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INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Alladi Krishnasamy Iyer's Analysis

"THE Indian constitution, while declaring in express terms that the Council of Ministers shall be collectively responsible to the House of the People, had advisedly refrained from enumerating in detail the incidence of Responsible Government. A provision like this will give sufficient scope for the convention of Responsible Government to grow up. Any stereo-typing of such incidence into a statutory mould will not impart an element of elasticity to the constitution," said Mr. Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar analysing the merits of the constitution of India in the course of a broadcast talk from All India Radio.

Justifying the adoption of the institution of a Parliamentary executive, Mr. Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar said their decision was influenced by the following considerations:

"First, the harmonious relations that should subsist between the Legislature and the Executive to ensure the smooth working of an infant democracy. Secondly, for some years at least prior to the new constitution, the Cabinet system has been working on a fairly satisfactory manner in the different Provinces in India. Thirdly, the need for bringing the constitution in the Indian States into line with the Responsible Government prevailing in the different Provinces of India. Fourthly the inappropriateness of having a Presidential type of Government in the Union and what is familiarly known as the Cabinet system in the different units comprising the Union and, fifthly, the fact that in no constitutional State in the world to-day exists such an officer with such vast powers as the President of the American Union and the historical accidents connected with the institution of the American Presidency.

The American Model

"It will be seen that the Constituent Assembly in adopting the Cabinet system of Government, has not proceeded upon any theoretical consideration or upon the relative merits of the two systems from an academic point of view. The Assembly was quite alive to the fact that in many respects, the Presidential system has served as a great unitary and unifying institution in the general government of the U. S. A. As Prof. Laski has pointed out, in a crisis, the American President can speak on behalf of the nation in a manner in which no other executive head can speak and the more, the President gives the lead, the greater the stature he assumes and he is in a position to mobilise the nation in a manner in which nobody else can.

The result of having a Cabinet type of Government is that the executive department of Government in a modern constitutional State will have the initiative in legislative, control and be con-

trolled in its turn in regard to the framing of the Budgets and taxation proposals and generally in regard to the entire working of administrative machinery.

The relevant provisions of the constitution bearing upon the Union Executive are: (i) Article 53, which in general terms vests the executive power of the power of the Union in the President as also supreme command of the defence forces of the Union; (ii) Article 77 which provides that all executive action shall be expressed to be taken in the name of the President; (iii) Article 72 which invests the President with power to grant pardon, to suspend, remit or commute sentences in certain cases; (iv) Article 73 which defines the scope and the extent of the executive power of the Union and make it co-extensive with the legislative power; (v) Article 85 which invests the President with power to summon, prorogue and dissolve the House of People and Articles 86 and 87 which deal with the right of the President to address and send messages to the Houses.

Council of Ministers

In exercise of all these functions, Article 74 provides that there shall be a Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to aid and advise the President, no exception being made in regard to any function or functions.

The reference to the President in several Articles, Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar said, must be understood, having regard to provisions in the constitution which establish the Cabinet system of Government, as meaning the President or the Council of Ministers. Even in informed circles, there had been some misunderstanding in regard to the reference to the President in the various Articles of the constitution. Having regard to the framework of the constitution and the main provisions in it, the President in the various Articles referred to above will have necessarily to be understood as the President acting on the advice of his Ministers.

In one sense it may be stated that the expression "aid and advice" is euphemistic phraseology. Apart from the fact it would be impossible for the President to work any of the provisions in the constitution without reference to and independent of his Ministers, he would be guilty of violating the constitution if he purported to act without reference to and independent of their advice and he might easily bring himself under the Article relating to penalties imposed upon him for violating the constitution.

The working of the Cabinet Government in Britain at the present day shows that though in

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SRI PADA

By Sramanera Sangharakshita

I saw His shining footprints
 Gleaming in the grass like dew;
 The flowers, where they had fallen,
 Sweeter and fairer grew:
 They led into the distant hills;
 Those hills all misty blue,
 I will follow, I will follow,
 'Neath the Spring Moon full and bright,
 Through field and copse and hollow,
 Those footprints of delight,
 And walk upon those distant hills
 One dawn all golded-white.
 'Tis many an age of darkness
 Since the days my Lord did pass
 Leaving His dewy footprints
 Like pearls upon the grass,
 And rank weeds have o'ergrown them,
 And thorns obscured, alas!
 Yet will I follow boldly,
 Using the hunter's art,
 Until one day I find Him,
 From all things else apart,
 Sitting beside the Pool of Peace
 In the blue hills of my heart.

U. K. Information

ART STUDENTS TO DRESS FAMOUS SHOP WINDOWS

A challenge to the imagination and ingenuity of art students has been issued by the Regent Street (London) Association through Britain's Council of Industrial Design. Art schools in London and the English Home countries have been invited to enter teams for a window display competition, to be judged in February. Nearly 40 leading stores in London's world-famous shopping centre are giving students a free hand for a week in window space worth tens of thousands of pounds. This fine opportunity to gain practical experience in collaboration with some of Britain's best-known firms has already been taken up by 35 display teams entered by Art Schools in London, and the countries of Kent, Middlesex Surrey.

The students will create and construct in their school workshops displays designed to sell the goods and services of the Regent Street firms. This imaginative scheme to interest art school students in display as a profession is the first of its kind to be staged on such a scale in the United Kingdom.

The Council of Industrial Design hopes that the Regent Street Competition will lead to closer co-operation between store executives and art schools throughout the country, and to an infusion of fresh talent into a profession that is seldom accorded proper recognition.

