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RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION, BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.

## NEWS

### LOCAL

#### American textiles

It is understood that there has been a slight hitch in the rate of discharge of American textiles owing to the want of uniformity of the length of pieces (unlike in the case of British goods). It was therefore necessary to spend a great deal of time on the issues to dealers. The Textile Controller has, however, assured that every effort would be made to expedite the issue of cloth and minimise the inconvenience to the trade and the consumers. It is learned that there are 7,000 retailers, about 6,000 hawkers and 50 to 60 wholesalers in the country.

#### New Indian Agent arrives

The new Agent of the Government in India in Ceylon, Mr. P. C. Mathew, I. C. S. has arrived in Ceylon. He relieves Mr. R. E. Chary who takes up duties as Secretary to Mr. M. S. Aney, the Raj Representative in the island.

#### Prices of Silks and Artificial Silks

The Executive Committee for Labour, Industry and Commerce has decided to allow silks and artificial silks to be sold at price which are not regulated for the present. This is purely a provisional arrangement, in order to see whether under the rationing scheme these articles will be sold by the dealers at reasonable prices. If, after a short trial, it is found that the ruling prices are still high, it is proposed to introduce price fixation and price marking.

#### Summer School of Carnatic Music

The above school was opened last Saturday at the Salva Mangayar Kalagamu Hall, 34th Lane, Wellawatte. Miss Sarah Harihar, M. A. late Professor of Music, Travancore University and Research Scholar of Madras University and student of Tiger Varadarachari will be in charge of the School.

#### Fish Poisoning

It is reported that three people from Moratuwa died at the Lunawa Hospital after partaking of a dish of fish known as "Zanthaya". The police have taken samples of the cooked fish, the vessels etc., to be forwarded to the Government Analyst. Several others who had eaten this fish are still in hospital.

#### M. A. Degree in Indo-Aryan Languages

Mr. Charles Godwin, B. A., Hons. (Lond) Headmaster, Central School, Ratnapura who was a Research Student at the University of Ceylon during the period 1942-44 has been successful in the examination for the Master of Arts Degree held by the University last year. He was the first student at the University for the M. A. Degree in Indo-Aryan Languages.

#### Extra S. S. C. Examination

An Extra Government Senior School Certificate Examination is to be held only this year, commencing on the 14th of August, 1945. It will be limited to those candidates who have failed or been referred in the last S. S. C. English Examination or those who hold vouchers of withdrawal in regard to the Examination.

#### All-Ceylon Students' S. C. M. Camp

The above camp will be held this year, commencing from the 18th inst. at Richmond College, Galle. Rev. Malcolm Adisheshat, of Christian College, Tambaram, is expected to lead the camp. Special efforts have been made to make the camp useful to all students whatever their standard of education may be. The Camp commences with lunch on the 18th inst. and breaks after lunch on the 21st. The Camp will be followed by a Retreat.

#### Island-Wide Security Campaign

An Island-wide Security Campaign for the civilian population and the services has been organised, the object of which is to enlighten people of the importance of security as a vital factor in service operations. Careless talk and worse still, indiscreet writing were, it is felt, due mostly to ignorance of their serious implications. The course of lectures on the subject includes one in Tamil.

#### The J. S. C. Examination

For the last time the Junior School Certificate Examination in English, Sinhalese and Tamil will be conducted by the Education Department this month. The Education Department which has hitherto conducted this Examination every year will not in pursuance of a recent decision conduct it any more. The Department, however, has no objection to schools holding their own examinations and awarding their own certificates.

#### Point Pedro District Court Proposal

We understand that the proposal by Government that a separate District Court should be established for Point Pedro has created dissatisfaction among the inhabitants of Jaffna District.

