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THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

Substantial Contribution By North Ceylon

(By A. MANDALANAYAGAM)

The Co-operative Movement in Ceylon though it originated in 1913 gained stimulus only after the appointment of a specially trained Civil Servant at its head in 1925. From this time the Northern Province showed great headway in the various developments and was highly commended by all successive Registrars as the most advanced part of the Island in Co-operation. Several eminent Co-operative officers who have from time to time visited the Island on study tours have also added their own encomiums to the Co-operative Institutions in Jaffna.

The first Central Bank to be established in the Island in 1930 is the *Jaffna Co-operative Bank*, and it commenced to finance the Societies in the Division. Its lending rate to Societies is 6% while its borrowing rate ranges from 2 to 3%. It has made substantial investments in Government loan to the tune of over Rs. 1,000,000; and has also made arrangements with the commercial banks in the Island for overdraft accommodation on the security of Government paper at very favourable rates. The total loans granted to Societies by the Bank during 1948-49 was Rs. 17,499,339 and the loans recovered amounted to Rs. 17,095,662. Its reserve fund amounted to 143,159 rupees.

The *Jaffna Malayalam Tobacco Sales Society* established in 1935 is another institution which is doing yeoman service to the Jaffna cultivator. It has a membership of over 2,000 and after a valiant struggle with local middlemen is today in the happy position of being able to handle the bulk of the tobacco exported to Malayalam from Jaffna. Last year it paid a rebate of 50 per cent to its members. This Society arranges to issue advances to members on their tobacco crop and transmits the crop to be marketed in Travancore. It has its own godown and agent at Quilon who sees that fair prices are obtained and that it competes favourably with the Coimbatore tobacco which is trying to catch the market there. But the taste for Jaffna tobacco cannot easily be superseded. Government put up a model processing house valued at Rs. 32,656 for the Society on Crown land on payment of half the economic rent. The Society is now in

a proud position to be able to acquire the building from Government and to obtain the land on long lease. The arrangements for this transaction is now nearing completion. The sale of the 1946 crop of about 2,058 candies realised Rs. 1,584,755. The 1947 and 1948 crops have also been transported to Travancore for marketing.

The *Tholparan Moolat Co-operative Union Hospital Society* is a unique institution in the entire Co-operative world as no such Society exists elsewhere. It was started in 1935 with financial aid from local Malayan pensioners and rose to pre-eminence by steady and instituted efforts of the local Co-operators. It has a membership of 1,055. Its resident staff consists of 7 doctors including a lady doctor. Over 3,000 indoor and 32,000 outdoor patients have been treated at this institution during last year and in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the inhabitants of the place, Government gives an annual grant of Rs. 7,500 for its maintenance. The Society made a net profit of Rs. 36,000 last year. New buildings and extensions are being carried out by the munificence of local philanthropists. Government has given a further grant of Rs. 100,000 this year for buildings.

The *Northern Division Agricultural Products Union* is in addition to acting as the agency for marketing the agricultural produce of its affiliated Societies is also functioning as the Marketing Department's agent under the guaranteed price scheme. This Union came into existence long before the present drive for the organisation of a net work of Agricultural Production and Sale Societies throughout the Island. The Society has been dealing with the purchase and supply of seed onions for the last six years, and marketed last year about 24,681 cwt. of onions purchased from cultivators in the peninsula. It had a turnover of Rs. 121,737 and accumulated reserve of Rs. 222,110.

The *Jaffna Co-operative Dairy* supplies milk to the Jaffna and Kankasanturai hospitals, and to individual customers at reasonable rates. The members are also assisted by the issue of loans to purchase milk cows and cattle food. There are 51 members.

WHO?

By Swami Shuddharanda Bharati



Who is thy maker, O fair earth
 Can you tell me His name?
 Who pours into thee, ceaseless breath?
 Who draws thy living scheme?
 Who lights thy chambers from above?
 Who sings to thee from sea?
 Tell me who is that lord of love
 That enjoys thy beauty?
 Please show me that hidden artist
 Who paints thy living forms
 Who weaves thy moods joyful and trist,
 Who feeds even thy worms?
 Who sings in winds and waves and birds?
 Who walks and talks and acts?
 Who is that one beyond all words?
 Himself how He projects
 Who has filled the sky with ether?
 Who spins the blessed clouds?
 Who leads us further and further
 Without speaking aloud?
 Has he a name and form like thee?
 Has He a fixed space?
 Has He a hand, the pure, the free,
 In our war and peace?

