

# V VICTORY

## A MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE MADRAS WAR EFFORT

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No. 4

### The Provincial War Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Provincial War Committee met in the Cabinet Room, Secretariat Buildings, Fort St. George, on the 5th under the presidency of His Excellency the Governor of Madras. The Propaganda Sub-Committee met on the 8th and 22nd December. The Finance Sub-Committee held meetings on the 2nd and 16th December. The Recruitment Sub-Committee held one meeting on the 4th December and the Provincial Defence Loans Committee held one meeting on the 11th December.

### His Excellency the Governor's War Fund.

On the 29th December 1941 the total collections to His Excellency the Governor's War Fund were Rupees 1,78,00,021-14-8. This represents an increase of Rs. 8,75,385-10-8 from the 2nd to the 29th December. Details of disbursements made till the close of business on the 29th December 1941 are given below :—

	RS.	A.	P.
(1) Disbursements made by His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund prior to the handing over of the undischursed balance to His Excellency the Governor's War Fund.	2,52,060	13	6
(2) To specific charities and to the Joint War Charities Committee earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors.	9,30,421	0	3

Carried over .. 11,82,481 13 9

	RS.	A.	P.
Brought forward ..	11,82,481	13	9
(3) Air Ministry, London, for cost of Aircraft for Madras Squadron.	1,54,00,000	0	0
(4) Indian Air Force.	1,50,000	0	0
(5) Government of India (Defence Department) for purchase of Armoured Carriers	1,70,000	0	0
(6) Madras Flying Club o/a Scholarship Trainer Air Craft, Parachutes, and other equipment and for training Flying Instructors.	2,08,968	3	1
(7) His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund—Indian Defence Purposes earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors.	12,422	15	6
	<u>1,71,23,873</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Balance on hand ..	6,76,148	14	4
Total ..	<u>1,78,00,021</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>

### Aircraft for Britain.

This month, one heavy Bomber has been named after the West Godavari district. Lieut.-Col. Moore Brabazon, Minister of Aircraft Production, London, has sent the following cable :—

"It is with pride and gratitude that I acknowledge the further generous gifts from the Madras Governor's War Fund. A Halifax heavy Bomber Squadron is now being named "Madras Presidency." This powerful addition to our attacking force will

enable us to strike still heavier blows against the common enemy. It will be evidence of the loyal generosity of the people of Madras."

A message was sent on behalf of this province by the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy to the leaders of the Squadrons of aeroplanes supplied by this province. It read

"Best wishes and all good luck for Christmas and the New Year."

The respective Squadron leaders have acknowledged the greetings with thanks.

**Aircraft for India.** In regard to monies subscribed for the purchase of a plane for the defence of India, it has been decided not to await the production of the first plane manufactured by the Hindustan Aircraft Factory but to name one of the imported Curtis Fighter Planes. The presentation of this plane will be made by His Excellency the Governor during his visit to Delhi in February.

**Armoured Carriers for India.** A further sum of Rs. 70,000 was remitted during December to the Defence Department of the Government of India for the purchase of armoured carriers. This raised the total number of armoured carriers paid for by this province to seventeen.

**Relief to families of deceased soldiers.** To assist him in the relief of families of soldiers who die while serving in India, etc., an advance of Rs. 300 was made to Major Phythian Adams. The Government of India are to be addressed to reimburse this advance.

**Some details of collections for the Governor's War Fund.** The Malabar District War Committee is to be congratulated on achieving with a handsome margin, its objective of "Five Lakhs by Christmas."

In the Salem district, a Variety Entertainment fetched a net contribution of Rs. 1,883. The Yercaud War Committee got up a number of entertainments and collected a sum of Rs. 688. The Firka Sangam at Omalur contributed Rs. 100.

A War Fete held at Virudhunagar in the Ramnad district brought Rs. 4,000 to the War Fund. The second Raffle in the Narasaraopet Division of the Guntur Division fetched Rs. 54,921. In the Tanjore district, benefit performances yielded Rs. 3,580. In the North Arcot district, a 'V' Dinner held at Cheyyar procured Rs. 768, and Rs. 750 was contributed by shop-keepers who opened shops at Tiruvannamalai during the Karthigai festival. The Entertainments Sub-Committee of the Madras District War Committee organized a Bharata Nattyam and Variety Entertainment at Mylapore under the Presidency of

the Hon'ble Sir Lionel Leach and Lady Leach. The gross proceeds amounted to over Rs. 200.

The Salvage Depot at Ootacamund realised a sum of Rs. 100 by the sale of salvage articles. The Victory Shop in the same place realised Rs. 2,000 by the sale of gifts, etc., and a Dance brought Rs. 390.