The Secretaries of the Jaffna Association, Messrs N. Chelvadurai and V. S. Karthigesu, have telegraphed on behalf of the Association to the Legal Secretary as follows: "The inhabitants of the Theenmadachchi, Pachchilappali and Karachi Divisions protest that these divisions are being brought under the jurisdiction of the proposed District Court of Point Pedro. The Valigamam East area strongly protest against Valigamam East and these divisions being brought under the jurisdiction of Point Pedro. The present proposals involve an additional Judicial post. The additional expenditure is unwarranted. Great inconvenience, hardships and dissatisfaction will be caused to the general public. There are no facilities for travelling."

The Jaffna Lawyers' Association is holding a meeting on April 16 to protest against proposals. The Theenmadachchi Maha Jaina Sabha also forwarded to Mr. A. Mahadeva, as Member for Jaffna, and to the Legal Secretary representations protesting against the proposal.

#### Wedding

The marriage of Mr. Charles Namasivayam Bealio with Miss Florence Gnanaratnam, youngest daughter of the late Mr. S. A. and Mrs. Edward was solemnized at Wesley Chapel Vannarpannai on Monday 9th inst. The Rev. James S. Mather officiated and was assisted by the Rev. M. S. Colombiah and the Rev. A. C. Thambirajah. A reception was held after the Service at the residence of the bride at Kokuvil, when the toast of the newly married couple was proposed by the Rev. James S. Mather, supported by Mr. Lyman S. Kulathungam.

#### Personal

Mr. H. A. de Silva, District Judge of Jaffna, has been transferred to Kandy. Mr. S. J. O. Schockema, Additional District Judge, Colombo will succeed Mr. de Silva at Jaffna. The transfers will take effect from the 16th of April.

#### Obituary

The remains of Soranambikal, youngest daughter of the late Mr. G. Kozanmal, retired Postmaster, Jaffna, were interred in the Methodist Section of the cemetery, Kopyai recently. The services at the house and the cemetery were conducted by the Ven. J. A. R. Navaratnam and Revd. S. S. Richard, assisted by Canon S. Somasundaram, Revd. T. K. Curtis and V. B. Muttaveil. The chief mourners were Revd. and Mrs. S. S. Richard (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. Chelvan David (sister) and Mr. Kozanmal Ayadurai.

#### INDIAN

New Outlook towards Religion. At the world's religions conference organised at New Delhi by the Fre-

sident of the All India Gita Mission Sir S. Radha Krishnan, Vice Chancellor of the Benares Hindu University pleaded for a new outlook towards Religion as a solution for the disabilities from which the world was now suffering. The Conference adopted a resolution urging the foundation of a chair of Theology in every university to impart Religious Education by a comparative study of various faiths.

#### Besant Centenary

At the South Indian Theosophical Conference at Adyar, a session was given to the discussion of plans for celebrating the Besant Centenary in 1947. The celebrations, we understand, would fall into three phases: (1) to establish a Besant College at Adyar to promote Dr. Besant's principles in Education, (2) to publish a memorial biography covering the great aspects of her work, (3) to hold centenary celebrations throughout India.

#### FOREIGN

#### Sir William Beveridge's New Book

A second chance to banish war and the fear of war from the world is about to present itself and to seize it Britain should be ready to be bold declares Sir William Beveridge in a book entitled "The Price of Peace" published recently. "The choice is between Utopia and Hell" he writes. A condition of peace is that the strong nations of the world at the moment of overwhelming strength should decide to be just, should make and keep the world safe for small nations and should establish a rule of law—setting up a world organisation for declaring, enforcing and revising law between the nations.

#### Eminent Educationalist to visit Ceylon.

It is understood that Sir Cyril Norwood, the famous British Educationalist who is now in India is to be invited to visit Ceylon. He is the President of St. John's College Oxford and has come to the East to advise on educational problems in India. He has written much on Education. His best known works are "Higher Education of Boys in England", "English Educational System" and "The English Tradition in Education".

