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Milk Control

We have observed with grave concern the notice in the Official Gazette reducing the price paid to producers of milk in the Mahaica and Mahaicony creeks from 38 cents a gallon to 34 cents.

We cannot regard this action on the part of the Government in any other light than a deliberate breach of faith with the producers. The producers of milk from these creeks are making representations to have their entire case reviewed by a committee outside the orbit of the Milk controller.

We are of the opinion that a cooperative organization be formed by Government to deal with the entire transportation and distribution of milk.

We cannot bring ourselves to understand the present high cost of transporting milk in the creeks and thence to Georgetown. The present rate paid to the launches for a haulage of 14 miles is ten cents a gallon. Originally these launches were paid 5 cents per gallon but being few in number they (the launch owners) have been able

Vital Labour Decision In U.S.A.

LABOURS UNDENIABLE RIGHT TO DO WHAT-
EVER IT WANTS WITH ITS COMMODITY
[LABOUR.]

GRAND RIGHT AND LEFT

In a decision further defining the powers of organised labor, the Supreme Court ruled last week that a labor union can do what it will with its commodity (i. e., labor)—even to forcing an employer out of business.

The case arose out of a nasty strike in Philadelphia. A union official was killed and a partner in the firm of Hunt's Motor Freight and Food Products Transport was tried for the murder and acquitted. Thereafter, the A. F. of L. transport workers refused to negotiate with Hunt's; refused to admit any Hunt employees into the union. Without union labor, Hunt's was effectively boycotted, finally went out of business.

Hunt's promptly sought an injunction, sued the Union for treble damage, charged that the Union had violated the Sherman Anti-Trust Act by combining to restrain trade. Ruling on an appeal, the Supreme Court, in a bitterly argued 5 to 4 decision, threw the Company's case out the window.

to get together and grow fat on the poor producers by exercising bargaining pressure and finding easy grounds to travel upon.

We further find it a jigsaw puzzle to understand how the Controller of Milk charges the producers of Milk from the creeks ten cents for transporting it to Georgetown when the railway cost is merely 3 cents a gallon and milk delivered at the depot is paid 54 cents a gallon.

In the interest of the well being of the milk industry and the inhabitants of British Guiana we want fairplay to the producers of Milk in the creeks and elsewhere. We therefore ask that an enquiry be made into the working of Milk control and a full investigation be made of the cost of transporting milk from the creeks to Georgetown which at the moment costs twenty cents a gallon, an inflation unheard of in all history.

Said Justice Black, for the majority: "The only combination here was one of workers alone, and what they refused to sell petition was their labor. It is not a violation of the Sherman Act for laborers in combination to refuse to work. They can sell or not sell their labor as they please and upon such terms and conditions as they choose, . . ."

Acidly dissenting, Justice Roberts wrote: "It is hardly an accurate description of their attitude to say that the union men decided not to sell their labor to the petitioners. They intended to drive petitioners out of business as interstate motor carriers, and they succeeded in so doing."

In a separate dissent, Justice Jackson added that the majority decision gave to labor "an arbitrary dominance" over the economic sphere which it controls—a dominance which "labor so long, so bitterly and so rightly asserted should belong to no man."

While the ruling showed a lively diversity of opinion, the Court's session—now closed—found the Justices gradually settling into a pattern. It was not as sharply defined as in the days of the Nine Old men. It looked something like this: Justices Black, Douglas, Murphy and Rutledge on the left wing; Justices Roberts, Jackson, Stone, and the onetime red-hot New Dealer Frankfurter on the right. Frequently the deciding man was Justice Reed.

—Time.

ENGAGEMENT

Many friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Sham Mohamed of La Jalousie, West Coast, Demerara, assembled at their residence on Sunday, 8th instant to witness a Ceremonial Engagement of their eldest son, Mr. Mohamed Ferose to Miss Shakoor, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shakoor of Uitvlugt, W. C. Demerara.

We wish the couple every success.

Letters to the Editor

Pla. Ogle
Goedverwagting E.C.

Dem. 27 June 1945.

The Editor
Indian Opinion

Sir,

Please allow me space in your column of the Indian Opinion to express my views as follows:—

Dear Comrades,

Though British Guiana have some 85,000 square miles in land yet the greater portion of land is not being cultivated. The better portion of the land is lying idle and not tilled owing to the Sugar Estates of the Colony.