The Madras Race Club sent a cheque for Rs. 22,500-1-9 as contribution towards His Excellency the Governor's War Fund. The bulk of it were the proceeds from the first War Fund Day Race Meeting held on the 20th December 1941.

**Defence Loans and Savings Certificates.** The investments from the 1st to the 27th December amounted to Rs. 20,38,220. The total amount realised till 27th December 1941 was Rupees 4,65,00,445.

The propaganda van of the Defence Loans Committee went round the districts of North Arcot and Salem during December 1941. The Publicity Officer for Defence Loans and a Postal Official accompanied it. During the tour, Defence Savings Certificates and Stamps were sold to the value of about Rs. 9,000. Though this sum is not large, the publicity given by the van to this method of investment is bound to make it more widely appreciated.

The High Court has issued a circular to courts about the investment of trust funds in Defence Bonds and the Hindu Religious Endowments Boards are also arranging for similar investments by religious institutions under their control.

When Mr. B. J. Kirchner, Chief Press Adviser to the Government of India visited Madras, a meeting of the Provincial Defence Loans Committee was held at the 'Victory House', on the 11th December 1941. Questions connected with the advertising of Defence Loans were discussed. Mr. Kirchner promised to take up the question of increasing the number of posters and to try coloured design advertisements.

**Joint War Charities.** Fifteen battery wireless sets were purchased and despatched to hospitals and troops overseas. This represents a gift of rather more than Rs. 5,000. Other gifts of cigarettes, beedies, books and papers were also sent to the troops. A free pass for the despatch of interesting literature to the troops can be had on application to the Amenities Officer, Rahimtoolah House, Homji Street, Bombay, or to the Honorary Secretary, Joint War Charities Supply Depot, Banqueting Hall, Government House, Madras.

The Madras City Workers have undertaken the further task of supplying bandages and dressings required for the First Aid Work of the City A.R.P. The materials will be paid for by the A.R.P. A special department has been opened at the War Charities Depot for

this new branch of work, which has been taken up by volunteers in Madras. Workers in other parts of the Presidency will not be asked to assist in this effort which relates to the City; nor will the usual work of the war charities be slackened in any way on account of this.

The Postal Message and Cable Service is still being used extensively for communication with relatives in enemy and enemy-occupied countries through the International Red Cross. Replies have been received recently to cables sent in this way to Greece. Considerable use has also been made of the Red Cross organization for tracing prisoners and those reported missing. Several enquiries for similar communication with the war zone in the Far East have been received; but information received from Delhi shows that while every endeavour is being made to establish such communication through the Red Cross, nothing is possible at present. Therefore, a list of inquiries is being compiled and any information available will be passed on to them as soon as it is received.

**Fighter Badges.** The Fighter Badges which were made at the instance of the Provincial War Committee for sale to owners of motor vehicles have been popular in the province. In all 1,740 badges were issued for sale, 520 have been sold and Rs. 5,200 have been realised. Each badge is priced at Rs. 10. The difference between the cost price and the sale price is credited to His Excellency the Governor's War Fund.

**Victory Seals.** Victory Seals supplied to the districts for sale have also been popular. Rupees 605-15-0 were realised by their sale during December.

**Wrecked German Plane.** This plane continued to be on show behind the 'Victory House,' throughout December.

**His Excellency the Governor's Tour.** His Excellency the Governor visited the districts of South Arcot, South Kanara, Malabar and Coimbatore during December. In the South Arcot district, he addressed public meetings at Cuddalore and Tirukoilur which were well attended. Purses amounting to Rs. 1,31,267 were presented to him at Chidambaram, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Tirukoilur and Tindivanam towards the War Fund.

At Mangalore, he addressed a District War Committee meeting and a public meeting. At Kasargod he addressed a combined public meeting and meeting of the local War Committee. Purses containing Rs. 2,556 at Mangalore and Rs. 5,965 at Kasargod were presented to His Excellency for the War Fund.

In the Malabar district, His Excellency addressed very largely attended public meetings at Calicut, Malappuram and Cannanore. At Malappuram, the meeting was in the open air with loud speaker arrangements. A record crowd of about 10,000 assembled from all over the Moplah country. Several purses were presented to him for the War Fund. A special feature was the Government servants' purse of over Rs. 11,000, presented at Calicut. The Fancy Bazaar at Calicut opened by His Excellency brought in Rs. 4,500 for the War Fund and about Rs. 12,000 was realized from a Benefit Performance attended by His Excellency.

