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## REAL LIFE BEGINS IN THE FORTIES

### Illustrious Examples Prove It

(By NORA-SECCO D'SOUZA)

THE fable of Tithonus which relates how he went on growing hopelessly and interminably old and yearning for death which was denied him, despite the soothing attentions of a radiant goddess, does not seem very reassuring in modern times. Instead we find that the race in life these days is no longer to the young and swift and it is the oldsters with moss on their chins and side whiskers on their cheeks, who are proving that age has its privileges and compensations, and that it is better to be and feel 90 years young than 40 years old. In politics, sports, architecture, art, science and in business—in fact in every field of endeavour—the staying power of the aged is amazing and the sprightly septuagenarians, the patriarchs with the heart and vigour of youth, are so commonplace that age never seemed less a matter of chronology and more a matter of spirit.

#### George Bernard Shaw

For a robust example, we have George Bernard Shaw who at 53 finds his second childhood a delightful experience and far from being the mere oblivion sans eyes, teeth, taste and everything else which normally characterises the last of the seven stages of the human span. The fabulous Irishman is of prodigious energy and still spends about five or six hours a day, six days a week, at his desk. His brain and rapier wit have sharpened with the passage of time and in his new play "Buoyant Billions" which was performed at the Malvern Festival, the same intellectual gaiety which characterised his earlier plays and writings persists. To those old people who regard their lost youth with a forlorn and woe-begone air and who find little solace in the dreary prospect of what the sunset years of their life hold for them, G. B. S. with the buoyant spirit of a toddler, sounds a cheery note of advice and says that better than the art of growing old gracefully is the secret of not growing old at all.

#### Mahatma Gandhi

While the Biblical span is placed at three score years and ten, the Hindu ideal is 120 years and Indians figure prominently in the world's list of centenarians. At 77, Mahatma Gandhi was still chief of the independence movement in India after several decades of intermittent jail terms and hunger strikes, and only time could have told what other great achievements this idol of the nation would have had to his credit had not the cruel hand of a ghastly and unexpected death ended his unselfish life. Recently, the Nairobi report of the death of an Indian woman reputed to be 110 years old, will

inevitably revive discussions on human longevity. Better known was the Turkish centenarian Zaro Aga, who not only claimed to have seen Napoleon in Egypt but combined a passion for living with that of loving, that would have made the modern Don Juan look to his conquests. Zaro's matrimonial ardour only surpassed Bhopal's Methuselah, who died not so long ago at the ripe age of 127, after being married ten times and having outlived nine of his spouses. He had a progeny of 32 children, the eldest of whom at his death was 85 while the youngest was an infant of three years.

#### Rajaji and Nehru

As for "Rajaji" there is no telling what he may do next and his activity while the Governor-General of India and interest in everything from ploughing his own grounds to the many "At Home's" he played the host to, was certainly exhilarating. He is a keen sportsman too and the encouragement cricket and racing has received from him is noteworthy in the puritanical age we now live in. As busy as a bee would be a mild expression to describe India's Prime Minister's doings. Jawaharlal who completed his 60th anniversary on the 14th November, is up at dawn, uses three offices (in the Constituent Assembly building, at the Foreign Ministry, in his home), and sticks to desk work all day, after which he goes through a barrage of social engagements including dinner. Nehru then stays up until the small hours of the morning dictating to stenographers and lying in his charpoy to scan a day's bundle of news clippings. He drives himself equally hard and more spectacularly, when he gets away from offices and desks, and the drive to do everything himself has become almost a nervous habit. The exhausting number of appointments and places he saw through during his visit abroad speaks abundantly for his stamina and vitality, while his mode of relaxing by standing on his head each day could well be emulated by India's younger generation. What a trick of fate that the cultured patriot with the Cambridge accent, luminous eyes and magnetic smile who spent 13 of his 60 years in British jails should to-day become the idol of the entire world.

John D. Rockefeller Sr. who died at the age of 97, is still remembered not only as the world's richest man but also as one of its oldest. He pursued a spirited and active life, including golf, up to almost the very end. Henry Ford, another well-known millionaire, was a spare, kinetic man, working a full eight-hour

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## KNOW GOD

By Swami Suddhananda Bharati

I see God as I see the world;

Come; I shall show you friend.

Leave off thy logics and behold

Within and all around.

Get rid of stones and rattling tongues

And heav'n-seeking tickets;

And rid of all enslaving things

And deluding thickets.

In man-made forms and names and shrines

God is not imprisoned;

In settled hearts of love he shines

The ONE unconditional.

Switch on thy simple spotless love

Start inner communion;

The heart will show the Truth above

By psychic union.

Silence the sense, silence the mind

Silence egoism.

Silence distractions of all kind

Listen within to Him.

A gentle song, a rising flame,

A mystic energy.

A wordless peace, of Truth supreme

Come by His ecstasy.

The God in me is God in thee

Know that and meditate;

The God in all, then you can see

And be his intimate.

