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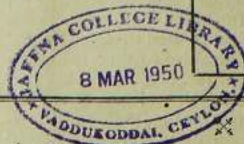
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## UNITY IN DIVERSITY

By G. BALASUBRAMANIAM

TRUTH is God, and God alone is real. The world consisting of bodies, mind and thoughts and egotismality or name and form is merely a reflection of God through the play of Gunas or qualities, and it only appears to be real. All these are active because of His Presence. As magnet attracts iron, He attracts the world. If He is not present even for a moment, the world would be plunged in darkness, as a house without light, or is utter chaos as a house of rebels without a master. He is not dependent on the world being ever the pure subjective consciousness or knower, and His very nature being bliss or Ananda. God is not active but the world of bodies, mind and soul are ever active for the sake of God. Whenever He chooses to be active, He too has to assume a form as master, father, mother, friend or companion through His own Yoga-Maya, and He does so out of pure compassion and love of His devotees. He thus assumes through qualities or Gunas is called Avatar or descent of God in man. But then He too has to be aware of the true Self beyond the Gunas and names and forms! In other words, the Truth is that there is only one Universal Self which appears as many through names and forms. This is revealed in several by the sages and saints and great teachers of the world for the good of humanity at large and not for any particular individual alone. Therefore, every soul, small or great, has to pass through the necessary physical and mental discipline, and sacrifice and self-purification for identity with God or for the attainment of divine peace and harmony. People cry for new Avatars! But they do not care for the Darshan, nor respond to the call or message, of living saints or Avatars! Such is the power of Maya or illusion.

Tat-Twam-Asi

Nothing can be gained without effort. Everyone has to dive

### British Biologist Wants Lower Birth-Rate

Speaking in London at a Conference of World's Food needs Professor Julian Huxley said that countries should now encourage a lower birth rate. He remarked that the population of the world was being increased by the addition of nearly 60,000 a day and that more than 50% of the people were under-fed and ill nourished.

He suggested that importance must be attached to quality of production and not quantity and concluded that a body similar to the Food and Agriculture Organisation might be set up to deal with the question of world population.

deep and discover for himself the true significance and dare to face the bare truth of "Tat-twam-Asi" bereft of Gunas and then see the result. His own faith in the supreme Providence, Dharma and sacrifice can alone save him. He has to liberate himself from illusions by his own right thinking and effort. Any sacrifice-material, physical or mental-for the sake of God, will never go in vain. Even if we have no immediate desire for fruits of actions and sacrifice, God the Great Dispenser does not forget, and He is bound to deal with the fruits of nations in His own inscrutable ways, whether we wish it or not, at the right time according to divine adjustment. God has no relationship whatsoever but every soul assumes some kind of relationship with God by looking upon Him as master, father, mother, friend or companion in the way best suited to him, according to his own capacity or development. In other words, he, who assumes goes on changing his attitude until there is no trace of ego in him or until he reaches the acme of relation or the pure awareness or consciousness of "I and My Father are one" or "I am He". When God is Love, where is the room for hatred? He alone is in men and women, in friends and enemies and in all creatures.

### Do Not Compare

Now the safe path is from Bhakti to Jnana, or from the personal to the impersonal, from the relative to the Absolute. Therefore, love your own Ishta-deva or personal God or Gurn through the path of Bhakti or devotion. He will lead you step by step. Don't compare him with other saints as being superior or inferior. Comparison leads to unhealthy competition and never to unity or universal peace and harmony. All comparison is within the domain of qualities or Gunas. But the saints themselves, who are ever aware of the one nameless, formless and absolute Godhead beyond the Gunas, simply laugh at the foolishness of those who draw comparisons amongst saints. Further, any kind of comparison is bound to create prejudice, hatred, discord or provocation in one's own mind and in those who love their own Ishta-Guru. Really, God alone is the one Supreme Teacher of teachers, and the Truth, absolute is always impersonal. Nevertheless, let us ever be aware that we love our own ideal. Guru or God, it is as good as loving the whole world of Gurus and Gods. No man is all-knowing or all-perfect. Nor is one equal to another in nature or qualities, external body, form or beauty, powers, knowledge or expression. So mutual love, right understanding, and tolerance should be the key-note. Just as honey is collected from different flowers, let us remember and follow only the best of qualities in saints and work for the cause of universal peace, harmony and unity.

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## Jaffna District V. C. Conference Provincial Councils To Remedy Road Situation

### Minister Bandaranaike's Solution

It was a matter of impossibility for the P. W. D. to take all the roads under its care said Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Minister for Health and Local Government at the Conference of Village Committees of Jaffna.

Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam presided.

Continuing Mr. Bandaranaike ridiculed the idea of the P. W. D. which was already spending vast sums of money in maintaining only a few thousand miles of road thinking of assuming charge of the other roads and added that the overseers would simply jump at the idea of becoming men of money over-night.

The Minister said that the D. R. C. roads would soon be handed over to the V. C.'s if enough funds and technical personnel could be found for the purpose. He, however, hoped to create Provincial Councils to remedy the present situation.