On the 20th December, there was a public meeting in the Stadium in the Coronation Park at Coimbatore. A very large gathering had assembled. His Excellency spoke on the war situation and announced the receipt of donations of about Rs. 1,36,000 on the occasion to the War Fund. This included a magnificent sum of Rs. 1,11,111 from the Southern India Mill Owners' Association. A drama was held in the distinguished presence of His Excellency at the Variety Hall, Coimbatore, and a sum of about Rs. 6,000 was collected.

On the 31st December, His Excellency the Governor made an appeal to the people of Madras, at the Park Fair and Exhibition, not to heed fantastic and ridiculous rumours, set afloat by enemy agents, about danger to Madras, and leave the city in panic, but stay and carry on the work in the ordinary way. "I want to emphasize," he stated, "that although in the future there must always be a slight element of risk, there is absolutely no reason for any panic and no reason why any one should leave the city, instead of carrying on the ordinary work. I ask every one of you, whatever be your job, not to heed these rumours—these ridiculous rumours. I beg of you to go on with your work and not pass on rumours which are started by malicious people."

**Tours of the Advisers.** Mr. H. M. Hood, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., Adviser to His Excellency the Governor, visited Mangalore early in the month, and addressed a public meeting held under the auspices of the South Kanara District War Committee. The Ladies' Club, Mangalore, celebrated its 22nd anniversary, and put up a Variety Entertainment under his patronage in aid of the War Fund.

Mr. T. G. Rutherford, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., Adviser to His Excellency the Governor, visited the Cuddapah district in the latter part of the month, when a meeting of the District War Committee was held under his presidency. Later, he visited Kurnool, where he addressed a public meeting held under the auspices of the District War Committee. He also addressed a meeting at Nandyal, and the members of the District War Committee at Anantapur.

**Propaganda Meetings.** A large number of public meetings were held all over the province of which we shall mention only a few here.

In the Guntur district, Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu, the President of the Provincial Recruitment Committee addressed seven large meetings in the course of four days at widely separated places. Two meetings were held in Ongole and Guntur and the rest in large and central villages so that people from rural parts could easily attend.

A public meeting was held at Vizagapatam on the 18th December to explain the situation arising from the Japanese entry into the war. The A.R.P. Contoller and the A.R.P. Medical Officer at Vizagapatam, the Collector, Sir C. R. Reddi and the Maharaja of Jeypore explained the need for voluntary enrolment in the A.R.P. scheme.

During the Ekadasi Festival, on four important days, meetings were held in the temple at Trichinopoly. Eminent speakers addressed the audience. One day, the gathering exceeded 3,000 in number.

Mr. E. M. Gawne, inaugurated a "Six Months' Plan for War Propaganda" in the Chingleput division on the 12th December. Members of the Propaganda Sub-Committee undertook to organize public meetings and it is proposed to hold at least two meetings per day in the division.

**Propaganda Vans.** In G.O. No. 5303, Public Health, dated 20th December 1941, the President of the Guntur District Board has been directed to place at the disposal of the Collector of Guntur the district board propaganda van, including its cinema outfit, for war propaganda purposes. Good use was made of nearly all the propaganda vans during December. Some details are given here regarding each van.

*Van No. 6946.*—This van toured chiefly in the South Arcot district during the month. It visited 9 villages in the Tirukkoyilur division and 7 villages in the Cuddalore taluk. As the roads were rendered impassable for vehicular traffic on account of cyclone, the van could not keep to the programme drawn up.

*Van No. 6947.*—This van toured in the Nilgiris for the second time and visited about 40 places, including many estates. An important feature of propaganda during this month was that the operator was supplied with a short note on "Increase of Food Production" (both in English and Tamil) and was asked to read it out to the audience at the end of each show.

*Van No. 6983.*—This van visited 46 villages in Ellore and Chintalapudi taluks of the West Godavari district. The crowds were particularly large at Dwaraka Thirumala, Adamilli, Thadikalapudi, Mundur and Chintalapudi.

*Van No. 6984.*—During the first week of the month the van worked in the North Arcot district, and then proceeded to the Chingleput district. During the first week, it could visit only three places as it was under repair. In Chingleput district, it covered about four taluks visiting about 32 places. In this district, the audience at exhibitions of the van was always about a thousand.

*Van No. 6985.*—This van toured partly in the Nellore district and partly in the Guntur district, where it is reported to have attracted "large and enthusiastic audiences." The visit of the van to Ongole is stated to have been a "tremendous success." About 6,000 people are said to have attended the demonstration. The visit of the van to Macherla has also been reported to have been a great success.

