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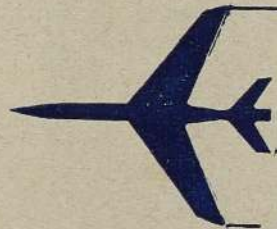
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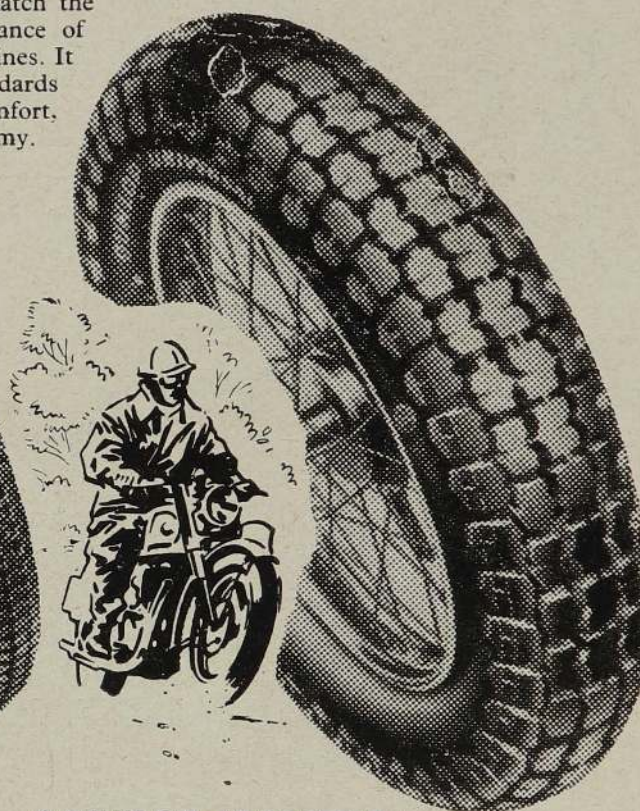
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RACING AND GAMBLING

DOES August Week, 1959, mark the beginning of the end of the festivities traditionally associated with the month?

The postponement of the principal event of the season, the August races, to September, because the racecourse had been occupied by troops in July on account of the port strike, could not of course be helped. What is significant is that the Governor-General has been prevailed upon, in deference to Buddhist opinion, to cease to award from this year the cup which has been the blue riband of racing in the country, also the plate run for in Nuwara Eliya.

And now comes the report that the Home Minister has recommended a total ban on racing and the publication of foreign racing news.

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THE objection to the head of the state giving his patronage to racing is, it would seem, on the grounds that racing promotes gambling, and the Government is pledged to put an end to gambling as well as to the consumption of spirits.

Considering the fact that it is not only on the results of races but even such games as football that bets are taken, it will be interesting to see how the Government sets about enforcing the ban on gambling.

As for introducing Prohibition, apart from the loss of a source of substantial revenue it will cause, the difficulties the Government will have to contend with are already evident in the failure to suppress the illicit production of arrack all over the country.

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FUNDAMENTALLY, of course, gambling and drinking are evil where either is indulged in to excess. Since temperance cannot be achieved by legislation, total Prohibition has always attracted reformers all over the world.

But what advocates of puritanism overlook is that there must be alternative outlets for the people's leisure if they may not participate in games that foster gambling or enjoy the conviviality common to the public bar and the private club. It requires no proof that idleness is conducive to anti-social conduct.

All honour therefore to those enthusiasts who keep alive interest in the sports which have been a feature of the August season by promoting contests that test the skill of players and contribute to the entertainment of the public.

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MATTERS OF MOMENT

By BRUTUS

FEELING prevalent in the agricultural industries found expression in the speech of Mr. Gorton Coombe, Chairman of the Estate Employers' Federation, at the annual meeting of the Association last week.

The plantations were not only the country's chief source of income but also provided the major share of the country's savings for investment in further development, he said. But the costs of labour, "when it is not on strike", of materials, machinery and ancillary services, such as transport, handling and shipping, were constantly being forced up, while Government kept adding annually to its own duties and taxes. The process by which plantations were being asked to pay more and more and receive less and less must gradually squeeze them out of world markets, he said, if not out of existence altogether, and perhaps when the goose is half dead it will be mercifully killed by nationalization!

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MR. Coombe also drew attention to the growing violence and indiscipline on estates caused by inter-union rivalry, which, he said, must be checked lest they develop to such proportions as to necessitate the closing down of estates. The Federation was firmly resolved to fight the menace by every possible means. Another problem which, he said, threatened the stability of the plantation industry was the surplus resident population.

Supplementing these comments was the view expressed by Mr. E. Turner Green, former Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, on his return from three months in the United Kingdom, that the uncertain political climate and the absence of a clear policy on foreign investments were militating against the entry of foreign capital into the Island. A clear indication of lack of confidence, he said, was the low price of Ceylon sterling shares on the London stock market.

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DENATIONALIZATION of the port of Colombo was suggested as the only cure for its ills by Mr. A. C. L. Bayne, the Chairman, at the annual meeting of the Marine Insurance Agents' Association. As he saw it, he said, the malady affect-

ing the port had developed from two evils—a weak and irresponsible government and the swift stranglehold gained on the weakness by unprincipled politicians. The nationalized port had proved such a dismal failure, he added, that it was time the Government admitted defeat and handed cargo-handling back to the private sector. "What our moribund port requires is healthy industrious competition, not the insidious idleness and corruption that assails it at present".

Mr. Bayne joined in the chorus of praise bestowed on the troops who worked in the port during the strike



H. M. Queen Elizabeth

by ships captains and shipping agents. With another four weeks to become expert, they would have, he said, doubled their results, because "they know how to work."

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QUEEN Elizabeth is expecting a baby early next year, it was announced from Buckingham Palace on August 7.

"The Queen will undertake no further public engagements," says the announcement. "Her Majesty deeply regrets the disappointment which her inability to carry out her projected tour in West Africa as arranged this autumn may bring to many of her people in Ghana, Sierra Leone and the Gambia. Her Majesty also much regrets that she and the Duke of Edinburgh will be unable to visit Shetland and Orkney.

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"The Queen, who has been seen by her medical advisers since returning from Canada, is stated by them to be in good health."

The birth will be the first to a reigning British sovereign for more than 102 years. The last was that of Princess Beatrice, youngest child of Queen Victoria, born April 14, 1857.

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THE British Overseas Airways Corporation has received Presidential sanction in Washington for a jet service from San Francisco via Honolulu to Tokyo the only present gap in what will now become its regular round-the-world operations.

President Eisenhower signed the unanimous finding of the United States Civil Aeronautical Board that it was "in the public interest" so to amend B.O.A.C.'s foreign air carrier permit as to allow its new service across the Pacific. The Board's report was not made public until the President's approval was known.

B.O.A.C. at present runs a twice-weekly service from London via New York to San Francisco. Its extension across the Pacific had been opposed by an American airline company on the ground, among others, that this competition would reduce the earnings of American air traffic by 15,000,000 dollars. The Civil Aeronautical Board prefers an estimate that the "revenue diversion" would amount to 7,800,000 dollars in the first year.

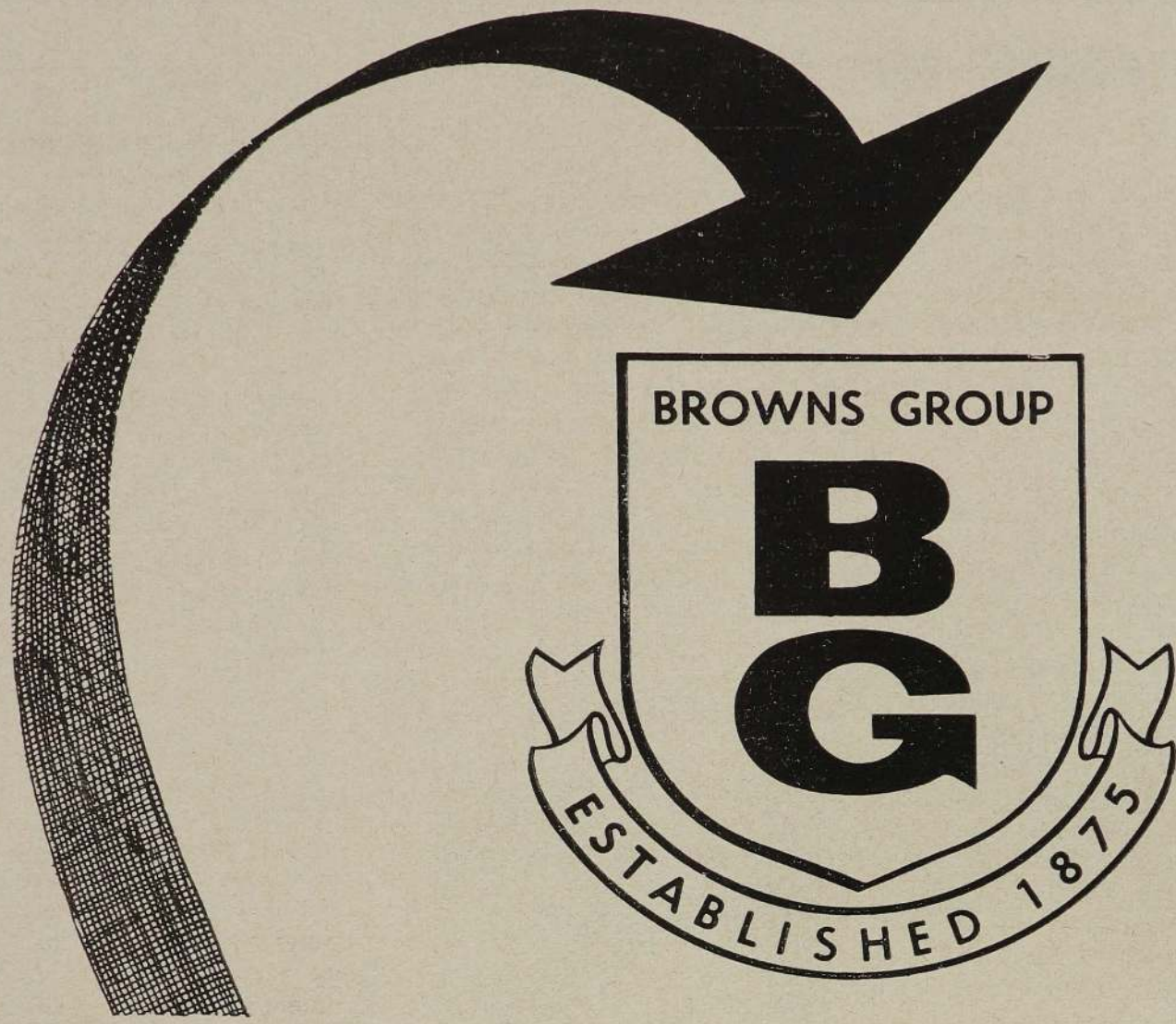
The Corporation's new trans-Pacific service will link up with its famous daily service to and from Tokyo—by Comet or Britannia aircraft—which caters for passengers travelling to or from London, Zurich, Beirut, Karachi, Delhi, Calcutta, Bangkok and Hong Kong.

A statement from B.O.A.C. said: "We plan to start a twice-weekly service on the trans-Pacific route in some two weeks' time, using Britannia 312 aircraft."

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PRINCESS Alexandra of Kent left London airport on Saturday, 8th August, on board a B.O.A.C. Comet 4 jet airliner for Vancouver, British Columbia, on the first stage of a 5,200-mile flight to Australia to attend the Queensland centenary celebrations. Before returning to London early in October Princess Alexandra will have flown some 35,000 miles round the world.

The young Princess was seen off at



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London airport by her mother, the Duchess of Kent, and her younger brother, Prince Michael. Also at the airport to bid her farewell were the Australian High Commissioner, Sir Eric Harrison, the Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. George Drew, and the Thai Ambassador, Mom Luang Malakul.

