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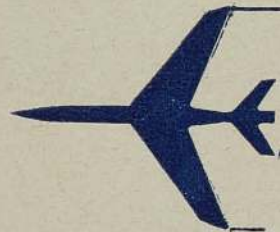
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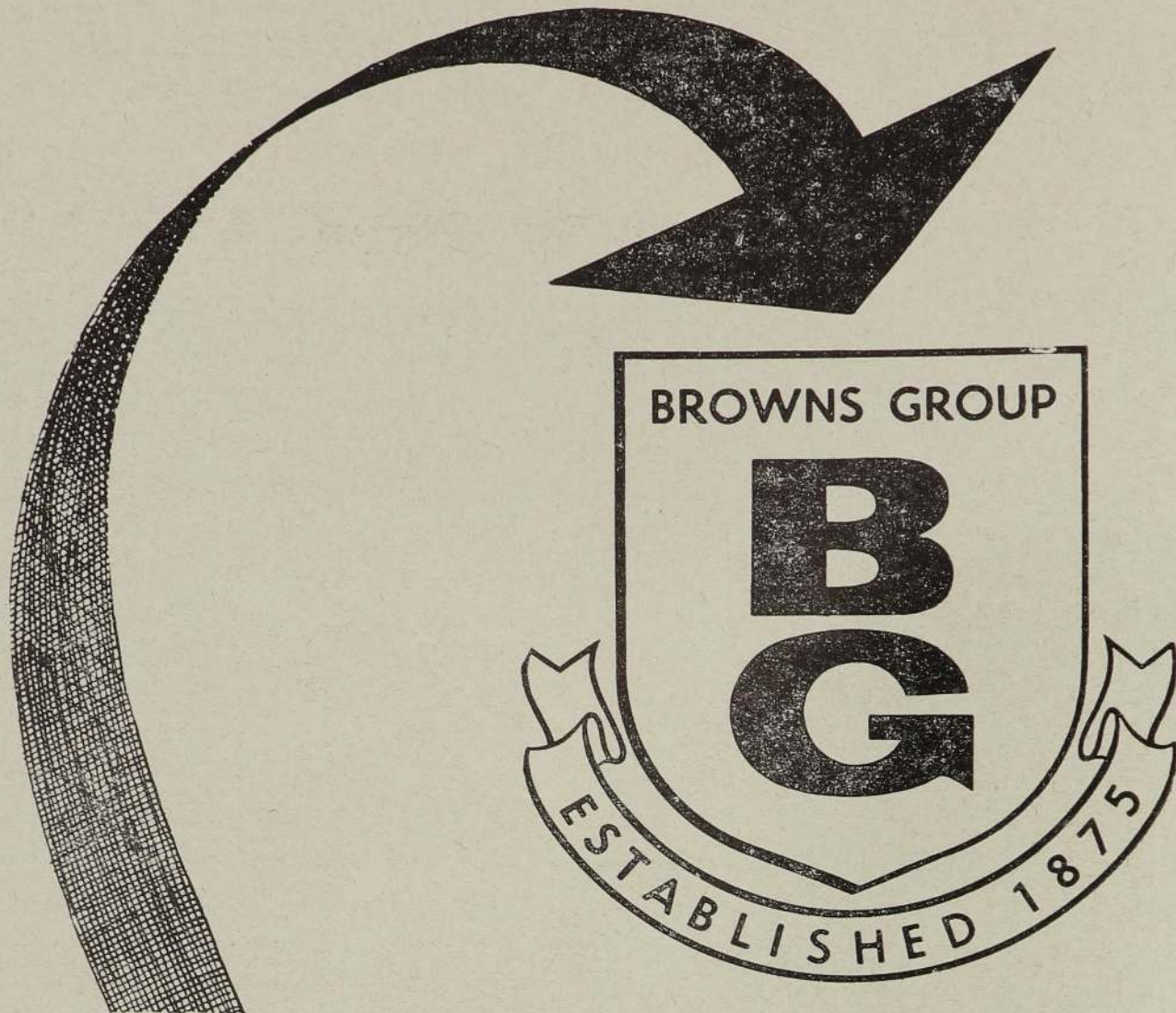
**A Star is Born**



Joe Perera

Anne Anderson (above) was the only woman in the cast of the C.A.D.C. production "Dial M for Murder". She took the part of Sheila Wendice.