Plastic Skeletons

The teaching of medicine needs special models—full skeletons, sections of bone structure, intricate joint mechanisms, and so on. Formerly these anatomical models

Autonomous Tamil State Mr Chelvanayakam's Federal Plan

"The Tamils should wake up from their slumber and fight for their rights; otherwise in a short time there will be no race called the Tamil race" said Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam K. C. M. P. and President of the Tamil Arasu Kadchi addressing a propaganda meeting held last Sunday in Jaffna.

The meeting which was to have been held at the Jaffna Town Hall could not be held there as the Mayor cancelled the permission given to the Party earlier. This action of the Mayor was condemned by Mr. Chelvanayakam. He said that the Party's object was to work for an Autonomous Tamil state in a Federal Union.

Mr. C. Vanniasingham M. P. Dr. E. M. V. Naganathan and Mr. S. Amirthalingam also addressed the meeting. Models were highly expensive and difficult to obtain, but a United Kingdom firm has solved the problem with the aid of the latest organic plastic material. The firm now produces anatomical models, including artificial skeletons from a plastic at a price which brings them within the reach of individual students. The advantage of these artificial models is that they are durable, resistant to heat, moisture or other climatic conditions. They lend themselves readily to painting and marking for demonstration purposes, and yet are easily cleaned.

PUBLIC ADDRESS TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

TO

HIS EXCELLENCY

The Right Honourable Lord Soulbury

May It Please Your Excellency,

"We, the residents of Jaffna District, tender to Your Excellency on the occasion of your first official visit a most cordial welcome.

If in pomp and pageantry we have not been able to equal others in other parts of Ceylon, we assure your Excellency that in sincerity and loyalty we shall be second to none.

Your Lordship's first visit to Jaffna was in your capacity as chairman of the Commission on Constitutional Reforms in 1945. The efforts of the Commission were crowned with success. The constitution framed by your Lordship and others associated with you reflects your great sympathy for Ceylon and a deep knowledge of constitution-making. Ceylon was able to change her political status from a Crown Colony to a Self-Governing Dominion without any hitch or difficulty under the constitution of which you were the chief architect.

Jaffna which was once the capital of the Tamil Kings of Ceylon is still the chief centre of the Tamils in the Island. If art and literature truly reflect the culture and civilisation of a people, there can be no doubt that the Tamils had a civilisation and culture of which they can be legitimately proud. There has been stagnation in the arts and letters on account of three centuries or more of foreign domination; we are aware that you are deeply interested in the revival of these and it is to be hoped that during your tenure of office there will be a renaissance.

Tamils in Ceylon have been in the van-guard of the struggle for freedom during the time Ceylon was a Crown Colony. The first Ceylonese who was elected to the Educated Ceylonese Seat in 1911 was Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan and the Father of the Ceylon National Congress was Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam. It is gratifying to note that when the change over from a Crown Colony to a Self-Governing Dominion was effected there was no communal tension. May the Tamils as in the past work in unity with the other communities in the Island for the common weal of the country.

We rejoice that we have been able to win political freedom without one drop of blood being shed. The country, however, is not self sufficient in matters of food and clothing. Your Ministers are making every effort to improve the lot of the common man and achieve economic emancipation. The present Government has *inter alia* implemented the Karaiyoor Slum Clearance Housing Scheme passed by the State

Council, effected improvements at the Jaffna Civil Hospital, converted the quondam Military Hospital at Kankesanburai into a Civil Hospital, given financial assistance to the Moolai Co-operative Hospital, inaugurated an Air Service between Colombo and Jaffna with extension of the service to Trichinopoly and Madras, established a Rural Central at Puttur, opened a number of Sub-Post Offices and improved postal and telephone facilities, sanctioned and started work in connection with the raising of the bund of the Irana-madu Tank and the Jaffna Lagoon Scheme and established a new Cement Factory at Kankesanurail. More will have to be done for hospitals, slums, agriculture and industry.

We are fortunate in having as Prime Minister the Right Honourable D. S. Senanayake who is a friend of the Tamils. The part played by him in winning freedom for Ceylon is beyond all praise. He has to a great extent succeeded in giving economic stability and peace to the country. We are happy to remain within the Commonwealth of Nations and work for world peace.

There are 88 English and 402 Tamil Schools and 1 Sinhalese School within the Peninsula; of these of 489 are free schools. The education imparted in some of them which some are over 100 years old is not inferior in quality or content to that in the best schools of Colombo. Free Education has very adversely affected them and their governing bodies are experiencing the gravest financial difficulties. Many educational reforms are being considered and it is our earnest hope that with you, a great educationist, as Governor General no mistake will be made nor any wrong step taken which might adversely affect the education of the future generations.

Jaffna has set the example to the rest of Ceylon in many respects. The industry of the Jaffna farmer has become proverbial. Economic conditions in the world threaten his tobacco industry. Your Government has not failed in its duty to take the necessary action for safeguarding and protecting the industry.

Co-operation has been found to be a panacea for many economic ills. Jaffna has taken the lead in adopting co-operation not only for improving economic conditions but also for bettering social conditions. The Co-operative Hospital at Moolai is the first of its kind in the East and the Jaffna Malayalam Tobacco Co-operative Society deserves special mention.

It gives us great pleasure to thank Your Excellency for

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Hindu Organ

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1950

Treasure These Thoughts

Yes, all the deeds that men have done,
In light of day, before the sun,
Or veiled beneath the gloom of night,
The good, the bad, the wrong, the right,
These, though forgotten, re-appear
And travel, silent, in their rear.

—BRAHMAVADIN.