The Princess is due to arrive in Canberra about August 14.

In addition to attending the Queensland centenary celebrations, Princess Alexandra will visit Canberra, Victoria and New South Wales before leaving Australia for the United Kingdom on September 26.

On the return flight the Princess will spend a few days as the guest of the King and Queen of Thailand. She will visit Allied war cemeteries in that country.

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AN effect of the port strike, and the general delay in the turn-round of ships, apart from an increase of freight rates, has been retrenchment of staff in at least one of the shipping firms in Colombo. Announcing that retrenchment notices had been served on 33 out of 77 members of the staff on account of the "serious shipping position that has developed in Colombo," Col. C. Thomas, Managing Director of J. D. McLaren & Co., stated that the continual congestion since 1957 had caused liner owners for whom they are agents either to omit calls at Colombo or reduce their services to the Island. He added that as an alternative to liquidating the business, the management had made drastic sacrifices in which they had to ask the staff to share.

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RENEWING acquaintance with Ceylon recently was Mr. Lenoard Bassude, Minister of Natural Resources of Uganda. He was accompanied by his wife.

Mr. Bassude was in school in Ceylon in the thirties, first at St. Patrick's College, Jaffna, and afterwards at St. Joseph's, Colombo. To newsmen, he described Colombo as having changed but the people as the same—smiling, hospitable and jovial. Like Ceylon, Uganda had an Indian problem, he remarked. He prophesied that within this century there would be a united states of Africa.

THE five-member Commission of Inquiry into Ceylon Shipping was sharply divided on the question of State ownership of ships. The majority of the commission consisting of experts from abroad (Messrs. R. C. Brainbridge, H. R. Kemp and M. Oyama) said they did not "recommend State ownership or State operation of ships in any shape or form whatsoever". The two Ceylonese members (Sir Edward Jayatilleke, Q.C., Chairman, and Mr. N. S. Perera) recommended the setting up of a corporation for the purchase of ocean-going vessels on the hire-purchase system in order to start a fleet of ships, about eight to ten in number.

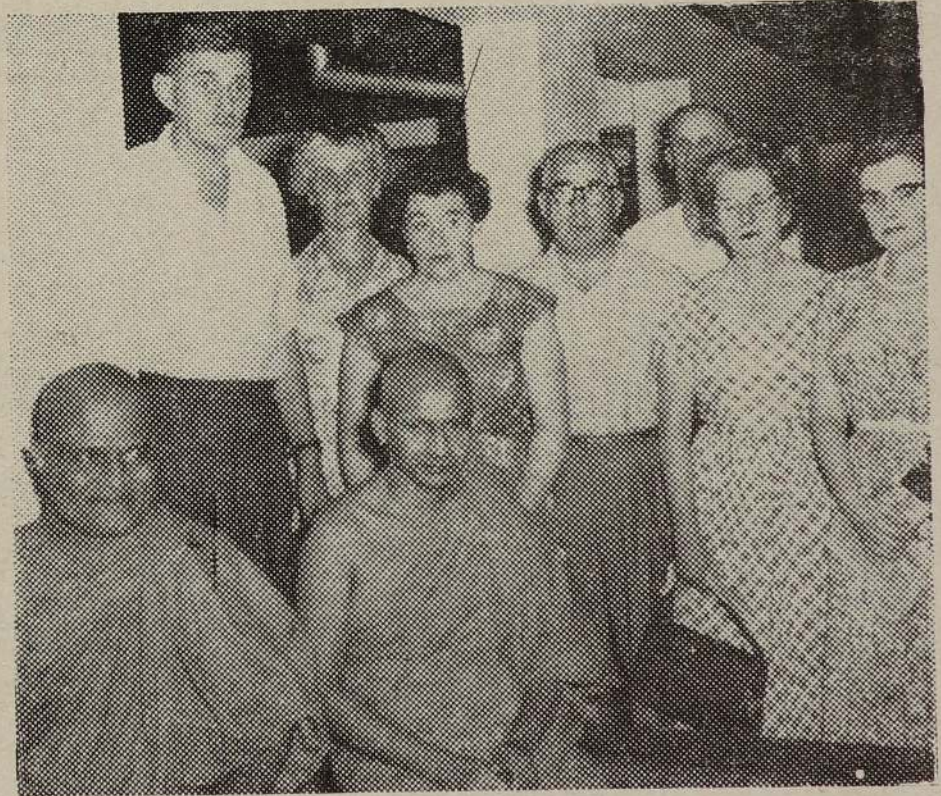
A 363-page document was issued containing the reports submitted by the two groups as well as a "consolidated" print of both reports, the two reports being interpolated.

The majority report recommended that the carriage by sea of Government cargoes should be arranged as cheaply as possible on certain suggested lines and that the saving

effected should be applied towards the development of industrial and agricultural enterprises, thus reducing the need to pay for shipping services. It also urged separate steps for developing Ceylon shipping in relation to the development of the Island's economy as a whole and said this could be best attempted by helping Ceylonese ship-owners to tap normal sources of commercial credit, together with the more suitable forms of limited Government aid, such measures to be coupled with co-ordinated action regarding training and legislation.

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THE minority report recommended a corporation sponsored by the Government to acquire ships on the strength of a guarantee for the carriage of Government cargoes on the hire-purchase system for payment in instalments from the freight earned by the ships themselves. This would eliminate the objection with regard to the need for high initial capital expenditure, the minority report said. It added that the full directorate should be



—Times

After a visit to Vajirarama Temple a party of Australian tourists stayed in to hear a sermon in English by Bhikkhu Soma (extreme left). Commented Mr. Clem Righetti, an hotel licensee, after the sermon: "We had heard about Buddhism before coming here but mostly through hearsay. So we wanted an authoritative exposition."

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Ceylonese so that all policy decisions will be in the national interest. For technical advice, guidance and management, the corporation should employ foreign experts on contract who should train Ceylonese.

The report said that with the exception of the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. R. G. Senanayake), no Member of Parliament saw fit to give evidence. This was as a protest at the Commission's decision to hold the inquiry in camera. It has since been reported that the Minister of Nationalised Services and Shipping, Senator C. Wijesinghe, has decided to recommend the immediate setting up of a national shipping line with 100 per cent. Ceylonese ownership with a Director of Shipping with knowledge and experience (from abroad).

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THE captain of the British cruiser H.M.S. "Ceylon" claimed diplomatic immunity when a quantity of gold bars was seized by the Customs in the cabin of a Chinese steward of the warship.

The ship had been thrown open to the public, and as visitors were going aboard, the steward who had come ashore was detected with a gold bar and sovereigns worth about Rs. 2,000 on him. A Customs party then went on board the ship and the captain ordered that the steward's cabin be searched by members of his crew. They found forty bars of gold worth about Rs. 60,000 in the cabin. The claim of diplomatic immunity is with regard to this gold.

The gold found on the person of the steward was confiscated and he was fined Rs. 6,300 by the Customs.

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THE foundation stone of the first of two Roman Catholic hospitals was laid at Marawila on August 2 by Dr. James R. Knox, Apostolic Internuncio. The second hospital is to be built in Colombo. Religious nursing sisters who are being discontinued from Government hospitals on account of an agitation by Buddhists have been permitted by the Government to serve in private hospitals. The sisters have served in state hospitals for over 50 years.

The hospital will cost ten lakhs of rupees and will be staffed by ten Sisters of the Salvatorian Order who

were discontinued from the Kurunegala hospital in February last. It will serve all people, irrespective of caste, religion or community.

The Bishop of Chilaw, Dr. Edmund Peries, said the establishment of confraternities and religious orders for ministering to the sick was one of the most important phases of the Catholic religion. The nursing sisters who devoted their lives to minister to the sick were typical examples of the true Christian spirit. The Holy Family Sisters and their successors, the Sisters of the Divine Saviour, had by their devotion and self-sacrifice, nursing the sick in Ceylon, won for themselves and the Church the goodwill and the admiration of Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

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LORD De La Warr, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society, accompanied by Lady De La Warr, arrives by air today on a four-day visit to Ceylon. They are on the way to Australia and New Zealand, and will leave on August 25 by air for Perth. The object of the tour is to make contact with

members of the Society overseas and to stimulate interest "in the wider aspects and responsibilities of the Commonwealth."

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UNHERALDED visitors to Ceylon recently were members of a goodwill and economic mission from Cuba, led by Prime Minister Fidel Castro's comrade-in-arms and personal representative, Major Ernesto Guevara.

The mission has been in Japan, Indonesia, India, Burma and Egypt and is bound for Pakistan. At a press conference Major Guevara said that Cuba had greater affinities with the Bandung countries than with the West.

During their stay in Ceylon Major Guevara, signed a trade agreement with the Minister of Commerce and Trade, Mr. R. G. Senanayake, under which Ceylon will buy 20,000 tons of sugar from Cuba and Cuba will buy Ceylon produce—coconut, tea, citronella, papain, and plumbago up to 60 per cent of the value of the sugar. The details will be subject to negotiation.



A talented air hostess, Miss Theresa Ching Kwa of Hong Kong—with aspirations that reach higher than serving drinks at 20,000 ft.—recently held an exhibition of her paintings at the Commonwealth Institute in London. Miss Kwa is seen in this picture with one of her paintings after the opening of the exhibition.

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THE COMMONWEALTH SHARES ITS LEARNING

—By ERNEST CHISHOLM THOMSON—

(Fortnightly Review Special)

MY sympathies are with a correspondent pleading in a London newspaper that railway station name-boards should be erected obliquely. Express trains on British Railways whisk us through the stations so fast, he argues, that it is impossible to identify where we are with the boards set up longitudinally.

If this is true of railway journeys, how much truer it is of our journey through life. We race past the spectacle of human existence, missing nine-tenths of the facts because of the speed of travel.

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Conference At Oxford

FOR instance, as I range the United Kingdom I am constantly meeting students from the various countries of the Commonwealth. The other evening in the Inns of Court, London's legal centre, I was caught up in a solid phalanx of Commonwealth students all waiting for law examination results. And Commonwealth students were noticeable in large numbers this July at the famous Henley Regatta on the River Thames.

But I had no idea—nor, I suspect, had many of my fellow citizens—that at this moment Commonwealth students in the United Kingdom number more than 26,000. The fact was only revealed to me in a new official booklet issued in connection with the Commonwealth Education Conference being held throughout the latter half of July in the University City of Oxford.

"Student" is a broad term. The 26,000 include 7,000 at Britain's 22 universities, about 6,000 at the technical colleges, and 730 qualified people (many graduates from their own universities) training to be teachers. It includes, too, Canadian engineers on post-graduate courses of study; technicians from Australasia, Canada, the Union of South Africa and other countries, learning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy; post-graduate engineers from Commonwealth countries studying with industrial firms, and Commonwealth farmers getting practical knowledge of mechanisation.

The Conference at Oxford, the biggest-ever get-together of its kind, stems directly from the decision at the Montreal Conference last October that the Commonwealth countries should unite in creating 1,000 new places for Commonwealth students at universities and technical colleges and schools. The United Kingdom is to provide at least half the number, Canada 250, and the balance to be decided.

If it be thought the United Kingdom is biting off as much as she can chew, at least there are worthy precedents. Even so, her lead in the Commonwealth, so far as education is concerned, is not so spectacular as the uninitiated might think.

Engagingly frank, this book (Commonwealth Education: The United Kingdom Contribution) taught me much about Britain's educational history that might interest readers overseas. It was in 1833 that the State began to interest itself in schooling. In that year the British Government voted a grant of £20,000 in aid of voluntary educational societies, and £30,000 to the West Indies.

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Give-And-Take Policy

YES, official courses for education began simultaneously in the United Kingdom and the non-self-governing territories. In 1870 the British Parliament passed the Education Act for compulsory education based on the simple philosophy that every child should be taught according to its age and aptitude, with equal chances for all.