*Van No. 7160.*—This van toured in all the taluks of the district and was in attendance during the War Fete at Virudunagar on the 14th December. At Nattarasankottai a gathering of about 2,000 witnessed the magic lantern and cinema shows given by the van and Sri Rangaswami Ayyar spoke about the war efforts. At Alavakkottai, at the special request of some of the leading Nagarathars, a special performance was given, which was attended by about 1,500 people.

*Van No. 7161.*—This van toured in more than sixty villages in the Bellary district. A large gathering of about 1,000 attended nearly every performance. In addition to the Revenue Official accompanying the van from place to place, other propagandists participated in the demonstrations.

*Van No. 7162.*—This van completed its tour in Malabar during December. The Collector of Malabar reports that its tour was very successful and had great propaganda value. The van proceeded to the South Kanara district and visited about 30 places.

*Van No. 3438.*—(Simpson's gift van) worked throughout the month in the City visiting various divisions.

#### Films for Vans.

Two of the films which had been supplied to propaganda vans, viz., "Britain's R.A.F." and "A.R.P. Warning" were recalled as the period of their hire was over. Additional films were supplied to some of the propaganda vans:

"*Defenders of India*," Tamil and Telugu copies were supplied to Van No. 6984.

"*Seamen of India*," Tamil copy was sent to Van No. 6947 and Telugu copy was sent to Van No. 6985;

"*London Calling*" in English was given to Van No. 3438 and Van No. 6984;

One copy of Tamil news reel was given to Van No. 6946 and another to Van No. 6984;

One copy of Telugu news reels was supplied to Van No. 6983 and another to Van No. 7161.

The news reels have been obtained on hire for a month after a preview. Fresh news reels will be obtained and supplied as they become available.

**Magic Lantern Slides for Vans.** A Special Committee of the Provincial Propaganda Sub-Committee selected 58 photographs for being made into magic-lantern slides. Of these, 48 have been made into slides. One copy of each slide will be supplied to the Propaganda Vans shortly.

Three copies of each of the following magic-lantern slides regarding the Madras Air Squadron, have been furnished to the nine vans. The planes in these slides are those named after Guntur, Coimbatore and Tinnevely. The Madura District War Committee has made magic-lantern slides of its own with the help of Dr. Thomas and Mr. Newton of the American Hospital.

**Hints to Lecturers.** To assist lecturers speaking at magic-lantern shows, notes on the following subjects are in the press :—

- (1) The Battle of Britain.
- (2) Britain Can Take It.
- (3) The Luftwaffe.
- (4) The Royal Air Force.
- (5) The Might of the British Navy.
- (6) The Army.
- (7) Britain's Powerful New Tank.
- (8) Without Oil the Wheels of War Must Stop.
- (9) India And The War.
- (10) The Royal Indian Navy.
- (11) The Madras War Effort.

**War Shorts.** The War Shorts mentioned below were exhibited in the Cinemas in Madras and mufassal. It is reported that they were well appreciated by the public. In the Salem district a free morning show was arranged for school children with War Shorts.

Cinema.	Language.	City or mufassal.
"Lofoten Islands"	Tamil and Telugu.	Mufassal.
"Australia Has Wings"	English.	Do.
"Tools for the Job"	Tamil and Telugu.	Do.
"Mobile Canteen"	English.	Do.
"Young Veterans"	Do.	Do.
"War Time Factory"	English, Tamil and Telugu.	City and Mufassal.
"Seamen of India"	Tamil and Telugu.	Do.
"Words for Battle"	English.	Mufassal.

Cinema.	Language.	City or mufassal.
"Alert in the East"	Tamil and Telugu.	Mufassal.
"Armoured Cars"	English and Tamil.	Do.

**News Reels.** In addition to these, war news reels were exhibited in the city and some parts of the mufassal with the assistance of the Twentieth-Century Fox Corporation. A few of these reels were selected and supplied to the propaganda vans.

**16 M. M. Films.** Five films of the 16 M.M. size were purchased. Three of these, namely, "Drums in the Desert," "Seamen of India" and "War Time Factory" were supplied to Rev. L. A. Gotwald in the West Godavari district for exhibition through his private Projector. Two more, namely, "A Day With the Indian Army" and "Planes of Hindustan" were furnished to Mr. E. Bixler Davis of the Nellore district for being shown through the Projector lent to him. As observed in the last issue of the "Victory," requests for supply of films of this size to owners of private Cinema Projectors interested in War Propaganda would be welcomed.

**Magic Lantern Shows.** In addition to the magic lantern shows given by Propaganda Vans, additional shows were given in the districts with the help of the magic-lanterns available with the Health, Education, Agriculture, and Veterinary departments. There were 70 such exhibitions given in the West Godavari district and the Collector of Nilgiris has reported that the lantern shows in his district were very successful and that the officers concerned turned out very good work.