A WARM WELCOME

WE OFFER HIS EXCELLENCY the Rt. Honourable Lord Soulbury Governor-General of Ceylon on his first official visit to Jaffna a cordial welcome. The Jaffna Municipal Council invited him to visit Jaffna and it is kind of him to have acceded to the request. It is a lucky coincidence that Mr. C. Ponnambalam who as Chairman of the then Urban Council honoured Lord Soulbury as Chairman of the Commission on Constitutional Reforms in 1945 by entertaining the members of the Commission to dinner happens to be the Mayor of the Municipal Council which has accorded a civic reception to His Excellency to-day. The public of Jaffna District have also extended a warm welcome to His Excellency. We have published elsewhere the text of the address presented by the public. We endorse the sentiments expressed therein.

A few people who claim to have formed a political party under the name and style of the *Hankoi Tamil Arasu Kadchi* have issued pamphlets calling upon people in Jaffna to boycott the reception accorded to the Governor-General. We are compelled much against our will to state that the conduct of the persons or party which has been responsible for the issue of pamphlets is reprehensible. The fair name of Jaffna ought not to be tarnished in this manner. If the I. T. A. K. thought that Lord Soulbury who was the architect of the constitution under which Ceylon has been able to achieve freedom was in drafting the constitution unfair to the Tamils in not accepting the fifty-fifty formula, the party ought to have dissuaded the Jaffna Municipal Council from inviting him as Governor-General to Jaffna. After the Council had invited His Excellency who had accepted the invitation it is nothing short of bad manners for the Party to issue pamphlets of this nature.

It is passing strange that members of Parliament including a King's Counsel who have taken the oath of allegi-

ance to His Majesty King George the Sixth should be behind the move calling upon people to display their resentment by boycotting the reception accorded to His Majesty's Representative. It had pleased His Majesty to honour Lord Soulbury by appointing him Governor-General of Free Ceylon and the appointment was found acceptable to the party-in-power. It is one of the duties of the Governor General to visit the different provinces in the Island and acquaint himself with conditions prevailing in each province. Should the I.T.A.K. have any grievances it was open to them to place such grievances before the Governor-General when he visited Jaffna. By himself, a constitutional Governor-General cannot initiate any legislation which contemplates changes in the constitution. The I. T. A. K. is probably aware of the situation and has therefore decided on this sinister move. Self-control is a virtue which people may well make up their minds to acquire though a good deal of patience will be necessary.

Ceylon has been fortunate in having Lord Soulbury as Governor-General. His scholarship culture and mature political wisdom befit him eminently for the high office he holds. Frustration in life makes some people entertain unproportioned and ugly thoughts which do not deserve to be translated into action. We commend the Municipal Council and the public who have greeted His Excellency Lord Soulbury with a warm welcome.

Reception To Jaffna Mayor

Plea For Closing Ranks

The Jaffna Mayor Mr. C. Ponnampalam deprecated certain attempts that are being made to disrupt Tamil Unity by fermenting internal discussions and appealed for the Co-operation of all Tamils to work for their progress in replying to many speakers who congratulated the new mayor at a public reception in Jaffna

Dr. S. Subramaniam presiding hoped that all members of the Jaffna Municipality would help the Mayor in discharging his onerous duties as best as he was capable of.

Mr. T. Muttasampillai, Crown Advocate paying a tribute to the new Mayor for his broad outlook in all matters said that he was more far-seeing than many others in the field of politics. The Rev. Fr. T. M. F. Long O. M. I. speaking next said that the new Mayor was bound to do good work because of his uprightness and conscientious spirit.

Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam, Proctor referred to the correct attitude taken up Mr. C. Ponnampalam during the last Parliamentary elections and added that Co-operation with the major community would always help in the growth of natural unity.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL VISITS JAFFNA

Warm Welcome Accorded By Public

A large crowd thronged the roads of Jaffna this morning to see His Excellency the Governor-General Lord Soulbury who is paying his first official visit to Jaffna. Scouts and school children lined the route along the Main Road between the Jaffna Railway Station and the Town Hall—the route taken by the Governor-General's car.

Early in the morning Ministers, the Mayor and Members of the Jaffna Municipal Council and distinguished personalities assembled at the Jaffna Railway Station to receive the Governor-General. The Hon. Miss. Joan Ramsbotham also accompanied the Governor-General.

The Governor-General was garlanded by Mr. C. Ponnambalam the Mayor and Mr. T. Muttasampillai, Crown Advocate and Chairman of the Reception Committee and the Hon. Miss. Joan Ramsbotham was presented with a *chendu* by Miss Manonmany Muttasampillai.

Then the Governor-General was taken to the Town Hall where a civic reception and a public reception was accorded him.

Mayor's Address

The Mayor in his address said: We the Mayor and Members of the Jaffna Municipal Council, on behalf of the Citizens of Jaffna, offer Your Excellency a cordial welcome to Jaffna, the chief city of Ceylon Tamils and the seat of the Ancient Tamil Kingdom.

On your last visit to this City we were agreeably impressed by the keen interest you evinced in our Tamil Culture, Literature, Music and Art. We pray that this interest will be sustained and that they will find an equal place in your Excellency's pursuits along with those of the Sinhalese.

As the Constitutional Governor-General, Your Excellency with your ripe judgement, mature wisdom and long experience has ample opportunities to inspire and guide our Ministers towards making greater efforts to bring about National Solidarity and Communal Harmony.

We pray that the visit of your Excellency to this City will be pleasant and that it will result in greater Communal Harmony and a revival of Indigenous Arts and Crafts.