## Religion Not Associated With Melancholy Attitude

### Life In God Is Happiness

AMONG a certain class of spiritual aspirants it is a belief that religion is associated intimately with a sad and melancholy attitude that the sign of true devotion is a long face, sagging lips, knitted forehead, lowered eyebrows and such other manifestations of a deep-seated sorrow. There are no doubt moments in the life of the aspirant when his mind sinks into a state of dejection, and sometimes of despair. But such shadows and darkness pass away, giving place to brightness and sun-shine. The struggle of an aspirant is heroic in nature. With the aid of prayers, and continuous remembrance of God, he battles against the tendencies of his lower nature, which throw obstacles in his path. The mere fact that he is going to meet his supreme Beloved grants him the needed strength and cheer in his endeavour to approach Him. Whenever he meets with failures, he gets over the reaction produced by them on him, by resigning himself to the will of God. Resignation to His will means the release of a divine force, hidden so long in him, which refuses strength and courage into his mind, heart and soul. So the outlook of the true aspirant is optimistic. His eyes see only beauty, goodness and love everywhere. In every happening he discerns the seed of hope and achievement. In this way he conquers the moods of depression and gloom, and the quality of light and harmony is the prominent feature

## Eliminating The Rickshaw Man

### Humanitarian Reform

The recommendation of the Traffic Committee of the Colombo Municipal Council that purely on grounds of humanitarian outlook, the rickshaw one of the popular modes of conveyance in the Municipal areas, should be relegated to the limbo of forgotten things is welcome news.

The most important problem that has to be settled is that of the resulting unemployment among rickshaw pullers who as a matter of long habit will not be able to fit themselves into any other form of labour.

But the suggestion of the Colombo Municipal Commissioner that the abolition of rickshaws should be preceded with steadily and slowly will be a slight relief to the rickshaw men.

In Jaffna with the plying of the Bus in the Town, rickshaws are not in great demand. But the few who are still carrying on the occupation may take the warning and prepare themselves to earn their livelihood in a more humanitarian manner before the popular Mayor of Jaffna thinks of abolishing the rickshaw in Jaffna.

## WHEN GOD OWNS YOU

When God accepts you as His own  
You cease to struggle.  
Secure and safe He holds you.  
From within your heart  
He reins the strings of your senses,  
He encircles you with His love,  
Now you feel the joy of freedom sweet  
In being a bond slave of His.

—Swami Ramdas.

## Women's National Service League.

### Gandhi Commemoration Day

A meeting of the Jaffna Women's National Service League was held to commemorate the death of Mahatma Gandhi with Mrs. M. Masillamany in the chair on February 24th at 4 p.m. at Hindu Ladies' College Jaffna. The chief speakers were Mrs. M. Masillamany, Mrs. Selvaratnam Nathan B. A. and Miss Angayarkanni Chithampanathan. Mrs. Selvaratnam Nathan speaking at length about Mahatma said that Mahatma's whole thought was centred on how to secure Independence for India. He always resorted to passive methods. Over one lakh of rupees he donated to the khaddar cause. The late Mr. Surendranath Banerjee the renowned orator of India once said that the Indian men were like a mass of cotton. What he meant was that Indian men should fight and get Independence but Mahatma Gandhi's views were entirely different from that. She said that Mahatma Gandhi will be remembered for many many more centuries to come.

Miss Angayarkanni Chithampanathan spoke about Mahatma Gandhi's education and marriage.

Two other students of Hindu Ladies College Miss Parasakthy Chinniah and Miss Thilagavathy Nagalingam spoke about Mahatma Gandhi.

The meeting terminated with a favourite song of Mahatma Gandhi.

## Karaiyur Housing Scheme

### Important Social Work

"This is the biggest single housing scheme in the Island" said Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike while declaring open the Karaiyur Housing Scheme on Sunday.

Mr. C. Ponnambalam, the

## Reception To Premier

### Public Enthusiasm High

Presiding over a public meeting of the leading men and representatives of associations and societies, Mayor C. Ponnambalam appealed for a united and whole-hearted reception to the Rt. Hon. D. S. Senanayake on the occasion of his first visit to Jaffna.

After several leading public men including of Messrs. S. Natesan, R. Sivagurunathan, T. C. Rajaratnam, A. V. Kulasingham, M. Balasunderam, S. Rajaratnam and R. R. Nalliah had spoken commending the action taken by the organisers, Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam addressing the gathering said that he was glad that certain outstanding issues had been favourably settled enabling a full and spontaneous reception to be accorded to the Premier.

Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam was unanimously elected chairman of the Reception Committee with Messrs. C. Arulambalam, M. R. Karalasingham and S. Patanjali as Joint Secretaries and Messrs. R. R. Nalliah, S. M. Abubucker, T. S. Durairajah and K. A. Kanagasabai as Joint Treasurers.

A large and representative Committee was then appointed.

Mayor of Jaffna, who presided at the function referred to the occasion as being unique because a social undertaking of a great magnitude had been achieved.

Minister Ponnambalam recalled the service of Sir A. Mahadeva in connection with the agitation for the scheme.

Dr. Emilianus Pillai, the Co-Adjutor Bishop thanked the Government for this great social work.