We had, of course, our ancient universities at Oxford and Cambridge, and a number of others, but in 1890, a famous British politician, Sir Charles Dilke, was writing of Canada, Australia and New Zealand, that "they altogether surpass the mother country in the sacrifices they have made for education". In University education these Commonwealth countries—and the Union of South Africa, too—were also well equipped, although Dilke noted that Australian universities

relied mainly on "professors tempted out from England by good salaries".

Nowadays there is a generous give-and-take policy in all education matters within the Commonwealth. Teachers are exchanged between schools and technical colleges. The 129 universities and university colleges in the Commonwealth—including those in newly-independent countries like India, Pakistan, Ghana and the Federation of Malaya—are welded in an Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth, originally formed in London in 1912.

It is the A.U.B.C. that organises conferences such as that at Montreal, the eighth and latest in the quinquennial series. It acts, too, as a vast clearing house for teachers and professors seeking posts in various Commonwealth countries.

This fascinating book has much to say about the younger member countries of the Commonwealth, West Africa and Malaya especially, and the colleges now training their future prime ministers, doctors, civil servants, headmasters, scientists, diplomats and judges. To this work the United Kingdom has in the past dozen years contributed £35,000,000 for education alone.

But I have space only for perhaps the most human chapter—the story of how Commonwealth students are made to feel at home in the United Kingdom.

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In The Great Cavalcade

THEIR principal host is the British Council, whose representatives personally met and welcomed nearly 7,000 students from overseas in 1958. All over the country there are some 20 Overseas Students centres, in addition to hostels. Many students from the non-self-governing territories are glad to attend a course in Britain's ways of life. Accommodation is found, there are conducted tours to places of interest, and trained advisers help on health and other personal matters. And an enormous amount of friendliness is dispensed by voluntary organisations, helping students to meet and mix with the people of the United Kingdom.

"In the great cavalcade of Commonwealth education," the book concludes, "it is the personal contact . . . which has created its enduring triumph".

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A POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

— By CROSS-BENCHER —

NEVER has parliamentary conduct sunk so low as in the current session. Twice in one day the former Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Philip Gunewardena, and the Prime Minister figured in scenes in which foul invective was exchanged between them. Words nearly led to blows when members advanced from either side with clenched fists and upraised chairs until, unable to make himself heard, the Speaker suspended the proceedings.

On resumption the Speaker laid down a code for the members, after deploring the incident, which he said did discredit to the House, the more so as senior members were involved. He went on to say: "The use of intemperate language, the habit of losing one's temper easily, the hurling of abuse at people who cannot retort, all this and more are on the increase. I call upon the House most earnestly to assist me to preserve its dignity. Two cardinal principles of this House we must observe if order is to be preserved. Members must learn to address the Chair and members must also refrain from casting aspersions on other members. In future these two rules will be rigorously enforced by me and I hope I shall receive everyone's co-operation in this matter."

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AT the request of the Speaker Mr. Philip Gunewardena withdrew the words "despicable scoundrel", which gave rise to the scene. Mr. Bandaranaike expressed appreciation of the Speaker's statement and assured him of the co-operation of the Government to preserve the traditions and conventions of Parliament. The Leader of the Opposition, Dr. N. M. Perera, associated himself with the sentiment expressed by the Prime Minister and gave a similar undertaking on behalf of the Opposition.

The House was in committee considering the votes of the Food Commissioner, now under the Prime Minister, when tempers flared.

When the House met after the week-end recess, another unprecedented incident occurred. At 10 o'clock when the House was due to sit, there was no quorum and the Speaker deferred commencement of the proceedings for half an hour, at

the request of the Prime Minister. At 10.30 there was a quorum, but Mr. M. S. Themis rose to a point of order, despite protests by many members. He pointed out that the Speaker should have, under the standing orders, not suspended the sitting but adjourned the House when there was no quorum. The Speaker had no alternative but to do so and the House lost a day of the committee session on the budget.

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EARLIER the second reading of the Appropriation Bill was passed by the same majority, 49 votes to 41, as the address of thanks for the Governor-General's speech in Opening Parliament at a 3 a.m. division. Besides the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister only three Ministers participated in the debate. The Prime Minister's narration of the positive achievements of the Government in his speech gave due credit to the measures introduced by the former Minister of Food and Agriculture. He described the Paddy Lands Act as a milestone in securing to paddy cultivators a charter of security of tenure and income; the Co-operative Development Bank Bill as a very valuable scheme and the establishment of multipurpose co-operative societies as a very sound idea. On the question of the cost of living, after citing the reduction of the price of the first measure of the rice ration, he announced that the Rent Restriction Ordinance would be given effect to.

Referring to the Ten-year Plan, he pointed out that any shortfall in implementation in any year could be made up in subsequent years. If the private sector had difficulties in attaining the target, the public sector would have to increase its activities, he said. He admitted the Plan was capable of modification and assured the House of a full opportunity for discussing it.

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THE budget debate was an eventful one for other reasons also apart from the heckling of speakers from the Government benches by former members of the Government group now in the Opposition and the boycott of each other's speeches by leaders of the Government and Opposition. The Prime Minister

at one stage drew the Speaker's attention to an editorial in the "Ceylon Observer" which he claimed was a breach of privilege of Parliament. The Speaker (Mr. H. S. Ismail) held that a *prima facie* case had been made and following steps taken by him reported that the Editor of the paper, Mr. A. G. P. Vittachi, had tendered an apology to Parliament. The House agreed with him and Mr. Bandaranaike that no further action be taken.

Subsequently a member of the Opposition drew the attention of the Speaker to the use of a tape recorder in the officials' box in the House when Mr. Philip Gunewardena, former Minister of Agriculture and Food, was speaking, which he suggested constituted a breach of privilege. The Speaker announced the following day that he had had the particular tape confiscated.

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MUCH speculation was aroused by a remark of the Prime Minister at a complimentary dinner to Mr. R. E. Jayatilleke, on his completing 25 years as a member of the legislature, that he was considering moving Sir Cyril de Zoysa "to a place of responsibility far greater than that of President of the Senate", which he now holds.

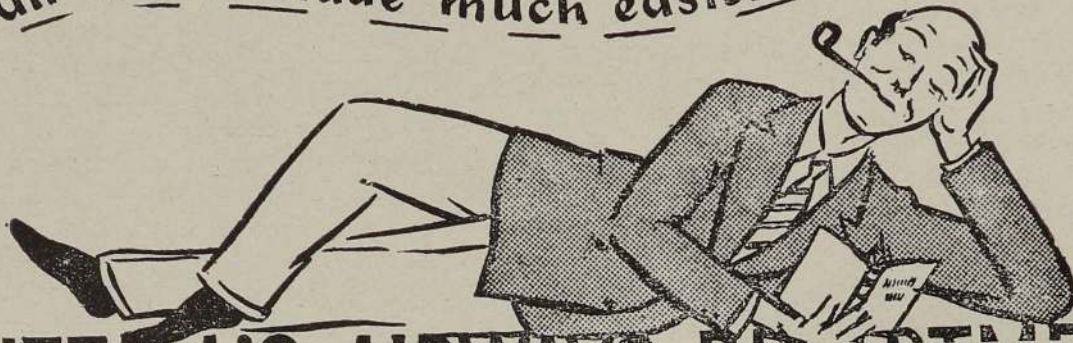
In answer to a question in Parliament during the committee stage of the budget, Mr. Bandaranaike set all rumours at rest by saying that he did not contemplate replacing the Governor-General (Sir Oliver Goonetilleke). It all arose, he said, out of an after dinner quip on his part. Surely he was entitled to jest sometimes!

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THE sequel to Mr. Bandaranaike's joke was a letter to him from Sir Cyril protesting at what he described as a "wanton insult." He could appreciate a joke against himself as much as anybody else, he said, but in this instance, what with the publicity given to Mr. Bandaranaike's remarks and the inevitable "public guessing game" which it set off, "I think I owe it both to the office I have the honour to occupy in the honourable Senate and to myself, who has never canvassed public office from you or sought political help for my personal advancement, to protest strongly against the undignified manner in which you have caused me public embarrassment and humiliation."

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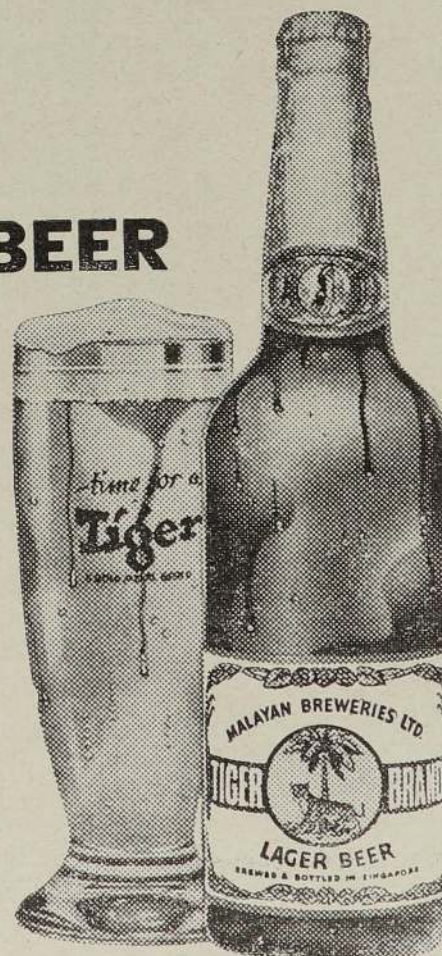
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MR. A. E. CHRISTOFFELSZ, RETIRED C.C.S., C.M.G.

By BRUTUS

THE appointment of Mr. A. E. Christoffelsz, C.M.G., retired C.C.S., as Chairman of the Bribery tribunal panel will be received with satisfaction as those who know him intimately can testify that whatever assignment he accepts brings out the very best in him and there is no one with a greater sense of honour and public duty.

Too many young Civil Servants of to-day tend to make themselves miserable by contemplating their grievances. When Ceylonese Civil Servants were a small minority, a good deal of fuss was made of them. A few decades ago they were conspicuous because they were, with few exceptions, of the ruling class. Moreover, there were many brilliant men among foreigners in the Service. They translated the Mahawamsa, they wrote standard books on Ceylon history, on village life, on law, on birds and anything else that was worth writing about. Leonard Woolf, who wrote that classic, "The Village in the Jungle," was a Civil Servant between 1904-11. R. W. Lee, Rhodes Professor of Roman-Dutch Law at Oxford, was a Ceylon Civil Servant towards the end of the last century. And eminent Civil Servants like Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam and Sir Paul Pieris emulated their good example.

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THESE Civil Servants of the past had their frustrations, but they bore them up manfully and used their leisure to good purpose. Woolf was exiled to Hambantota. Arunachalam and Pieris were repeatedly passed over for men of less talent. But the education they had in Ceylon and at Oxford and Cambridge gave them a sense of proportion and a self-assurance which carried them through life.

There are a good many men in the Ceylon Civil Service—probably the majority—with self-discipline which enables them to face the problems of each day in the spirit of the Psalmist's words—"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord and who shall rise up in his holy place?"

Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart, and that hath not lifted up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour".

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THE Royalists of fifty years ago were constantly reminded, by the great passages of literature and by the example of their teachers, that in conduct and effort they should not be satisfied with anything less than the highest standards.

Eric Christoffelsz won the University Scholarship in 1910 from the Royal College. He beat a number of men who rose



—Times

Mr. A. E. Christoffelsz

to high positions in later life. He was at the time the best school athlete in Ceylon. He had established the following records: 100 yards in 10 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.; Long Jump—21 feet 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; Hurdles—18 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.; Quarter Mile 54 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs. and Throwing the Cricket Ball—101 feet 2 inches.

Christoffelsz also played in the Royal College cricket team of 1909 when his side beat the Thomians by an innings and 60 runs.