The Governor-General's reply:—

I thank you sincerely for your cordial welcome to me to the town of Jaffna on this my first official visit to the Jaffna District. I am hoping to renew in my capacity of Governor-General of Ceylon the very agreeable associations which sprang from my Chairmanship of the Commission on the Constitutional Reform of Ceylon, and I look forward with great pleasure to the days which I shall spend in your midst.

Your address of welcome contains an account of your need and difficulties. In accordance with constitutional practice I shall communicate to the appropriate Ministers the representations that

you have made to me. I am confident that as far as the country's resources permit your needs will receive the most careful attention of the Ministers concerned.

I hope that with such assistance as the Central Government may be able to give and through your own efforts and those of the townsfolk whom you represent, you will succeed in conferring substantial benefits on this ancient and famous city.

I thank you once again for your welcome and I am sure that I shall much enjoy my visit which I hope to repeat on subsequent occasions.

Then Mr. T. Muttasampillai, Crown Advocate read the welcome address. (It is published elsewhere)

Governor-General's Reply

The Governor-General replying said

I offer to you my sincere thanks for the kind and friendly welcome which you have extended to me on my first official visit to the Jaffna District. This visit recalls to me happy recollections of the time when I came to you as Chairman of the Commission on Constitutional Reforms, nearly five years ago. The courtesy and hospitality which I then received from you, and all the people of the Northern Province remain ever fresh in my memory. And it is an additional pleasure to hear your very generous tributes to the efforts of myself and my colleagues on that Commission, and to learn that the reforms which we recommended received your approval.

You and all other inhabitants of Ceylon have every reason to be proud of the constitutional progress which has led you to achieve the status of a self-governing country within the British Commonwealth of Nations.

I know of no other instance in history where the transition from dependence to independence has been effected more peacefully or with greater smoothness, good temper and efficiency.

You stand out as an example to the world of the value of restraint, moderation and tolerance in human affairs.

I ascribe your success to three factors.

(a) The leadership of very wise men, some of whose names you have mentioned—Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam, and your Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. D. S. Senanayake. You owe a debt of imperishable gratitude to them.

(b) The excellence of the education provided by generations of devoted teachers. The reputation of your secondary



Boycott Bluff

The Tamil Arasu Kadchi has made a desecrate attempt to solicit public support by making the most convenient approach to the masses viz. fanning the flames of bitterness that had flickered long ago. Mr. Chelvanayakam was one of those Tamil Congress leading lights who entertained the members of the Soulbury Commission at a variety musical diversion and sang his praise and danced to his pleasure. The commission gave its award, and it went against the entertainers.

The disappointed crew could have carried on the fight logically by boycotting the constitution. But they only disappointed those whom they professed to lead and fought for seats in the Parliament created by that very constitution which they detested and would not touch it even with a long pole. Today they are members of Parliament because such a constitution had been brought into existence. These entertainers were only too ready to snatch at some thing that might touch the communal sentiment of the people. The Chairman of the Soulbury Constitution, by a strange coincidence, not only became the Governor-General of Ceylon but decided to pay a visit to the land of these political orchestra men according to a request made by the Jaffna Public.

Here is entertainment for the masses. It is a spicy sentimental diversion. The man in the street waits for this periodical eff-

schools is second to none, and their teaching has been reflected in the fine achievements of your people in every walk of life. Five years ago I drew attention in my report to the high standard of literary and scholarship that prevailed in Jaffna, and I have no doubt that you have maintained and enhanced it. I am, of course, aware of your educational problems, but you have, I think, reason to be confident that those in authority will be careful to protect the coming generation from the consequences of any such or precipitate policy.

(c) The character of your people, their industry, their energy and perseverance.

Those sterling qualities have been an invaluable asset to Ceylon and have played a notable part in promoting her political and economic stability.

In many respects you exemplify the experience of my own country, another island—which has benefited immensely from the joint endeavours and contributions of different racial stocks to the common cause.

Your reference to co-operation gives me the opportunity of congratulating you on your admirable display which I saw at the Rally of the Co-operative Congress in Colombo at the beginning of January. Your splendid work in the development of co-operation has been a boon to the whole community.

You are rightly proud of the great civilisation of which you are inheritors and I share to the full your hope that with the rebirth of your freedom will come the rebirth of your culture.

Some months ago I ventured to quote a profound desecration made by Pandit Nehru: the loss of

vescence and rides on its crest, with much gusto. The bubble will burst as it must and there will be a fall.

Propagandists Stumped

It is reported that the Mayor of Jaffna refused permission for the Tamil Arasu Kadchi to hold a propaganda meeting at the Town Hall. Propaganda cannot and should not be stiled in summary manner by using the power of 'authority'. No harm can be done by the separation of agitators speaking to an audience even if they endeavour to drive the listeners into a panic, for such sudden switching of forced energy never brings results. The shouting and the jeering may have been allowed to go on and die a natural death. Gaggling as a political expedient besides being unwise sometimes tends to become dangerous.

Spade work

If our politically minded public men think that entertaining officials or organising boycott-meetings is doing spade work for the welfare of the people they would be better advised to withdraw themselves from such activities and find other platform for personal propaganda. The Jaffna people must take courage and tell these entertainers that starvation and disease cannot be eradicated by spectacular tamasha

Jaffna Hindu College Varsity Entrance Exam Results

- Science
A. Maheswara
B. Mahinda
P. Parameshvaranathan
T. Sabapathipillai
N. Shanmuganathan
S. Sivarajasingam
K. Subramaniam
T. Thirunamachandran
Medicine
I. Mahendiran
M. Murugesapillai
Veterinary Science
P. Negaretnam
K. Satchidananthasivam.