## Remedy For Asia's Communists Monkeying With Chinese Monks

Asia's problems could be resolved only with patience, understanding and firmness, Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, said in letters to two Far Eastern experts who assisted him in appraising the situation there last autumn.

The State Department today released the text of Mr. Acheson's identical letters to the experts, Mr. Raymond D. Fosdick and Mr. Everett N. Case.

"We are confronted by profound changes in the Far East arising in large measure from the demand of the peoples of that area to govern their own affairs and to improve their economic and social conditions, but influenced also by renewal of intense Russian imperialist pressure on that part of the world", Mr. Acheson said.

Mr. Acheson said that the various views which had emerged from the survey of Far Eastern problems last autumn would be "carefully weighed in the development of the policy which this Government will pursue with the

Communists have forced 400,000 Chinese Buddhist monks and nuns to give up active practice of their faith, the Abbot of a leading Buddhist Monastery in Nanking stated.

Many of the monks had been drafted into the army or into forced labour and some had become street hawkers, he added.

Communists had taken over most of the temples and monasteries, he declared.

problems of the Far East during the coming months.

You and your associates and I agree, however, that problems of Asia are problems of a deep-seated character which cannot be solved quickly and for which no easy panacea can be found. They will be with us for many years and can be solved in the end only by a combination of patience, understanding and firmness."

Mr. Acheson said that the State Department had not asked the two advisers to submit a report but had asked them to join with the State Department in an appraisal of the situation.

## DRUGS FOR LEPROSY CURE

### American Medical Efforts

NEW drugs, derived from sulphur have halted the course of leprosy (Hansen's disease) in about half the patients undergoing treatment at the United States national leprosarium, according to Dr. Frederick A. Johansen, who has been medical director of the hospital since 1923.

"Because of these drugs, the outlook for sufferers is one of genuine hope for the first time in history", declares Dr. Johansen, who is a world-famous authority on Hansen's disease. Before the drugs were discovered, most patients regarded entry into the leprosarium "as the end of life in a normal world," he says. "Today more and more patients are finding that the gates swing outward too."

During the past year, 18 percent of the patients of the leprosarium have been returned to their homes. An additional 20 percent of the patients were permitted to

visit their families or friends for holiday periods, ranging up to 30 days.

The drugs—all variations of the same basic chemical compound (diamino diphenyl sulfone)—are called promine, diasone, promacetin, and promizole. Diasone is the only one that can be administered orally.

The drugs do not cure the disease, medical authorities point out, but they arrest its course and effect a "remission" of leprosy symptoms. In 60 percent of the patients treated with the drugs, sore and skin lesions have healed, and a feeling of vitality and well-being has been restored. Bacteriological tests reveal no active germs in the blood or tissues of these patients.

Improvement is very slow in leprosy. It may take months or even years before

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Manager.



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## Treasure These Thoughts

*There can be no true Prayer without Faith; there can be no true Faith without Prayer; these are the two arms by which the soul hangs upon the neck of infinite Love.*

## THE BENGAL PACT

THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE brought about by racial sabre-rattling in Bengal and contiguous areas has been eased to a great extent by the persistent and persevering efforts of the Premiers of the Indian Union and Pakistan to reach a measure of agreement between themselves to replace recrimination by goodwill. The announcement that an agreement has been reached between the two statesmen has been received with universal relief because of the fear that has been haunting the minds of world leaders that any spark that flies from the international political anvil may start a global conflagration. For a time it looked as if the cold-war front had been shifted from South-East Asia to the Himalayan borders. But Pandit Nehru true to the great tradition in which he had received his political education refused to be drawn into the traps artfully set by designing die-hards. Gifted with a rare insight into matters mundane, this Indian leader set about the tremendous task of bringing sprightly sentiment into line with rigid reason. His calmness of mind never lacked in fortitude, his cautious approach did not err on the side of chicken-heartedness, nor did his restraint reveal anything but practical prudence.

It may be that the Liaquat-Nehru pact cannot be regarded as a fool-proof formula for the communal complex. But the way has been paved for goodwill to be cultivated between these neighbouring Asiatic nations in sufficient volume to ensure the annihilation of the wanton spirit of racial recrimination. The world has become weary of blood baths and never again will it wittingly allow itself to be entangled in a destruc-

tive combat. The Indian Union, that emerged from the Holy War of Ahimsa, would be stultifying herself if she would depart from the high ideals that had characterised her struggle for freedom. Pakistan though its architect had great contempt and ridicule for the ideal of non-violence, can no longer pretend to decry the soundness of the doctrine of love. A paper-pact cannot be expected to bring about a change of heart in the mass mind over-night. The task ahead is as formidable as the hurdle that has just been cleared. Premiers by themselves cannot hope to achieve international harmony unless the people also are convinced of the imperative need for a peaceful approach to questions mishandling of which may lead to the most frightful and dastardly consequences.

We hope that the foundation for a lasting goodwill between India and Pakistan has been laid at Delhi, and that on this preliminary effort will be built the permanent edifice of international solidarity if not for universal good at least for the welfare of the nations concerned and the teeming millions of human beings who belong to them.