The Proprietors of the Sugar Estates and the cruel Profiteers, make it impossible for many to till the soil and even to make a living. The Corporation who gets the land and then those who till it become serfs and not owners.

The government does not aid the producers even if they are willing to till the earth for themselves and grow more food. The opening of such lands to occupancy and cultivation would make possible for the entire population to engage in farming.

Big Business with its ill gotten gains controls the Legislative body and has power to prevent the enactment of the Irrigation, Drainage and reclamation schemes and the people suffer as a result. Without a doubt the British is the strongest Government on earth. Among its ruling class there are able men but these men are biased and influenced by motives like other men. The Government is not satisfactory to the inhabitants of the colony.

Very few men on earth have ruled among their fellow creatures in harmony with God's stated law.

The men of this world, given authority, think they must be Bosses or tyrants ruling their fellow men. But the law of God shows that the requirements of those who shall be with Christ-Jesus are that they must deal justly and righteously towards mankind.

At the present time extremely selfish men by their wealth, power and influence control the great publicity channels through which they attempt to mould public opinion to suit themselves and to blind the people to the real truth. I hope the new world organization will stop exploitation and oppression in the British Guiana Sugar Estates.

Your Comrade,

F. Sukra.

The Editor

Indian Opinion.

Georgetown.

Sir,—

I read with deep interest His Excellency's sincere broadcast in the issue of the Daily Chronicle of 25th. June last, on his recent visit to the Corentyne—"with its excellent sugar estates, very good rice lands and has got an airiness and healthiness which is quite special;" but was shocked and surprised at the tail end of the broadcast—the Corentyne has its faults: far too much drinking; far too much going to rumshops and cinemas; far too much useless spending of their time and far too much preadial larceny".

Such statements coming from His Excellency, who is undoubtedly the most travelled Governor this Colony has been ever blessed with, is bound to reflect damagingly to the Corentyne by outsiders and by persons who may desire to reside on the Corentyne or to spend a short leave or holiday.

One cannot deny the fact that the person or persons who so advised His Excellency is not a true friend of the farmers, and the charges mentioned are Colony wide, therefore if (the charges) should not have been levelled directly on the Corentyne. It is true there are a few unscrupulous and wicked persons to be found here and there on the Corentyne who prefer to steal their neighbour's goods rather than till the soil and live an honest life, but not to the extent mentioned by His Excellency. The charges are chiefly against those who receive weekly wages, as they are the chief supporters of the places mentioned which are located on the sugar estates and the neighbouring villages, but not those who solely depend on their farm lands and rice crop to meet their obligations.

Unless something unforeseen happens to the present promising bumper rice crop on the Corentyne—a neglected part of the Colony for want of foresight and initiative on the part of the Government, His Excellency would be convinced that the information he received, from no doubt "a bird of passage" about the people, is wicked and misleading; and that ninety per cent of the people are hard-working and honest. Give the Corentyne a regular water supply for irrigation purposes, a pure water supply and a cattle ranch which would be the means of keeping the cattle off the cultivation area and of increasing the milk supply, but not gambling houses as proposed by Government, and within a few years it would be transformed or changed into a healthy peasantry or in other words a paradise, and a granary for the West Indies.

But reading between the lines of the Governor's broadcast, one can safely forecast that (a) the people on the Corentyne have been weighed and found wanting; (b) the Bloomfield-Kilmarnock irrigation and drainage scheme has gone with the wind; (c) the subject races to continue a semi-slavery existence so long as the Union Jack flies over the Governor's residence; (d) the sugar industry—at present the back-bone of the Colony to be protected at the cost of the labouring class; (e) the rice, ground-provision, cocconut and cattle industry to take care of itself against flood drought and (f) no respectable person or family would take up

Kunzru Building Fund Committee Indian Community Anxiously waiting for action

Since the appointment of the Kunzru Building Fund Committee by no less a person than Dr. Kunzru. The Indian Community have been waiting patiently to see what this Committee would do to assist the Indian people to secure a suitable Building in Georgetown to be the centre of Indian activities

The personnel of this Committee include—Mr. H. B. Gajraj, Chairman, Seetaul Persaud and Amin Banker joint Treasurer and Sugrim Singh. (Hony Secy) with Hon. J. A. Luckhoo, O. R. Jacob, Dr. J. B. Singh A. M. Edun, Messrs Jenaine Singh G. Kawal, A. Rayman, L. Kawal, Boodhoo, R. B. Gajraj, J. Jaikaran and Dr. Bisessar. Members of the Committee.