"THE VISION"

The quantity of milk handled by the Society during the last year was 108,285 bottles, yielding a net profit of Rs. 3,342.
 The *Jaffna Textile and Industrial Co-operative Union* distributes yarn to its members from the Industries Department and has a depot for the sale of produce of its member societies. The credit movement was the principal one prior to the war period and even here the Jaffna District has the largest number of Credit Societies in the Island totalling 336.
 The *Jaffna Motor Boat Society* supplies another sphere of Co-operative activities.
 House Building Society
 The first Co-operative House Building Society in

the Island was registered two years ago in Jaffna with a membership of 30. The Society has purchased a plot of land for building 9 houses. Each of these houses will cost Rs. 21,150. Despite the great public demand for housing among the middle classes the scheme is unable to forge ahead owing to the financing machinery of Government not being able to function expeditiously. The loans required for this purpose will be long term credit, unlike the normal short and medium term loans which Co-operative Societies are in a position to obtain from their Central Banks.
 The Ramanathan College School Supply Society is an

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RAMANA RISHI JAYANTI

SPIRITUAL STAR OF ARUNACHALA

Significance Of Silent Contemplation

LIKE a beacon illuminating the dark and murky world of materialism shines Shri Bhagwan Ramana, a ray of hope that all is not lost in this groping globe. Here is a humble offering at the feet of the Maharshi on his Seventieth birthday.

In an age when the Damocle's sword of an Atom bomb is precariously poised on mankind, when the world is in the powerful grip of stark materialism, when nations cut each other's throats over petty squabbles, it is imperative that we should turn to a world of higher truth and greater reality. That way lies the safety and survival of this discordant world.

Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharishi (whose birthday will be celebrated next Thursday, at Thiruvannamalai) is a significant answer to the malady of the modern age. One of the greatest personalities of all times, Sri Maharishi is the ministering angel who helps, and protects those who are in need. Contrary to the usual run of saints this great sage has a supreme social significance in that "he refashions the souls of those who look to him for help, his very presence radiating peace and joy."

Born on Arudra Darsanam day in Thiruchuzhi, in the year 1879, Venkataraman's early years were disappointing. He was no better and no worse than any other boy. In matters of study he was quite indifferent, but he evinced keen interest in games, particularly boxing, wrestling, swimming and gymnastics. However, with all this, Sundaram Iyer, his father, looked upon him as a doubtful asset.

Ascetic Tradition

It is interesting at this stage to note that Sundaram Iyer's family had a distinct but none the less strange feature. One member in every generation turned an ascetic. And tradition had it that it was the result of a curse! An ascetic who once came to the family was not given due respect. And outraged by this insult, that august person left them with a curse that in each generation one member of that family must needs turn a saint and beg for food. Knowing as we do the sequel to the curse we can unhesitatingly assert that it was a blessing in disguise!

That 'curse' began to work. And little Venkataraman, towards the end of 1895, developed a strange fascination for seclusion and introspection.

One day at his home in Madura while apparently engaged in his studies, the young boy, putting aside all his books, sat up in his accustomed attitude of meditation. Then came "the great



awakening that converted his listless and dull routine into one of lofty realisation, of spontaneous devotion to the highest ideals of life." This change which took him away from worldly pursuits is best described in his own words: "I was in my usual good health. But a sudden and unmistakable fear of death seized me. I felt I was going to die and at once set about thinking what I should do. The shock of the fear of death made me at once introspective or 'introverted', I said to myself mentally. Now death is come, what does it mean? Who is it that is dying? This body dies. But with the death of my body am "I" dead? Is the body "I"? This body is silent and inert. So "I" am a Spirit transcending the body. The material body dies, but the spirit transcending it cannot be touched by death. I am therefore, that deathless spirit. "I" was something very real, the only real thing in that state... Fear of death vanished at once and for ever. The absorption in the self has continued from that moment right upto now".

Further when he heard that holy word 'Arunachala' in answer to a casual question, a strange spark began to glow in his heart. The seventeen-year-old boy decided then and there that "that" was the place for him, that was where he could find his Father.

And Providence arranged the rest. When the boy was in a fix as to how to effect this trip to Arunachala his elder brother told him one day: "Take five rupees from my box and pay my college fees". Thus the train fare is provided! Turning hurriedly the pages of an atlas he concluded wrongly that he would have to alight at Tindivanam, when actually he could have made straight for Tiruvannamalai itself. Taking only three rupees and leaving behind the balance with a note that no body need waste money in search of him, he ran to the station. He was already late. But Providence intervened and when he reached the station the train was yet to come.

Purchasing a ticket to Tindivanam he found himself in a compartment. Young Venkataraman was on his way to Arunachala. There he sat undisturbed by (Continued on page 4)



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Treasure These Thoughts

Whatever womb I may enter impelled by the effects of my actions, in all those births, O Hrishikesha, may I have firm devotion to thee

—PANDAVA GITA.

THE CO-OPERATIVE CONGRESS

RALLYING TOGETHER IN UNPRECEDENTED manner in the Capital City, the Co-operators of Sri Lanka intend proclaiming aloud to the people, with pardonable pride, the remarkable progress made by the Co-operative Movement in the Island during recent times. A noble and lofty ideal, Co-operation has undoubtedly taken root in the minds of the masses in Sri Lanka firmer than anywhere else and has contributed in no small measure towards the establishment of whatever social solidarity and civic contentment, the present circumstances of economic instability can permit. Though essentially a peoples' undertaking, the Co-operative Movement has the Government as its God father and thus has been able to bring about a closer understanding between officials and the office-bearers of Co-operative organisations. It cannot be denied, however, that with the formation of Co-operative Stores Societies during the war, the movement could not maintain wholesomeness and purity because of the fact that such societies had to be organised in a hurry and that the best method of the choice of sincere workers to guide activities could not be employed. The fight for places in the Committees of Stores Societies assumed undignified proportions with the result that men of integrity could not be induced to offer themselves for election as office-bearers. But with the lifting of controls of articles of food, most of the parasites have withdrawn themselves to fresh fields. It is at this juncture that an all-out and determined effort should be made by tested and tried co-operators to renovate the structure by employing reliable material.

