

"Closed door" democracy: leftist policy criticised. (1952, January 7). Daily News.

C.D.N. 7/1/52 "CLOSED DOOR" DEMOCRACY Leftist Policy Criticised

PANADURA, Sunday
A SPEAKER told a mass meeting of the United National Party held yesterday at Bandaragama, that the Leftists in this country believed in a type of "closed door" democracy, as evinced at the recent conference of the Lanka Samaja Party which was held behind closed doors heavily guarded by Leftist volunteers.

Sir John Kotelawala who presided at the meeting, was conducted from the Bogoda bridge to the Bandaragama Market Square in a procession.

Mr. P. A. C. Perera, addressing the large gathering reviewed the progress of the country under the benign rule of the Government of the United National Party.

Referring to the Leftist parties in Ceylon, he said that the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, started his election campaign last time with a promise to distribute the rubber and tea estates among the "Peeditha Pantiya," but when he went for an estate of 500 acres, Dr. N. M. Perera amended his slogan and told his audiences that a Leftist government would nationalise estates of over 500 acres in extent.

With the purchase of Oakfield (1,200 acres) by him recently, there was no doubt that Dr. Perera would announce to his next audience that only estates of over 1,500 acres would be distributed to the poor man, if the Leftist were put in power.

POOR MAN "HOODWINKED"
The Leftists, Mr. Perera continued, had been hoodwinking the poor man all throughout and their sole aim was to keep them always poor. That was the A.P.C. of Marxism. They were "advised" not to take up work at Gal Oya or colonise at Hinguragoda, if they desired to spare themselves and their children from "crow-sized" mosquitoes. The Leftists refused to tell their audiences that the U.N.P. Government had provided "lebenstraum" to over 66,000 poor people in the various colonisation schemes.

Referring to Mr. Bandaranaike he said that the latest renegade of the U.N.P. had formed what was popularly known as the "Sri Lanka Nidahas, Communist, Samasamaja, Republican Party" having swallowed the pill of the Leader of the Opposition.

He was sorry to see Mr. Bandaranaike not getting any place in the future political structure of Ceylon as a result of his somersaults.

Mr. Anandatissa de Alwis, representing the U.N.P. Youth League, said that the vast crowd present that day was an index of the sure victory for the U.N.P. at the next General Elections.

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Their party, he said, was not formed to provide platforms for self-seeking politicians or would-be Prime Ministers. There was a party consisting of accredited national leaders who fought for national independence.

He deplored the Leftist reference at public meetings, to the Sinhalese as "peeditha pantiya." The Sinhalese were not a class of wandering gypsies as the people in Russia who had no culture, religion or civilisation to boast of although their Leftist leaders attempted to relegate their Sinhalese brethren and sisters into an abyss of degradation to suit their political ends.

Mr. Alwis next referred to the attitude taken by the Leftists on the Ceylonisation issue. The U.N.P. were branded as "pandan-kavayas". It was true they carried "pandans" in the interests of Sri Lanka but not to foreign countries which cast anxious eyes on this country. The Leftists were trying to sell their birth-right to the swarms of Cochins across the Indian Ocean.

Sir John Kotelawala who spoke for two minutes on account of the threatening weather, appealed to those who had gathered there to carry the message of the U.N.P. to every home in the village.

He referred to the era of debauchery and lawlessness in Burma at a certain unfortunate period of their independence and warned the people against a wrong choice of their representatives in Parliament next time, if they did not wish to experience a similar fate here.

The tactics of Ehelapola and Molligoda Dissaves resulted in one hundred and thirty years of servitude for the people of Ceylon. They could expect a similar fate once again, if the Leftists who had aligned themselves with Russia, were returned to power. Messrs. Sri Lal Gooneratne, T. P. Somaratne and D. C. W. Kanngara also spoke.