It is time now that the Committee make public its deliberation, for it is understood that even the Trust Deed is not yet prefuted and nothing concrete yet done. As a matter of fact several members are beginning to lose interest. What is the Committee doing? Would Mr. H. B. Gajraj who gave the Indian public and Dr. Kunzru his solemn assurance to acquire this Building again shrivel into oblivion. The community is behind Mr. Gajraj, and his Committee, so what is the hitch.

Centenary In Trinidad Indians contribute \$41,000 Cash on May 30th

Trinidad Indians will fittingly mark their Centenary by the erection of a Centenary memorial Technical School to cost a substantial sum on the appeal of the Hon. A. O. Rizerzee—Second Cynon, Counsel to give one-tenth of their earnings for May. \$41,000 was collected immediately and hundreds of promises of Cash, land and Building materials.

This is a point for our Kunzru Building Fund Committee. To action then and do something or forget the idea forever.

residence on the Corentyne after reading His Excellency's broadcast.

In conclusion, my humble opinion is that the economic problems of a country should first be solved, after which the social and educational problems would automatically solve themselves

I have etc.
W. V. TANNASSEE.

"Alone"
Corentyne,
8. 7. 45.

TRAGEDY

BRITISH GUIANA

BY LIBERTY.

The treatment that is being meted out to the inhabitants of British Guiana by the United Kingdom Government is nothing short of a complete kicking around as it best suits the bosses.

There are outstanding examples of this within recent times. I shall quote a few.

The scandalous and permanent large reservoir of landless and unemployed, retained mainly for the purpose of providing cheap labour to the sugar estates and the supplying quickly of any labouring section who refuses to work, leaving those who make any demands for improvement in any direction to starve.

The withholding of an election to the local legislature for over ten years.

The Maintenance of a constitution known as Crown Colony where the people are being governed from a distance of 4000 miles. The presentation of a Franchise which the Majority of the people would be kept out of the voting list. The preservation of system whereby Guianese are denied posts in the upper branches of the Civil Service.

Gandhi's Tremendous Influence

Gandhi is in Bombay to preside over a session of the trustees of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund. The trip highlights the tremendous hold the Indian leader has on the people, occasional reports by superficial observers to the contrary notwithstanding. When the Mahatma's wife, Kasturba, died in February, 1944, after long imprisonment by the British authorities, many who had loved her for her quiet, selfless work suggested raising a fund of 75 lakhs of rupees to be used for social welfare on lines of her life-long interest. Though the amount was deemed too ambitious in some quarters, an organisation to raise and administer it was set up. Appointed to head the Fund, Gandhi succeeded in having its objectives limited to welfare work for women and children in the villages.

A GRAND MEETING TO BE HELD AT PLN SCHOONORD.

Mr. E.S.S. Burrowes Deputy Commissioner of Labour To Be Principal Speaker

By the cooperation of the Workers and Management of Pln, Schoon Ord West Bank, Demerara,

Comrade Didar Baksh, will be sponsoring a meeting for Workers of Pln. Schoon Ord and vicinity on Monday, 16th, instant at 2.30 P.M.

It is understood that Mr. Burrowes, deputy Commissioner of Labour will be the principal speaker and will address the Workers on Unity and Cooperation, both among themselves and their employers so as to have a better relation and understanding between employers, and employees. It is further understood that after the speeches, Mr. Ramroop (Ranga-char) our local and famous Indian Comedian and our popular stage dancer, Miss Pita Patee will entertain the gathering.

All Workers are asked to attend.

DR. and MRS. HARDUTT SINGH ON HOLIDAY IN NETHERLAND GUIANA

Dr. Hardutt Singh, son of the Hon Dr. J.B. Singh and Mrs. Singh of this city, was married to Miss Leila Pesaud also of this city on Friday 6th instant.