Christoffelsz met another former Ceylon man at Cambridge. As an undergraduate at Queen's he ran against S. A. Pakeman of Sidney Sussex. Christoffelsz did not make a name in University athletics as did C. J. Van Geysel later, though

Cambridge athletics was in its heyday. In 1910-12, Philip Noel-Baker, who was afterwards Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, was President of the Cambridge Athletic Club, President of the Union Society and carrying everything before him on the way to a distinguished political career.

Christoffelsz, who had already gained a place in the Ceylon Civil Service, took the classical tripos and equipped himself for the career that awaited him in Ceylon.

Eric Christoffelsz filled many important posts in the Civil Service, but probably the one that appealed to him most was that of Principal Collector of Customs shortly before he retired. After his retirement the State has called upon his services on a variety of matters. It was not long ago that, despite a serious illness, he completed his report on salary anomalies in the public service.

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THE Christoffelszs have an enviable record in the Public Service. A. E. C's father was Chief Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office, retiring with the I. S. O. His three brothers too served the Government with distinction, Dr. E. L., the eldest, being a Provincial Surgeon, E. J., a Commissioner of Excise, and Carl, the youngest, Accountant of the Electrical Department at the time of his retirement.

Eric Christoffelsz, who is the President of the Colts C. C., was at one time President of the Ceylon Cricket Association and the Ceylon Amateur Athletic Association. He has always given his services most cheerfully for the furtherance of Ceylon Sport.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has appointed the following ten persons as members of the panel for tribunals under the Bribery Act: Mr. A. E. Christoffelsz (former Permanent Secretary), Chairman; Mr. C. Coomaraswamy (former High Commissioner in India), Mr. S. Somasunderam and Mr. P. O. Fernando (former Permanent Secretaries), Mr. S. J. C. Schokman, Mr. T. P. P. Goonetilleke, and Mr. G. Crossette Thambiah (former District Judges), Mr. S. S. J. Goonesekera (former Commissioner of Assize), Mr. M. A. S. Marikar (Proctor, Kandy), and Mr. C. A. Speldewinde (retired Commissioner of Income Tax).

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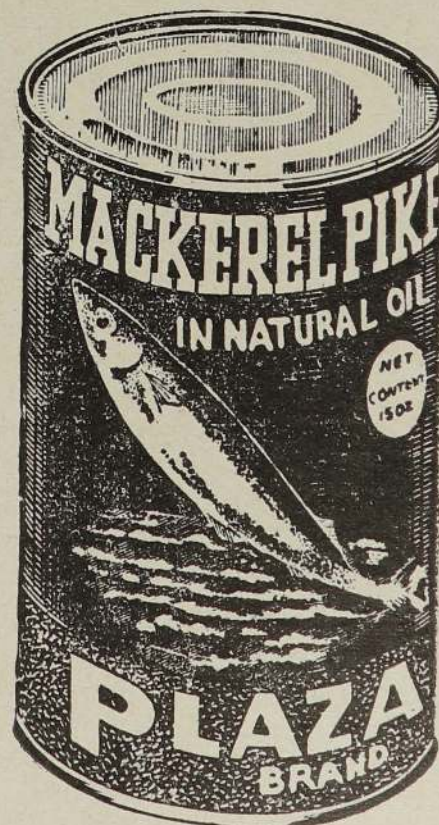
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EAST COAST HOLIDAY

By DOUGLAS RAFFEL

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WE went along for about 200 yards slowly and silently till we came to a thicker patch inside which there was just one little sound. It was undoubtedly the leopard and we had successfully come up with him. But leopards are wise, wary, skulking brutes and no doubt he became aware of our presence and made off silently. We followed his pug marks silently step by step and came out of that thicket into jungle less thick, across it and into heavy forest, where the going was not easy, and the trail difficult to follow except very slowly.

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IN this way we did about a whole mile, across the very bungalow garden, where the pug marks showed up very clearly (one of the ladies was seated very placidly sewing on the door step and never realised a leopard had crossed the garden amongst the bushes and trees 60 yards away!) and back through the patch I had stalked through silently the night before, across that path again and into the belt that went right away, and we never saw the brute. He had found sanctuary again.

So I gave up the search, but went to the village and told them that if the leopard was seen again in any particular patch of jungle—there were many of these small patches—all the men were to surround the patch at once and send one man for me. After I had arrived and taken up a suitable stand, a beat was to take place, as the ONLY means of getting the beast, with a lot of luck. But that leopard probably knew he had been followed because he was never seen again, and did not apparently come back, as the monkeys were soon quite normal and unexcited. My hopes of another leopard skin disappeared in three days when we left!

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HOW many people there are in this world who fill their homes with a lot of useless junk, and buy a number of things for which they have not the slightest use, and which are not particularly beautiful either, but who would never dream of spending a couple of hundred rupees on a pair of binoculars, even a good second hand pair! Yet here

is something which opens up new realms of enchantment to you, and makes even the most commonplace view a veritable fairyland. I know a man, one of a party staying at the Hambantota Resthouse one weekend, who sat on the Resthouse verandah and watched the road going due north to Gannoruwa. The rest of the party had left in the car to go along that road—faintly visible with the naked eye—to see what they can see. Friend L sat with his cup of tea and with his 12×50 and watched that road. In a while he saw the car proceeding a long way from him. It reached the top of a rise and vanished. Then a huge elephant came out and stood on the road and went into the jungle on the right. That elephant was at least two miles away from him, yet he saw it clearly. The others returned at 6.30 p.m. and he asked them whether they saw any signs of an elephant. They looked astonished and asked “how did you know?” He explained what he had seen with his binoculars, and they told him on the way back they had seen the fresh droppings on the road and the large foot prints in the sand by it. They did not see the elephant who had passed on, but they knew one had crossed the road after them, because the droppings were not there on their way out. The next morning all took up the binoculars and looked along that stretch of road—about a quarter of a mile of it, sloping upwards to a crest—and one of the party saw quite clearly a jungle cock and a hen cross the road. The other day I was looking at this stretch of road and saw two push cyclists riding along towards me down the slope. From the way one was waving his hands and gesticulating I was almost sure he was discussing our Prime Minister’s Cabinet reshuffle! Nothing makes a Ceylonese so vehement as a political discussion. Any other discussion is lukewarm.

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HOW much more entrancing is the beautiful sunset or sunrise you are looking at, when it is heightened through binoculars. A blank skyline begins to show up distant hills—the Horton Plains, Adam’s Peak, the Hayes-Lauderdale Road, and other fascinating distant places

brought close up to you. Those flamingoes we saw fully five hundred yards away, the nest of the sea eagle three hundred feet above us, that curlew feeding quietly half a mile away, that seer or barracuda that leapt out of the sea a mile away and after a full second in the air slid back into the water again. I would rather watch a common crow feeding its young than talk shop with city friends while on holiday. How few of us know what it is to really relax, to use those senses of ours which are never used in daily life, find fresh breath-taking interests to off-set the major malady of modern life, an abysmal boredom! *Ennui* disappears if doctored in the right manner and a glowing cheek and a flashing eye give assurance of a return to the joy of living.

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DO you know the difference between the strike of a Koduwa and a Kalai? The common man fishing beside you with his fifty cent outfit knows it, and will tell you “Unner Koduwa, eker Kalai”, etc., as each strike comes along. But do you know the difference? You, with your expensive fibre glass rod and super reel and expensive tackle? I had learnt this years ago, but owing to the years of dynamiting intervening, had to learn it all over again. One evening when I had no live bait, I did not swear and stamp and go away in a huff. I sat down quietly, lit my pipe and tried to learn from the way the small fry were behaving what was the particular big fish which was chasing them? Koduwa or Kalai? The lagoon was still and polished like a pale pink formica table top. In front of me was a pink sunset, behind me the aurean moon had risen silently and was watching me and these forest waters with a twinkling eye. The Man in the Moon must have been ruminating, “You men think you know everything and all the answers. Before you attempt to come and live with me, you had better learn all there is to be learnt about your own planet, and show appreciation of all the earth gives you in beauty. I can show you some awe-inspiring sights on that side of me which you always look at, but none of the beauty you can see on your earth. On the other side of me is colossal insanity and death of a terrifying type. Yet you want to come, you fools. You’d

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PEOPLE

SIR John Howard, Q.C., Ceylon's former Chief Justice, writes to us from his home in West Byfleet, Surrey, as follows: "I need hardly say that I enjoy reading the *Fortnightly Review* as much as ever. It still shows the imprint of expert and conscientious journalism which you imparted to it from its first publication. You must be very proud of it and its impact on all thoughtful readers.

"I saw a number of old friends at the Ceylon At Home in June. I witnessed the third day's play in the Gentlemen-Players match at Lord's. It was not very exciting except for the batting of M. J. K. Smith, the Warwickshire skipper, whose performances have been a feature of this season."

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THE appointment of Rev. Fr. Don Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., as the Bishop of Kandy, has been greatly welcomed by all Ceylon Catholics. At the time of his appointment Rev. Fr. Nanayakkara was functioning as Head Master of the Primary Department of St. Anthony's College, Kandy, where he was a well loved figure.

The Bishop-elect, who is 42, is a recognised Oriental Scholar and was raised to the priesthood in 1950. Earlier, he received his entire education at St. Thomas' College, Matale, where he was subsequently appointed to the teaching staff. Later he joined the Government Clerical Service from which he resigned in 1941. He entered the Novitiate of the Benedictines at Monte Fano, Kandy, in 1941.

He also prosecuted his studies with the Jesuits in the old Papal Seminary of Kandy.

The new Bishop is a very keen sportsman.

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HIS Excellency Dr. James R. Knox, Apostolic Delegate for Ceylon, arrived in the Island on Thursday, 30th July. His Excellency presided



—Times

Bishop Nanayakkara

at each of the Sessions in the 3-day National Seminar for Religious Orders, Congregations and Institutes of Ceylon schools begun on 7th August at Aquinas University College, Ceylon. His Excellency, whose third visit it was to Ceylon, left the Island on 13th August.

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MR. P. G. Cooray, of the Department of Mineralogy (Geological Survey of Ceylon), has been

awarded a scholarship by the United Kingdom under the Technical Co-operation Scheme of the Colombo Plan to complete research for his Ph.D. degree in geology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London.

Mr. Cooray is no stranger to that College, having studied there from 1948 until 1952. His earlier education had been at St. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia, and University College, Colombo.

Mr. Cooray left by the "Strathnaver" on August 1.

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MR. O. P. Rust, who left Ceylon early this year to make his home in Rhodesia with his son Peter and his wife and small child, says in a letter we received last week that he is going on a visit to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Duggan, in East London, South Africa, for a short time.

Mr. Rust spent the greater part of his life in Ceylon. He was for nearly fifty years with Darley, Butler & Co., Ltd., and in the last two years with Heath & Co. He was a keen cricketer and lawn tennis player in his younger days and distinguished himself in several of the annual meets at the Garden Club, being an excellent singles player. He was also well known in musical circles and used to be much in demand at local concerts.

Mr. P. M. Duggan, his son-in-law, who was with Julius & Creasy for some years in the nineteen-thirties, figured prominently as a golfer and cricketer, winning the Amateur Golf Championship in 1938.

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MR. D. S. Urquhart, who was on Gonapitiya Estate, Kandapola, for many years, died recently at Exmouth, England. In his early days in Ceylon in the nineteen-thirties he was in the Kelani Valley and was in charge of Panawatte Estate, Ratnapura.

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CAPT. R. D. Chandola, founder member of the Fellowship of the Physically Handicapped of India, who has been in Ceylon since July 10, on an unofficial visit studying rehabilitation centres here, has left for India. He is preparing a memorandum for the Department of Health Services on the rehabilitations of the handicapped and he hopes it will be ready in September.

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THE passing of Mr. Louis Lucien Hunter, hardly two years after his departure from Ceylon to settle in Sydney, will be regretted by his many friends in the Island. He had not been in the best of health for some time. His ashes will be brought by 'plane for burial at the General Cemetery.