## Recruitment of Clerks

### Common Test For All Depts

It is understood that the present practice of Departments holding separate examinations for the purpose of recruiting clerks would be replaced soon by a central test for all departments.

The partiality for General Clerical Service is much in evidence and candidates in service in Departments such as Railway and Postal give up those departments to join the Clerical Service in large numbers causing not a little inconvenience to the departments concerned. A central test is considered to be advantageous in many respects.

## American Farmers' Lead

"We of the U. S. must give away the food that we can't eat and can't sell—give it away quickly and give it away generously," a farm group declared at Washington after conferences with government and agricultural leaders.

That was the conclusion of 50 farmers, farm wives and others in farm-related jobs who spent two weeks in a seminar sponsored by Friends Committee on National Legislation and the American Friends Service Committee.

"We believe we must drastically curtail our budgeting for war, and spend some real money on peace," the farmers' statement went on.

Supporting "something like" Senator Brien McMahon's proposal of a "global Marshall plan" the group said "this is the great religious challenge of our time."



## Prayer for Past Sins

Praying for the peace and welfare of India and Pakistan and the speedy settlement of the Kashmir dispute by the U. N. Security Council, at a special Intercession Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Vicar the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards said, let us first of all acknowledge with shame, all that has been evil in our history, and all that even now makes us unworthy to be called a Christian nation: our responsibility for much that has been wrong in the past history of India, our errors, and the difficulties which we left behind on our withdrawal. Prayer is indeed good, and soul-satisfying. Gandhiji used to pray ever and always, especially before embarking on great undertakings. Churchill and Attlee and all candidates for the last general election in Britain attended prayer before the great encounter. Those who choose to scoff at those who pray it won't mean a thing what the prayer is about. But this St. Martin Vicar's acknowledgement of responsibility of the British people for their sins in India, well, that must give a shock to Britons.

## Another Racket Bust!

You don't call it superstition in civilised society, it is just fancy when you ask for or wait for particular numbers in car registration. The motor Transport Office has just ended, we are told, a racket in registration numbers. Car owners had been hankering for particular numbers and would undergo expenditure of time and money till the favourite numbers turned up, or they would wangle those numbers out of turn by well known methods. If you see certain owners of cars always having favourite numbers, such as 1000, 9999, 7777, etc. you may be sure these are something in the science of numerology!

## Gilded Superstition

This fancy or superstition extends to telephone numbers, and is wide-spread over the civilised world. In Japan agencies secure telephones for you and offer "convenient" numbers at a premium, in Bombay they trade on numbers, so we know how enslaved we are to numbers. Perhaps in the case of renting houses in the postwar world one has to take the number that is, otherwise one goes without a house. But even here builders of new houses manage to secure "good" numbers or avoid "bad" by judicious palm-oil. 3, 8, 13, 18 are world-recognised devil numbers. In many places rooms or houses do not have these numbers. They are either omitted, or are given to dummies. So when the West talks about the superstitions East you may preserve your temper for the West has your superstition gilded and named otherwise. Queer world!

## Minority Problem Pact

### Nehru-Liaquat Agreement

The talks that commenced in Delhi on April 2 between Pandit Nehru, Premier of India and Liaquat Ali Khan, the Pakistan Prime Minister, concluded on Saturday. An agreement on the measures to be taken in reference to the minority problem in India and Pakistan particularly in regard to Bengal and Assam was reached between the two Premiers who later signed it at Government House.

A communique issued by the Indian Government states:

The conversations between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan that started on April 2 concluded today. Agreement has been reached on the measures to be adopted to deal with the minority problem in India and Pakistan, with special reference to the situation in East Bengal, West Bengal, Assam and Tripura. Both Prime Ministers signed the text of the agreement at 2 p. m. It will be presented simultaneously to the Indian Parliament and to the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan on Monday, April 10.

"The conversations were conducted throughout in a friendly spirit and with a genuine desire to find a satisfactory solution of the problem discussed. To ensure a satisfactory implementation of the Agreement and to resolve other problems of common concern to the two Prime Ministers will meet from time to time."

## All Ceylon Saiva Harijan Conference

### Fullday Program On April 15

The All Ceylon Saiva Harijan Conference will be held on April 15, at 9 a. m. at the Jaffna Town Hall with Thiruvassagamani K. M. Balasubramania Mudaliar B. A; B. L. in the Chair.

Among the speakers are Crown Advocate T. Muttusampillai, Advocate M. Balasundaram, Proctor V. Nagalingam and Mudaliar S. Sinnathambi.

Four resolutions relating to Harijan activities are also on the agenda.

## St. Patrick's College Centenary Celebrations

### Minister Opens Carnival

"Whatever Schemes the Cabinet may devise to help the Free Education Scheme such carnivals are necessary for the people to show their appreciation towards such schools and institutions" said Mr. Dudley Senanayake Minister of Agriculture and Lands while declaring open the Carnival at the Jaffna St. Patrick's College.