PERSONAL

Mr. S. U. Somasegaram Education Officer, Western Division, has been transferred to the Head Office as Officer-in-Charge, Training Colleges.

Mr. S. Panupathy Chettiar Registrar of Marriages Jaffna has been appointed Writ Officer Vannarponnai as from the 1st of February.

Mr. S. Kanagalingam, of the Government Information Department Film Unit, has been elected a Member of the British Sound Recording Association, London. He is the first Ceylonese to obtain membership of this Association.

political freedom inevitably leads to cultural decay." Your freedom is now regained, and with it the power to revive and renew the arts and literature for which your ancestors are so justly famous.

The progress of your renaissance will commend my intense interest and sympathy.

Finally I must thank you once again for your good wishes and for the kindness and warmth of your reception, and express my fervent hope for the continued prosperity and happiness of you

RAJAJI ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

It Helps Knowing God And Man

SPEAKING at the opening ceremony of the Indian National Physical laboratory in New Delhi, Sri C. Rajagopalachari, the Governor-General of India compared research work to "a game of finding the needle in the haystack but added that the needle could be found by some one only if many are engaged in seemingly profitless work."

"It would be unwise to limit scientific research. It is a good investment to give as much money as we can to eminent men devoted to the cause of searching for truth. Men engaged in great scientific research belong to the same class as our risks."

gation, may act as a wine on some natures.

"But those who struggle to obtain a deeper knowledge of the physical sciences automatically developed towards the mystery of the universe, an attitude of reverence which is the essence of religion."

"Flower in the crannied walling linnsson. 'I pluck you out of the crannies. I hold you here root and all, in my hand, little flower. But if I could understand what you are, root and all and all in all, I should know what God and man is'."

"Men of science, on account of their very knowledge of some of the secrets of nature, contemplate with increased humility and reverence that which must ever remain outside the pale of human analysis."

Saiva Youth Conference

Of course I am not unaware that sometimes these discoveries of fundamental scientists can be seized by Satan for inflicting more miseries on man than he is now subjected to, and in this respect the atom has been a great offender. At one end, poor Einstein is working on the expanding universe and giving us equations which are hieroglyphics to me but must be wonderful joy to mathematicians. Einstein's expanding universe can do us no great immediate damage. There is no harm in these equations. At the other end, however, those eminent scientists who worship at the altar of the infinitesimal, have brought the world precipitously near to destruction. The offender, however, is not really the atom. It is the business of statesmen to agree to prevent the misuse of Truth.

The All Ceylon Saiva Youths conferences was held at the Jaffna Hindu College Tamil School Hall from Saturday the 22nd to 23rd inst under the presidency of Srimath Somasunthara Thampiran Swamikal.

First days proceedings

After special poojah at Nallur Kandasamy Temple Srimath Somasunthara Thampiran and Vidwan S. Thandapani Desikar were taken in procession to the conference.

Mr. S. Natesan B.A.B.L. Principal, Parameswara College delivered the presidential address and Mr. M. Ganaprakasam B. A. B. Sc the welcome address. After the presidential address by Srimath Somasunthara Thampiran Saivaperiar Sri Shivapatha Sundaram delivered an address on *சுவாமிநாதர் சூலபூஜம்*.

During the evening sessions lectures by Vidwan Thandapani Desikar and Pandit S. Kanapathipillai were delivered on "தரும சித்தையம்" respectively.

Second day's proceedings

A Lecture on *வேதவாழி* was delivered by Mr. Ganaprakasam Sri Thandapani Desikar spoke on *தெய்வத்தின் வேயினம்* and Pandita S. Anantambika Ammal B. A. on Kandasapnam. The President delivered an address on *வாய்நடை* and a student of Kopay Government Training College spoke on *சமயத் துறையில் மகனின் நிலை*.

Matrimonial

Kanagaratnam—

Chandrakantha

The registration of marriage of Mr. K. Kanagaratnam of the staff of the Royal Prep School, Colombo and youngest son of the late Mr. S. Kanapathipillai of Mandaitivu with Miss Chandrakantha youngest daughter of the late Mr. K. Ratsasingham Deputy Fiscal was solemnized by Mr. S. Pasupathy Chettiar, Registrar of marriages, Jaffna at his office on Thursday the 19th inst at 6 p.m.

A large gathering of friends and relations was present at the function.

Pilgrimage To Tiruketheeshvaram

(Ministry of Transport and Works, Pilgrimage of Hindu Officers and Workmen, including their families, and friends to Tiruketheeshvaram on the 11th Februa y, 1950)

1. Tiruketheeshvaram.

This is one of the most ancient Sacred Hindu shrines of Ceylon. Its sanctity has been the theme of sacred Thevarans (songs by Saiva Saints, some of which songs are prescribed for examination purposes by the Government of Ceylon.

Sir William Twynam, Government Agent, in his Administration Report of 1887 states: "The temple was as large as the one at Rameswaram and was held in great veneration by the Hindus"

Tiruketheeshvaram is by the site of the ancient Chief Port of Ceylon, Mahathitha, now known as Mantota. It is about 7 miles from Mannar Railway Station. his pilgrimage is being arranged at the suggestion and full co-operation of the Tiruketheeshvaram Temple Restoration Society.

2. This is important—Book now

It is proposed to charter a Special Train for this Pilgrimage. We anticipate heavy bookings. It will be a case of first come first serve. No reservations can be guaranteed after 3rd, February, 1950. Therefore please register your names immediately with your respective Welfare Officers. Others may register their names at the Chief Welfare Officer's Office, Ministry of Transport and Works, Transworks House—Telephone No. 3805.