(Swami Ramdas in Vision)





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### Treasure These Thoughts

God has work for you to do for which you are particularly fitted, and as you go steadily forward in faith it will be revealed to you step by step what that work is.

—C. H. GEDDE.

### LIP SERVICE TO FARMERS

THE TALK ABOUT PROVIDING an incentive to agriculture, glib and glibbie as it is, has never got beyond remaining an idle gossip. Even in this convenient and inexpensive form of keeping the agriculturist in good humour, it is the capitalist farmer floating in plenty who is extended with the sympathy of moral assistance. The cultivator of small holdings is denied the pleasure of being patted on his back. He is left all alone in the company of chill penury. The State which thinks in terms of high finance and national revenue may be pardoned if it promises help to cultivators of extensive acreage; but looking at the same question from the view-point of the small holder whose only possession on earth is a plot of land as inextensive as his purse, it would be ridiculous for any form of Government approximating to the socialist democratic pattern to lose sight of the poor peasant in any scheme of public assistance. It is this class of cultivator who depends on his plough and sickle for his living that needs and deserves the helping hand of the Government. Statesmen who are getting more and more nervous with the spread of the revolutionary movement should not forget the fact that it is the removal of destitution and poverty that can prevent the common man from falling an easy prey to the designing Marxist.

The enterprising efforts of the Government to rush to the aid of the farmer and to relieve him from the clutches of usurious money-lenders who eventually eject him from his holdings, need not, however, be under-rated. The Land Redemption Ordinance has in no small measure afforded relief to those agriculturists who had the misfortune to part with their farms that had been brought under the hammer by artful money-lenders. Even in this form of assistance, the Government has not made the procedure so inexpensive and simple as to enable the redress-seeker avail himself of the relief speedily.

Co-operative Agricultural Production and Sale Societies have been formed with the definite purpose of rendering

every possible assistance to farmers who cannot otherwise find the means to cultivate their lands. But the procedure that has to be adopted before a penniless farmer can reasonably hope to obtain the promised assistance is so protracted that the applicant decides to sink in starvation rather than to kill his mind in the misery of expectation of aid which to him is as elusive as fortune itself. It is, therefore, necessary that these Societies which have a noble purpose to fulfil should confine their attention first to the poverty-stricken farmers. This class of agriculturist who happens to be a tiller of land because he cannot find any other means of livelihood cannot be expected to study the rules and regulations governing the grant of loans from Societies. It is the duty of those who conduct the affairs of such Societies to enrol the helpless farmer as member and to acquaint him with the necessary methods of approach for aid in order that he may be able to prepare himself in time before the season for cultivation takes him by surprise. A gesture of public assistance must not be merely friendly but should be fruitful. The sharp drought this year had driven almost every farmer of the North to destitution. It is here and now that Agricultural Societies should make themselves useful to the pensive peasants by making it possible for them to till their lands once again and look forward to the mercy of the Lord for better times. We would also suggest to the Government that, if 'Surplus Areas' need to be encouraged to make Sri Lanka once again the Granary of the East, the 'deficient areas' require greater and quicker help, for the concern of the state should be to give every citizen the necessary incentive to pursue his vocation with good result in order that the people as a whole may be 'rid of penury.'

### Reception to Mayor At Vannarponnai

#### Tributes By Health Minister

Tributes were paid by the Hon. Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike to the Mayor of Jaffna Mr. C. Ponnampalam at a public reception accorded to the Mayor yesterday night at the Vaideshwara Vidyalyam Vannarponnai. Mr. T. Muttusamipillai Crown Advocate Jaffna presided.

The Minister said that the Mayor was a personal friend of his and added that he (the Mayor) was always known for his fearlessness for fighting for the right.

The Chairman paid a high tribute to both the Mayor and the Minister.

The Mayor expressed his thanks for the reception given him.

Earlier the Minister and the Mayor were taken in procession to the Vidyalyam.

Mr. K. Kanagaratnam M.P. and Pandit K. K. Natarajan also spoke. Mr. V. Sivasubramanian proposed a vote of thanks.



### The Point Of Point Four

Ceylon has for nearly four centuries had closed contact with European nations and has assimilated the culture and business ways of the West, spoke Mr G. C. S. Corea, our Ambassador to the U. S. A., when he addressed a Pennsylvania University audience. He was there to tell them how Ceylon was in a particularly suitable position to utilise assistance under Truman's Point Four Programme. Perhaps it was prudent to make the Americans feel we appreciated and adopted Western culture and ways of business. The money had to be wangled somehow. Of course, on other occasions we held up Eastern, Oriental, Ceylon culture as ancient and excellent which the west might copy if it wanted to be 'really civilised. We tout American tourists to come and see Eastern culture in this paradise island, and would they bring as much money, please, as would give them a good holiday?