The Minister was taken in procession to the Carnival Grounds on an elephant.

The Carnival is being held in connection with the Centenary Celebrations of the Jaffna St. Patrick's College.

## PROHIBITION IN BOMBAY

### President Prasad Launches Campaign

## "POPULAR WILL FULFILLED"

Nearly a lakh of people squatting on the Chowpatty sea-face, fanned by a gentle sea-breeze and under the red glow of the setting sun, learn India's President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, declare that Prohibition in Bombay State had come to stay and "there is no going back."

Formally ushering in complete Prohibition in the State of Bombay, the President called on the people to set a noble example not only to the rest of India but also to the 'nations of the West'.

In a twenty-minute speech, the President said it now remained for the people to show that what was considered not possible in India and found a failure in the West was "indeed an accomplished fact here."

Acceptance of the invitation of the Bombay Governor and the Chief Minister, and his participation in the "State's Prohibition programme, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said, did not mean "carrying out the programme of any particular party."

Giving his approval and "personal blessings" to the Bombay Government's "complete Prohibition" policy, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said:

### Making a New Society

"Prohibition was one of the cornerstones of the new society of Gandhiji's dreams. It pleases me greatly to find that the Government of Bombay is earnestly trying to bring about the realisation of that society by a policy of complete Prohibition. I am convinced that this policy in the long run will benefit the workers and the peasants of the State of Bombay."

Dr. Rajendra Prasad said that the "presence of such a vast multitude of people", the sanction given by the duly elected peoples' representatives in the legislature and the general success of the four-year-plan of Prohibition, bore ample testimony to the fact that the "general masses are for Prohibition."

The President said that when the Governor of Bombay and the State's Chief Minister invited him to come and inaugurate total Prohibition in Bombay he accepted it. Soon after his acceptance, he received a number of telegrams and letters from "friends" that he should not have accepted the invitation, because he was the President of the nation and not a representative of any particular party.

"This is true. Whatever position I had before, to-day I have only one capacity and that is the representative of the First Servant of the whole nation. But I do not believe that in accepting the invitation and in joining in this programme, I am carrying out the programme of any one particular party."

### Weight of Public Opinion

"It is hardly possible for a cent per cent agreement of the people on such an issue", the President said "It is a principle of governance that unless public opinion on any policy is taken it cannot be implemented. The policy must be made known to the people and when the majority of the people have expressed themselves

in favour of it, Government should welcome it and accept it as a mandate, even if it (Government) disagrees."

He added, 'Mahatma Gandhi wanted Prohibition. He used to meet the workers, he used to move with them. He saw that because of drink, they had less money, they lost their character and the men became animals. He therefore thought that men should not become animals under the influence of liquor.'

"I am sure his (Mahatma Gandhi's) soul will be feeling satisfied that you have achieved this great objective—Prohibition."

## Kambar Festival

### RAJAJI ON

### RAMAYANA

Speaking at the Kambar Festival, organised by the Kambar Kazhagam at Thyagarayanagar, Madras Mr. C. Rajagopalachari said that the Ramayana was "an unrivalled heritage, as essential to our lives as air and water, and equally priceless."

Mr. T. K. Chidambaramudaliar gave a discourse on Rama-Lakshmana samvada in Ayodhya Kanda as depicted by Kambar.

Mr. Rajagopalachari said that not being well-read in the Ramayana as some of the scholars present, he had the advantage of enjoying supreme beauty of the story and its message for all human beings without being troubled by points which worried critics and scholars. For instance, some people might worry whether Rama of Valmiki or Kambar was human or divine. But people like him derived satisfaction from looking on Rama and Sita as just ordinary human beings exhibiting their good qualities and frailties in the various contexts of the story. That was the reason why the influence and human appeal of the Ramayana had survived to this day, though empires and achievements of more recent rulers had been forsaken. The Ramayana was thus an unrivalled heritage, priceless and essential as air and water and as easily accessible. It had moulded and influenced the thoughts of millions of this land through the ages as no other, and would continue to do so for ages to come. The Ramayana was the very root of Indian outlook, culture and moral consciousness; indeed, it was part of their very being.

It was a matter for pride, Mr. Rajagopalachari said, that they had in the Ramayana of Kambar and Valmiki works which had few peers among works in other languages. It was their duty to cherish such great works. One could not help noticing, for instance, that the Kambar Ramayana was not as popular in this part of the country as the Tulse Ramayana was in North India. It should be the endeavour of everyone of them to make it as popular here so that people could derive the benefit of the great message contained in the epic.



Swami Ramdas (67th) Jayanti

# SWAMI RAMDAS

## Messenger of Peace, Love and Bliss

(By T. SIVASUBRAMANIAM)

SWAMI RAMDAS is one of the noblest figures in the spiritual life of modern India. Born on the memorable day of Hanuman Jayanti in the year 1884, Swami Ramdas has just completed 66 years of life in this plane of earthly existence.