Louis Hunter, who was 69 years old, started life as a teacher at the Government Training College and passed into the Ceylon Civil Service in September, 1914. After serving at several outstations he was appointed to the Land Settlement Department. He was later A. G. A., Kalutara, for some years and he rose very rapidly afterwards being Government Agent at Anuradhapura and later at Kandy. He retired in 1942. He was recalled and was additional Director of Agriculture (food production) and additional Land Commissioner in 1948.

He was an Appointed Member of the Senate and subsequently of the House of Representatives. His valuable services were duly recognised when he was awarded the C. M. G. in 1950. He took a keen interest in his community and was for some time President of the Burgher Association.

Mr. Hunter married a daughter of the late Dr. A. H. Fretsz and has two married daughters in Australia.

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THE death of Mr. W. H. Moore, late of the Ceylon Civil Service, scarcely two years after his retirement, will be regretted by his many friends in the Island. He was one of the last of the British Civil Servants to serve here after Ceylon's independence, and his last appointment was as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industries and Fisheries. He had previously been Government Agent at Kurunegala and Excise Commissioner for two years.

Of a genial disposition Mr. Moore, who was a Cambridge man, was much liked wherever he served owing to his strict impartiality. Since his retirement he lived with his family in West Kirby, Wirral, Cheshire.

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DR. Eric Schokman, (Jnr.) who left for the U. S. A. three months ago, accompanied by his wife and three children, Roger, Michael and Pauline, have settled in their quarters in the Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Massachussets, and find

all their new friends very helpful and kind.

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MRS. Esme Joseph, mother of Mrs. Schokman, who accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Schokman to America, is referred to in a tribute by Miss Bertha Ingram in the latest issue of The Herald, for the Dutch Reformed Churches in Ceylon, as follows:—

“Resident in Dehiwela for many years, Mrs. Joseph, besides being a regular worshipper in our Church, has been a chorister and organist as well, and singing teacher in the school. We shall miss her lovely voice which led the singing in the Church. Her solos at the Carol Services each year inspired and delighted us.”

Mrs. Joseph was also for many years a chorister at St. Andrew's Scots Kirk, where she was Soprano soloist. She also frequently broadcast with Mrs. Spencer Sheppard as accompanist.

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PROFESSOR Milton E. Hahn, Professor of Psychology of the University of California, Los Angeles, has arrived here to work as a Vocational Guidance Adviser to the Department of Education. He is one of the world's authorities on clinical psychology. He will be in Ceylon for two years.

While Professor Hahn is in Ceylon, Mr. Gamini Wijewardene will leave for the University of California for a course of training in order to enable him to take over this work when Professor Hahn leaves Ceylon.

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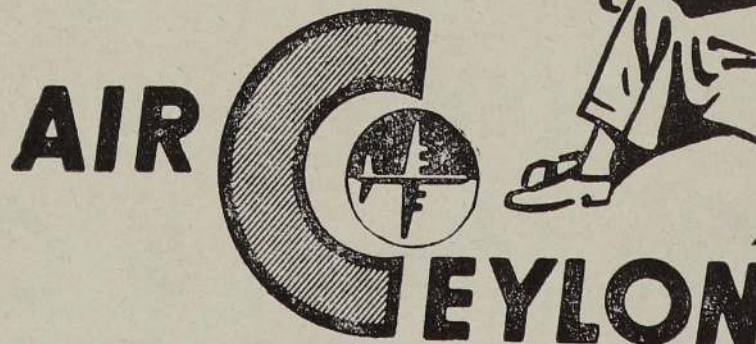
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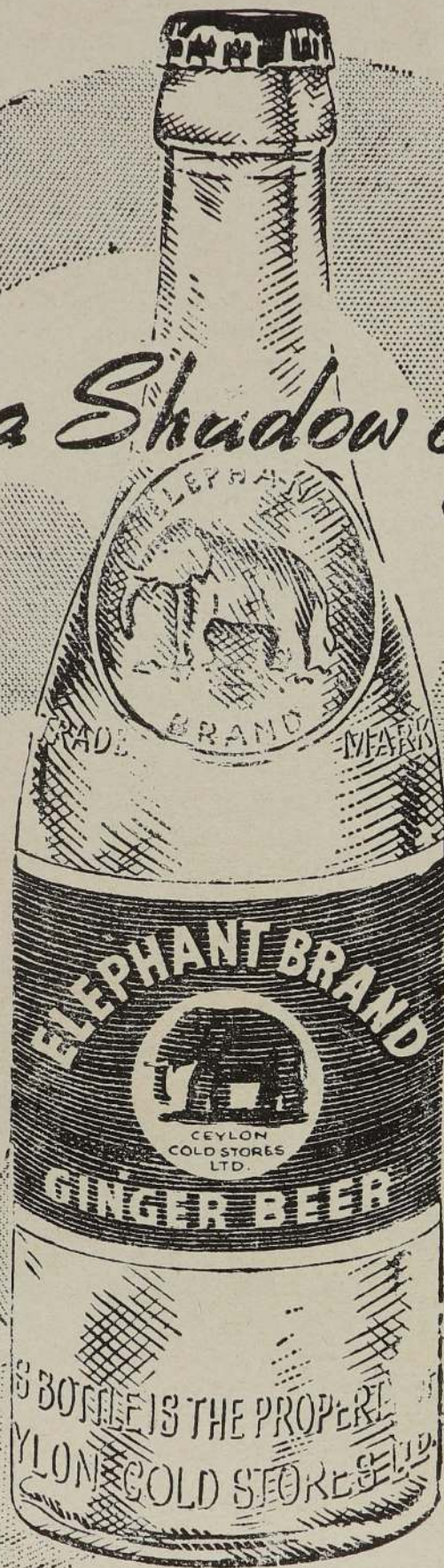
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COMMUNISM, RELIGION AND THE INDIVIDUAL

By ARTHUR PEACOCK

(Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths)

(Fortnightly Review Special)

REMEMBER listening some years ago to a lecture by a scientist whose outlook on life had been influenced by Marxist teaching. Speaking of the social problems of modern society he said that their large scale character was such that there was very little that the individual could do. Their nature was largely economic and to solve them community planning rather than individual good deeds was necessary.

Something of the same approach was expressed by another scientist in an article in a journal devoted to the study of Marxist philosophy. It was argued that a radical change in morality was required. Virtues based on excessive individual rectitude needed readjustment by a change from individual morality to collective morality.

It seems to me that here, at once, we come up against the wide cleavage of opinion that exists between those whose thinking has been influenced by Marx and those whose faith and outlook is rooted in one of the great religious traditions. The Christian man and woman, for instance, is also mindful of the large scale nature of contemporary problems and appreciates the necessity for community planning. But there is this fundamental difference between the two approaches. The Christian affirms that the goal of a better social order depends upon the measure of individual voluntary service that can be integrated with the community effort.

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Christian Initiative

AGAIN, it must be borne in mind that it was the initiative of social reformers who were Christians who, in Britain at any rate, awakened the social conscience of the nation and urged the necessity for community responsibility for the care of the sick, the poor, the aged and the young who were in need of help.

While seeking to widen the field of responsibility there was never the

suggestion that individuals could fall back and leave action solely to society. The community must never lose sight of its duty to the individual; the individual must never lose sight of his duty to the community.

One of the scientists whom I mentioned earlier instanced the poverty situation in Asia. Grain, he said, being used in Britain for beer and bread could save something like 1,000,000 people's lives in Asia without killing anyone in Britain. But, if 1,000,000 people were each to send a food parcel the result would be just to overburden the work of the Post Office organisation.

A poor and unimaginative kind of argument indeed! One that loses sight of the value of the spontaneous response which an appeal for help quickens within the hearts and minds of ordinary people; how such qualities of self-sacrifice and generous giving make for individual integrity and character development. Without such qualities being around in ordinary people from time to time, it would be very easy for any society to drift into the unhappy situation where its individual citizens' primary thought was of what they could get rather than what they could give.

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Belief In Individual

ALL this brings before us very vividly the difference in outlook between those who follow the Marxist point of view and those who reject it. The free world believes that the individual matters; that the integrity of the individual, his consciousness of his own worth and dignity, are vital factors in achieving a happy and prosperous social order. Individual morality and collective morality can never have a priority over one another. The two need to be identified: for where there is conflict in the matter there will be disintegration.

This concern for the individual, this basic conviction that people matter, has always found strong emphasis in the Christian faith and in the ethics

which spring from it. None the less, Christians have felt in modern times the need to re-define the social implications of their religious faith, and the social emphasis has been strengthened. This movement of thought and feeling—owing something to the challenge of Communism but springing also independently from religious development—is not, however, confined to the Hebraic-Christian tradition, but is found in all the living religions and the countries that they influence.

An instance of what I have in mind was provided by a conference held at Chicago University last summer. Among the speakers was a Burmese Buddhist, who held high office in both the legal profession and in the political life of his country. Buddhism, he declared, classified all men according to their character and natural abilities. It was the antithesis of the totalitarian concept, in which the individual has only a group existence subordinate to the needs of the state.

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Function Of The State

THE state and its laws, he went on, exist for the individual, not the individual for the state. They are merely instruments by which men are enabled to live together in just and liberal relationships with the greatest amount of freedom consistent with a disciplined society.

Persecution of religion such as occurs in Communist countries is surely the prime example of the kind of subordination to which this speaker referred. It is the fact that religious leaders and statesmen in all parts of the world are speaking in this way that gives rise to the growing feeling that the encouragement of encounter and meeting between the living religions is one of the effective answers to the threat which they each face from the Communist challenge today.

A century ago, a distinguished American, William Emery Channing, made an inspiring utterance on the nature of political and spiritual freedom. His concluding words are worth recalling, for they are appropriate to the problem I have been discussing in this article. "Civil institutions are to be estimated by the free and pure minds to which they give birth. The human soul is to outlive all earthly institutions, the distinction of nations is to pass

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IN PEACEFUL FIJI

By C. H. DEMPSTER

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ON the economic, as well as the political front, the forces of change are slow to emerge. For one thing, unionism is weak and disunited. But the influences at work must eventually threaten the Fijian system of communal living in the village lands.

Fijian children, after completing their education, are less inclined to return to the traditional way of life in the villages, fishing with crude spears, and tending the crops of taro, yam and cassava under the strict discipline of their hereditary chiefs.

The attractions of outside employment for a cash wage and freedom to spend are beginning to disturb the old patterns.

THE tempo of life should quicken in the next few years as the tourist trade is developed energetically by overseas capital.

The potential is considerable. Fiji lies at a focal point on the world's airline—already only twelve hours' flight south-east from congested Honolulu. Already more and more world tourists are making Fiji a stop-over point on their journeys.

Fiji is being re-discovered as a holiday resort, and its attractions are being listed—from the modern hotels to the coral "gardens", the beaches (although these are not very extensive), and even to the fire walkers and the bulbul singing in the trees.

The results for Fiji could be spectacular.

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THE tourist people are also brushing up old stories of the island's colourful past—of Bligh of the Bounty outstanding his cannibal pursuers in the Yasawa channel, and Robert Louis Stevenson's last years at romantic Levuka.

In preparation for jet services which will sharply reduce travelling time between America, Fiji and Australia, a new international airport is being built at Nandi, and new sites for tourist hotels are being planned.

Air travel is bringing Fiji closer and giving Australia and New Zealand new neighbours: Indian women in bright saris shopping in Suva streets; gaily dressed musicians tapping out rhythms with bare feet in cool hotel lounges; Fijians sweating to win gold deep in the earth; graceful Rotuman girls swaying gently in their island dances.

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MATTERS OF MOMENT

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A TEAM of Soviet Russian experts, including two women, has arrived in the Island to begin work on a Rs. 100 million iron and steel plant under the economic aid agreement between Ceylon and Soviet Russia signed in January, 1958. The entire capital for the project will come from a 120 million rouble loan to Ceylon from Russia.