**Propaganda at the Park Fair Exhibition.** The Madras District War Committee organized shows in stalls provided by the Honorary Secretaries of the Park Fair Exhibition from the 28th December 1941 to the 4th January 1942. Exhibits included a miniature Red-Cross Hospital and a toy battle-field with tanks, cannon, aeroplanes, parachutes and machine-guns. War propaganda posters were exhibited in the stalls and pamphlets were distributed to the visitors. This propaganda effort was very successful, and, was commended by Their Excellencies during their visit on 31st December. The Madras District War Committee was awarded a gold medal by the Judges of the Exhibition for the show.

**Street Dramas and Street Corner Meetings.** In the Gudur Division of the Nellore district, a company of street drama actors was engaged to make their performances a vehicle for information about the issues and progress of the war. The troupe has completed one tour in all the taluks of

the division. It is reported, that large crowds of 1,500 to 2,000 attended the plays in several villages. Usually, "Krishna Leela" was enacted. The intervals between Acts were utilized to point out the moral of the play and to make people understand the need to oppose Hitlerism. Hitler was compared to the villain of the play and a comparison was drawn between the atrocities committed by the villain and the evil that is being wrought by the Nazis.

A somewhat similar enterprise has been taken up in the Trichinopoly district, in connexion with street corner meetings at Trichinopoly and Srirangam. It would be interesting to have more information regarding these meetings.

**War Songs.** In response to the advertisements inserted in the newspapers, several war songs have been received. Special committees have been constituted by the Provincial Propaganda Sub-Committee separately for Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and Urdu to judge these songs.

**Leaflets.** The following leaflets were issued during the month:

- (1) Condemnatory Address to Hitler (Telugu).
- (2) Madras Sappers in Libya (Tamil and Telugu).
- (3) Indian Heroes of the War (English).

The last mentioned pamphlet recounts the gallantry of the first two Victoria Crosses, Captain Bhagat Singh and Subadar Richpal Ram. The leaflet has been illustrated with the portraits of the two heroes and a design of the Victoria Cross. Copies in Indian languages will issue shortly.

Some of the District War Committees have issued their own leaflets. Madura published in Tamil the great speech of Mr. Churchill delivered in the Guildhall at London. The Sub-Collector, Gudur, issued a bulletin on Japan's entry into the War. It is short and to the point and is reproduced here:—

*To the people of the Gudur Division.*

The Japanese are striking with all their might at our neighbours in Malaya. Indian troops are sharing with British, Australian and Dutch forces the burden of defence.

For over thirty years the Japanese have been attacking, despoiling and oppressing their neighbours. First they ruined the Koreans. Then they seized Manchukuo. Four years ago they began a war against China in which they have already killed millions of innocent people, stolen Chinese factories and railways, and created misery throughout vast provinces. They now attack Thailand and Malaya.

If they can, they will attack Burma and India. Our defences at Singapore are strong, but they must be made stronger. Now, more than ever, you must send recruits to the army and give all you can for arms, ambulances and the relief of war victims.

The danger is growing. Wake up and save yourselves by helping Britain with all your might. Or will you be like the man who would not repair his house till it fell on him and crushed him?

**War in Pictures.** Arrangements have been made for over-printing blank sheets of the "War in Pictures" with Kannada letter press. One thousand copies will be struck of each issue and distributed in the Kannada speaking areas of South Kanara, Bellary, Coimbatore and Anantapur through the respective Collectors and the Secretary, West Coast Committee of the Commercial Distributing Company.

**Other publications.** The following publications were distributed to the Presidents of District War Committees for propaganda purposes:

- (1) Neptune . . . E.N. 14.
- (2) The Atlantic Charter.
- (3) Oil, Copper, Rubber.
- (4) Oxford University Pamphlets on World Affairs—Nos. 45 to 49 and a revised edition of No. 22.
- (5) Documents concerning German-Polish Relations.

**Posters.** Three posters were issued during December, two of them in Tamil relating to the recruitment of war technicians and one relating to the Indian Air Force entitled "Here's a Man's Job."

In the East Godavari district, posters are put up on buses in addition to sites selected at places of public resort. Bus-owners in the district contribute to the cost of the poster-boards. The Propaganda Sub-Committee of Anantapur has decided to engage some boys every week to carry the posters about through the main streets of towns. The District War Committee, Bellary, has resolved to appoint a boy on Rs. 8 a month, for a period of three months for distributing war propaganda material in the Bellary town.