Descended from a family, whose chapter of devotion to God was well known in India, Swami Ramdas has both by example and by precept, enriched the noble heritage handed down to him.

Like Sri Ramana Maharishi and Sri Aurobindo, Swami Ramdas is a messenger of Peace, Love and Bliss. He is the embodiment of the Bhakti Yoga preached by Lord Krishna to Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra: "Direct all your feelings of love to Me, annihilating all other sensations by that burning love for Me; love only Me"—lines which find their parallel in his own couplet:

"Behold Ram's will alone is supreme; bend and bow to that will; Come what may, it is Ram who does all, and He does all for good."

Like other children, Vittal Rao (such was the name given by his parents) was sent to school at an early age. He did not appear to have been a promising student, but his winning ways, his kind disposition and his all round popularity more than his scholastic attainments secured for him the advancement from class to class.

### The Sceptic Turns Savant

The influence of the Rationalist Press publications which came on his way during his student days at the V. T. Technical Institute, Bombay, where he was following a course of studies, made him something of a sceptic, and he would probably have been known to the world as Vittal Rao the Sceptic, had not a kind fate decided otherwise. His studies of the works of Swami Vivekananda and Swami Rama Tirtha soon brought about a change in his mental outlook and way of thinking. The more the spiritual wine of the teachings of these revered Swamis went into his head the more clearly did he see the light of Divinity, and his scepticism vanished like a dream.

Employment and wedlock followed the completion of his course of studies at the Institute, but these brought him neither material gain nor mental peace—his thoughts and ideals lay elsewhere. He yearned for a Guru, who would initiate him into the mysteries of our ancient spiritual treasures. Renouncing all worldly pleasures and donning the garb of a sannyasin he started on a pilgrimage to the various places of worship in India. Truth was his shield, Light his guide, Love his weapon, and Bliss his aim. A visit to Sacred Arunachala (Tiruvannamalai) brought him into fruitful contact with Bhagawan Sri Ramana Maharishi, at whose revered feet he had the first experience of unalloyed bliss. His joy knew no bounds. In his own words—

"The night is gone, the day is come,  
The day of joy—the joy that never fades".

He then travelled all over India—Cape Comorin to the Himalayas—singing the name of Ram and seeing the beautiful face of his beloved Lord in every one he met, whether saint or sinner, prince or peasant, learned or illiterate, and advising all—

"No need to grope in the dark;  
no need to perplex the mind.  
The royal road is straight and short; it is easy to tread.  
No thorns—no obstacles—beset the smooth and flowery way."

Resign, surrender thy all to Ram,  
and remain over free.  
Then Ram gives thee bliss eternal;  
permanent peace is thine".

### The Anandashram or the Abode of Bliss

The Anandashram or the Abode of Bliss situated in the most peaceful atmosphere of Ramnagar, about 3 miles away from Kanhangad Railway Station on the S. I. R., is Swami Ramdas' greatest gift to the world. Founded in 1931 for the purpose of spreading far and wide the twin ideals of universal love and service, to which he had dedicated his whole life, this temple of service has with the March of Time grown from strength to strength, and today it covers a very wide field of service—mission work, medical and social services, Harijan Seva, education rural upliftment etc. Right through the year devotees from all parts of India, Ceylon, Burma and other places wend their way to this famous Ashram to receive the Swami's "darshan". The manner in which the visitors are received their comforts looked after both by the Swami and Mataji Krishna Bai, the presiding lady of the Ashram, during their sojourn there, surpasses all expectations. The writer had the good fortune to visit this Ashram on 27-12-48, the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the renunciation of worldly pleasures by Swami Ramdas. Ramnagar was in festive garb and among the guests was the Maharajah of one of the States in India. Bajana, religious discourses, songs, "kolattam" and "kuthuvilakku" dance marked the day's programme. The spontaneous shouts of "Maharaj Swami Ramdas ayikki Jai....Loga Matha Krishna Bai ayikki Jai" which rent the air still ring in his ears.

### The Vision

The teachings of Swami Ramdas are broadcast to the world through the medium of a monthly journal called the "Vision". Besides short articles and poems from the Swami's powerful pen it also contains other contributions of spiritual interest, and notes and reviews on the work of the Ashram. The Swami's poems are pregnant with deep meaning and flow with the milk of human and divine love. We quote below one of his several poems just to illustrate our point—

"O Mother, how sweet is thy  
Smile on Thy face,

That lovely sign of Thy infinite  
grace:

O mother, how soft is the touch

### School Boys In Sea Tragedy

A gloom was cast over the whole of the Jaffna Peninsula when the news spread that a boat with a large number of school boys capsized. It is now definitely stated that only four boys lost their lives—

(1) Asirwatham (10) of Vali-thoondal.

(2) Arumugam Sivakolanthu (18) of Kattuvan.

(3) A. Ariyadasa (12) son of a fitter at the Railway Running Shed, Kankesanthurai.

(4) Ramualias John (22) Kankesanthurai Town Council Watcher's son.