The play had a successful run in the Lionel Wendt Theatre. (See page 25).



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## KRUSHCHEV AND EISENHOWER

THE most momentous event of our times is without doubt the impending visit of the Russian Premier Mr. Krushchev to the United States this month. The meeting of the leaders of the two most powerful nations in the world today portends nothing but good. The least it should achieve is to bring relief from the sense of fear that has oppressed mankind since the end of the war. Indeed from the moment news of the proposed meeting was published there has been growing a relaxation of international tension, as demonstrated by the tumultuous reception given to Mr. Eisenhower in Bonn and London last week.

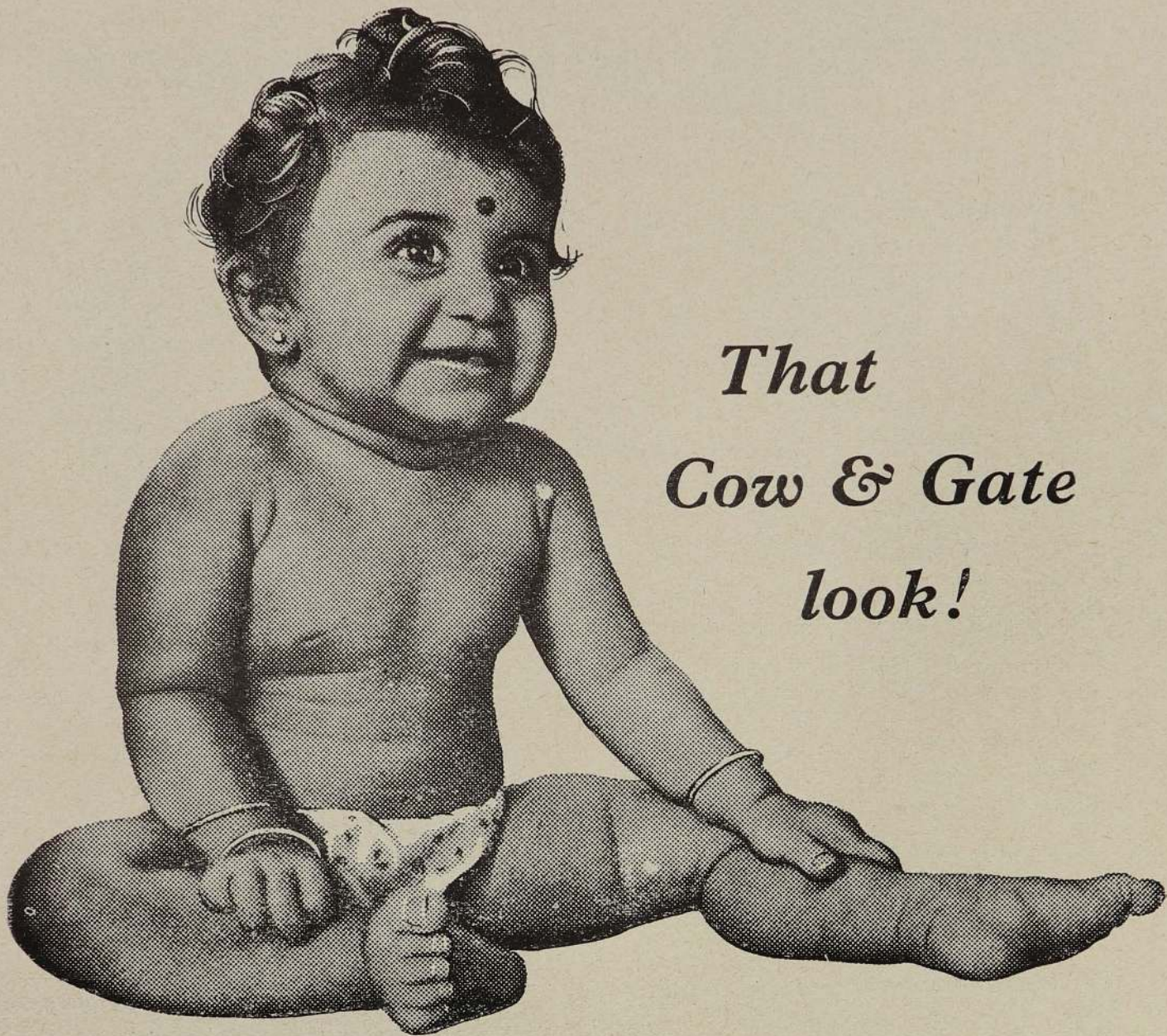
The timing of Mr. Eisenhower's invitation to Mr. Krushchev, which he had been angling for, is significant. When Mr. Krushchev suggested a summit meeting of the Big-four powers and the West insisted on a meeting of the foreign ministers beforehand, he gave in because as far as he was concerned it would be barren of result. When that was the prospect that unfolded itself at Geneva, the new Secretary of State, Mr. Christian Herter, is credited with having advised Mr. Eisenhower to ask Mr. Krushchev to the U. S. Mr. Nixon's experiences on his recent visit to Russia also pointed to the desirability of personal contact between Mr. Krushchev and Mr. Eisenhower.