A War Propaganda Stall was opened in the Trichinopoly temple during the Ekadasi festival. Posters of various kinds issued from time to time were hung all over the stall which attracted the attention of the very large crowd that visited the temple during the festival. Pamphlets and literature were distributed from this stall. A similar stall was run by the Victory House Staff at the Y.M.C.A. Carnival at Madras during the Christmas holidays.

**READING CIRCLES.** Reports received for December show that there has been much activity in Reading Circles. The language editions of the War Weekly are much appreciated by them. In the Tiruppattur Division of North Arcot, 63 meetings were held by Reading Circles in which 71 speakers participated.

The Madura District War Committee does not want the Reading Circles to be regarded as only a departmental concern, but as a very important branch of the War Committee's activities. They have, therefore, urged on all Taluk Committees to join this splendid effort.

The Nellore District War Committee has resolved to reorganize the Reading Circles so as to make them more effective. The heads of departments in the district have been addressed to help in this direction. Tanjore, Kurnool and Nellore districts have taken up the question of allotment of Reading Circles among the subordinates of various departments of Government. The Trichinopoly District Propaganda and Publicity Sub-Committee has decided to grant certificates of merit to the most successful Reading Circles.

**Recruitment.** The Recruiting staff of officers in the Province has been increased from four to eight: Full particulars regarding recruitment have not been received. From the reports received it is found that during December, Cuddapah contributed 152 recruits; West Godavari 200; South Arcot 114; Anantapur 56; and Chittoor 220. Of tradesmen, 5 were recruited in Trichinopoly, 10 in Tanjore, 14 in North Arcot and 9 in Cuddapah.

For Emergency Commissions, 32 applications had been received by the Provincial Recruitment Committee; but they were all returned for being prepared in duplicate.

A Naval Recruiting Party paid a visit to Mangalore on the 18th December and selected two out of seven candidates who appeared for the interview. The Air Force Recruiting Officer, Madras, visited Salem on the 23rd December and selected one out of the four candidates who appeared for the interview.

**Welfare Committees.** The Taluk Welfare Committees in West Godavari inquired into the welfare of the families of 19 persons serving abroad. Those in Salem dealt with the welfare of the families of 49 persons. Welfare work in North Arcot is done under the Group Commander system. As many as 1,825 families of persons serving abroad have been visited and helped under this system.

The Deputy Military Vice-President, Bangalore, toured in Salem district on the 18th and 19th December and discussed various

matters relating to welfare work with the Recruitment Sub-Committee and welfare workers.

In connexion with the reception of soldiers who return from abroad, the Provincial Recruitment Sub-Committee has resolved to request the military authorities to notify to the Collectors concerned not only their names and addresses and time of their arrival but also the period of leave granted to them.

**The Medical Department and the War Effort.** There are two special War Sections at work in the office of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

They deal with all applications and enquiries made by the public for information relating to the recruitment of candidates for appointment in the Emergency Branch of the Indian Medical Department, the Nursing Services, etc. Copies of terms and conditions relating to recruitment of candidates for the various War Services in the Medical Branch can be had from these War Sections. Arrangements are being made to make them available at the Victory House as well.

In G.O. No. 5339, Public Health, dated the 23rd December 1941, the Government have approved the Surgeon-General's proposal that women nurse pupils who are in the first or second year course of their training may be released if they are willing to join the Auxiliary Nursing Service subject to the following conditions:—

(1) that the number of nurse pupils so released should not exceed 50 in the aggregate;

(2) that after demobilization they will be allowed to count towards the completion of the prescribed course of training as nurses in the civil department the period of training which they had already undergone in civil hospitals plus such part of their military service as the Madras Nurses and Midwives Council may allow;

(3) that if they do not continue and complete the course of nurses' training in Civil Hospitals on return from duty in the Defence Department they will be liable to refund to Government the cost which Government had incurred on their training before they were released to join the Auxiliary Nursing Service.

If later the Surgeon-General finds it desirable that more than 50 pupils should be given this permission, he may make further proposals.

In G.O. No. 5362, Public Health, dated the 24th December 1941, the Director of Public Instruction has been informed that women teachers in Government service may be permitted by him to volunteer for training in the Auxiliary Nursing Service, India, and also

for subsequent employment in that service. The period of absence in connexion with training will be treated as leave for which the teachers are eligible and they will draw for the period their leave salary plus such allowances as are paid to them by the Defence Department. The orders in G.O. No. 1898, Public (Political), dated the 23rd September 1940, will apply to the period of employment after training.

The Surgeon-General has been requested urgently to acquaint the Director of Public Instruction with full particulars as to the course of the training, the method of making applications and the authority to whom the applications should be forwarded.