On Sunday last the young doctor and his wife left British Guiana for Surinam on holiday. It is understood that they will be spending three months in the Dutch Colony.

We wish the happy couple a pleasant holiday in Surinam.

On his 75th birthday last October, when the Fund was presented to him, Gandhi announced that it had reached more than 109 lakhs. Contributions continued to pour in, however, some of them substantial most of them small and obtained from rural districts all over the country. Now the Fund has reached over 125 lakhs; a sum which at cable rates of exchange amounts to more than \$3,750,000.

Mahatma Gandhi A Way Of Living

"The name of Gandhi ever in his lifetime has passed beyond the meaning of an individual to the meaning of a way of living in our troubled modern world. In the midst of unrestrained and evil force, what for me has been of the greatest significance is the reaffirmation of this way of living. I am glad to be able to say here upon this page that Mr. Gandhi's steady persistence in his chosen way has given me, among millions of others, courage to resist, by that greatest of all resistances, unconquerable, unwavering personal determination, the growth of tranny in the world."

—Indian Opinion.

YOURS WILL BE THE PLEASURE TODAY

Saturday 14th July,

To See PAUL MUNE battle against seven in

"Counter-Attack"

ASTOR

READ THE

Indian Opinion

**VEDIC NAVY THANKS-
GIVING IN BERBICE**

"Eversince V.E. Day thankfulness and
"gratitude to God filled our hearts to over-
"flowing. The dreaded darkness
"of slavery which threatened to engulf
"the liberty and aspiration of all free
"people the world over has disappeared
"Fears and anxieties are away with it
"for all times. Shining once again is
"the Sun of freedom unobscured from
"Lights overhead, and humanity
"enlivened and alert all over the
"British Empire. Indias plight is also
"reaching an end and soon beneath its
"glow our motherland will be free.
"For all this goodness we owe something, and
"it is to realize this fully that today is set
"apart.

"A day of prayer and thanksgiving as an
"expression of our gratitude to the Royal
"Navy for playing such a part in restoring
"this freedom and peace and to the Mer-
"chant Navy for supplying us all our essen-
"tial needs for life.

These are the words with which Priest-in-
charge Pandit Ramcharran Misir commenced
his sermon on Navy Sunday at a Central
service held in New Amsterdam under the
auspices of the Berbice Central Arya Samaj
in accordance with instructions received
from head quarters of the American Aryan
League. Prominent members also attended
the service from the outlying districts.

Arya Samaj branches throughout the
ancient county from Crabwood Creek upper
Corentyne, the Canje districts, Berbice
river districts and down to Bush Lot-west
ern Berbice, observed a day of prayer and
thanksgiving and a special service from 1 to
3 p.m. at Rosignol the service was conducted
by Pt. Ramdhanny Sawb.

**Trinidad Centenary
GOVERNORS SPEECH**

His Excellency said: 'As I stand here to-
day as your guest in this impressive gather-
ing my mind, prompted by the pageantry
and ceremonial of the occasion, inevitably
goes back in imagination to the day in the
last century when the immigrants from In-
dia first arrived. This very site where we
are assembled may, we are told, have been
the scene of some of their earliest labours.
What I wonder would they say to us, if they
could be here today? They came in seasons
of depression from different provinces in
India, as indentured labour which was re-
quired to sustain the agriculture of Trinidad.
How simple it sounds, and yet what a hu-
man drama is enfolded in these few words.

"The world through which they travelled,
one hundred years ago, was a world very
different from that which we know now.
Industry as we now know it had scarcely
touched the surface of our affairs. The
scientific inventions, the engines and motors
which in succeeding years were to exchange
the face of human existence and to bring
great wealth and then great destruction
upon us were still unconceived or barely
formulated in men's minds. Your ancestors,
all our ancestors, of one hundred years ago,
lived in a slow-moving, largely agricultural
world. And they lived, too, in a world
which, compared with ours, was a world of
peace.

"If they were brought here today there
is much in the surrounding scene which
would surprise them—the machinery of the
oil fields, the pace of traffic, the motor-cars on
the roads, the loudspeakers which enlarge
but do not improve our voices, and the aer-
planes overhead. But I doubt whether these
phenomena would for long engage their
attention which would be focussed first and
foremost upon their descendants, upon
yourselves.

(To be Continued)

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