THE SOUTHERN CROSS
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Jungle John, The Farmer Who Saved A Nation
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I have often thought that John Stephen Senanayake, the first prime minister of Ceylon, who died recently in Colombo, was the greatest man in the Far East. We very nearly kept him out of the news.

Other leaders in the post-war melting-pot of Asia came to prominence through leadership and destruction. But Jungle John had his people to independence without one drop of blood being shed.

SIMPLE MAN
Perhaps that was why the little man in the East knew as Arthur deanes, was called the "Jungle John." It was the affectionate nickname given to him by the simple, rugged man who had been a farmer in his youth.

Even when he was a world statesman he stuck to the old remedies of the soil.

"I am an agronomist by training and by choice," he would say. And he still finds peace and relaxation behind a plough.

He was educated at St. Thomas's College in Ceylon, winning fame at football, cricket, and boxing—but not in scholarship.

This lack of scholarship worried his father, but not John Stephen.

Out to the jungle he went, as a farmer. He was an excellent and评级 paper for his tea, sugar, cocoa, and pimento.

There were the days when Ceylon was climbing fast to independence—and Jungle John soon gave proof of his leadership. But was the towering honesty and integrity of the man that gave him greatness.

He became the First Minister of Agriculture and for 15 years he led the people in the back to back to back to back to back..."