#### The Crisis in Japan

Perhaps the most extraordinary of all new measures with which Japan's rulers are trying to meet the crisis was that announced recently ordering the suspension of all schools, colleges and universities in Japan for a period of one year. Beginning with seven year olds in the second grade, the entire school population—pupils and teachers alike—is to be wholly mobilised for urgent war work. The school has been the great emancipator for the individual and it is now ruthlessly ridden over by Japan's militarist leaders ostensibly as a sacrifice to the devouring needs of the war crisis into which they were so foolish as to lead their country.

#### Relief for India's poor

The American Friend Service Committee have launched on April 3 in the United States, a campaign for one million dollars relief for India to be used for food and medical supplies. A new organisation called American Relief for India Incorporated will continue the campaign for the Friends' Committee.

#### GENERAL

#### Artificial Blood Plasma

Uppsala (Sweden) University Scientists have developed an artificial blood plasma capable of use by injection direct into the veins in the same way as transfusion. It can be used on patients of any blood group. The substance was found during experiments with sugar and

was therefore named "dextran". It can be prepared in powder form, which is then dissolved in boiling sterilised water before injection. The experiments were supervised by Professor Arne Tiselius, head of the Institute of Bio Chemistry at Upsala.

#### Surrendering to Radio!

For the first time in any war, states Radio-Craft, modern science has made it possible for the forces of one nation to surrender to an opposing force through the spoken word at a distance via the radio amplifier, so that a whole garrison can hear it. A surrounded enemy can be made to believe that further resistance is useless and suicidal. U. S. soldiers have dubbed these amplifiers *Schweinheits* (hogcalls).

#### ENGAGEMENT

#### THOMAS — THAMBAR

The engagement took place on 7-4-45, and the marriage is to take place shortly, of Dr. Thomas Chelvarajah, son of Revd & Mrs. G. D. Thomas of Udulvil, to Miss Grace Theivavaipillai, the only daughter of Dr. & Mrs. J. V. Thambar of Green Hospital, Manipay. 14-1.

#### NORTHERN PROVINCE TEACHERS' PROVIDENT SOCIETY, LIMITED.

Special Concession to teachers over 30 years. Men under 40 and women under 35 can become members till 31st May, 1945. "Awake, arise, or be for ever fall'n." Further particulars or Application Forms can be obtained from:

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Hony. Secy., N. R. T. P. Society Ltd. Saras Anandua Giri, Vannarpannai. 13-8.

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The undermentioned commodities will be issued in the Jaffna District to all consumers except those served by Co-operative Stores on the basis of the rations given below for the period 26th March to 22nd April, 1945:

Khasul Dhal	at	4	02s.
Gram Dhal	"	2	02s.
Toor Dhal	"	4	02s.
Green Split peas	"	3	02s.
Coriander	"	3	02s.
Beagol Gram	"	4	02s.
Common Seed	"	3	02s.
Turmeric	"	5	02s.
Lang Dhal	"	1	02s.

E. Goonaratne,  
Asst. Govt. Agent, (E).

Jaffna,  
5th April, 1945.  
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## THE AIR ERA

As the war draws to a close, one of the post-war problems to which increasing importance is being attached is that of Air transport. Realising the international importance of Air Transport, and the great future that lies in store for it, America has been making transport planes throughout the war as part of their contribution to the common war effort and they are already well ahead with a number of types suitable for commercial operations. Although in Britain, there has been a sad lag in the design and construction of passenger air liners and transport planes because of the British Aircraft Industry's pre-occupation with war production, plans have now been adumbrated in a White Paper issued recently which embrace the development of Civil Aviation to a degree hitherto unknown in Britain. At a meeting of the Incorporated Association of Assisted Masters held recently in London, the retiring Chairman took a long peep into the future and visualised a situation in 1980 or round about when a school building will have its own aerodrome and pupils will arrive by communal transport planes and even by private jeep planes from all points of the compass. Fantastic as these dreams may appear, they are doubtless clear indications that the world today is entering a new era, the era of the Air.