### Devil-Dance?

Almost everywhere, almost every young person is on her or his light toes nowadays in a heroic effort to keep up the ancient art of dancing that we will soon be a nation of dancers. For the Mayor of Jaffna to have branded women's dancing with men as immoral, though in the good company of other observers, will meet with opposition in a dance-mad world. The Daily News has editorially chastised the mayor and commended the 'holding each other by the hand or arm—which betokeneth concord'. People seem conveniently to forget that the close contact of man and woman, though acting or promoting the artistry of dance and music, definitely sets certain physical vibrations in both of them which they may not escape to feel. Why ignore this? Why encourage young men and women to contrive themselves into this compromising attitude? In Colombo, in Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, society revels in mixed dances, not caring for the danger of morals mixing unhappily in this Eastern setting. The Mayor has done well to sound the warning. But will they heed!

### The Dance-Devilry Started Forty Years Ago!

Years ago, many of the present generation may not recall or remember, Mr. T. A. Thuraiappillai, then well known as Taylor, touched on the budding craze for Western dancing of a mixed type, threatening to invade Tamil society through boarding schools. He used to write an entertaining column in the Tamil columns of the Morning Star under the title of Jaffna Spectator. His writing was in homely, humorous style. He once portrayed Mr. Kanthar hugging Mrs. Footthar, and Mrs. Footthar being hugged by Mr. Kanthar and both couples dancing for mad to the strains of Western music and the grins of eastern onlookers. How would, he asked, any of the big shots advocating such 'social reforms' react to have their wives reeling in the arms of other men? I don't know whether his ridicule ended the dance craze but it made many people in Jaffna sit up

### Northern Assizes.

#### Attempted Murder Charge Fails

#### Trial Stopped By Jury

Murugan Sabapathy a member of the depressed class who had passed the S. S. C. (English) was charged with attempted murder of Kandam Manican a member of the same caste but who belongs to a rival faction.

The incident was alleged to have taken place on the 18th of May last year after sunset.

The case came up for trial before the Hon. Justice Dr. R. F. Dias Bandaranaike at the Northern Assizes before an English speaking jury.

Mr. V. Thamotheram, Crown Counsel prosecuted and Mr. M. Balasundaram, Advocate with Mr. J. Rajaratnam Advocate instructed by Mr. T. Thambiratham, Proctor appeared for the accused.

On the second day of the trial the jury stopped the case saying that there was no purpose served in proceeding with the case as they did not accept the evidence of the prosecution.

Accordingly a unanimous verdict of acquittal was brought and the judge acquitted and discharged the accused.

and take notice.

### Colour-Consciousness

With Independence comes Constitution, and Constitution, means definition, as Sir Ivor Jennings can tell us. Have we not had to invent definitions to specify foreigners, Indians, citizens and so on? South Africa had this task when the population Registration Bill was presented. S. Africans divided into three groups, European, Native and Coloured, have been defined on this basis. A European being one who according to his appearance is obviously European and is generally accepted as such, and not one who though appearing to be European is generally accepted as Coloured, and a Native being a member of a race indigenous to S. Africa, or is generally accepted as such, the coloured easily slips into the simplicity of being one who is neither European nor native. Of course when one's skin is of the border line tint the people who 'generally accept' such one will see to it on which side one has to jump, whatever one's inclination or appearance may be!

### Down to Earth!

Why have the Burgher Community no place in the Ceylon flag, asked Police Inspector Jansz of Anuradhapura. "The Sinhalese recognised Burghers as sons of the soil unlike the other two Communities, Tamils and Muslims who wanted to have their separate entities", replied Mr. M. Senanayake, M. P. at a meeting, and hoped the Burghers would accept the view. Did he mean the other two were heaven-born?

## MINISTER THANKED FOR GRANTING TAMIL LEADER S REQUEST

### Community Centre Park Opened

"WE thank you very sincerely for having so very sportively acceded to the request of the Tamil Leader Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam in recommending a flag acceptable to the minorities" said Mr. Anton Abivasagam Patron, of the Uduvil Santamarka Community Centre in welcoming the Hon'ble Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike Minister of Health & Local Government who visited the centre last Friday.

The Minister and his Permanent Secretary Mr. E. W. Kanangara were garlanded and received at the Uduvil Community Centre Ayurvedic Hospital by Mr. Anton Abivasagam and were shown round. They were later conducted in procession to the Community Centre Park where the Minister presided over a largely attended public meeting after declaring the 'Park' open.

Mr. Anton Abivasagam in welcoming the Hon'ble Minister and his Permanent Secretary thanked the Minister for having sportively acceded to the request of the Tamil Leader Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam in recommending a flag that was acceptable to the minorities. In detailing the activities of the centre he said that Community Centre had apart from organising a Reading Room and two play grounds had established a night school and an Ayurvedic Hospital. Continuing he said, that the Ayurvedic Hospital was rendering very useful service and that within a year 4328 patients had been treated and of which 1333 had been treated absolutely free.

He stressed the necessity for Government Assistance and requested the Hon'ble Minister to give that Centre an enhanced grant in view of the many activities undertaken.

Concluding Mr. Abivasagam said that the success of that Centre was to a great extent due to the active co-operation it had received from the D.R.O., A.G.L.G. & the Police. He expressed his greatest appreciation of the interest the D. R. O. Mr. Mr. T. Balasanthiran had taken in the Village Welfare Movement.

