowledge through constant and intense meditation. You must keep up an unceasing flow of the Brahmic consciousness. Then you will have the Sahaja Avastha (Natural State).

4. How to steady the mind

The external objects are continuously acting upon the brain. The sense impressions reach the brain through sense-avenues and

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Income Tax in Ceylon

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Foreign Habits

In the old days of Crown Colony Government the food of the people was considered so sacrosanct that the officials were told to keep their unholly hands off it. Woe to them if they proposed to make the people pay more for their food! Our fire-eating patriots would have stiffened them with hot air. But when we did get the change of managing our own affairs, when we could order our house as we wished, what did the Government do? The new scheme of taxation increased the price of butter and jam. When there was an outcry against these unconscionable imposte, what was the Government's reply? Butter and jam did not form part of our national economy? These were foreign habits which a self respecting people, "walking the earth in majesty" as the Minister of Transport described them for the benefit of the British public, should learn to discard. It took a long time to convince the Government that the eating of butter had become a necessity for a people reduced to the straits in which those of Ceylon found themselves after the war.

All the time there has been no cessation of the talk of raising our standard of living. Either the members of the Government don't mean what they say or they don't understand what they mean. How can the standard of living be raised, when through

the Government's own exertions, the cost of living is being constantly raised? For instance, if you have to eat well, can you do it when the cost of food is high? If you have to dress decently, is it possible when the cost of clothing has been raised? The only conclusion one can come to is that when Ministers speak of raising the standard of living, they are thinking of raising the cost of living. This consumption they have certainly achieved. Ceylon today is one of the most expensive countries in the world.

We Ask For It

The revenue of a country gives the measure of its taxation. Today our revenue is five times what it was in pre-war years. This increased revenue comes from a people who have been taxed and taxed again to give the Government all the money it needs for its numerous schemes. These schemes, adumbrated to foster the megalomania of politicians, - what have they done to increase the happiness and the well-being of the people? For all the millions spent on food production schemes, has there been a proportionate increase of our locally grown food? For the numerous cottage hospitals scattered up and down the country, do the people enjoy adequate medical relief? For all the central schools opened in the favourite haunts of politicians,

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Celebration of Aug. 15

Dr. Rajendra Prasad's Appeal

DR. Rajendra Prasad, President, Indian National Congress, appeals to the people of India to observe 15th August—the day on which power was transferred from British to Indian hands—as a day of remembrance of the service and sacrifice of the past and as a day of dedication to the future.

He also enjoins upon the Congress members engaging themselves in some form of constructive work on that day, that the activities should culminate in a public meeting to be held in the afternoon when a solemn resolve should be made for dedicating themselves to further service and sacrifice.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad says, "The 15th of August is coming. It is the day on which power was transferred from British to Indian hands and the event was solemnly observed all over the country last year. The anniversary of the day should be similarly observed this year also. The day should be used as a day of remembrance and as a day of further resolve and dedication to the service of the country and

maintenance, preservation and protection and furtherance of the freedom which we have won. Congressmen and women should remember that the task of winning freedom from the foreign power has been accomplished but the greater task of solving the many intricate problems of making the country and its people happier has yet to be tackled. For this constructive work of a very high order and devoted service are required. We have still to remove poverty disease and illiteracy from amongst the people. We have still to establish an order of society in which comfort and leisure will be assured to all.

"The birth of freedom has been accompanied by a spate of communal bitterness and although the year that has since elapsed has to some extent assuaged lacerated feelings, mutual trust and confidence have not yet been fully established. The tremendous work of rehabilitating millions of men and women uprooted from their hearths and homes remains to be accomplished. Our relations with our neighbours have yet to be stabilised on a



firm footing of mutual confidence and co-operation. Our relationship with the States people and their Rulers has happily been settled with most of them and what remains to be done will be completed soon in regard to almost all the States except one; but that one is the largest of them all and has been the cause of grave concern to all well-wishers of the country.

All this and much more that remains to be done requires determination and a spirit of sacrifice on our part, even greater than that required during the struggle. The day should be, therefore, used, as stated above, as a day of remembrance of the service and sacrifice of the past and as a day of dedication to the future.

"It should be observed by Congress people engaging them-