#### **"Victory House."**

Their Excellencies Sir Arthur and Lady Hope were pleased to visit Victory House on the 8th December. They were met by the Director of War Publicity and representatives of the Services and organizations who have window displays. These representatives showed their respective windows to Their Excellencies who were much interested in the displays. Entering the front hall, Their Excellencies examined the exhibits on show there and made enquiries about them from the representatives of the various organizations which had contributed them. At the Lecture Hall, where many distinguished visitors were awaiting Their Excellencies, the Director welcomed Sir Arthur and Lady Hope on this

their first visit to the Victory House and expressed the hope that there would be many more such visits. His Excellency thanked the Director and the various organizations for the good display they had got up in their new abode and stressed the necessity for more and more propaganda particularly as Japan had opened hostilities in the Pacific. Their Excellencies then visited the wrecked German plane and the Victory Shop and departed after conversing with the guests assembled in the entrance hall. Victory House has, without doubt, become a greater attraction to the general public after Their Excellencies' visit and was especially popular over the Christmas holidays.

Victory House should be as far as possible G.H.Q.—Madras War Effort. We regret that in the last issue an over-zealous clerk was not content to leave these initials as they stood but made the mistake of interpreting them as "Government Headquarters" which is exactly the impression we wish to avoid.

#### **Miscellaneous.**

Sri S. Ramaswami Ayyar of Nanjai Pugalur, Karur taluk, Trichinopoly district, made a magnanimous gift of a six-chambered revolver, 450 bore. The Provincial Government have supplied to the Government of India for use during the war a pair of binoculars of about eight magnifications with mark "Monarch—Lawrence and Mayo" obtaining it on loan from the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Mettur Dam.

## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA—ALL-INDIA RADIO, MADRAS CENTRE.

### MADRAS WAR EFFORT—MONTHLY REVIEW (FOR DECEMBER).

All-India Radio, Madras, broadcast upwards of a hundred and thirty-five talks on the war in the month of December, in all the principal South Indian languages and in English. Besides regular items, such as "Lokovārtha" (Malayalam), "Kalachakra" (Kannada), the topical talks in Tamil, Telugu and English and the relays from the B.B.C., these included a good many special talks and special relays. For instance, when news of the treacherous Japanese attack reached us on the 8th, no less than seven talks on the sudden and dastardly attack were broadcast or relayed by the Madras Centre of All-India Radio. Mr. G. A. Johnson, Mr. J. W. Bean, Mr. A. G. Venkatachari and Mr. K. P. Viswanathier, all recently returned from Malaya, were among those who broadcast that day. The special relays from the B.B.C. for December must have been of particular interest to listeners among these were H. M. the King's Message to his peoples on Christmas Day, Mr. Churchill's address to the American Senate, President Roosevelt's Speech, Mr. Churchill's talk on the "Progress of the Aid to Russia" and Mr. Amery's Luncheon Speech.

The helpful and instructive series of talks on Air Raid Precautions were continued this month, and Sir Vepa Ramesam's Telugu talk on "The Peril from the Sky" should have been of a special value to the public. On the 17th, Sir Evelyn Wrench, who was on a visit to Madras, in his broadcast "America Wakes Up", gave a vivid account of the rude but timely shaking that American complacency have been given by the Japanese aggression in the Pacific, and the un-items of topical interest were an eye-witness account of "The Battle of Sidi Omar" relayed from Delhi, the timely talk by Mr. Justice Wadsworth on "Rumours" and a talk on the situation in Burma by Dewan Bahadur A. M. Murugappa Chettiar who had just returned from that country.



## ANNEXURE I.

## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA—ALL-INDIA, RADIO, MADRAS CENTRE

## SUMMARY OF TOPICAL PROGRAMMES FOR 16th to 31st JANUARY 1942.

*Regular features—*

- 7-50 a.m. Topical Talks in Tamil (Tuesdays and Thursdays).  
 6-30 p.m. Topical Talks in Telugu (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays).  
 6-05 p.m. "Loka Varta" in Malayalam (Tuesdays and Thursdays).  
 6-05 p.m. "Kalachakra" in Kannada (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays).  
 9-00 p.m. American Commentary—English (Every Sunday).  
 9-55 p.m. "Listening Post"—English (Daily).

**Friday, 16th January 1942—**

- 7-00 p.m. "Ulagappokku" .. Tamil ..

**Saturday, 17th January 1942—**

- 6-15 p.m. "Yuddhagati" .. Telugu ..  
 7-00 p.m. *Turbulent Victims* ..  
 (1) "The Guerllas of Albania." .. Telugu ..  
 9-45 p.m.. (2) "Our Growing Power." .. English ..