The Hon'ble Mr. Bandaranaike addressing the gathering thanked them for the grand reception accorded to him and said that as the one who originated the Community Centre movement, he felt very happy to hear of all the achievements of that centre and was very glad that the Centre was engaged in so many useful activities. He said he was particularly happy to state that in his opinion that Centre ranked with one of the foremost Centres in the Island.

He also assured them that he would, while visiting other Centres in the South tell them of all the useful activities and achievements of that Uduvil Community Centre.

Mr. C. Rajah Principal, Maon's English School proposed a vote of thanks.

### Incidence of Debt Among Officers

Illness, inadequacy of the cost of living allowance, house rents, social customs, frequent transfers, purchase of vehicles, membership of more than one lending associations, payment of excessive interest, drinking and gambling, extravagant living are some of the causes that have, according to the special committee appointed to investigate the incidence of debt among Government Servants, contributed to the predicament in which the officers are finding themselves in. The Committee has made the following recommendations.

The appointment of a Debt Redemption Officer, with a small staff, taking as a model the Lady Lochore Loan Fund administered by the Rev. C. E. V. Nathanielz who is himself a member of the Special Committee.

Restriction of Public Servants' membership to not more than two associations from which they could obtain loans when in difficulties.

Monthly deductions from salary not to exceed 40 per cent.

The closure of loopholes which permit officers to circumvent regulations intended to prevent their incurring debts beyond their means.

The amendment of the Ceylon Savings Bank Ordinance to permit of the Bank lending money on the pawn of jewellery so as to force down the exorbitant interest illicitly charged by private pawn brokers.

Improvement and extension of free medical service both in the General Hospital and Municipal Free Dispensaries so as to induce public servants to resort to these sources of free treatment rather than to expensive private treatment; and Health Insurance.

### Anuradhapura News

#### Reception to Dr. (Sir) R K. Shanmugam Chetty

Dr. (Sir) R. K. Shanmugam Chetty, ex-Finance Minister of India, and his party visited Anuradhapura on Wednesday the 22nd of February 1950, on their way to Jaffna.

Dr. R. K. Shanmugam Chetty and wife were accorded a Reception at the Vivekananda Society Hall Anuradhapura under the auspices of The Vivekananda Society Ltd. Anuradhapura.

Mr. D. C. R. Gunawardena Esq. G. A. N. C. P. Anuradhapura presided. The children of the Vivekananda Vidyalyam sang the welcome song and Mr. V. Ramaswamy, the President of the Society gave an address of welcome.

Dr. R. K. Shanmugam Chetty delivered a lecture in English on the comparative study of Hinduism and Buddhism.

Mr. Padmanathan proposed a Vote of thanks.

Dr. R. K. Shanmugam Chetty and party were later entertained at a Dinner at the Grand Hotel by some members of the Society, presided over by Mr. S. Natarajan.



## KRIPALANI ON EAST BENGAL SITUATION

### PUT AN END TO PAK MISCHIEF

ANALYSING the present position, Acharya Kripalani says in his paper the 'Vigil'.

The recent riots in East Bengal and their repercussions in Calcutta must make every thinking person anxious about the fate of the minorities in India and Pakistan. So far as Pakistan is concerned, its policy is crystal clear. It is a State born of communal passion. It lives by keeping this passion alive and by fanning it. It wants to eliminate the Hindu minority. It does so by a systematic policy of gradually uprooting the economic bases of the minority. The ultimate aim is quite clear and is being pursued ruthlessly. At first it was the Punjab and the Frontier. Then came the turn of Sind. Now that the Hindu population is practically eliminated from Western Pakistan, the attention has been turned to East Pakistan.

Its strategy is also quite clear. The Government acts in the economic field by making drastic provisions about evacuee property which very often include the property of those who are still there and have accepted Pakistan citizenship in good faith. It closes the rank of its services to the Hindus. For the rest it allows an infuriated mob to do what it pleases without let or hindrance.

#### Alternatives

What are the alternatives before our Government? It is no use ignoring the situation. There may be periods of communal peace in Pakistan. The present rioting in East Pakistan may for the time being stop. But the whole situation is a running sore.

The alternatives before the Government of India are:

- (1) To consider the Hindus in Pakistan as a foreign people with whom suffering the Government of India is not concerned; or
- (2) To consider them as our own people.

If the first alternative is accepted the Government should prohibit the entry of all Hindu refugees either from East Bengal or from any other part of Pakistan. This may be cruel and inhuman. It may result in the annihilation of millions of men, women and children who but a little while ago were our own and who fought for national liberty as well as we did. But it will result in peace. It may be an ignoble peace; nevertheless, it will avoid war.

Our leaders in the Government think that war is the greatest evil and they quote Gandhiji in their support.

#### Gandhiji's Views

Whatever may have been Gandhiji's views on war, I for one believe that he considered ignoble fear as the greatest enemy of mankind. During the last War he said that Chinese and Polish resistance to Japan and Germany was as near non-violence as violence could be. For the alternative before the two countries was war or ignoble submission. There may be room for controversy about what Gandhiji considered the greatest evil in the world, cowardly fear or violence.