The available particulars show that a party of school boys visited the S. S. Indian Endeavour and returned by a boat loaded with cement. Before reaching the shore the boat struck a reef and sank. An alarm was raised and boatmen rescued three boys struggling in the water. One of these rescued boys (Sivakolanthu) died after admission to the Kankesanthurai hospital. The tragic consequences could have been averted had there been available a motor launch.

The police are continuously patrolling the harbour.

of Thy palm,  
That soothes the pains as a cooling balm!

O Mother how pure is Thy spotless heart,  
That yearns and yearns like the aim, the dart!

O Mother, how pleasing is Thy tuneful voice,  
That makes the heart for ever and for ever rejoice!

O Mother, how gentle is Thy entwining arm,  
That guards and saves from every harm!

O Mother, how kind, loving you are,  
The child is ever secure in Thy fond care!"

### Sri Krishna Vidyalaya

On the manifold activities of the Ashram, the Sri Krishna Vidyalaya deserves mention. Founded in 1942 primarily for promoting the welfare of poor children, especially Harijans in Ramnagar and the surrounding villages, it has grown today into an up to date school. The education imparted is based on true Indian culture with a universal background for their physical, mental and spiritual welfare. The education is free and the children are given bath daily and provided with a free set of washed clothes every day and also supplied with free meals. Besides the three R's a course of practical training is also given in Leather Work, Handloom weaving, Manufacture of Articles from Horns, Hand spinning and Door mat-making. The following encomium paid to it by Dr. Paul Brunton, one of the distinguished visitors to the Ashram, deserves quotation—

"It is really very pleasant to see, here in the Sri Krishna Vidyalaya, Ramnagar, talk translated into action, the ideal become the real and service made tangible. India needs hundreds of institutions like it. My reverent admiration goes out to its founder, Ramdas..."

With the increase of the correspondence to and from the Ashram a Post Office has also been opened and is housed in one of the rooms of the Vidyalaya. The lives of great men are all supposed to remind us of something. What does the life of Swami Ramdas remind us? It reminds us that if we are to make our lives sublime we too must dedicate our lives to the twin ideals of universal love and service.

"O, what can Love not do?  
Love makes a heaven of hell.  
O Love, all hail; all hail!"

## INDO-PAK TALKS LEAD TO CABINET CRISIS

### Two Ministers' Resignation Reported

THE Signing of the Liaquat-Nehru pact on the Bengal problem has, it is understood, led to a Cabinet crisis. Disagreeing with the approach made by Pandit Nehru to this Problem, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industries and Supplies, and Mr. K. C. Neogy, Commerce Minister, have tendered their resignations.

Dr. Mookerjee, it is understood, has already received a reply from the Prime Minister accepting his resignation, while Mr. Neogy has been asked by Pandit Nehru to see him for a personal talk before his resignation could be accepted. Mr. Neogy, however, is reported to have made up his mind not to continue in office.

The reports about their resignation were current in the capital for the last few days, but publication of the news was withheld in view of the Nehru-Liaquat talks on the question of minorities.

Dr. Mookerjee, however, continues to be a member of Parliament, but is understood to have made arrangements to shift his residence to Calcutta.

Dr. Mookerjee had severed his connection with the Hindu Mahasabha two years ago and is not attached to any political party, even though his political leanings were in favour of the Congress. He resigned as Minister from the United Bengal Cabinet on account of his opposition to the then British policy.

Circles close to Dr. Mookerjee emphasised that his resignation was not motivated by communal considerations, but was based purely on political grounds. For the last several weeks he had differed from the policy of the Government of India in regard to the Bengal situation.

It is understood he favoured a different approach to Pakistan in the solution of the East-West Bengal problem and considered that the proposed agreement with Pakistan would not solve the problem and that the exodus of minorities would continue unless the problem was differently tackled and not as one dealing with a communal question.

Official sources have so far, however, declined to confirm any of these reports. Both the Ministers, if they so choose, will have the opportunity to make a statement before Parliament on the reasons for their resignations.

A communique issued stated that the two Prime Ministers had agreed to meet from time to time to ensure the satisfactory implementation of the agreement reached between them as also to discuss and resolve other problems of common concern to the two countries. This obviously refers to outstanding issues like Evacuee Property, Canal Water Dispute and, it is stated, may even include the Kashmir question.

Mr Liaquat Ali was wreathed in smiles when pressmen met him at the aerodrome before his departure for Karachi, and in reply to their questions naively said "Everything under the sun was discussed."

## Alternative To Cold War

### Agitation in America

Stating that the issue in the cold war to-day is life or death, a committee, including two nobel prize winners, announced on Thursday a meeting will be held in Chicago from May 29 to 30 to draft a programme of alternatives to the cold war. The announcement was made by the Reverend John Thompson, Dean of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel of the University of Chicago and Vice-President of the Committee.

Co-Chairmen of the Committee are Emily Green Balch, Nobel Peace prize winner in 1946, Bishop W. J. Walls of the Executive Board of the World Council of Churches, and Thomas Mann, Nobel prize author. The meeting will bring together national spokesmen of community peace movements, including interdenominational, religious leaders and representatives of youth, labour and woman's organisations.