The Russian experts will examine the data collected by engineers of the Industries Department and work in collaboration with them in choosing the site of the plant and its design, the details of which will be finalised in Moscow. There will be three stages to the project, the last being the smelting of local ore to produce pig iron requirements, which in the beginning will be imported. The first stage will be the establishment of a steel rolling mill, which will operate with imported billets and also turn out drawn wire products. Steel smelting furnaces, which will also use local scrap, figure in the second stage. It is expected that a substantial part of the capital for the second and third stages would be met from profits made by the rolling mill.

PEOPLE

MRS. Madeleine Denham Till, daughter of Dr. Lucian de Zilwa of Kandy, is on her way to Ceylon from Canada to visit her father and her sisters. Mrs. Denham Till went to Canada in 1945. Her husband, who was for many years Manager of Lowmont Group, Kalutara, sold all his property in Ceylon and invested in a three-storeyed block of flats in Victoria, Canada, and some houses with large gardens. Public honesty in Canada, they found, is marvellous. Nobody is left to mind a grocer's shop. The prices are marked and there are the cash box and scales. You help yourself and put the money in the till.

Mrs. Denham Till has been organising concerts in her home town in Canada, playing piano solos and duets, singing and playing the "Cello" in trios. She has written largely in the local press and one of her best articles (on Red Squirrels) is reproduced in the current issue of "Loris", curiously enough just next

to an article written by her father (Dr. Lucian de Zilwa), on dogs.

Mrs. Denham Till, who will be here in October, is travelling by sea, a six-weeks' voyage from San Francisco, via Manila, Java, etc. She was last in Ceylon in March, 1955, by the same route. Then her late husband stayed at home and kept the home fires burning.

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MR. Vernon Abeyasekera, until recently First Secretary in the Ceylon High Commission in London, has been posted to the Ministry of Health as Assistant Secretary.

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MR. J. O. Mendis of Kingswood, Kandy, represented Ceylon at the eighth annual meeting, in Washington, of the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession (WOCTP), of which he is a member of the executive.

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THE 22-year-old Ceylon singer Bill Forbes is billed to take part in the concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on September 20th, arranged by the B.B.C.

MR. G. K. Newton has resigned as Managing Director of Mackwoods Estates and Agencies Ltd., and has been succeeded by Mr. R. J. S. Bean.

THE LADIES' KENNEL ASSOCIATION OF CEYLON

THE Ladies' Kennel Association of Ceylon had a highly successful morning at Mount Lavinia on Sunday, 9th August, when, for the first time in the history of canine affairs in this country, a scheme for Obedience Training of dogs was inaugurated. After an expert demonstration by a brace of trained police dogs, there was a luncheon for 75 members and their guests at the Mount Lavinia Hotel, which provided rather a strangely worded "doggy" Menu.

The tremendous enthusiasm shown by those present, augurs well for the future. The next occasion on the L. K. A's card of events is their Inaugural Championship Show, which is due to be held on the 24th and 25th of October.

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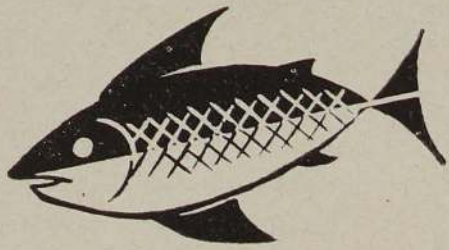
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AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

A JOURNALIST LOOKS BACK

IN the early years of this century I used to look forward to my visits Up-country as they proved most welcome breaks, particularly during the hot season. That was the period when my work as a Journalist took me frequently to Nuwara Eliya, Hatton and other centres where the planters participated in their inter-district sport—cricket, lawn tennis and rugby football. The district tennis meets at Darrawella, Radella, Bogawantalawa and Talawakelle were staged before the big Ceylon Championship meet at Nuwara Eliya which was run at the same time as the Nuwara Eliya races in February. In those early days Nuwara Eliya had little accommodation to offer visitors except the two hotels—The Grand and St. Andrew's, and on a smaller scale the Carlton, and there were only a limited number of bungalows available, compared with the scores there are today which can be hired during the season.

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ON those occasions when I used to stay at Nuwara Eliya, it was a pleasure to enjoy the hospitality of more than one of the District Medical officers in the spacious and comfortable Government bungalow at Hawa Eliya, close to the hospital, and to be able to reach the Hill Club courts in good time before the start of the lawn tennis meet each morning. Those were the days when one met such popular planters as Robert Coombe, who was in charge of the C.L.T.A. meet and such famous players as Douglas Kelly, B. C. N. Knight, Grant Peterkin, L. A. Wright from the Dickoya and Maskeliya districts, S. P. and A. C. Hayley from Galle, A. M. Cooper, D. Wilkinson, W. B. Bartlet from Dimbula, F. J. Poyntz Roberts, E. R. E. Geddes, W. S. Jeffares, Wynell Mayow and R. St. G. Jackson from the Kelani Valley, besides the Colombo competitors. In those early years, round about 1904, the two leading players were S. P. Hayley and Douglas Kelly, who won the Men's title on no less than ten occasions, each winning it five times.

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MANY of the older generation will remember the late Dr. George Woutersz, who was D.M.O., Nuwara Eliya, at the turn of the

century. He was afterwards Port Surgeon, Colombo. Dr. Frank Grenier succeeded him and in later years, when he left the Sanitarium to come to Colombo as one of the Visiting Physicians of the General Hospital, Dr. G. W. Van Twest from Nawalapitiya took his place. Dr. Lorenz Prins succeeded Dr. Van Twest in 1922, and later came Dr. C. E. Van Rooyen from Dickoya. Dr. Van Rooyen was D.M.O., Nuwara Eliya,



—Times

Sir Graeme Tyrrell

Probably the oldest ex-Ceylon Civil Servant now living in retirement in England.

for a long period and when he was succeeded by Dr. E. L. Christoffelsz, he decided to make Nuwara Eliya his home. He has now been nearly 37 years enjoying the bracing climate of Ceylon's beautiful hill station and when the writer last saw him he was in fine fettle and as cheery as ever. Born in April, 1872, Dr. Van Rooyen is 87 years old and I wish him many more years of good health and happiness. He has indeed been an institution at Nuwara Eliya.

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DR. C. E. VanRooyen's younger brother, Fred VanRooyen, the former well known Matale lawyer, who is now living in retirement in Australia with his family, was 85 years old last March. He was a fine all-round cricketer in his day and after winning his school colours

at Royal played a big part in Matale cricket in the days when the district counted some of the best cricketers in the Island like T. Y. Wright, E. B. Alexander, G. H. Gibson, W. R. F. Brock and W. W. Sevier, to name a few who won for Matale a high place in Club cricket.

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DR. Harry Ludovici, who retired from the Medical Department many years ago, and now lives in Kandy, was 85 last May, while Dr. Lucian de Zilwa, who is also living in retirement at Kandy, was 84 years old last January. Mr. D. V. Alten-dorff, the former Deputy Inspector-General of Police, will be 86 next October. Born on 31st May, 1865, Mr. N. W. Morgappah, former Deputy Registrar-General, is, however, the oldest Government pensioner today, being 93 years old. Another well-known and evergreen Ceylonese is Gate Mudaliyar Vincent de Silva, the only survivor of the famous nine run match when he played for Royal. He is a nonagenarian and still keenly interested in cricket.

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TWO former well-known Ceylon men now living in retirement in England who celebrated their ninetieth birthday this year were Sir Thomas Villiers and Col. T. Y. Wright. The oldest living Civil Servant must be Sir Graeme Tyrrell, just past his eighties. Two former well known members of the Mercantile community, who are living in England at the present time, are A. D. Skrine and D. W. Watson, who were partners in the firm of Bosanquet & Skrine. They are both in their early eighties. They were very prominent sportsmen, Watson winning the Amateur Golf Championship of Ceylon, in 1901 and 1902, besides proving an outstanding Rugby three-quarter.

Duncan Skrine was also a fine all-round cricketer, a very capable Rugby half-back and an adept at Polo, which flourished in the early years of this century.

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A WELL known Up-country sportsman in those early days was H. J. G. Marley, who now spends his retirement at "Garoopna", Nuwara Eliya. He was nearly half a century in the Gampola district on "Castlemilk", where one of his sons has succeeded him. In the early years of this century, Marley figured frequently in football matches and athletics. Marley is now in the eighties.



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THE PASSING SCENE

By "SPHINX"

THE "sport of kings" has very nearly become the first casualty of the new puritanism that is rearing its head in Ceylon. The Governor-General's Cup race of the Ceylon Turf Club, which normally is run at the beginning of this month and was, this year, scheduled for the next week-end, will not be run as such. Instead, a new race will take its place. The Governor-General's Cup (formerly the Governor's Cup) has been the Blue Riband of the Ceylon Turf, dating back to 1888.

Last week the Ceylon Turf Club was officially informed that the Governor-General will not extend his patronage to the Governor-General's Cup in Colombo. It was expected that the withdrawal of patronage would also apply to the Governor-General's Plate at Nuwara Eliya and the Governor-General's Bowl at the Galle Gymkhana Club's race at Boosa.

It all began when certain bhikkhus (Buddhist monks) asked His Excellency recently not to extend his patronage to racing. The request apparently coincided with a decision by the Home Ministry to start a drive against gambling in all its forms and Queen's House was accordingly informed that the Government was not in favour of gambling and betting. A communication from the Home Ministry to Queen's House was reported to have said that the donation of a cup by the Head of the State, in his official capacity, could be construed as an encouragement to a "luxurious vice"!

Thus the old order passes yielding place to the new. Or does it? The races will be run all the same and betting will take place as usual (more bets off the course than on the course). But appearances will be preserved by the withdrawal of gubernatorial patronage.

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THE Stewards of the C.T.C. have decided that next week (on August 29), the Queen's Cup should take the place of the Governor-General's Cup on the same terms and conditions, which means that the Queen's Cup will be the premier race in the August season. In place of the Queen's Cup, a trophy called the Ceylon Turf Club Cup was

awarded to the winner of the race run last Saturday (August 15).

They said in a letter to the Secretary of the Governor-General (Sir Oliver Goonetilleke), regretting His Excellency's decision, particularly in view of his close association with the sport for long years both in Ceylon and abroad, that his decision on that advice of the Minister for Home Affairs was open to the inference that he had withdrawn his patronage from horse racing in Ceylon. They also wished to know, to save him from further embarrassment, whether he desired to relinquish the office of patron of the C.T.C. They presumed, also, that in the circumstances, His Excellency would not wish the "O. E. Goonetilleke Cup", which is presented in August, to bear his name?

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A REPORT in the "Daily Express" (London), relayed to Ceylon by the London correspondent of a newspaper said recently that independent Ceylon's first Army Commander (then) Brigadier the Earl of Caithness was associated with a new celebrity service for visitors to Britain which was being organised. A co-organiser was quoted as saying: "We can take visitors anywhere in Britain where, normally, tourists are not invited."

In Scotland, according to the report, the Earl's two daughters, Lady Margaret and Lady Fiona Sinclair will look after arrangements, including tea at Balmoral Castle, Scottish residence of the Queen, for those who want it.

Two other peers will help the Earl of Caithness in London and any visitor, the report said, can hire "the Eisenhower treatment"—a de luxe car with six motor cycle outriders.

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BY a curious coincidence the story appeared in the Ceylon press alongside one which promised visitors to Ceylon a "tree-top view" of elephants. The new venture offers visitors a close-up of wild elephants with egg-hoppers for breakfast thrown in, both on the tree-tops.

The combined treat, it is reported,

awaits you at "The Little (Tree-top) Hut"—the Mount Lavinia Hotel has its "Little Hut"—at the Lahu-gala Game Sanctuary. Bookings were being accepted, according to the report.