Individual exertion in any walk of life can bring neither self-satisfaction nor national prosperity; only concerted effort can succeed in producing what the people need, speedily and satisfactorily. Rural development, Community work and all other forms of social service have for their background the great ideal of co-operation. It is, therefore, the duty of the leaders to make the co-operative movement pure in practice by entrusting social work to men

who have a sincere desire to work for the common good even at heavy personal sacrifice. The economic salvation of the land depends not merely on the financial vote for national projects but on the co-operative effort of the people as well. Whatever results may have been reaped by the unceasing exertion of the Minister for Agriculture in the sphere of paddy cultivation, the fact remains that the ambitious ideal of self-sufficiency in food cannot be achieved if the present rate of progress is not speeded up by farmers cultivating the spirit of co-operation and discarding the insidious method of competition.

A philosophic analysis of the real significance of unity would reveal the pleasant truth that the Co-operative Movement is the forerunner of socialist democracy. It has been accepted in all political quarters that Sri Lanka should blossom into a real Socialist Democratic State. To work towards the achievement of this object, the Government and the people should meet on the common platform of a social organisation—now the Co-operative Congress—and prepare a scheme for future work in which regulation-routine-red tape must be eliminated and the aspirations of public-spirited men and women should be encouraged. The government deserve approbation for the keen insight shown in amending the Co-operative Societies Ordinance by including penal provisions for miscreants who masquerade as public workers and plunder the nation.

We wish to make special mention of the vast strides of progress made in North Ceylon by the Co-operative movement, particularly the provision of peoples' hospitals at Moolai and Tellippalai and hope that before long Sri Lanka would stand out as an illustrious example of the greatness of the culture of Co-operation.

No Appeal From Bribe Probe Findings

Representations are now being made to the Minister of Local Government and Health, Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, to revise the findings of the Municipal Bribery Commissioner, Mr. M. W. H. de Silva, or to amend the Municipal Bribery Ordinance to enable appeals against the findings.

A deputation of ratepayers from from the San Sebastian Ward met the Minister yesterday and appealed to him to revise the findings against their member, Mr. G. W. H. de Silva, or to amend the ordinance to enable an appeal to be made.

Mr. Bandaranaike explained that neither request could be granted. He explained that the purpose of the inquiry would be lost if appeals were allowed.

Meanwhile, the full report of the Municipal Bribery Commissioner will be issued shortly.

Talk On Industrial Economy
Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam
In Bombay

Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, Minister of Industries, Industries, Research and Fisheries, Ceylon, said in Bombay that Ceylon was the biggest contributor to the dollar pool as far as the sterling area was concerned, and yet if she were to value her currency it was because her trade was mainly with Commonwealth.

Mr. Ponnambalam, who was addressing informally members of the Council of the Merchants' Chamber of the United Provinces and some other guests, said that Ceylon had so far developed only a colonial economy and was therefore an exporter in the main of agriculture commodities in their crudest forms. What Ceylon was trying now was to export such commodities by processing them so that Ceylon might develop primary industries and might get better returns also. He was grateful to the Government for their desire to develop Ceylon's industrial economy.

Technical Advice

Mr. Ponnambalam said that technical advice was most needed for the development of industry, and he sought the assistance of India in this respect. He referred to various endeavours being made to establish textile mills in Ceylon.

Referring to the recent survey made by an official of the Indian Government deputed to Ceylon at the Ceylon Government's request for establishing a sugar industry there, Mr. Ponnambalam hoped that after some time Ceylon would produce sugar, the consumption of which per capita was very much higher than that of India. He acknowledged that throughout his stay in India he had been receiving most courteous treatment both at the hands of the Government officials and industrialists.

Mr. Ponnambalam who arrived in Bombay, Wednesday, visited a number of industrial establishments, including the Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Leather factory, Employment Exchange and the Cawapore Woolen Mills.

Place Of Lawyers In A Democracy

Mr. M. Ananthasayanam Iyengar, Deputy Speaker of the Constituent Assembly addressing the members of the Bar at Chidambaram, said that lawyers had a leading role to play in the future political set-up of the country. They must act as the watchdogs of democracy, help to maintain the liberties of the people and keep the Government informed of the trends of public opinion and feeling in relation to various measures introduced and adopted by the Government. He added that at least 50 per cent of the members of legislatures must consist of lawyers, with wide practice and popularity among the masses.