The statement accompanying the announcement said: "The door must be shut" to a war of total annihilation of all mankind. It said the finding of alternatives to the cold war "and the future real war" may be difficult but—"our failure to search for them is infinitely more catastrophic".

### Drugs For Leprosy Cure

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noticeable progress is achieved even with the new sulfone drugs. Nevertheless, although the results obtained are neither spectacular nor rapid, most cases show some improvement after treatment with the drugs. In many cases the disease apparently is completely arrested.

Additional benefits for the sufferers come from the fact that once the course of the disease has been halted, doctors can use plastic surgery to correct disfigurements caused by the disease.

Leprosy is rather rare in the United States. There is only one leprosarium—the Marine Hospital of the U. S. Public Health Service at Carville, in the state of Louisiana. This hospital, housing about 400 patients, is staffed by Public Health Service doctors, and by Catholic nuns, all graduate nurses, who are also Public Health Service employees. The nuns are members of the Order of Sisters of Charity, Daughters of St. Vincent de Paul, which founded the leprosarium late in the nineteenth century. The hospital has been administered by the U. S. Public Health Service since 1921. It is open to all sufferers regardless of race, colour, or creed.

### PERSONAL

Mr. M. Sinnathamby of the Telegraph Department, Jaffna, and Mrs. Sinnathamby sincerely thank all friends and relations who attended the wedding of their daughter Miss Mangayarkarasi (sister of Mr. M. S. Nadarajah of the Post Office Savings Bank, G. P. O. Colombo) with Mr. C. Balasingam of the 'Hindu Organ' Office, Jaffna, and sent presents and congratulatory messages. They regret their inability to thank them individually.

Mr. S. Gurunathan only son of Mr. R. Subramaniam, Proctor of S. C. Jaffna took his oaths as an Advocate of the Supreme Court on the 5th instant before their Lordships the Chief Justice and of Justice Mr. E. F. N. Gratien. He is a grandson of the late Mr. V. Casipillai J. P. Crown Proctor Jaffna and brother-in-law of Mr. C. Sittampalam Minister of Post and Telecommunications.

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## Real Life Begins In The Forties

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day, and doing the round in his far-flung factories in a car equipped with two-way radio. He was a keen and active business man and died at the age of 86. The dean of American businessmen is Henry C. Lytton, who at 102 continues to run his Chicago department store. Lytton founded the firm in 1887, made a fortune and retired in 1929, at 83. Four years later he was back at work for his son George had died and he had to return to pull the store out of the depression doldrums. He not only succeeded but has been on the job ever since. In the diplomatic circle, Baruch was considered the nations outstanding "elder statesman". During the war, someone asked how he managed to keep going at times, from 8-30 a. m. till midnight and Baruch was known to have replied; "As long as there's a German or Jap left, and some pretty woman for me to look at I can stand the pace."

## Long Livers Are Great Lovers

All of which goes to prove that vigour and activity know no age limits as so many 70-and-80-year-olds have demonstrated, and life begins at any age from 40 to 90. The physical freshness of youth, its bounding energy and self-confident ambition are, desirable qualities in their place yet, older humans, if their lives are well adjusted, realize fully well that their young years were in many ways the most discontented, thwarted, unhappy time of life and it was only with age that wisdom and understanding came. The only way of skirting the issue of growing old youthfully is taking the years in stride and making the best of your maturing richer experience of the world, life and its ways. Adopt the sundial's motto "I record none but the hours of sunshine and love" for it is said that long lives are great lovers. Massage and bathe the mind in loving thoughts and noble ideals, keep in close contact with things that inspire you, that make life beautiful like music, art, literature and religion and you will retain youth, beauty, health and happiness not only for yourself but also for others. The enterprising exploits of a Shaw or a Gandhi can be repeated, with endless individual variations by any one of us for the resources from which we can draw are so much more abundant during the middle years and it is left to us to tap them to our advantage. So here is something to give you courage as your next birthday approaches!

Adapted From A. B. Patrika

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. 1084

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Eswarammal wife of Sinnathamby Kanagasabai of Puthoor West

Sinnathamby Kanagasabai of Puthoor West Petitioner.  
Vs.  
1 Kanagasabai Kandiah and wife  
2 Ellupollai [thy  
3 Kanagasabai Sivananthamoor  
4 Sinnathamby Perithamby all of Puthoor West

Respondents.  
This matter coming on for disposal before S. S. J. GOONESKERA Esqr., District Judge Jaffna on the 24th day of August 1949 in the presence of Mr. S. Ambalavanar Proctor for petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner have been read.