I am not here concerned with this controversy.

If the Government wants peace at any price, on account of its faith in non-violence or respect for world opinion or to avoid international complications, it must frankly say so.

Not only that, but it must also act on the assumption that the question of the Hindu minority in Pakistan is an internal question of Pakistan with which India has nothing to do. In that case it must close its borders to the Hindu refugees. It need not then send planes to Decca to evacuate the Hindus. It must also in that case machine-gun all those who create retaliatory rioting in India.

If, on the other hand, the Government thinks that the Hindu minority in Pakistan are morally entitled to claim its protection, then it must take appropriate action.

What form can this action take? It can be, first, to accept all Hindu refugees and rehabilitate them. If this has to be done it must be done all at once and quickly.

To accept refugees periodically at the sweet will of Pakistan, on the other hand, will be far more disastrous to our internal economy. It will also put a powerful instrument in the hands of a Government, frankly inimical to us, to upset our economy periodically.

#### Transference Of Population

The second alternative is transference of population. The difficulty about this is, in the first place, on our own side. We are not a communal state. We cannot oblige our Muslim brothers to leave India. We can, however, make the offer to Pakistan and to the Muslims in India.

It may be possible to get from the whole of India as many Muslims who are willing to go to the Land of Promise as there are Hindus from Pakistan anxious to come to India. If there is a difference of a lakh or two, India should be prepared to take that much more.

If, however, Pakistan is unwilling to take them or Muslims in India are unwilling to go, the third alternative is to tell Pakistan, so far as East Pakistan is concerned, to assign to the Hindus as much of its territory as would accommodate the Hindus anxious to leave Pakistan. After all Bengal was unequally divided on the basis of population, if a large chunk of population is obliged to come to our side it must be given appropriate space.

If all this not done at Government level, the Government will be relegating the question to private citizens who will act as their sympathies direct them. That there is sympathy between the Hindus and Muslims on both sides is undeniable. Past history also proves that the sympathy is there and very much alive. Calcutta led to Noakhali because the Muslims, though they had begun the mischief there, felt that they had been worsted in the fight. Noakhali led to Bihar and Bihar to Rawalpindi and Lahore. After the partition too there have

#### Letter to the Editor

##### Land Allotment

Sir,—Allow me a little space in your valuable paper to write a few words about the Iranamadu-Karachi scheme for middle class Ceylonese. I was one of the applicants for allotment of land and was one of those summoned for a meeting at 10 A. M. on the 28th of last month. To my surprise and that of my friends this meeting was cancelled and we were informed that the Land Commissioner had so instructed the A. G. A.

It is evident that something is going on behind the screen. Those who by no stretch of imagination can be called middle class—I mean the Killinochchi capitalists and a few members of the bar—seem to have become land-hungry and have held up the just and fair allotment of land to middle class families.

I request the authorities to see that poor Clerical servants and other deserving middle class candidates be helped to carry on their impoverished existence with land in the Wanni. This would benefit the country by discouraging absentee landlordism—the greatest of social evils.

Yours Faithfully,  
A. Visvalingam

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been retaliations. Even the blind cannot deny that what happened on the present occasion in Calcutta was a direct result of the rioting in East Pakistan.

Can a Government allow private individuals to take the law into their own hands and indulge in periodical reprisals on an innocent portion of its population?

If the answer is in the negative, as it should be, then the Government should take up this question with Pakistan in an attitude of firmness. But firmness may lead to a situation which cannot be settled except by the armed forces of the State.

But lying low because of fear may lead to worse troubles—riots, loot and murder, which ultimately may upset even the morale of the police and the army, for they too are a part of the population. This may lead either to confusion or to civil war. But I am sure if our Government is determined, there will be no war.

A bully can least afford to drive things to a breaking point. But if he does, those who feel that they have right on their side must be prepared for war or martyrdom but never for cowardly submission. Between the two I have no doubt what the Father of the Nations would have preferred.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Messrs. Hoare & Co. (Engineers) Ltd, Colombo, have pleasure in announcing that their engineering representative, Mr. K. A. Sanders, will be available in the Jaffna Rest House every Friday between 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. for the purpose of dealing with trade enquiries and giving advice on engineering problems. All assistance will be gladly given FREE and WITHOUT OBLIGATION.

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## Community Centres Honour Their Patron

### Minister At Rally

A Rally of all Community Centres in the Jaffna District took place on 5th evening at the Town Hall. A large number of Centres participated in the events.

The Hon. Mr. Bandaranaiyake, the Minister for Local Government was received at the entrance by the Office-bearers of the Union and conducted to the Hall preceded by parties of Kolattam. Senator S. R. Kanaganayagam, Mr. E. W. W. Kanagaratnam, Permanent Secretary to the Minister and Mr. Nanayakara, M. P. and Mr. D. Rajendra, A. C. L. G. were accommodated on the platform along with Dr. C. Candiah, J. P.

The proceedings commenced with a delightful song of welcome sung by Miss Radha Sundaram, B. A. While Mudaliyar C. Thiagarajah, who presided welcomed the Minister, Mr. E. P. Rasiah, the Secretary read and presented an address to him on behalf of the 235 Community Centres in the Jaffna District.