Well Represented

Proceeding the speaker said that almost all the communities and even sub-communities were well represented in and by the Bar which was the real middle class in this country. They would be failing in their duty if they did not meet to consider any resolution before the Govern-

Burmese Independence Day

PRESIDENT Sao Shwe Thaik of Burma declared on Wednesday in a speech on the second anniversary of Burmese independence; "We seek no interference in others' affairs and shall brook none in our own."

He was speaking from the Rangoon City Hall balcony, after driving in state through streets lined with cheering people in a Rolls Royce car given by Britain.

Today's state drive followed a night of dancing and exhibitions in the city, gay with illuminations on a scale far grander than last year.

In his speech the President said, that in the domain of international affairs Burma's position had been satisfactory, and Burma's relations with other nations were amicable, while close and cordial contacts had been maintained with her neighbours.

Peace with national honour, pursued in a spirit of co-operation with the peace-loving countries of the world, provides the keynote to our foreign policies" he said.

Only An Empty Dream

"We are opposed to exploitation and subjection in any form anywhere, in the firm conviction that lasting peace is destined to remain but an empty dream, unless expansionism and exploitation are outlawed from the face of the earth."

It is regrettable that the task of maintaining peace within our country, and of securing unity among our own people has not been equally successful.

The difficulty is due to sections of the people in this country placing sectarian motives over and above the greater interest of the whole nation.

"The Government have, not only the weight of a redoubtable military force behind them; they have also the moral might of the public opinion of the entire country on their side."

Husband Killed

Wife Gagged

A ter blindfolding both husband and wife bandits proceeded to plunder a house at Karaveddy, Thiddal in the Paranman-Karachchi District.

But when the husband began appealing to the bandits for mercy, it is reported he was throttled to death.

The wife was thereupon gagged and tied to a tree. She managed to untie herself by her teeth and went to the Headman and reported the matter. The Police are investigating.

ment and communicate their opinion to the Government. It was their duty to work for the consolidation of the masses and to develop unity among the communities. He suggested that a Civil Liberties Union should be established to check any abuse of executive powers by the Government.

MANKIND IN CLUTCHES OF EVIL FORCES

Divine Power To The Rescue

THERE is one way to achieve world peace. This is by every one getting awakened to the inner divine consciousness. The love between one soul and another should be based upon the realisation of this indwelling Reality. It is then alone that the spirit of universal brotherhood can prevail among the different peoples and nations of the world. No other efforts, however great and noble, can create an atmosphere of harmony and goodwill, can mend world affairs and prevent strife, dissensions and war. When the divine spark hidden in the hearts of all beings blazes up and produces an all-round illumination, then alone will all the invidious distinctions dissolve. Man will live with man in fraternal love and affection. The present highly disturbed state of things in the world is there, because God has been ruled out, and mankind is in the clutches of the lower forces of its nature.



When our hearts and minds, through constant prayer and remembrance of the Divine, are purged of these unnatural and suicidal tendencies, true happiness and peace after which every man and woman on this earth is hankering, and for which they are all striving day and night, will be realised by us.

Now we know the remedy for removing the present discontent, agitation and disorder. Let every one of us devote more and more time to the contemplation and remembrance of God—for which the easiest method is to mentally repeat, or with the tongue chant, God's glorious Name—and truly establish the wish talked of by all universally longed for Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Choice Of Ideology

The Liberal London evening newspaper "The Star" in an editorial said that the forthcoming Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Conference at Colombo had been instigated by the "Asiatic members of this family of nations."

"The sweep of Communism through China and into the lands lying between China and India is perhaps the biggest change in world political affairs since the Russian revolution," the newspaper said.

Stating that there would be "no Communism at Colombo," the newspaper observed that the statesmen gathered there—especially those from India and Pakistan—would be concerned with measures to show hundreds of millions of oriental people that the democratic way to the new world is the best.

"While the Colombo gathering must be limited in its scope and powers it can go a long way towards closing the old breaches between East and West."

"The achievement of independence by Burma, Indonesia and Vietnam, after India and Pakistan, has come just in time if democracy is to hold off Communism in South-East Asia."

The newspaper also published an article on the Colombo Conference in which it said that if the Commonwealth did not provide an ideological lead giving freedom, peace, security and prosperity there was always another ideology—that of Karl Marx.

"That is the choice, and that, basically, is the reason for the Conference of Colombo."

Divine Power to the Rescue

People talk of world peace and harmony. They discuss about various plans, schemes and programmes for ushering in a better and happier world, all founded on adjustment on the material plane. Mere intellect, however developed or cultured, cannot determine the ways and means for attaining this supreme aim. It is only the omnipotent power of God residing in every one of us that can do what is needed. So it is the bounden duty of every human being at the present critical stage in the world's history to invoke the all-conquering, divine power to come to the rescue.

Prayer has been preached as a great dynamic force for good, by all the Saints and Sages of the world, both modern and ancient. It is through prayer that the heart is tuned with God, and all its impurities are washed away. God-thought or God-remembrance is the sure way to free mind from its greeds and lusts and passions. So long as man is in the grip of his lower, violent and selfish nature, he will make this fair earth an arena for acts of wanton tyranny and ruthless destruction.