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EVENTS, however, had already been moving towards such a development. The economic and cultural exchanges between the two countries—the visit of Mr. Mikoyan to the U.S., the Soviet exhibition in New York, the tour of the Bolshoi ballet to America on the one hand, and on the other the greater number of Americans going to Russia, particularly the award of a passport to Mr. Paul Robeson, the American exhibition in Moscow and the visit of Mr. Nixon himself—had succeeded in thawing the cold war. But it was the imaginative act of the British Premier Mr. Harold Macmillan in making his historic trip to Russia five months ago that broke the ice.

However, now that at last a meeting is to take place of the two men in whose hands, it is true to say, chiefly lies the fate of the world, it will be the hope of all people of goodwill that the talks between them will usher in an era of peace. For then all countries, especially the underdeveloped countries such as Ceylon, will be able to bend their energies to the pursuit of the happiness of their peoples unaffected by the inter-play of politics and the struggle for hegemony in which directly and indirectly they become involved.

THE EDITOR.



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## MATTERS OF MOMENT

—By BRUTUS—

THERE is every prospect of Ceylon being elected a member of the Security Council of the United Nations to fill the seat which it has become a tradition now to be occupied by a member of the Commonwealth. Another candidate is Ghana, but the likelihood seems to be that the African state will stand down or receive less support than Ceylon. The retiring member is Canada.

The composition of the Ceylon delegation to the United Nations is significant of the prospect ahead. Besides Sir Claude Corea, the permanent representative, and Mr. A. B. Perera (Ambassador to the United Arab Republic) and Mr. Baduidin Mahmud, who have been Ceylon's delegates in the past, Dr. G. P. Malalasekera, Ambassador to Soviet Russia, and Sir Velupillai Coomaraswamy, High Commissioner in Canada, will also attend the impending session.

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FOR the first time in the history of the great festival, tragedy overtook the Kandy Perahera this year. Fourteen persons were killed and 125 seriously injured when an elephant named Raja (not to be confused with the Maligawa tusker by the same name) got out of control on the final night of the Perahera at Kandy.

The exact cause of the elephant running amok has not been definitely established, but it is believed the animal was infuriated when live coals from a brazier accidentally fell on his flank.

There was wild, crazy panic among the quarter million people who jam-packed the narrow streets of Kandy. All but two (a woman and her child who were trampled to death by the elephant) were killed or injured in the wild stampede. At one stage the mahouts (whose heroism has been acknowledged by the temple chiefs) overpowered the animal and chained him to a lamp-post at the Ward Street-Brownrigg Street junction, but the crowd started jeering and hooting at the animal which broke loose and went on the rampage. The animal was shot by the Police in an alley where it was cornered.

WITHDRAWAL of the export duty on plumbago was advocated by Mr. Richard Pieris, Chairman of the Ceylon Merchants Chamber, at the thirty-third annual general meeting of the chamber, to enable the industry to fight foreign competition. Unless this was done, he said, one of Ceylon's oldest indigenous industries would be compelled to cease production. He also urged the appointment of a committee of inquiry to make a comprehensive study of the working of the Port Cargo Corporation in view of the severe criticism levelled at the corporation from all quarters."