The Minister while thanking everyone said that the Community Centres were 'societies conceived by him for the betterment of the masses and that he was glad that, that movement was flourishing in Jaffna under the able leadership and guidance of Mudaliyar Thiagarajah as President and Mr. E. P. Rasiah as the indefatigable Secretary of the Union of Community Centres. He said that to bring in all these 235 Centres together and to get them to contribute various items involved tremendous organisation, reflecting the greatest credit to the Office-bearers. Similar bodies of South Ceylon should look upon this Union as a Model worth copying.

The Kokuvil Community Centre won the Challenge Cup presented by Dr. S. Subramaniam for the Centre that contributed the largest number of good items.

The following items reached a high degree of excellence:

1. The Kathakkali Dance from the Iuvil Community Centre.
2. The group dance by Girls of the Kopay Centre.
3. Songs of Miss Kamalayathi of Navaly Mathar Centre and Miss Sironmani of Kockuvil Centre.
4. Baratha Natyam by Miss A. Thanawari of Kalliyankadu.
5. Kolattam by Girls of Tenmaradchi and boys from Neervely.

Mr. T. Balasanthiran, D. R. O. Valgammam North, as President of the Community Centres of his area, received the Cup presented to the Division with the largest number of Centres participating in the events successfully.

The proper timing of the events and its co-ordination reflects credit to Messrs. Joseph the A. C. L. G. & Mr. S. Paramsothy, the Supervisor of Community Centres.

## Democracy—Not A Rule By The Majority

### Dr Shunmugam Chetty's Address

"The test of Democracy is what the minority feels. It is not a rule by the majority. A distinct and total minority should feel safe in the hands of the majority" said Dr. R. K. Shanmugam Chetty at the Dinner given in his honour by the Muthamil Manram. Mr. C. Ponnambalam, the Mayor of Jaffna presided. After the Mayor had proposed the toast of the guest in responding to the toast Dr. R. K. Shanmugam Chetty said that a close association of the majority and minority was one of the fundamentals of democratic rule. In Ceylon to enable both the Sinhalese & Tamils to live together a spirit of understanding and sympathy was required. In India minorities had constitutional safeguards. In Ceylon even if safeguards have not been laid down in the constitution, it must be brought in at least in administrative practice. When it was possible for two entirely different groups like the British and the French to live together in Canada, it must be far more easy for the Sinhalese and Tamils who have a great affinity in race and religion to reconcile their differences.

### Need for a Tamil University

He had visited the Ceylon University and he said that all must be proud of it. But he said that there was ample scope for a Tamil University where Tamil Literature and Tamil Culture would be emphasised just as Sinhalese Culture and Literature would be emphasised in the Ceylon University. An exchange of Professors and students between the two Universities would bring about a better understanding of one another.

At the request of the organisers of the dinner Mr. Chetty touched upon the economic problems of the world. He said that the present acute shortage of food was not only due to the production of foodstuffs not having kept pace with the population but also was due to the destruction caused

by the last war and the political upsetting which has not yet settled down. The political, social and economic upheavals have made this shortage acute. In the last century it was thought that a purely industrial economy would raise the standard of living. Today the basis for an industrial economy is a sound agricultural policy. Though India had planned for a large scale industrial development, yet it is not possible today because their agricultural economy has not been planned.

The gap between supply and demand leads to control. It is also a legacy of the war and though it might disappear in minor matters, in the larger sphere it is bound to continue. Fortunately the U. S. A. is now able to exercise some control.

They have realised that no one can live in isolated prosperity. Out of a spirit of enlightenment they see to the increase of purchasing power in others. It is the duty of the rich man to help his neighbours.

### Traditional Hatred of Communism

The other dominating force today is the conflict between Communism and private enterprise. Today Capitalism in the Marxian sense does not exist. The controls have developed to such an extent that it is not possible for such capitalists to exist now. Only about 70 persons can save over 5000 a year in England. The two countries Russia and America have been working the two systems communism and private enterprise for the last 30 years. The standard of the American worker is seven times that of a Soviet worker. Our traditions, history and religion are against Communism. He said that it was the duty of the average intelligent citizen to equip himself with sufficient knowledge to follow the trends and development of the economic policies of the world.

After his reply, the toast of the Muthamil Manram was proposed by Senator S. R. Kanaganayagam in a humorous speech and was responded to by Mr. Srinivasan who suggested that Dr. Chetty should utilise his expert knowledge of economics and write books in Tamil on that subject. He also suggested popularising Carnatic Music among the Sinhalese and this he said would help to foster communal harmony through a common culture.

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**Supreme Court Change**

Mr. E. G. P. Jayatileke K. C., Senior Puisne Justice has been appointed to the office of Chief Justice with effect from March 12 in place of Sir Arthur Wijewardene K. C., Chief Justice.

**TENDER NOTICE**

Government Agent, N. P., Jaffna.

Supply of 'Pachchiperumal' seed paddy to colonists-Iranamadu Paranthan New Colony.