When the hearts becomes pure, and the mind shines with divine light, then opens, in us, a spring of universal love, in which all sense of difference, separation and diversity disappears, and we are gifted with the vision of looking upon all human beings as members of one united world family. Thereafter we utilise every ounce of our physical, mental and spiritual power for both the material and spiritual welfare of humanity as a whole.

Suicidal Tendencies

Self-centredness, that is, too much concentration upon one's own selfish aims and objects, is responsible for the chaotic condition that now prevails in the affairs in the

THE POWER OF PRAYER

GANDHIJI WIELDED IT WELL

ALL the Scriptures have laid importance on Prayer. It is the medium for the Divine Grace to descend and transform the individual. Can Divine Bliss descend into this hatred and war-torn world? Yes it can, provided the approach is pure and steady. God Himself being Peace and Truth, the realisation of two qualities completes the process of attaining Godhead. The sanction to attain Him must come from Him and Him alone, and this is the test for each individual: man seeking Unity with God must seek unity with every being. Prayer alone can achieve this. The function of Prayer is to lead the devotee from the Unseen to the Real—from Darkness to Light—from Death to Immortality. Longfellow said 'Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but Trust Him for His Grace.'

The Greatest Solace

No nation or community with the name exists in this world which does not offer some kind of prayer to the Divine Father, be He called by the name, Lord, Jove, Jehovah, Siva, Allah, Natayana, Vishnu, Shri Krishna, or Zeus. Prayer is the first breath of Life Divine. It is the pulse of the struggling soul and its result is a quiet mind of untroubled thoughts. Prayer is the greatest solace of the afflicted and the suffering.

It is this special power of offering prayer and having communion with the Lord as well as the power of reasoning that distinguishes human from the rest of creation. Prayer may be offered with various objects

and all forms of prayer are efficacious when offered by sincere and penitent hearts. Every person feels himself more elevated and purified after offering prayer than before it. Man in his Evolution has to pass through various stages of existence, attaining more and more spiritual upliftment and ever developing the divinity in him to higher and higher degree of perfection.

Common Aim

From "Vedic" times we are enjoined to conduct congregational prayers, to meet and talk together for offering a common prayer to the Almighty with a common end and aim. Prayer enables the devotee to stand as firm as a rock in the face of greatest temptations and trials. Christ bearing the crucifixion with forgiveness and prayer is a great example. It also protects him miraculously from danger if the devotee looks to Him alone as his sole refuge. Thus, in the Mahabharata, Draupadi, when she was being stripped naked in the open assembly, threw herself entirely into the hands of God, and lo! the wicked Kauravas could not do it, howsoever much they tried to molest her. Again the immortal Prahlada son of King Hiranyakasipu, by his strong faith in God stood firm against the most cruel tortures. He never yielded, be it a snake-pit, or deep waters, or a hurl down from a mountain-peak. This is surely the power of prayer.

Its Infinite Power

In recent times we had a galaxy of saints, who have per-

formed miracles by the power of their ardent prayer and, in our own times, Mahatma Gandhi has amply demonstrated the power of prayer. He not only stood unbent against personal danger but also brought about peace and friendliness, where there was killing and hatred just a few days before. Has not the Almighty answered Gandhi's prayer and delivered mother India from bondage? The power of prayer is infinite and indescribable, unique, and it must be felt to be known and it is the song of breath. The power of prayer alone would save mankind, give nations from war and its ghastly aftermath. It only can change the hearts of men everywhere, make nations come together, without fear, suspicion, or jealousy, and understand that all of them are children of God, whatever their race, colour, sex or country.

Harmony in Society

No nation is superior and particularly nearer to God. All peoples of the world are essentially one and the same, and all should love and respect one another, work together, live together and attain the common good together. By prayer and its power alone can the evils and the contradictory problems of the world today be solved, and no power other than this, no intelligence or invention of man, can save the world. The knowing of all the atomic secrets will not solve the riddles of this world but the supreme power of prayer can establish Universal Brotherhood of Man, bring about harmony in human society and establish the Kingdom of God upon the Earth, making it like Heaven. Then alone man's task will be fulfilled and his mission in life made complete.

(The Harijan)



(By Squint Eye)

In the list of highlights from various centres where Stalin's birthday was observed we read, "United States: Soviet Embassy in Washington was holding a small informal diplomatic party."

Yes, in the East-West tussle it had to be diplomatic in holding a party!

"India is in the habit of pulling her own chestnuts out of the fire whenever she is in deep waters", spoke Dr. Vijaya, the Maharajkumar of Vijayanagar, in reviewing the second cricket test match.

Under water isn't it easier to pull the nuts out of the fire?

V. D. Savarkar, the Hindu Mahasabha president has asked for it for the proceedings by India against Pakistan.

India government is asking from Pakistan Jute for Coal.

The Bombay government which had imposed a tax on newspaper advertisements has now relaxed it in the case of publications of less than 1000 circulation, by exempting them from the tax.

Papers that have been running a race to obtain ABC certificates of circulation may now think on plans of curtailment!

