



UPALI WIJEWARDENE
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A MAN NEEDED IN THIS ERA

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With the sacred relic casket during the annual Perahero, at Welisara Buddhist Temple

"When I was young, I said to myself, I am going to be so rich that I need never, never, worry about looking at a price tag"



At the Kelaniya Perahero Perahero on the day after the annual Perahero, at Welisara Buddhist Temple

Recognised the capability of others

Very soon after that Upali Wijewardene decided to launch a newspaper and to my utter surprise invited me to fill the post of Co-Managing Manager. I had spent the first 20 years of my working life as a Planner working for a Planning Agency House and then joined the Civil Group in their planning department despite the advice of well-meaning friends. Shortly after the independence of Sri Lanka with the outbreak of the civil war I was chosen to join the Ministry of Finance. I was astonished because Upali Wijewardene had not only invited me to join but also offered me a position of Co-Managing Manager. I was invited to join the Ministry of Finance and to my surprise he invited me to join the Ministry of Finance. I was invited to join the Ministry of Finance and to my surprise he invited me to join the Ministry of Finance.

Upali Wijewardene — an enigma and a legend

Between Sri Lanka's 25th Independence anniversary and his birthday, Upali Wijewardene was a man of many faces. In law or medicine or politics or academia or journalism, he was a man of many faces. In law or medicine or politics or academia or journalism, he was a man of many faces. In law or medicine or politics or academia or journalism, he was a man of many faces.

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He cherished press freedom for all

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Upali Wijewardene — a brief assessment

Historians correctly maintain that the land reforms of the early seventies, Upali took the bold step of acquiring a

He stood for liberalisation

It is now ten years since that fateful day we heard of Upali's disappearance. We are ten years older and tend to forget our association with him.



On the political platform in the Southern Province



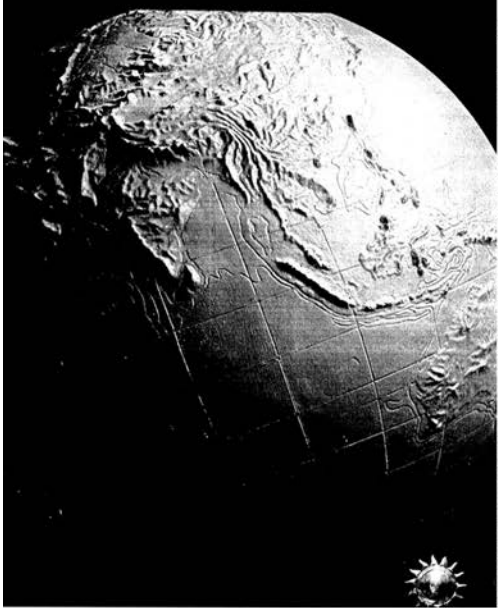
Wijesoma reminisces

A man of an era

With one of his English friends during a recent day. With one of his English friends during a recent day. With one of his English friends during a recent day.

'His ambition was to serve the people' Down memory lane... the Upali we knew with benevolence

The chocolate coated world of Upali Malaysia



One of Asia's foremost cocoa suppliers

How his dream came true

By Lakmani R. Welgama
Chairperson

I consider it a great privilege to issue this message on the fifteenth death anniversary of Mr. Upali Wijewardene.

While others are writing extensively about personality talents and leadership qualities of Mr. Wijewardene, I make an effort here to relate something about how his dream of establishing an independent newspaper group materialised.

Although he intimated the idea of a new paper to those who were close to him, he received little encouragement from them. Many suggested to him that he abandon the idea because of the prevailing political situation.

deserted at this hour of the day and many an eye was turned to us. I was a little embarrassed but Upali took no notice of the curious onlookers.

As newspapers grew in popularity, Upali became the target of attacks in many quarters especially in the political circles both in Parliament and outside. Having that iron will and being of that mettle, Upali was not in the least disturbed. To my mind there was none there who could break his will.

Upali was a Buddhist in the real sense

Asia's only fully integrated cocoa processor

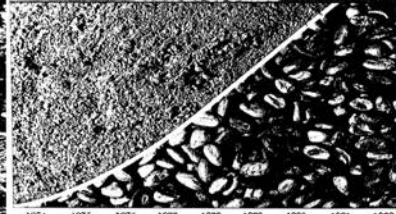


Upali Malaysia's cocoa / coconut plantation in Teluk Anson, Perak.



Sweet successes: Kandos chocolates and KanVita chocolate drink

Growth of Sales



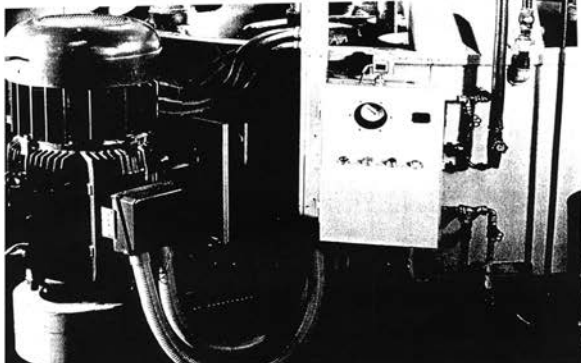
One of Asia's largest chocolate manufacturers



The Upali factory at Shah Alam is one of Asia's biggest cocoa processing plants.



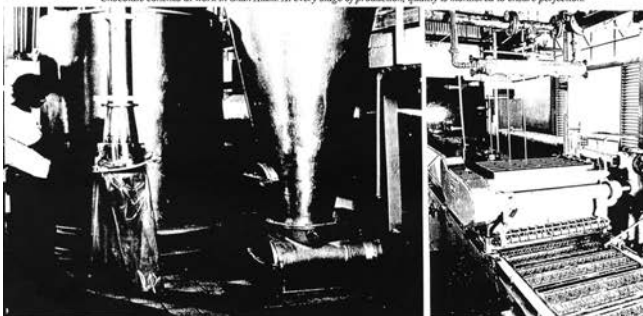
Only after passing stringent quality control, Kandos chocolates are wrapped and packed - automatically.



Chocolate conches at work in Shah Alam. At every stage of production, quality is monitored to ensure perfection.

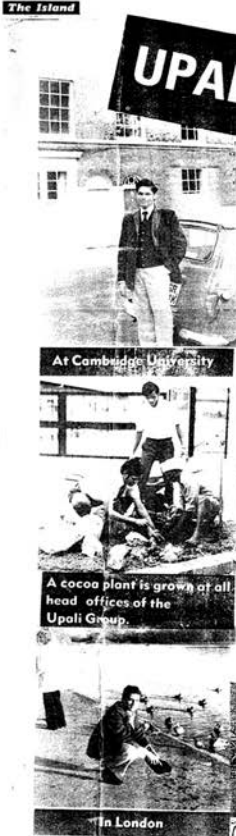


All Upali cocoa processing plants are fully automated - from cleaning the cocoa beans to packing the end product for local sale or export.



The most sophisticated machinery backed by the latest technology ensure the quality in every Upali product. After refining and conching, liquid chocolate is moved into variety of Kandos chocolates.





The head offices of Upali Group in Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.



Upali Wijewardene handing over the first Mazda car assembled to late Venerable Vijitha Dharmarakkita Thera, Chief Priest, Kelaniya Temple.



Philip Upali Wijewardena (1938-1983)