

MICROSCOPIC MINORITY II

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The most harmful effect of the four-century-old foreign domination of this country is the fact that a microscopic minority having no roots to bind them to the soil, adopt all sorts of underhand tactics to denationalise our people. For this purpose they have embarked on a campaign of imperceptibly infiltrating into the Education Department in order to capture its key posts and grab a lion's share of the educational benefits for themselves while denying them to the many who are educationally starved.

Top Officials: Nearly all the five top officials of the Education Department belong to the microscopic minority to whom our new culture is nauseating. It is said that any officer who sympathises with schools that belong to the great majority of our people is frowned upon or harassed by the higher officers, whereas they are active in rendering assistance to schools of the microscopic minority. For example, there are officers in charge of appointments who deliberately delay attending to the appointments of teachers who belong to schools of the majority, while the papers of the microscopic minority are attended to with incredible speed. The result is that the teachers who belong to schools of the majority remain without their salaries for many months.

Adult Education Section is in charge of two officers who are agents of the microscopic minority and it is notorious for doing no work. Whether these two officers know even the national language is extremely doubtful.

Religious Education of Government schools whose pupils are either 100% Buddhist or 100% Hindus was till recently in charge of an officer who was neither a Buddhist nor a Hindu.

Principals and Special Post-holders: Over 40% of Principals and Special Post-holders of Government Schools belong to the microscopic minority, although the children of those schools are either 100% Buddhists or 100% Hindus.

Among the clerical staff of the Education Department a similar process of pushing up the officers of the microscopic minority is going on. There is an active guild run by them where staff officers and clerks pat each others' backs to retain their privileges and deny them to the officers who represent the great majority of the people.

In assisted schools of the microscopic minority **Conscience Clause** is honoured in the breach rather than in the observance. In these schools, Christianity is forced down the throats of Buddhist and Hindu pupils under the name of Moral Science, and they are asked to answer at their Term Tests such questions as:

“What conditions are necessary to obtain pardon for sin?”

When reports are sent to higher officers against such violations of Code Rules, no action is taken.

The other day an Inspectress of Schools came to inspect our Sinhalese Medium Kindergarten classes. She was neither Sinhalese nor Tamil nor Muslim. She knew no Sinhalese ... Comment is needless. This is enough to show that the work of the Education Department has become a farce. Its object is not so much providing for the good education of our children as the enthronement of the microscopic minority in our educational system.

The other organisations connected with the Education Department also tell the same tale.

The Educational Publication Board: I have dilated elsewhere on the injustice done to this country by this Board which is dominated by the Catholic Director of Education, a Catholic Bishop and their camp-follower who serves as its Secretary. A History book written by the Principal of Training College was found unsuitable, because it contained a lot of reference to Buddhism!!

The Central Advisory Council: It is well-known that the Central Advisory Council is dominated by the same microscopic minority.

I understand three Catholic Officers have been selected by the Director to constitute the Board which is to finalise the results of the Selective Test that has been held to determine which pupils are to go in for academic education in this country. Having such a personnel for this important work is another sinister move of our Catholic Director to undermine the national character of our educational system.

The University with Sir Ivor Jennings as Vice-Chancellor is aiding and abetting this anti-national movement to destroy the culture of our people. To him and his kind our history, our language and our tradition stink. It is well for him, nevertheless, to have regard for our way of life. It is wrong for him to indulge in ball-room dancing with students while he is our Vice-Chancellor. It is not our way of life. He should also remember that our way of life stands for total abstinence and Brahmacharya for young men and young women rather than drunkenness and morality of the poultry yard. Paganism with its cult of the nude may be all right elsewhere but not in this country.

At this moment, I recall the words of an able British Governor of India, Sir Bamphylde Fuller, who said that the British officials “land in absolute ignorance of the language. (Still more surprising) educational officers. It is hardly too much to say that this is an insult to the intelligence of the country.”

I regard it as an essential national service to save the nation against this infiltration of the microscopic minority into our educational system to destroy our national culture. In this great crusade, I trust that you will play your part worthily.