The Conquest of the empire of the Air has been one of man's oldest dreams. From his most primitive days as he gazed on the sun and the sky, man has dreamed of conquering the air. Today it has happened so swiftly and so efficiently that we rarely stop to think about it. Distances no longer separate nations. The heavens have been scaled and the secrets of the skies snatched from their fastness. Many of the highways of the empire of air have been marked and known and men have grown more fearless as they have flown through its great unknown spaces. It is estimated that every day during 1944, Britain's "Merchant Service of the Air" has flown an average distance of 51,000 miles, the equivalent of more than twice round the world. Time was when a successful flight across the Atlantic was sensational news but today there are men who have made more than a hundred crossings of the North Atlantic and others who have completed 2000,000 miles in the air. The War has accelerated the conquest of the Air to a degree which man never imagined.

Needless to say, after the war is won, the Nations will enter this new 'air era' with assets which will be invaluable to them for the development of this new Empire of Air. The first and foremost asset is, of course, experience. The operation of air lines is not merely a question of taking aeroplanes safely and accurately from one place to another. There is a technical and organisational side which can only be learnt by years of practical experience. Every flier is a real pioneer. Safety will be increased as more knowledge and skill are added to the air-

man's achievements. Further, under the stress of war, obstacles for safe flights have now been removed. It is now learned, for instance, that the airman's meanest natural enemy is not fog but ice. It is reported that American researchers at Minneapolis, beginning with fundamental studies of water drops have now discovered ways and means to avoid the ice-menace so that the day is in sight when pilots "will just forget ice." This is only one illustration of the immense research work that has been done during the war, to eliminate all dangers that a pilot is likely to encounter in his flight. With obstacles overcome and assets acquired, there is little doubt that the air-era which is about to dawn will be one of infinite blessing to mankind.

It should be borne in mind, however, that the Empire of Air is only at its beginning. Its great days are yet to come, days of easy travel to every man across the spaces of the sky and the clouds. It is a new free world for all to move in with its open spaces and highways ready for all. No one has as yet staked out claims to the permanent possession of any of its great spaces. It brings to the world, therefore, a peculiar responsibility. Even more than land empires, it can be used for good or for evil. The same skies can bring gladness and joy and the thrill of adventurous travel, as well as ruin and death upon the world's common people. A choice must be made which way this new Empire of Air must develop. It may develop to be an empire of peace and friendship where men can lift up their hearts and eyes to the wonders of the heavens and the ocean of space or it may develop tragically into a menace to the life and purpose of man. It can be controlled by man to the glory of God and to the service of his fellow-men or it can be dedicated to death and sorrow. This choice of good or evil in the empire of Air will be one of the most decisive in history.

### COBBLER'S BOY WHO BECAME AN EARL

#### LLOYD GEORGE'S DYNAMIC LIFE

Years ago, on the day of the memorial service to the late Marquis of Ripon, as he left the Westminster Cathedral with a colleague, Lloyd George talked of the splendour of the ceremony. And his companion remarked, laughingly: "When you die, we'll give you a funeral like that." "No, you won't," came the swift almost passionate reply. "When I die, you will lay me in the shadow of the mountains."

And true to his wishes, this son of Wales with an Earl's diadem, it is reported, will be buried in North Wales.

With Lloyd George has passed away the last of the giants of World War I. From a cobbler to the Prime Minister of the British Empire, he rose by sheer merit and industry. His chief forte was his eloquence, his inimitable courage and audacity. Hated as a radical, he put the House of Lords in its proper place and he was the father of social security measures in Britain.

#### Memorable Advice

And the first World War provided him with scope for full display of his dynamic energy and talents. He steered Britain to Victory, and dominated the Versailles gatherings.

But a post-war Britain had no use for him. He had no room to stage a comeback. He died in

Lloyd George lived a full life. His native wit and humour sustained him all through the stormy life he led. In January, of this year, when he retired from Parliament after 54 years, he gave the following advice to Liberals: "Hit your enemies hard. Be fearless in your cause. Never forget, you're a radical and one of the people."

#### An Anecdote

And this "hitting hard" proved naturally a costly business. He created numerous enemies—as illustrated by the following anecdote which "L. G." himself used to tell with delight.