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**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1142

In the matter of the estate of the late Murugesapillai Kilyapillai of Thunavy, Vaddukodai East, Jaffna, who died at Salem in South India. Deceased.

1. Thampar Senathirajah,  
2. and wife Pakkiam of Vaddukodai East. Vs. Petitioners.

1. Murugesu Vethavanam,  
2. and wife Nesamany of Jaffna. Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the above-named petitioners coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai, Esq. District Judge, Jaffna on the 26th day of January 1950 in the presence of Mr. V. Nagalingam, Proctor for petitioners and the affidavit and petition of the said petitioners having been read it is ordered that the said petitioners be declared entitled to have letters of administration of the estate of the above-named deceased issued to them, unless the said respondents shall appear before this court on the 15th day of March 1950 and show cause to the satisfaction of the court to the contrary.

This 26th day of January 1950

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge.  
(O 137 7 & 10)

**The Kashmir Issue  
And Foreign Press****Distortion of Facts**

An example of how obvious facts are distorted and pressure tactics, to which the India Prime Minister referred at his recent Press conference, adopted by the foreign Press to force India to renege from the stand she has taken on the Kashmir issue was provided by the London 'Economist', the latest issue of which has just reached Bombay.

The 'Economist', in its 'Notes to the Week', squarely blames India for "obstructing the holding of an internationally supervised plebiscite" because it contends that she "really has no confidence that the vote would go in her favour."

The whole basis of the "Economist" is that both India and Pakistan have no business to be in Kashmir, and that since the will of the people has been accepted as the deciding factor, their armed forces should be withdrawn and an internationally conducted plebiscite should be held.

**Facts ignored**

The fact that Kashmir acceded to India before this country went into action in order to defend it against the expansionist ambitions of Pakistan is however, completely ignored, and no account is taken of the fact that if India insists on the withdrawal of Pakistan troops from the so-called Azad Kashmir territory it is because their continuance would virtually amount to a recognition of the right of an aggressor to hold on to what has been acquired by force.

In another dispatch from its Karachi correspondent in the same issue, the "Economist" writes: "It must regretfully be recorded that Pakistanists have little faith in the deliberations of the Security Council. But their cynical attitude would rapidly melt away if the Council showed any real determination to settle the dispute. It should either, insist on the differences which are holding up progress towards the plebiscite being referred to arbitration—whether India likes it or not—or should go straight to the root of the matter and insist on the armed forces on both sides being removed and replaced by an international police force which would maintain order while arrangements for the plebiscite were being concluded."

**"Eleventh Hour"**

"There is still time to stop the rot, but the eleventh hour is near. The Hindu Mahasabha is reported to be gaining influence in India at the expense of the more moderate Congress Party, and the Mahasabha has openly declared that it stands for the reclamation of Pakistan (obviously by force) as an integral part of India; meanwhile, both countries are incurring ruinous expenditure on armaments while plans for peaceful development and progress are being starved for want of funds."

This distortion of facts and the tendency to refuse to face up to the reality of the situation as it actually obtains in Kashmir have caused resentment but no surprise in political circles here, which seem to hold the view that this purblind stand of the foreign Press is, to a considerable extent due to the consistent anti-Indian propaganda launched by Pakistan's roving emissaries abroad.

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction

No. 1140

In the matter of the estate of the late Maniamma wife of Karthigesu Vythilingam of Vannarponnai East. Deceased.

Karthigesu Vythilingam of Vannarponnai East. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Thirunilainayaki daughter of Vythilingam  
2. Vaithilingam Mahendran  
3. Vimalanayaki daughter of Vythilingam  
4. Soruparane daughter of Vythilingam  
5. Thavarane daughter of Vythilingam  
6. Pakkiam widow of Chellathurai all of Vannarponnai East. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 23rd day of January 1950 in the presence of Mr. C. C. Somasegaram Proctor on the part of the petitioner and on reading the affidavit and petition of the petitioner.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 6th respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minors the abovenamed 1st to 5th respondents and that Letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the petitioner as the lawful husband of the said deceased, unless the abovenamed respondents or any interested in the subject of this action appear before this court on the 15th day of March 1950 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary. It is further ordered that the said minors should be produced in court on the said date.

This 23rd January 1950.

Sd. R. R. SELVADURAI,

Drawn by District Judge.

Sd. C. C. Somasegaram,  
Proctor for Petitioner.

(O 135. 3 & 7.)

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1145

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Velupillai Thuraijah of Nallur, Jaffna. Deceased

Vellupillai Cumarasamy, Jaffna. Vs. Petitioner

(Minor) 1. Thuraijah Ananthan;  
2. Thillampalam Rajanayagam, both of Nallur, Jaffna. Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 6th day of February, 1950 in the presence of Mr. S. Visuvalingam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read;

It is ordered that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian ad-litem over the minor the 1st Respondent abovenamed and that that petitioner be declared entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the deceased and the same be issued to him, unless the respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall appear before this court on the 21st day of March, 1950 and show cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the said minor be produced in court on the said date.

This 6th day of February, 1950.  
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge.

Drawn by,  
S. Visuvalingam  
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