3. Special poojahs:

Special Poojahs will be performed at the Temple on the 11th. There will be devotional songs, and religious discourses in the evening.

4. Tentative Programme and date of Pilgrimage:

Our plan is to leave Colombo on Friday night the 10th February, 1950 at 9 p. m. arrive at Tiruketheeshvaram at 7 a. m. on 11-2-50 and leave Tiruketheeshvaram at 10 p. m. on Saturday the 11th in time to reach Colombo at 9 a. m. on Sunday 12-2-50.

5. Transport and Fares:

The Trip will be undertaken by a co-ordinated Rail-bus service, right up to the Temple and back. Train fares from Colombo to the Temple and back are as follows:-

Train fare	1st	
Return:	Rs. 42-50	
	2nd	3rd
	Rs. 27-00	Rs. 11-60

It is hoped that most Pilgrims will use their holiday warrents or passes.

6. Food

The Tiruketheeshvaram Temple Restoration Society will be host to all pilgrims at Tiruketheeshvaram on this day and one of its members Mr. S. Kaadasamy of the P. W. D. at Anuradhapura has already graciously undertaken to meet all expenses in this connection.

Pilgrims will have to provide their own food for the Train Journey Up and Down. If large numbers come, and we have a whole train, a Buffet Car for

China Chief In Moscow

Marshal Stalin has received Chinese Communist Prime Minister Chou En-lai, Moscow Radio reported.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, was also present at the meeting.

The arrival in Moscow of Premier Chou, who is also Foreign Minister in the Peking Government, was reported on Friday by Moscow Radio.

Mr. Wang Chia-hsiang, Ambassador in Moscow for the Chinese Communist Government, was also present at the meeting.

Meanwhile the Chinese Communist Government announced today that the huge north-west territory of China had been placed under a new regional government. A Peking Radio broadcast said the new government, set up on Thursday in Sian, was called the North-West Military and Administrative Committee.

The Chairman was General Peng Teh-huai, conqueror of the north-west during the civil war.

The new government corresponds roughly to the old north-west military headquarters under the Nationalist General Chang Chih-chung. General Chang was named one of the vice-chairmen of the new regional government under the Communists. The new regional government also replaces the old Shensi-Kansu-Ninghsia border government the radio said.

General Peng, as Chairman of the Government, said in his inaugural address at Sian that it was "a regional coalition government of a united front of democracy and all nationalities, which is a people's democratic dictatorship never before seen in the north west."

Titles of Heads of Republican India

It is learnt that Republican India's President will be "Mr. President" but Rajpramukas will continue to be "Highnesses" as their titles are guaranteed under the Covenants. The Governors will, for the present, be "Excellencies" but in many of these matters the Government of India seem to consider that conventions will have to develop in course of time. Provincial Premiers will be known as Chief Ministers.

WEDDING

Mahalingam—Yogabhabagavathy

The marriage of Mr. M. Mahalingam with Miss Yogabhabagavathy Eliathambiy of Urumpirai will be solemnized according to Hindu rites at the Bride's Residence (Udayar Valuvu, Urumpirai) on Sunday the 29th instant, between 4 00 & 5 30 p. m. (M. 239. 24 & 27.)

Light refreshments will be attached to the train.

All Pilgrims please bring a drinking vessel.

7. Shelter

Should it rain there is sufficient shelter at the temple and at the Madam for about 600.

Hindu Temporalities Committee

Sittings At Kandy

"FIRST and foremost I would invite your attention to the advisability or otherwise of legislation as to what we should believe, and what we should do on matters of religion when we have none in the Parliament learned enough in the Vedas, Agamas and the Sashtras to express authoritative opinion on these subjects. Nor am I learned enough to say anything on such matters," said Dr. S. Ramanathan, Medical Officer-in-Charge, Kandy Civil Hospital, giving evidence before the Special Committee on Hindu Temporalities, at a public sitting at the Kandy District Court premises-

Dr Ramanathan urged the establishment of a Hindu (Saiv) Church (Sangha) to look after the spiritual needs of the Hindus.

Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, M. P. (Chairman) presided, and other members present were Messrs. S. Thondaman, M. P., K. Rajalingam, M. P., M. Vairamothu (Secretary).

Dr. Ramanathan told the Committee that the views he was placing before the Committee were his personal views, and he was before the Committee as an ordinary Hindu and as hereditary trustee of a temple of Chunnakam with a constitution of its own.

Freedom Of Worship

On the question of freedom of worship, Dr. Ramanathan said that he did not think it prudent to give up freedom of worship and belief by allowing a legislature which was composed of members who were not believers in their religion and were ignorant of their scriptures to pass laws. Indeed the majority of these members professed religions which had no sympathy for their religion but had converted many a member of their community to their faith by every means available. By permitting such legislation to be enacted, the future generation, Dr. Ramanathan pointed out, might find themselves at the mercy of an unsympathetic majority.

Regarding animal sacrifice, witness said that as he was a believer in the Vedic Yagna, in which the offering of live animals as "Pali" forms an integral part of the ritual, he was unable to subscribe to the view that no animal or bird should be sacrificed for religious purposes in any Hindu temple, though he was himself opposed to the indiscriminate slaughter of animals.

Physical Force

Continuing, Dr. Ramanathan said that it was sad to see that the Hindus of India, in their anxiety to practise Ahimsa brought up cattle and goats but sold them to members of alien faiths who were nourished and fattened by these animals and, being physically better off, conquered the mild Hindus by physical force. If the Hindus, he said, themselves utilised these animals for food instead of selling them to aliens, they would perhaps hold their own against any alien invader just as the beef-eating Britisher conquered and ruled the Hindus.