The little hut has been constructed on top of a huge tree in the sanctuary. Provided with a thatched roof, it has accommodation for about six persons at a time. There is a herd of about 40 wild elephants to be seen currently in the sanctuary, it is said.

Guests at the little hut can command the services of trackers. Egg-hoppers are provided for breakfast because guests are expected to be at the hut by 3 p.m. the previous day and will have to remain overnight.

Who's for wild elephants with egg-hoppers thrown in for breakfast, or vice versa, on a tree-top?

A POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

(Continued from page 13)

Apologising to Sir Cyril for any "embarrassment or injury to your feelings" his remarks during the after-dinner speech might have caused, Mr. Bandaranaike said, in his letter in reply: "You will remember that a learned judge once cracked the joke that a joke is a serious thing. It only tends to become so when one takes oneself too seriously."

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THE Government has been persuaded by the force of public opinion, as reflected in the Opposition demand, that a special commission should be appointed to investigate allegations of bribery and corruption against parliamentarians. There are indications that the Government will forestall the motion given notice of by the Opposition by having a commission appointed before the motion is debated in Parliament. In the meantime the Bribery Commissioner will proceed with the reports made to him of bribery in general.

The attitude of the Government that the Bribery Act was sufficient to deal with all allegations began to change from the day when, during the budget debate, the member for Matara, Mr. Mahanama Samaraweera announced that he would vote for the Opposition motion. Subsequently at a meeting the Prime Minister had with eleven other ministers a decision was taken in favour of the appointment of a Commission.

A SPORTS CAUSERIE

By "ITINERANT"

Racing

IT was pleasant to witness the resumption of racing in Colombo after the recent happenings in the City which everybody deplored, particularly at a season when sportsmen were looking forward to the time honoured August Carnival and its many sporting contests, besides the racing, which appeals to thousands. To witness a July meet in August was certainly too funny for words. It has now been decided to run the August Meet next month and everybody hopes that it will be a meeting in keeping with the best traditions of the Ceylon Turf.

There was a fairly good gathering to witness the racing on Saturday, 8th July, under favourable weather conditions. The recent rains had made the course fairly heavy, but several of the more fancied ones were among the winners. The chief event of the afternoon—the G. N. G. Walles' Cup attracted a large field, no less than thirteen facing the starter in this seven furlong race. The winner turned out to be Mr. Munsoor A. Cader's Rusty Bar, who beat the more fancied Copper Belt and the favourite Dauntless Green. Dauntless Green made the running till the turn and then faded away. Rusty Bar, well ridden by A. P. Perera, won from Copper Belt by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. Ipomea was third.

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RACING began with Neon Lights winning the Deraniyagala Plate from Raj Kumar. Somapala rode an excellent race on the winner. The Chilaw Plate was won by Reckless Courage from Merlin and the third event—the Moneragala Plate—over a mile—by Anthony John, with Somapala scoring his second success. Fair Wind was second. Then followed the big race which was won by Rusty Bar.

The Kesbewa Plate was won by Mr. A. R. M. Zarook's Pharsisca with Rosieness second. The favourite, Sports Summary, was fourth. Petroleum won the Mallakam Plate over 7 furlongs from Qaddah and the last event—the Kosgama Plate—was annexed by Tamasha, a newcomer, with Isaacs up.

Trainers G. Walles, Renga Selvaratnam and Sathasivam scored two

wins each, while Somapala did best among the jockeys with two winners.

Rugby Football

THERE was a record gathering on the Havelock Racecourse on Monday, 10th August, to witness the time honoured Test between Low-country and Up-country for the Capper Cup—a mammoth crowd of enthusiastic Rugby fans, reminiscent of pre-war days, when all roads led to the racecourse for this most popular sporting event of the year. Those were indeed days to remember, the rival fifteens including players of distinct class who had figured in good company in British rigger, a few of whom had been Internationals. Those matches invariably produced the type of rigger dear to the crowd—clever combination between halves and three-quarters and brainy work among the forwards.

It was generally expected that this year's Capper Cup Test would be worth going a long way to see as a

large number of those who played in the recent Clifford Cup final were in action again and could be depended on to give of their best as they had done when Dimbula and C. R. provided one of the most attractive matches ever seen in Colombo.

This Capper Cup contest, however, belied expectations, proving one of the most disappointing in recent years.

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WITHIN three minutes of the start Up-country attacking strongly scored off a five yard scrum, Madugalla touching down near the corner flag. The spectators felt that more spectacular play was to follow but were doomed to disappointment. Neither side could really get going and play became ragged with frequent penalties for glaring infringements. Low-country equalised ten minutes after the start through a penalty which Almeida converted in fine style. Low-country then pressed their opponents and had several good openings but clumsy passing prevented them from scoring. Up-country too never seemed to do the right thing and for the remainder of this half there was no further scoring.



—Times

Ivan Diaz, the Colombo wing three-quarter, makes an attempt for the line with Chris Bean in chase.

SPORTS CAUSERIE

THE second half saw little improvement in the play which someone described as desultory. Neither forwards nor the backs could do themselves justice. The game dragged on till Pillapitiya scored Up-country's second try near the corner flag. Howe failed to add the extra points. Low-country soon equalised as a result of some good work by Paiva, Ephraums and Jacob, who touched down and thus made his first appearance in a Capper Cup Test memorable. Almeida made a very fine effort to add the major points, but just failed. The last stages of the game proved exciting and Up-country had the satisfaction of scoring in the last minute of play, Summers initiating a movement which ended in Madugalla scoring near the corner flag. The conversion failed, Howe making a poor attempt. Up-country on the run of play well deserved to win by 9 points to 6, and those contributing most towards this victory were those hard working forwards—Barry Cameron, who was leading the side, Chris Bean, Pillapitiya and Waring. Madugalla, Summers and de Hoedt also shared in the honours. The best of the Low-country fifteen were Paiva, Cader, Ephraums and Almeida.

Mr. Stanley Livera made an excellent referee as he invariably does.

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Cricket

EIGHT teams will compete in the 1959-60 P. Saravanamuttu Trophy Tournament this year. They will comprise the first division and will play on a home and away basis. Seven other teams will figure in a similar competition and they will make up the second division. No Club will be permitted to have more than one team in each division and at the end of the season the leaders of Group II will be promoted to Group I.

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THE "Daily News" Cup teams will also be divided into two divisions, I and II. They play against each other only once. The winners of these two divisions will meet in a final which will decide the destination of the Cup.

The winners of the "Daily News" Cup will be promoted to the higher grade, i.e. to division II. This promotion will be subject to the rule that no club can have two teams in the same division. The following eight teams were chosen by the Tournament Committee to play in the First Division of this year's competition for the P. Sara Trophy:—

B. R. C. Colts, Moors, N. C. C. "A", Saracens "A", S. S. C. "A", Tamil Union and University.

Second Division.—Bloomfield, Caturans, Moratuwa, N. C. C. "B", Negombo C. C., Saracens "B", S. S. C. "B".

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F. W. Porritt to settle in Australia

ONE of the best all-round school cricketers turned out by Royal in the nineteen-thirties, F.W. Porritt, leaves Ceylon for Australia by the "Strathaird" next week. He goes to Melbourne to join his sister, Mrs. I. F. Markus. "Bill" Porritt played for Royal in 1931, under F. C. de Saram's captaincy; in 1932, under F. R. de Saram's captaincy and in 1933, under W. L. Mendis' captaincy, while in his last year (1934), he led the side. He was a prolific scorer in school cricket, a heady bowler who met with great success and a brilliant fieldsman. While at Royal he had the distinction of playing for All-Ceylon against W. M. Woodfull's team. He was also a member of the Ceylonese side that toured India under S. S. Jayawickrema's captaincy in 1940-41. He played an excellent innings of 49 against India, at Calcutta. In 1934, he scored a superb century—112—for the Nondescripts against the Indian Occasionals.

He was a son of the late Mr. F. E. Porritt, the well known Turfite, who married a daughter of the late Dr. Emmanuel Roberts.

The best of good luck to this fine sportsman in Australia.

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NEW CAR NEWS

—By J. P. O.—

THE M. G. "A" (1600) is out. According to reports, it is a distinct improvement over the previous model, although in appearance the exterior remains practically unaltered. Prices too are unchanged (in the U. K.).

Greater stopping power is provided by disc brakes, for the front wheels only. The existing engine is bored out to give a capacity of 1588 c.c. (hence the nomenclature 1600). Twin S. U. semi-downdraught carburettors and a compression ratio of 8.3 to 1 give the modified engine a total power output of 79.5 horsepower developed at 5,600 revolutions per minute. There is no change in the gearbox and, as before, there is a choice of 4.3 to 1 or 4.55 to 1 top gear ratios.

Improvements to bodywork are confined to new side screens, which incorporate sliding panels for signalling, etc. The rear light cluster has been re-arranged in order to conform to the latest legal requirements in England, where the flasher indicator lights must be divorced from the other lamps and be of a neutral colour, namely, amber. This I consider an extremely sensible legal requirement. In fact I had suggested such an arrangement for use in Ceylon, several years ago—but then, no one takes any notice until it happens "in England". Also, for many years, I have been requesting that *hand signalling be scrapped and electrically operated direction indicator signals be made legally compulsory*. Perhaps one day such a scheme may be adopted in England, and a decade after that we shall have it here in Ceylon.

The M. G. "A" (1600) is available in open or hard-top form. There are several new colour combinations and a host of optional equipment which the owner may purchase to suit his personal requirements. The new model may be recognised by the motif "1600" which appears behind the usual M. G. "A" monograms. It does not supersede the M. G. "A" Twin Cam model, which continues in production, as far as I am aware.

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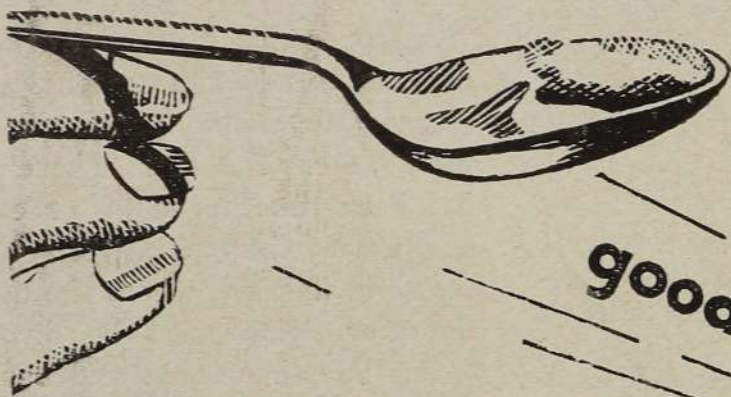
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A WOMAN'S DIARY

THE IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION

—By ANNE—

"It was a novel idea", exclaimed more than one visitor to the recent first-of-its-kind (in Ceylon) Ideal Home and Home Beautiful Exhibition held at St. Bridget's Convent. Actually, it was a reflection of our times and the overwhelming interest that home-building and home-making holds for the average citizen today. Few of us are able to build solid mansions or "walauwes" to hand down to posterity, but with modern materials and methods we are able to put up structures which are adequate for our lifetime and which combine beauty with utility.

So I think the organiser of the Ideal Home Exhibition really capitalized on an idea that already held people's interest. She and all the officials concerned must, I am sure, have felt well regarded on seeing the enthusiastic crowds that streamed in right up to the last day of the exhibition.

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THE centre of attraction at the exhibition was, of course, the model home, and the great thing about it was that, while it may not have been everybody's conception of a dream-house, it did give everybody an idea of how a satisfactory home could be achieved on limited means and on a pocket-handkerchief-sized plot of ground.

After all, the chief obstacle to most dreams being realized is—lack of money. Here, then, was a model home that was within the reach of people without capital, people who were dependent on Government loans and housing schemes in order to build houses for themselves. The basic structure of the house (calculated at around Rs. 8,200) consisted of standard precast reinforced concrete columns which were sunk into a rectangular trough-like foundation and which supported the roof.