A man once saved someone from drowning and was presented with a public testimonial. When, after the eulogies of the Mayor, he was called upon to reply, he said, "Really, I have done nothing to deserve this reward. I saw the man struggling in the water, and, as no one else was by, I saw he would be drowned if I didn't save him. So I jumped in, swam to him, turned him over to see that he wasn't Lloyd George, and then pulled him out."

About his wit in Parliament Gardiner relates this following: "There are fanatics in every party," interrupts Mr. Tim Healy, sitting lonely in his corner seat. "Yes, even in a party of one," comes the swift retort, and Mr. Healy, who loves a neat stroke, even though it goes through his own body, raises his hat in recognition of the swordsman.

#### Smart Hits

"What is the right Hon. Gentleman's scheme?" he asked Mr. Bonar Law, who had attacked the Government's proposed settlement of the great coal strike. "It is not our business to provide a scheme until we are on the Treasury Bench," said Mr. Law smartly. Mr. George leant forward, smiled and said winningly "He wants the strike to last four years!"

And then, there is the classic story of his retort to an interrupter:

"We will have Home Rule for Ireland and for England and for Scotland and for Wales," he said, addressing some Welsh farmers. "And for hell," interposed a deep, half-drunken voice. "Quite right," chirped in the Welsh Wizard, "I like to hear a man stand up for his own country." —Free India.

### WHAT 'FRISCO MEETING MEANS TO DO

New York Times correspondent Arthur Krock, discussing the forthcoming United Nations Conference at San Francisco, listed the things the conference is not to be and cited its broad functions. He said:

The meeting is NOT to be: first a peace conference; second, a conference to enumerate or settle post-war economic, social or political problems of the world; third, a boundaries commission; fourth, a court of last resort on the case of India or any colonies or mandates, including colonies and mandates of enemy powers; fifth, a drafting committee of a new code of international law;

sixth, a reparation commission; seventh, a commission for military or immediate non-military supervision of Germany and Japan; and eighth, a war criminals commission or court.

The conference IS to be: First, a meeting to agree details of a world security league for the post-war era, including (A) an economic council as machinery to adjust later developments in the interests of peace and fair dealing among nations; (B) a statute for a world court; and (C) a trusteeship plan for the colonies and mandates of enemy nations. Beyond these duties and responsibilities, with the possible addition of some minor points, the San Francisco Conference has none.

Its objective is to set up an organization which (when the necessary treaties are ratified by enough nations) will be authorized to employ its enumerated powers to maintain peace in the world situation as it then exists. This situation will be compounded of the ultimate peace settlements, which may or may not have been completed when the organization begins its work but which the league will have the right to review and the duty to press for such adjustments as may later be deemed necessary and constructive. (Prior to these settlements the three great powers—with an ally or two—will have demobilized and demilitarized Germany and Japan and assumed responsibility for them and the turns of surrender and armistices.)

#### Difficult Task Ahead

This is a large, delicate and difficult task and a heavy enough burden on a group of nations meeting for the first time during the progress of a great and exhausting war with the problems of liberation and peace already intruding. It includes the working out of a voting system for the proposed Security Council which will appeal to intermediate and small nations as being fair and wise.

Although this task has been repeatedly outlined and discussed, many persons in many countries continue to think of it as a peace conference. Suggestions are made that the conference committees hear testimony on the Curzon Line, the question of India, the status of Puerto Rico and Alaska, immigration and citizenship requirements of various nations, and Henry Wallace's program for a happy and just world. The conference is asked to hear from a "typical American serviceman" what he believes to be the opinion of the armed forces on the ventual peace terms, and organizations and individuals with every sort of peace plan—as distinguished from security plans to keep the peace—are clamoring for recognition.

This must be the explanation of the extraordinary number of persons who want to go to San Francisco.

The San Francisco meeting is confined to forming a world league. This is a fact which does not seem to be clearly comprehended.

The Sunday Herald.

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