Here's an idea, free, gratis, for nothing. The papers may utilise their "break-down circulation" figures, and issue separate editions for each unit of under 1000 copies!

At Jogjakarta when the Dutch flag was hauled down on the Indonesian Republic Day, we are to do, there was silence except for a half-choked sob from some Dutch women in the assembly.

So the women have been true to type!

India's Cricket Captain V. M. Merchant has made a suggestion to Cricket Associations that wives of test players should also be given travelling expenses so that they may accompany their husbands and be an inspiration to them in the test matches.

A good match begins in the home!

For India the idea may be given a trial whether under the scorching eyes of their wicket-keepers or hold catches better.

If wicket-keepers also fail, then the huddle may be called in to holler from the boundary line!

Long, long ago a foreigner said of Ceylon's rustic villager that he could be entrusted with the franchise with confidence, that he appreciated good government.

That might still be true. But what would the writer have said of the present-day so-called voters of the Commission? The Municipal Bribery Commission has brought many things to light, and how dark they are!

Would it not be a mercy if no more commissions are asked to probe into such things?

American experts fear that insects, especially flies and mos-

quitoes are getting immune to D. D. T.

They must have taken counsel together and planned defence schemes, what!

Einstein has announced a new "generalised theory of gravitation" after thirty years' work.

That must explain some of the naughty forces that are in evidence in the world these days!

Mathematicians have held a Conference in Madras.

The world today insists that two and two is four plus.

Africans Could Gain Freedom

By Gandhian Methods

"I believe the Africans could gain their freedom By Gandhian methods. But whether they will do so will depend on the strength of their own faith, discipline and organisation", said Rev. Michael Scott, the South African delegate to the Pacifists Conference, in an interview with the U. P. I.

Asked about the forthcoming Round Table Conference between India, Pakistan and South Africa, Rev. Scott said: "The results of the forthcoming Round Table Conference will depend upon the motives with which the problems for discussion are approached. While the African problems are not due for discussion at the conference, it is true that racial discrimination affects all "non-European" peoples in South Africa. It is much to be hoped that the Conference will help to bring home to South Africa her responsibilities to her non-Europeans in accordance with the UN Charter and the Declaration of Human Right. Both India and Pakistan are concerned in protecting and improving the position of Indians in South Africa."

Regarding the relation between the Africans and Indians in South Africa, Rev. Scott said: "In many parts of Natal, Indians and Africans are co-workers on the sugar plantations and in factories and industries, and suffer the same conditions. In other places, Africans' only contact with Indians as traders. Some of these they do regard as exploiters. That would also be true of some white traders. Politically, the Indian and African Congress have taken action for instance in the case of the Durban riots. They have also passed a resolution recently calling for a civil disobedience movement. I have been informed.

Questioned if the economic causes were the root of the discrimination against the Negroes, Rev. Scott said: "Economic factors are certainly very important. The dispossession of the African people of their land and their lack of political rights has reduced them to a state of servitude and dependence economically on work in the white man's farms, mines and industries. The Africans numbering three-quarters of the whole population of South Africa have been reduced to ownership of 3 per cent of the land."

Does Pakistan Want War?

India Is Ready For Anything

-Patel

India's Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhai Patel, told a mammoth gathering in Bombay on Wednesday: "We have tried to win the friendship of Pakistan through love but they talk of war. We do not seek war with any country. But if Pakistan wants war we are prepared for it."

Sardar Patel said that though political independence had been achieved there was still the achievement of economic self-sufficiency.

The Deputy Prime Minister referred to constant criticism levelled at the Government for maintaining an army twice the normal strength and said this was necessary so long as "our relations with our neighbours are strained".

On the internal political situation, Sardar Patel made an indirect reference to Communist activities, appealed to Indian Socialists for co-operation and lauded out at the Hindu Mahasabha.

He criticised speeches and resolutions of the Hindu Mahasabha Conference in Calcutta last month.

Sardar Patel said: "For two years the Hindu Mahasabha kept quiet. Now, suddenly, they have worked up and talk of re-union of India and Pakistan. They talked once before in the same vein and we lost Mahatma Gandhi".

Local Option Poll, Mannar District for the Closure of Ollimadu Toddy Tavern

It is hereby notified that the Assistant Government Agent, Mannar District, in exercise of the powers vested in him by Rule 6 of Excise Notification No. 146, published in Government Gazette No. 7478 of August 14, 1923, as amended by Excise Notifications Nos 180, 187, 194, 221, 225 and 231 has appointed the date and place mentioned in the subjoined list for recording the votes for the purpose of ascertaining whether 60 per cent of the inhabitants of the area mentioned therein are in favour of closing the Ollimadu Toddy Tavern mentioned in the said schedule.