Dealing with the role of private enterprise, Mr. Pieris said that the fact that the private sector is more efficient is becoming clearer every day, "particularly now that we have a measure of comparison in the nationalized services". He went on to reiterate the demand, which he said the Chamber had made for the past three years, that the Government clarify the role that the private sector had to play in the economy. "We earnestly appeal to the Government to let us know where we really stand", he pleaded.

Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya was elected chairman for the ensuing year.

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THE urgency of intensive research into coconut oil as an item of food was emphasised by the Minister of Commerce and Trade, Mr. R. G. Senanayake, in his address to the FAO working party on copra quality and grading at its second session, held in Colombo last month. Not only was coconut oil being crowded out of the soap industry by synthetic detergents, he said, but even in the manufacture of margarine vegetable and animal fats, with successful chemical treatment, threatened the position that coconut oil had hitherto held.

Thirteen countries were represented at the conference, which was held in the Planters' Association of Ceylon building. Mr. V. L. Wirasinha, Director of Commerce, was elected Chairman of the session, which was opened by Mr. K. Alvaipillai, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Trade. Welcoming the delegates, Mr. E. Muttucumaru, first chairman of the FAO group on coconut and coconut products, said that they had every reason to be gratified at the progress made by the FAO in the field of



—Times

Earl De La Warr, Chairman of the Royal Commonwealth Society, with Mrs. D. M. Gill, Secretary of the Ceylon branch, and Mr. Danton Obeyesekere, the President, at the Galle Face Hotel, where he addressed members of the Ceylon branch of the Society.

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coconut in the short space of two years since the group was formed.

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THE meeting studied research carried out by the Coconut Research Institute of Ceylon on copra quality in several aspects where clear scientific decisions would have an important bearing on commercial practices, as well as the working of co-operatives in Ceylon and Indonesia. It decided to ask FAO to organise a special seminar on coconut co-operatives. Delegates showed much interest in the Coconut Board Sales Room in Colombo.

As governments of most coconut producing countries were considered to know little about what happens to copra between the estate and the exporter, the meeting studied the organisation of marketing surveys which would help governments to reform their marketing systems. The results of these surveys on the basis of a questionnaire prepared by the meeting will become available late in 1960.

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THE Maldivian Government is reported to have rejected the invitation of the British Government to come to London for negotiations on the RAF staging post on Gan and Hittadu islands and future relations between the two countries.

The Maldivian Government has at the same time protested at the landing of British troops from Singapore in Gan Island (described by them as reinforcement and by the British Government as air mobility exercise) as intimidatory of the inhabitants of the Gan and Hittadu Islands who are in favour of overthrowing the secessionist regime on these Islands and also as violating the existing treaty relations between the two countries. A Maldivian Government communique released in Colombo regards the troop movement as sinister considered with the offer of the good offices of the British Government in bringing about a rapprochement between the Maldivian government and the rebellious elements and the "threat" that if the offer was not availed of Britain would be forced to take whatever steps were necessary in her interest.

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IT is not everybody, apparently, who likes jet speed travel even nowadays. There was, for example, the man who set out on a 10,000 mile journey from Europe to Asia on horseback. On August 17, fifteen people British and Australian, left the U. K. on a five-week overland coach trip to Ceylon. The trip is organised by Penn Overland Tours.

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One of the six coming the whole way to Ceylon through nine countries is Mr. E. Ambrose, a writer. He served in Ceylon for three years during the last war and hopes to collect material for a book. "You see so much of a country travelling this way and it appeals to my sense of adventure", he said, explaining his choice of the mode of travel.

Of the others, three are Australians who will stay in Ceylon for several weeks before flying to Australia. Another is an English girl, Miss J. A. Jenkins, who will travel from Ceylon to Rhodesia, where she has found work. She said she was looking forward to seeing Ceylon and she had read a lot about it. The oldest member of the party is Miss Bulham. "Like most of us, she is just going for the fun of it", a spokesman of Overland Tours said.

SMALL British marine diesel engines are being used to power a fleet of Ceylonese fishing boats being built in Colombo under a scheme sponsored by the Government. The engines give the small boats the extra range needed to reach areas of the Indian Ocean where large quantities of migrant fish are known to exist as well as the speed necessary to get the fish to refrigeration plants while still fresh.