**Monday, 19th January 1942—**

- 2-30 p.m. News Magazine .. English ..  
 7-00 p.m. "The War in Air" .. The Battle of Britain. .. Tamil.  
 9-45 p.m. "Currents of War" .. English .. A review of the fortnight's news.

**Tuesday, 20th January 1942—**

- 7-00 p.m. The War in the Air .. Topical .. Review of the activities of our Air Force—Telugu.

**Wednesday 21st January 1942—**

- 9-00 p.m. "The Common Cause" .. English ..

**Thursday, 22nd January 1942—**

- 7-00 p.m. "Prapancha Sameeksha." .. Telugu ..  
 9-45 p.m. *Delivering the Goods* ..  
 (1) American Determination. .. English ..

**Friday, 23rd January 1942—**

- 7-00 p.m. "Ulagappokku" .. Tamil ..

**Saturday, 24th January 1942—**

- 6-15 p.m. "Yuddhagati" .. Telugu ..

**Monday, 26th January 1942—**

- 7-00 p.m. (1) The Pacific Scene .. Co-prosperity sphere. .. Tamil.  
 9-45 p.m. "Currents of War" .. English ..

**Tuesday, 27th January 1942—**

- 9-45 p.m. *Checks to Nazism* ..  
 (2) Unrest in Greece .. English ..

**Wednesday, 28th January 1942—**

- 4-00 p.m. *Women at War* ..  
 (2) In China .. English ..  
 9-00 p.m. "The Common Cause" .. English ..

**Thursday, 29th January 1942—**

- 7-00 p.m. "Prapancha Sameekshat" .. Telugu ..

**Friday, 30th January 1942—**

- 2-30 p.m. News Magazine .. English ..

**Saturday, 31st January 1942—**

- 6-15 p.m. "Yuddhagati" .. Telugu ..



## ANNEXURE II.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA—ALL-INDIA RADIO, TRICHINOPOLY STATION.

Programmes bearing on War Scheduled for broadcast from the Trichinopoly Centre  
of All-India Radio.

## FROM 1st TO 15th FEBRUARY 1942.

February, 1942.

Sunday, 1st	.. 7-33 p.m.	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
Monday, 2nd	.. 7-15 ,,	News Reel : Feature in Tamil.
	7-33 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
Tuesday, 3rd	.. 7-00 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
	7-15 ,,	Ourselves and the War : Talk in Tamil (contributed by the District War Committee).
	9-45 ,,	News from Berlin : Relayed from Madras.
Wednesday, 4th	.. 7-15 ,,	Topical Feature in Tamil.
	7-33 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
Thursday, 5th	.. 7-15 ,,	Background to the News : Talk in Tamil.
	7-33 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
Friday, 6th	.. 7-10 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
	8-30 ,,	World Affairs (Electrical Recording of B.B.C. Talk).
Saturday, 7th	.. 7-10 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
	7-15 ,,	Made in Japan—(3) The Technique of Aggression : Talk in Tamil by S. Thothadri Ayyangar.
Sunday, 8th	.. 7-15 ,,	The Tamil Sopy—(1) In History : Talk in Tamil by Rao Saheb C. S. Srinivasachari.
	7-33 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
Monday, 9th	.. 7-16 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
	7-15 ,,	News Reel : Feature in Tamil.
Tuesday, 10th	.. 7-15 ,,	Ourselves and the War : Talk in Tamil (contributed by the District War Committee).
	7-33 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
Wednesday, 11th	.. 7-15 ,,	From the News : Feature in Tamil.
	7-33 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
Thursday, 12th	.. 7-15 ,,	Background to the News : Talk in Tamil.
	7-33 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
Friday, 13th	.. 7-10 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
	8-30 ,,	World Affairs (Electrical Recording of B.B.C. Talk).
Saturday, 14th	.. 7-00 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.
	7-15 ,,	Growing Strength—(2) Planning of Action : Talk in Tamil by T. D. Meenakshisundaram.
Sunday, 15th	.. 7-15 ,,	Made in Japan—(4) As far as we dare : Talk in Tamil.
	7-33 ,,	Topical item : Talk in Tamil.

## Regular Features.

*Educational Broadcast.*

Every Friday	.. 2-05 p.m.	It's News : News play in Tamil.
	2-20 ,,	History is Made : Talk in Tamil.
Every Sunday	.. 9-00 ,,	American Commentary : B.B.C. Talk (Electrical Recording).
	to	
	9-15 ,,	
Daily	.. 6-05 ,,	Topical Talk in Tamil in Rural programmes (except on Mondays).
	to	
	6-30 ,,	
	9-55 ,,	Listening Post : Relayed from B.B.C.