Polling will take place from 8 00 a.m. to 12-00 noon and from 1-00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

No person shall be entitled to vote unless his name is on the final list of voters in respect of this area.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO:

Name of Tavern	...Ollimadu Toddy Tavern
Date of Polling	...January 25, 1950
Polling Station	...Village Committee Building, Nanaddan
Voting Area	...Nadaddan, Palangakkodi, Kangkanitivu, Uvaneri, Kollankulam, Madupiddy, Ollimadu, Periyakaddaikadu, Avanam, Sooriyakaddaikadu, and Sampankaddaikadu
	K. C. Vallipuram, for Asst. Govt. Agent, Mannar
	Mannar, 23rd Dec 1949. G 104 6)

NOTICE

A large quantity of used but serviceable scaffolding, wooden materials such as poles, planks, scantling and butts etc. will be disposed of early.

Interested parties may inspect the same during office hours and see the detailed conditions of disposal at the India General Construction Corporation Ltd. offices Cement Factory Site Kanakanturali during working hours from 9th January 1950 onwards. H. S. RAO, Site Engineer, (M. 224. 6-1-50).

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 8TH JANUARY TO 14TH JANUARY 1950

ARIES *Aswini, Barani, Kartikai 1st part*—[Madha Rasi]

This should be one of the easiest and profitable week, you can make surprising progress if you are courageous and enterprising. New contacts made this week will be immensely valuable.

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

Health must improve from this week. Affairs at home and at office or business place also will turn favourable. But do not make any hasty decisions regarding important deals before the end of this week.

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

If you can cut clear from irritating and restricting ties you will achieve more benefits this week. Some petty troubles in office shown but it will help you to fight your cause and make some headway.

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

You can begin any new venture this week. Financial gains and success shown. Happiness through married partner's relatives also indicated. Week-end will cause you some unavoidable expenditure.

LEO *Maha, Poora, Uttira 1, 2*—[Singha Rasi]

Beware of clashes with friends first part of week. But matters should improve after mid week. Ruin to enemies and financial gains shown week end.

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

You can expect to see some long pending matters working out with surprising assistance from others this week. Health also will improve. Triumph over competitors and fame shown week end.

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

Business luck and a good deal of personal happiness shown this week. New Social contacts and popularity also indicated. Go ahead with your future plans as better times are ahead.

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

Abdominal complaints and mental worries shown this week. Relatives also may cause you some annoyance. Do not trust your new friends very much. Important dealings must be postponed for next week.

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

New contacts made this week will be immensely valuable later on. Gains and favours from friends of the opposite sex also shown. Heavy expenses later in the week but you will get some money to meet them.

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

Professionally a good week. Resolve to take a bold line with mischief makers if you want to stifle annoying opposition. Avoid first two days of the week for important affairs.

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

The first two days and the last 3 days of the week will be fairly good for any new undertakings. Success and fame shown towards week end. But spend the middle two days with care and avoid scandals.

PIS-ES *Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revati*. [Meena Rasi]

Events first four days of the week will lead up to many interesting developments in your life. Social success, financial gain and mental harmony shown. But Thursday Friday and Saturday must be spent with care.

SPIRITUAL STAR OF ARUNACHALA

(Continued from page 1)

the burly-burly of the compartment, in silent contemplation of Arunachala. Here again Providence prompted a Moulvi to enquire of Venkataraman about his destination and to tell him where he should get down to go direct to Tiruvannamalai.

Alighting at the sacred station on the morning of 1st September 1896, the young boy beheld his "promised land."

Dashan of the Lord of Arunachala sent him into ecstasies. He broke forth into poem and song and very soon the devoted young saint became famous as a "Bala-yogi." His subsequent "tapas" in the Pathala-linga temple, when for weeks together he was immersed in a trance of meditation, while ants and other insects gnawed at his flesh, opened the eyes of the world to his greatness.

Eloquence of Silence

With but a cod-piece (koupina) which typifies not only the internal fasting of the will, the vow of celibacy, of purity in thought, word, and deed, but also the sublime vow not even to "think" of sex, there, at the Hill of the Holy Beacon, sits the Maharshi in supreme silence and majestic calm, a living Monument of Spiritual Glory. For him "silence is unceasing eloquence. It is the best language."

His Silence, in the words of Mr. K. S. Venkataramani, "ambushes your hundred doubts of the mind in his presence. Sri Bagan is an ocean of Tranquillity. He greets you and clasps you not by the monkey-band of the mind, but the invisible divine feelers of his heart. His entire approach to you is not objective, is not through the predatory mind. It is an all-inclusive Grace. It is an embrace of his entire personality."

In the galaxy of Spiritual stars that have now and again graced the Eastern sky Sri Maharishi is the brightest, spreading lustre over the entire land. "In India he is the whitest spot in a white space." Modern prophets like Sri Ramakrishna and Sri Ramana while reminding us of the spiritual culture of India, warn us by their teachings not to forget the demand of the soul, surrounded as we are by Western civilization.

In fine, "Ramanasbraun is an Oasis in the desert of the modern world. It is the life-spring of love and life. May its waters take flood and submerge the world. May the meditations of the Great One reshape a world of peace, love and brotherhood."
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(M. 223. 6 & 10).

