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WANT ON ONE SIDE WASTE ON THE OTHER

Recently there have been several recurring losses to the Nation by the decay of subsidiary foodstuffs such as onions in the Colombo Harbour News - papers published these heart-rending happenings in good faith but no action seems to have been taken by the Authorities to investigate these matters and take remedial measures.

Imported food stuffs main and subsidiary, are allowed to decay; the people are denied the use of these articles. What is the explanation for this criminal waste?

It is readily stated in explanation that unloading of these goods could not be done in time. The excuse is so lame that even the man in the street will wonder whether activities in the Cargo Section of the Colombo Harbour are often left unsupervised.

To arrange for the shipping from abroad of foodstuffs that are in rare supply in this country and to organize the unloading of such articles without undue delay cannot be a matter that involves problems of economics. The people have a right to know why these imported articles were allowed to decay and how. The administrative officers who are responsible for the unloading of these articles must state their explanation in public.

It is unfortunate that the metropolitan city has, of late, become prone to stinking smell either by rotten onions, chillies, potatoes, or by destroyed methionine. Poverty is understandable but when it is coupled with health affecting happenings the result will be unbearable.

Three years of experience of unrestricted imports of luxuries may be something acceptable to the wealthy; but in the matter of other articles such as costly textiles, the experience has been bitter for the indigenous manufacturers and even customers.

In the matter of onions and chillies the colossal

HEAD OF THE HINDU MUTT AT MADURAI

A Rare Religious Personality

(An appreciation By Sri S. Sivasubramaniam of the services of His Holiness Sri La Sri Paramachariya Somasundara Swamigal, Head of the Hindu Mutt of Sri Thirugnanasambantha Nayanaar Aatheenam of Madurai whose demise occurred this month at Madurai.)

The demise a few days ago, reported in the Press of India and Sri Lanka and over the Radio, of His Holiness Thiruvarul Thava Yoga Sri La Sri Paramachariya Somasundara Swamigal, Head of the hallowed and famous Hindu Mutt of Thirugnana Sampantha Nayanaar Aatheenam at the ancient city of Madurai in South India removes from our midst one of the greatest religious personalities of contemporary times.

He was very closely connected with Sri Lanka having founded a flourishing business establishment viz. Sunderam and Company Limited before he became a holy monk. While in Sri Lanka he performed religious services of a rare nature and was respected by all creeds and communities for his piety, public spiritedness, devotion to the country of his residence and great desire to render help and assistance to all causes and persons.

He was connected with the Sri Sivasubramania Swami Temple at Gintopitiya and rendered yeoman services as Managing Trustee.

He started Hindu congregational prayer meetings in Colombo and was instrumental in spreading this holy practice in other parts of the country and in India. He was also very intimately connected with the Vivekananda Society, Colombo of which he was a Co-Patron and actively worked for the promotion of its ideals.

In the year 1952 he performed with his own personal funds the Kumba Abishekam Ceremony at the ancient Temple which Prince Wijeyya, a Hindu Prince and reputed to be the Founder of the Sinhalese race, is reported to have repaired at Mannar District, Thiruketheswaram.

amounts that had been lost in the import of these stuffs would have been sufficient inducement to cultivators if they had been favoured with that outlays financial aid.

Whatever may be the balance - sheet result of these speculative imports,

ram, and the restoration of the Temple owe a great deal to him. He was also connected with the Jaffna Saiva Paripalanai Sabha of which he was a Life Member. His assistance was freely and unstintingly given to all Hindu causes and institutions and to other religious undertakings as well.

In the year 1957 he became the Head as the 291st Guru Maha Raj of the ancient Mathurai Aathheenam, considered one of the holiest religious institutions in the world. On his departure from Sri Lanka after a stay for decades in our midst to assume duties as the Head of one of the famous World and Hindu Institutions, all sections of the public honoured him with great affection and respect in several parts of the country.

He held that exalted office with rare acceptance and efficiency and was also in charge of four renowned Temples. He was also the founder President of Societies for Religious Research and had to his credit over thirty publications in Tamil and English and had delivered addresses at World religious conferences of a striking and remarkable character. He revived the ancient Hindu concepts regarding the Divine Secrets of Physical Life, Dream life and Life after Death. His tenure of office as Head of the Athheenam, his activities in Sri Lanka and India, and his efforts to spread the Message of Hinduism were epoch making in the contemporary history of the world. The establishment of Lasting Peace in this strife stricken world through Spiritual regeneration and Realisation of

the Universal Brotherhood of mankind and all creation were among the noble ideals that he propounded with uncommon zeal, originality, and fervour.

The World of Religion, Culture and Noble living is greatly indebted to this Holy personality to whose spiritual evolution Sri Lanka has partly contributed along with India.

The foregoing is not an adequate memoir of the magnificent services to mankind of an exalted personage of rare calibre; it is trusted that a full biography with a collection of the speeches and writings of this Sage and Savant of saintly nature will be forthcoming in due course.

School for Children in New York

Stresses Practical Saivite Living

Classes at the Children's School of Flushing, New York began last year on October 8th. Five Church families living in the neighbourhood of the Mahaganapati Temple in Flushing run the school with Gurudeva's blessings and also supply the teachers. The families are:- Janaka & Bhavani Param, Deva & Tara Katir, Jothi & Ramya Kumara, Deva & Amala Seyon and Satya & Vasuki Sivam. Six of these ten adults are licensed schoolteachers making staff no problem. The mothers beat their students from 9:00 A.M. to 2:45 P.M. five days a week in their homes. A Board of education oversees the smooth running of the school now and into the future. Gurudeva, Master Subramaniya, is Board Chairman, Deva Katir is the Principal, Deva Seyon is the teacher's representative, Jothi Kumara is Secretary and Janska Param handles all legal aspects of the school's existence. Gayatri Ananta Devi, one of the resident brahmacharis at Indiashram, across the street from the Mahaganapati Temple, is teacher of religious studies. It is a small school now but has every increment for steady growth in the future. It is Gurudeva's suggestion that property be purchased near the temple for the growing school facility and with a look ahead to the time when other Saivite children in the community will attend, including the young second generation Indian immigrants.

The children's daily studies are based on New York public school system materials, but classes in Math, Reading, Penmanship, Social Studies and Science are interspersed by Religious Studies, Health Care, Nutrition, Exercise, Cooking, Child Care, Sewing, and Music with emphasis on bhajan singing. The New York area provides a wealth of educational activities for the children; field trips occur at least monthly. The Saivite Children show great interest in their school day and the parents are very pleased with their progress. Problems in organizing and running the school have been surprisingly few. The emphasis is on the religious and moral training of the children at this early age

ஈழாக்கில் வழாது பெய்த மல்வளர்க்க சரக்க மன்னன் காண்டுறை யாச செய்த குறைவிலா தமிழ்கள் வாந்த வண்மை யந்துக் கொங்க நற்றுவம் வேள்வி மல்க மேலமைகள் கஷவந்தி விளங்குக உலக மேவலாம்.

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