On the question of temple entry, his view was that all should be allowed to worship in any temple irrespective of caste and colour. As prescribed by the Sashtras, no worshipper should, he said, go beyond the altar (palipeedam). He thought that rule was observed now in Travancore, provided the person entering the temple was clean, sober and observed Achara according to the rules laid down by Agamas and Smritis. Since

Nagalingam Commission Begins Work

The Nagalingam Commission which was appointed by the Governor-General to report on the better administration of Civil Courts of the Island and to suggest amendments to the Civil Procedure Code, held its first meeting on Saturday at Hulfts-dorp.

At this meeting which was of an exploratory nature, the Commission decided to publish its terms of reference in the Press and invite all parties interested to send within one month any communications falling within the scope of the terms of reference.

Views Invited

The Commission will then circularise all Judicial Officers, Law Societies, the Bar Council and other public bodies to obtain their views.

Thereafter if necessary the Commission will send out a detailed questionnaire.

The Commission will hold its next meeting early in March.

Mr. Justice Nagalingam is the Chairman of this Commission. The other members of which are Mr. Justice Gratiaen Dr. F. A. Hayley, K. C. Mr. N. E. Weerasooria, K. C. and Mr. G. T. Hale with Mr. C. X. Martyn as Secretary.

Shmritis could be changed according to time, place and circumstances, it would be better if a convention of Hindus was called up and changes effected in a manner acceptable to all alike. Otherwise the small Hindu community, he felt, would disintegrate and cease to exist if it had so many divisions. Here was, he said, an opportunity for the leaders of the Hindu community to show the way to a peaceful change of view.

Congregationist Register

Now that they had no Hindu king Dr. Ramanathan added, and no Hindu Government, it would be best to establish a Hindu (Saiva) Church (Sangha) to look after the spiritual needs of the Hindus. Such a church free from political interference, would be a great asset to the community and could undertake social services.

Dr Ramanathan added that a Register of congregationists was essential for the satisfactory management of temples and to minimise litigation.

Regarding animal sacrifice, he said, it was a question of faith. Once the people were educated they might give it up altogether. But to interfere with what was being done would amount to denying the poor souls the right to act according to their faith. He was, he said, totally against any legislation on religious matters.

Indian Constitution

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theory the Ministers are the advisers of the Crown, in the actual working, if the Crown is to function usefully, it has to advise the Cabinet and exert a moral and social influence over the members of the Cabinet. Similar would be the position of the President in the Indian constitution who is elected by the elected members of both the Houses of Parliament and the elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of the States. The personality, the prestige and the moral influence of the President, both in the internal and in the external sphere, will be a great factor in the mutual relations between the President and his Cabinet. To keep up a continuous liaison between the Cabinet and the President. Article 78 of the Constitution provides that it shall be the duty of the Prime Minister to keep the President in touch with the administration or affairs of the Union and the proposals for legislation. This Article is a very salutary provision and is based upon the constitutional practice obtaining in Britain at the present day.

Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar went on: A point has been made in certain quarters that the constitution does not contain detailed provisions as to the incidence of Responsible Government. There is the general provision to the effect that the Council of Ministers shall be collectively responsible to the House of the People, that a Minister must become a member of either House within a period of six months and that the salaries and allowances of Ministers may from time to time be determined by law.

In not attempting detailed provisions in regard to the incidence of Responsible Government, the Constituent Assembly was to a very large extent influenced by the example of Britain and of the constitutions of most of the Dominions the Irish constitution of 1937 being the only exception in this regard. In some of the Dominion constitutions, there is not even an express declaration as to the executive being responsible to the Legislature. The responsibility is left to be inferred by necessary implication from the various provisions in the constitutions dealing with the relations between the Legislature and the executive in regard to legislation, budget and other administrative matters. The detailed provisions in the Irish constitution are to some extent traceable to historical accidents, the distrust of the Irish people in the British Cabinet during the course of their long association with England.

In the Indian constitution while declaring in express terms in Article 75 that the Council of Ministers shall be collectively responsible to the House of the People, they have advisedly refrained from enumerating in detail the incidence of Responsible Government. A provision like this will give sufficient scope for conventions on Responsible Government to grow up. Any stereotyping of such incidence into a statutory mould will not impart an element of elasticity to the constitution.

The Constituent Assembly had not drawn upon the French and other Continental constitution which had not the long experience which Britain had in the working of Responsible Government, Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar said.

The relation between the Legislature and the executive in

Public Address to Governor-General

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visiting us and acquainting yourself with the social and economic conditions in North Ceylon. May Providence guide you and your ministers to administer the Government of this country for the benefit of the people and may it be possible not only for the present generation but also for posterity to acclaim you as a wise and cultured Governor General. We wish you long life, health and happiness.

We remain, Your Excellency, Your loyal and obedient servants, The Residents of Jaffna District duly represented by

T. MUTTUSAMPILLAI, Chairman.

E. J. RAJARATNAM, S. A. SUBRAMANIAM,

Joint Secretaries, Reception Committee, Jaffna, 24th January, 50.