Local Option Poll, Mannar District, for the closure of Arippe Toddy Tavern

It is hereby notified that the Assistant Government Agent, Mannar in exercise of the powers vested in him by Rule 6 of Excise Notification No. 146, published in Government Gazette No. 7478 of August 14 1943, as amended by Excise Notifications Nos. 180, 187, 194, 221, 225 and 231 has appointed the date and place mentioned in the subjoined list for recording the votes for the purpose of ascertaining whether 60 per cent of the inhabitants of the area mentioned therein are in favour of closing the Arippe Toddy Tavern mentioned in the said Schedule.

Polling will take place from 8 00 a. m. to 12-00 noon and from 1-00 p. m. to 6-00 p. m.

No person shall be entitled to vote unless his name is on the final list of voters in respect of this area.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO:
Name of Tavern .. Arippe Toddy Tavern
Date of Polling .. January 30, 1950
Polling Station... Circuit Bungalow, Arippe
Voting Area... Arippe and Iltantakulam

K. C. Vallipuram, for Assistant Government Agent, The Kachechi, Mannar, 23rd December 1949. (G. 103. 6)

NEWS

We want NEWS of popular interest from every quarter. Something happens, everyday, everywhere; if you can jot it down clearly, briefly in readable, interesting language, readers of the Hindu Organ will appreciate it. Let the News be authentic. When you have it please send it quick to The Editor, Hindu Organ, Jaffna. Regular correspondents in important places are also welcome.

THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

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other activity which is progressing satisfactorily. This has been organised by the lady teachers of the College and is the only one of its kind.

A People's Movement

The Co-operative Movement is entirely a people's movement and although Government is fostering it to a great extent the ultimate object in view is to hand over the whole movement to a Federation. With this end in view provincial unions have just been formed in all the nine provinces of the Island, but the Northern Province has been far ahead of the Island. It formed its Federation in 1936 and has already shown a keen sense of responsibility and capacity to take a full share of the management of the movement. The audit fees collected from the Northern Province are appropriated by this body while the Registrar collects the fees from the rest of the Island. To supplement the levy received a portion of the Government grant is also given to the Federation. Sub-Inspectors of the Northern Province are appointed by the Federation and paid by that body. The federation submits its budget annually

to the Registrar for approval. It has its own office and office-bearers. The Secretary spends a major portion of his time in the work of the Society for no remuneration except a travelling allowance. The Federation holds its own training classes, propaganda meetings and conferences. The Federation deals in books and printed forms for the use of Societies. A sum of Rs. 50,078 was collected as levy during 1947-48 and Government gave a grant of 208,236. There are 112 Sub-Inspectors employed at present by the Federation.

Co-operative Education

The demand for Co-operative education was increasing after the great strides made by Consumer Societies during the war years and Jaffna again rose to the occasion by publishing the first Co-operative journal the 'Ikiya Theepam'. This magazine is entirely financed and managed by the Northern Division Federation manned by band of enthusiastic Co-operators with the able guidance and indefatigable energy of its Secretary, Mr. A. Arulambalam, who devotes a large amount of his time for Co-operative activities.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction Nos 1066

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Arumukha Ramalingam Shanmukha Ratnam of Palaly Deceased

Kanagamuttu widow of Arumukha Ramalingam Shanmukharatnam of Kokuvil Vs Petitioner

Minor 1. Shanmukha Ratnam Kumaresan of Kokuvil 2. Suppiah Kandiah of do Guardian ad litem over the 1st respondent Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the petitioner praying that the 2nd respondent abovenamed be appointed Guardian ad litem over the 1st respondent for the purpose of administering the Estate of the Late Arumukha Ramalingam Shanmukha Ratnam of Palaly coming on for disposal before S. S. J. Coonasekera Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 10th day of November 1949 in the presence of Mr. K. Kathirgamassekharar Proctor on the part of the petitioner.

It is ordered that the 2nd respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the 1st respondent and that the petitioner as his widow be declared entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate issued accordingly unless the respondents or any other person or persons interested shall appear before this court on or before the 20th day of January 1950 and show sufficient cause to the contrary.

Jaffna, This 10th day of November 1949 Sgd. S. S. J. Coonasekera District Judge.

Drawn by Sgd. K. Kathirgamassekharar Proctor for Petitioner (O. 111, 3 & 6)

R. K M Vaidyeshwara Vidyalyaya Jaffna

Admission tests 1950.

Admission tests for all classes will be held on Wednesday the 11th inst. at 9 A. M.

Applications should be made on forms available at the Office on or before Tuesday, 10th inst.

S. AMBIKAIPAKAN, Principal. Jaffna, 5-1-50 (M. 225. 6-1-50).

Local Option Poll, Mannar District, for the closure of Pulady Irakkam Arrack Tavern.

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Polling will take place from 8-00 a.m. to 12-00 noon and from 1-00 p.m. to 6-00 p.m.

No person shall be entitled to vote unless his name is on the final list of voters in respect of this area.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO:
Name of Tavern... Pulady Irakkam Arrack Tavern
Date of Polling ... January 18, 1950.
Polling Station ... Circuit Bungalow, Madhu Road, K. C. Vallipuram, for Assistant Government Agent, Mannar.

The Kachechi, Mannar, 23rd December, 1949. (G 102. 6)

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