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THE beauty of the idea seemed to me to lie in the fact that

no walls were required to support the structure and therefore there was no stereotyped plan that one had to follow for the secondary structural units. The arrangement of walls and windows between the precast concrete pillars may be varied to suit each individual builder's taste and pocket. The model home at the exhibition had only one bedroom, but extra rooms could be added to this plan at a minimum cost merely by adding more concrete pillars and extending the roof.

There is no doubt that the basic structure was ideally conceived to suit local conditions. Almost any materials may be used. The deciding factor would be each owner's means and preferences. The house can be cheaply built by local contractors.

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TO most women, the piece-resistance of the house would, I am sure, have been the model kitchen. There was nothing revolutionary about it because even in Ceylon we have now become very conscious of the importance of well planned, attractive kitchens which save time and labour and in which the family may sit to eat if they so wish. The unique feature about it was, of course, the all-purpose cupboard for holding all the requirements of an average kitchen, including work-table, electrical and other labour-saving gadgets, cooking utensils and storage bins for rice, flour and coconuts. I was greatly intrigued by this last item which seemed an idea worth copying. The old-fashioned rice-box can be dispensed with and the week's supply of coconuts need not adorn a corner of the kitchen floor!

The closing of the cupboard doors hides all the kitchen equipment from view, displaying only a colourful hand-painted mural, but I don't see why the things that belong in a kitchen need to be concealed, anyway. Gleaming saucepans, modern gadgets and colourful bins and containers all give character to a kitchen and I would personally prefer an open cupboard arrangement. The cupboard in the Ideal Home had a framework of mahogany and formica-topped shelves, but it could be done in a cheaper way and

was simple enough for the clever home handyman to turn out.

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IN this sweltering August heat, one is very conscious of the importance of ventilation, and in the Ideal Home, cross ventilation was employed to keep the house cool and airy. The high, wide roof with well-ventilated gable ends, the half-walls, the large window area, all combined to ensure the maximum passage of light and air into the dwelling. Another very attractive feature was the multiple shelf dividing unit which ran right through the house and which was carefully designed to give various arrangements of closets, cupboards and drawers while conserving living space and doing away with a host of tables, wardrobes, sideboards, etc., which tend to clutter up a house. I did like the built-in dressing table unit.

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MANY visitors commented on the extensive use of hardboard all over the house, but those who ought to know say there is nothing to prevent the use of hardboard in the bathroom so long as it is sufficiently treated with paint and is made "water-resistant". There is no need for the old-fashioned go-down or store-room in the modern home. The kitchen itself holds all its own requirements both in utensils and foodstuffs and as for storage space for other "junk" which every family accumulates, the problem was quite simply solved in Mr. Bawa's model home by means of utilising the space between the roof and the extra-low ceiling of bathroom and kitchen, for storage purposes.

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THE only old-fashioned thing about this contemporary model home appealed to me—the good old-fashioned kerosene oil lamps which somehow seemed restful and "right" in contrast to today's modern electric light fittings which are designed to look like anything other than lamps! Incidentally, these old lamps can easily be converted into electric lights. There was something for everybody in the Ideal Home.

The Exhibition was a grand idea, well conceived and well worked out.

A SPORTS CAUSERIE

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C.C.C. Beat Up-Country

THIS year's cricket match between the C.C.C. and an Up-country XI, led by P. C. Fielder, and played on the C.C.C. ground during the last week-end was in strong contrast to the keenly contested matches in pre-War days when Up-country were well off for good cricketers, most of whom had won their Public School colours. The C.C.C. batting first declared with their total at 147 for 3 wickets and then dismissed Up-country for a paltry 57. Going in a second time the C.C.C. declared after scoring 111 for 2 wickets and dismissing Up-country a second time for 80 were left easy winners by 121 runs. R. D. Wyatt, 48 not out, and J. Paulet 40 showed good form for the C.C.C. in the first innings, while J. M. Starey 52 and M. J. Birch 51 not out played two fine knocks in the second. This pair established a splendid partnership of 108 for the first wicket. Herold and Lewsey bowled effectively for the winners. The batting of the Up-country side in both innings revealed lack of practice.

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Up-Country Lose to C.H. & F.C. in Hockey Test

THE C. H. and F. C. scored a comfortable win against an Up-country eleven in the annual Hockey Test played on the C.C.C. ground on Tuesday, 11th August, the visitors being beaten by 5 goals to 2. Up-country fielded a strong side but they lacked combination, whereas the C.H. and F.C., who have come on a lot in recent months, gave a fine display and well deserved their success. In the first half the C. H. and F. C. led by 3 goals to 1, A. Jones, T. Cumming and K. Aitken each scoring a goal. Fred Aldons obtained Up-country's goal. After the interval C. H. Seville and Cumming scored for the Homesters and David Gibbon for Up-country. Those two fine hockey players of other days, Neville Greene and M. G. Thornton, were the umpires.

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Shell Pink Wins C.T.C. Cup

THE chief feature of last Saturday's racing in Colombo, the third day of the C.T.C. July meet, was the victory of Mr. Vernon Rajapakse's Shell Pink, ridden by Burk-

hardt, in the Ceylon Turf Club Cup. Reckless Courage was second and Friendly Isle third.

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Barbarians Beat Ceylon

THE Barbarians scored a surprise victory against the Ceylon XV in the rucker match played at Radella last Saturday, by 15 points (3 goals) to 8 (a goal and a try). The Barbarians gave a grand display, and were on top most of the time.

The match was a trial to choose the team for the first test against the Oxford-Cambridge XV.

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Ceylon-Bombay Aquatic Contest

CEYLON annexed the "Ceylon Observer" Trophy against Bombay for the first time since its inception when the teams met recently at St. Joseph's College Pool. Four former records were beaten, the best performance being that of Subash Lathi of Bombay in the 110 Butterfly, who beat his previous record by 5 secs. Tony Williams and Abeyasekera also improved on the previous records.

Outstanding features was the victory by Ceylon in the 4 × 110 medley relay, Joseph Hamer's victory in the 440 yards Free Style and the high class diving of Allan Smith.

Tara de Saram showing great form helped Ceylon to retain the B. O. A. C. Trophy for women by 39 points to 26.

Bombay won the Water Polo match by 6 goals to 4.

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National Tennis Championships

ARRANGEMENTS are being made to hold the Ceylon National Tennis Championships, in all probability, in Nuwara Eliya, next year. A deputation from the Ceylon Lawn Tennis Association consisting of Messrs. W. L. Rutnam, H. C. Sansoni, D. M. Perera and A. T. Perera, Hony. Secretary, interviewed Mr. K. A. R. Pelpola, Mayor of Nuwara Eliya, recently on this proposal and received a sympathetic hearing. The Mayor was advised that the C.L.T.A. intend holding all major tournaments in future in Nuwara Eliya and requested that the courts be maintained by the Council in return for all the fees collected during the off season.

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Athletics

IN the finals of the Junior A. A. A. Championship Meet held on August 1 on the Oval, one Ceylon

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balk at going to Arugam Bay or Sinnamuttuvaran, or Kalkudah, or Vakarai, or Trinco or Kuchi or Kokkilai, and complain of the distance and the expense, but some of you are saving up to come to ME!"

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AND I grinned to myself and agreed with the Man in the Moon and watched how the Kalai chases his dinner and how the Koduwa does likewise, and my Three Nuns baccy burnt evenly and beautifully, in keeping with the serenity around me, and I knew peace and happiness, though I didn't carry away a fish. And the dinner Benedict gave me I ate in thankfulness and went to sleep like a child—in wild-eyed happiness and wonder—and arose in the early morning and went with a smile to get if possible a jungle cock as he challenged "Jock, George Joyce", in the freshness of dawn.

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THAT last week was wonderful, Health glowed in me, my moon face was more interesting with a rich tan on it, and my body resembled a boiled lobster; my mind was so serene, that if anybody insulted me, I'd have laughed and not hit him!

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away. Thrones which have stood for ages, are to meet the doom pronounced upon all men's works. But, the individual mind survives, and the obscurest subject, if true to God, will rise to a power never wielded by earthly potentates." They are words worth remembering.

record, two Junior records and three best achievements were lowered and another Junior record equalled. The Ceylon record broken was in the 4 × 200 Metres Club Relay in which Ace "A" returned the new time of 1 min. 30.2 secs., clipping off no less than 2.5 secs. from the previous record of 1 min. 32.7 secs. set up by I.C.L.I. in 1955. The four Ace runners responsible for the new record are Roy Fernando, B. Atwell, Ranjit Wijesekera and P. Rajaratnam running in that order.

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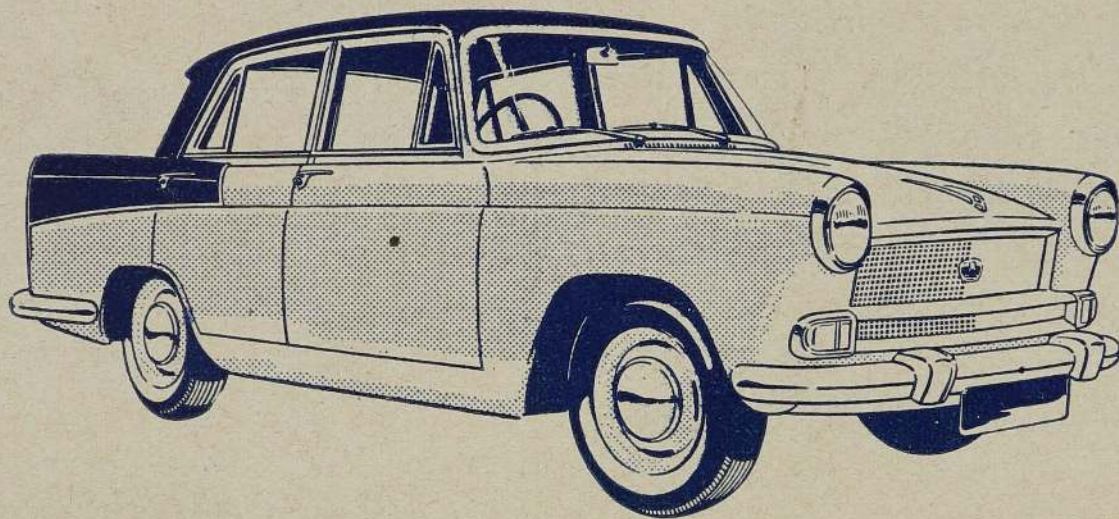
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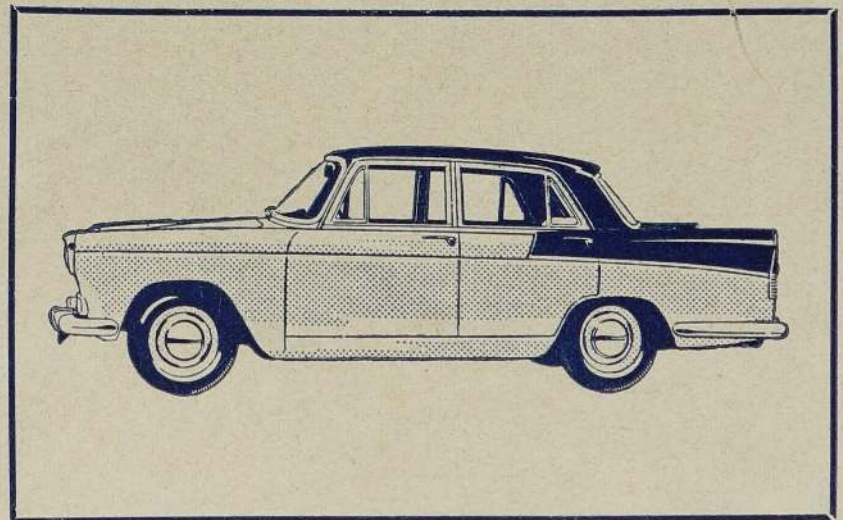
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