Tiruketheeshvaram Temple Restoration Society

A meeting of the Working Committee of the Tiruketheeshvaram Temple Restoration Society was held recently at the Old Kathiresan Temple, Bambalapitiya with Mr. M. Selvadurai C. G. S., Office Assistant, to the Government Agent, Western Province in the Chair. Various matters were considered. A communication from the Chief Welfare Officer, Ministry of Transport and Works, was read intimating that the Pilgrims' Special Train which was originally expected to leave for Thai Pongal is now fixed for Friday 10th February 1950. It was decided to take all steps to render assistance for the pilgrimage. Matters relating to Archaeological Survey of Tiruketheeshvaram, and the road from Siru Navakulam to Thiruketheeshvaram, were among these considered. It was also intimated that a communication regarding temple construction in reply to the Society's inquiry from the Indian religious authority Sri Esana Sivachariya Swamikal was received. It was decided to consider this important communication at the next meeting of the Committee.

WANTED

Co-operative Hospital Society Ltd

Applications are invited for the posts of pupil Nurses and Attendants in the above institution. Applications written in the candidate's own handwriting together with copies of testimonials regarding educational qualification and character should reach the Hony. Secretary, Co-operative Hospital Society Ltd., Moolai, Chulipuram, on or before the 31st. January 1950.

Moolai, V. SUBRAMANIAM, Hony Secretary, 16th. January, 1950. M. 235. 20 & 24).

the Provinces or States, Mr Krishnaswami Aiyar pointed out, to a large extent modelled on the Centre, with the difference that certain special provisions have been introduced, with a view to provide against the breakdown of the constitutional machinery in the States as also to meet any financial emergency. In this context again, the expression "President" in Article 352, etc., had to be understood as referring to the President acting on the advice of his Cabinet which is responsible to Parliament.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF POINT PEDRO

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 425

In the matter of the Last Will and testament of the late Packiam widow of Arumugam Vethana yagam of Thondamanar Deceased.

Chelliah Iyer Visakarathna Iyer of Thondamanar Petitioner, Vs.

1 Thankal widow of Sada Iyer Sinnadurai Iyer of Thondamanar, 2 Kasippillai Iyer Muttucumaru Iyer of Point Pedro, 3 Kasippillai Iyer Sivasubramania Iyer, 4 Sinniah Iyer Ratnasamy Iyer, 5 wife Nagammah, 6 Sivakamiammah daughter of Iyasami Iyer, 7 Navamaniammah wife of Sivasubramania Iyer, 8 Rasavelmaniammah widow of Kanapathippillai, 9 Rajamany daughter of Kandasamy Iyer 10 Chinnathangam daughter of Kandasamy Iyer 11 Rajaledhumiammah daughter of Kandasamy Iyer, 12 Thangaratnam daughter of Kandasamy Iyer, 13 Thangapponnu widow of Kasippillai Iyer Kandasami Iyer all of Thondamanar Respondents

"This matter coming on for disposal before P. SriSankar Rajah Esquire District Judge on the 25th day of November 1949 in the presence of Mr S Ponnudurai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the witnesses and of the Notary to the Last Will having been read.

It is ordered that the Last Will dated 30th November 1944 and attested by S. Ponnudurai Notary Public under No 102 be declared proved; that the Petitioner as the Executor appointed by the said Last Will be declared entitled to take out Probate; that Probate be issued to him accordingly; that the 7th Respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minor the 6th Respondent and that 13th Respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Respondents for the purpose of representing them in the above Testamentary proceedings unless the Respondents or any other person shall appear before this Court on or before the 11th day of January 1950 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 25th day of November 1949

Sd. P. SRIKANDARAJAH District Judge

11 1 50 Extended & reissued for 25-1-50 Sd. M. K. S Actg. J. (O 114. 20 & 24).

WANTED

"Wanted an experienced clerk/ Typist Salary according to experience and qualifications. Apply with three recent testimonials to the Manager, Jaffna Co-operative Stores Ltd., 150, Hospital, Street, Jaffna on or before the 31st. January 1950".

(M. 238. 20 & 24).

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1118

In the matter of the estate of the late Sivapakkiam wife of Marcandapillai Sivasubramaniam of Araly South, Jaffna Deceased.

Marcandapillai Sivasubramaniam of Araly South Vs. Petitioner

1. Sivasubramaniam Padmenathan of do
2. Sivasubramaniam Sangaralingam of do
3. Naranapillai Sittampalam of Vaddu-Poddai East Respondents

This matter of the petition of the abovenamed petitioner coming on for disposal before S. S. J. Goona sekera Esqr. District Judge Jaffna on the 24th day of November 1949 in the presence of Mr. V. Nagalingam Proctor for Petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the Petitioner having been read; it is ordered that the abovenamed 3rd respondent be appointed guardian-ad litem over the minors 1-2 respondents and that the petitioner be declared entitled to have letters of administration of the estate of the said deceased unless the respondents shall appear before this court on the 9th day of January 1950 and show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 4th day of January 1950 Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai District Judge Extended to 6-2-50 (O 115 24 & 27)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1109

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Nagalingam Chettiar Muttuvolu Chettiar of Vannarponnai East, Jaffna Deceased.

Muthuvolu Chettiar Nagalingam Chettiar of Vannarponnai East, Jaffna Petitioner.

1 Sivakolunthachchi widow of N. Muttuvolu Chettiar
2 Kamalamba daughter of Muthuvolu Chettiar both of Vannarponnai East, Jaffna Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before S. S. J. Goonesekere, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 20th day of December 1949 in the presence of Mr. M. R. Karalasingam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the abovenamed Petitioner dated the 2nd day of November 1949 having been read.

It is declared that the Petitioner is the son of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 3rd day of February 1950 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Jaffna, this 20th day of December 1949.

R. R. Selvadurai, District Judge. Drawn by M. R. Karalasingam, Proctor for Petitioner (O. 116. 24 & 27)

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