It is ordered that the above-named 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-Litem over the minor 3rd respondent for the purpose of this action and that the petitioner be granted Letters of

## Hindu Ladies College

### Hostel Building Fund

We thankfully acknowledge the following contributions:

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Mr T Velupillai	5
Mr S Muthiah	1
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Miss T Padmawathi	10
Mrs Sinnamma Ganapathipillai	2
Mrs V Subramaniam	2
Miss P. Aiyadurai	10
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Mrs S Sivapackiam	5
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Mrs J Rangamma	1
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Mrs V D Aiyadurai	10
Miss S Rajeswari	5
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Mrs L Balasubramaniam	25
Mrs S Nadarajah	2
Miss S Kamalambigai	5
Mrs A Sunderampillai	1
Mrs K Arulambalam	5
Mrs Nagalingam	5
Mrs T Nannithamby	10
Total	4669

Administration over the estate of his deceased wife the said Eswarammal unless the said respondents or any other person or persons shall appear before this court on the 5th day of October 1949 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 5th day of October 1949  
Sgd. S. S. J. GOONESKERA,  
District Judge,  
Time to show cause extended till 21-4-50,  
Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,  
District Judge.  
(O. 4. 7 & 11)

## J/Hindu College—Temple and Workshop Building

Statement of Accounts as at 31-3-50

Receipts	Expenditure
Amount previously acknowledged	(a) Temple
3684 71	Materials 1982 03
Jaffna Hindu College (part)	Masonry 629 51
381 25	Carpentry 265 80
Sale of empty cement packets	(b) Workshop
3 25	Materials 1756 60
Mr. A. Thillaiampalam	Masonry 653 60
250 00	Carpentry 90 00
Mr K Nagalingam Borella	(c) Outstation
250 00	Collections expenses
Mr S J V Chelvanayagam M P	85 70
200 00	(d) Town
Mr S Kanagasabai Shroff	Collections expenses
J/ M B F Ltd	7 00
100 00	(e) Kumbhaphishekam
Mr V Arunasalampillai	Cash in hand 121 73
100 00	
Jewel Merchant Jaffna	
Mr C S A Namasivayam Chettiar	
Jaffna	
50 00	
Mr A Kanagasabai, Jaffna	
30 00	
Mr Hadji V M M S Abdul Cader	
Jaffna	
25 00	
Mr Hadji V M M Aboosali,	
Kannathiddy	
25 00	
Mr S Manickampillai,	
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Mr Swaminathan P W D	
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Mr P T Sampanthan Salt Supt	
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Mr M Chinniahpillai, Koddady	
10 00	
Mr S Selvadurai, Jewel Merchant	
5 00	
Mr E Visuvalingam Van West	
2 75	
Mr P Karthigesu, 29, K K S Rd	
2 00	
Sundry debts	
850 00	
Rs 6068 96	Rs. 6068 96

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
POINT PEDRO

Held at Chavakachcheri

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 15

In the matter of the intestate estate of Meenachippillai wife of Karthigesu Murugesu of Chavakachcheri North Deceased  
Karthigesu Murugesu of Chavakachcheri North Petitioner

Vs

1. Murukesu Ganesalingam of Chavakachcheri North
2. Murukesu Balasingam of Chavakachcheri North
3. Meenampikai daughter of Karthigesu Murugesu of Chavakachcheri North
4. Naganathar Kanagasabai of Chavakachcheri North

Respondents

This matter of the petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying that the 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors, the 1-3 Respondents abovenamed, for the purpose of enabling the Petitioner to apply for and obtain Letters of Administration for the Estate of the deceased Meenachippillai, the wife of the Petitioner coming on for disposal before P. Sri Skandarahaj Esquire, District Judge, Point Pedro on the 6th day of February 1950 in the presence of Mr. S. K. Thiravaniyagam, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the Affidavit of the Petitioner having been read.

It is hereby ordered that the 4th.

Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors 1-3 Respondents for the aforesaid purpose and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased Meenachippillai be issued to the Petitioner as the husband of the said deceased Meenachippillai unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person shall appear in Court and show sufficient cause to the contrary if any, to the satisfaction of the Court on or before the 7th day of March 1950.

It is further ordered that the minors 1-3 Respondents and the proposed Guardian-ad-litem the 4th Respondent shall appear in the Court on the 7th day of March 1950 and on their failing to do so Warrant of attachment will be issued against them by this Court.

மேலே சொல்லப்பட்ட 1-4 உத்தரவாதிக்கள் கோட்டிற்கு 1950-ம் ஆண்டு பிப்ரவரி மாதம் 7-ம் திகதி சமூககோடுக்குவண்டும். கோட்டிற்கு வரத் தவறினால், சமூககோட்டை உத்தரவாதிக்களுக்குத் தெரிவாக விதித்த லிட்டப்படும்.

This 6th day of February 1950.

Sgd P. Sri Skandarahaj District Judge

Drawn by  
Sgd. S. K. Thiravaniyagam  
Proctor for Petitioner.

Extended for 28-3-50  
Sgd. P. Sri Skandarahaj District Judge

Extended for 25-4-50  
Sgd. P. Sri Skandarahaj District Judge.

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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 from 12 to 1 p. m. and 5 to 6 p. m. on Mondays 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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