Following the recent arrival in Ceylon of the first two of an initial order of ten engines, a further 40 have been ordered by Messrs. A. Baur & Co. Ltd., of Colombo. The engine is the David Brown M.D. 212 B.H.P., air-cooled, two cylinder o.h.v. marine diesel unit. Exceptionally low fuel consumption is claimed for the engine. British fishing vessels powered by this type of engine and operating off the north-east coast of Britain are reported to be running four hours on one gallon of fuel. The basic engine is manufactured by Messrs. David Brown Construction Equipment Ltd., of Hanworth Park, Feltham, Middlesex and it has been adapted for marine purposes by Messrs. Arthur Gray Ltd., of Poole, Dorset.

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THE Prime Minister, Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, who is an ex-secretary of the Oxford Union Society, has been invited by the Union Society to address it next Michaelmas term on any subject he



—Times  
The Prime Minister with members of the Oxford and Cambridge University rugby team at a lunch given in their honour at the Grand Oriental Hotel by Ceylonese who graduated from Oxford and Cambridge.



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chooses. Others who have been invited to address the debates next term are the British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, who is an ex-librarian of the Society, the former U.S. President, Mr. Harry Truman, and M. Jacques Soustelle of France. Mr. Bandaranaike has indicated that he would be able to accept the invitation only if official business took him to Europe in the next three months.

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**T**WO thousand oil sheikhs from Saudi Arabia, who earn huge royalties from British and American oil companies, are scheduled to arrive in Ceylon between next month and March next year in what Ceylon expects will be a dollar spending spree. The visit has been arranged by the Ceylon Tourist Bureau and a tourist agency in Saudi Arabia in what is described as the biggest tourist campaign launched by the Bureau.

Huge preparations are under way in Ceylon for accommodating the sheikhs. Extensions to rest-houses are being accelerated and arrangements are being made with the local big hotels to house them.

An official of the bureau has said that there was no doubt that Ceylon would be able to earn "quite a lot of dollars" from the oil sheikhs, who normally spend their money on holidaying in the United States.

It all began with the Bureau starting, with the tourist agency, a "quiz" competition on Ceylon, in which questions ranged from what is the longest river in Ceylon to what is the highest peak. As many as 5,000 are reported to have participated in the "quiz", the winner of which receives a free air trip to Ceylon with a week's stay at the Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya, thrown in.

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**A** JUDGE of the Ceylon Supreme Court, Mr. T. S. Fernando, is one of the jurists from nine countries who have accepted membership in the Legal Inquiry Committee on Tibet. Mr. Fernando was Solicitor-General for some time and also acted as Attorney-General.

The other members of the committee are drawn from India, Britain (Lord Shawcross), Thailand, Malaya, Burma, Norway, Ghana and the Philippines. The Inquiry Committee follows the report presented to the International Commission of Jurists

by a small team of experts established by Mr. Purshotam Trikamdas, a senior Indian Advocate, whose findings on Tibet were the basis of the preliminary report which the Commission has published—"The question of Tibet and the rule of law". The committee will continue the inquiry and collect documents, statements and other evidence, after the examination of which a final report will be published. Particular attention is to be paid to the question of violation of human rights and whether the crime of genocide is sufficiently proven.



—Times

**Mr. Bernard Gufler**  
New American Ambassador

**R**ECORDING a phenomenal increase in the hatching capacity provided by the Department of Agriculture, the Director, Dr. M. F. Chandraratne, anticipates that egg imports to Ceylon will almost completely cease by the end of this year. It is pointed out that corresponding to the hatching capacity provided by the department, imports, which averaged 27 to 30 millions per year in the five-year period prior to 1958, dropped to 19 millions in 1958.

Another point made by the Director is that, taking the population of Ceylon at the end of the five-year period commencing 1958 at approximately 10 millions, and an average yield of 59 bushels per acre of rice from the annually harvested acreage of 1.1 million as needed to meet the required 64.7 million bushels of paddy, the crops of three districts in Maha and one district in Yala exceeded this figure. Polonnaruwa,

Badulla, and Nuwara Eliya districts recorded average yields of 59.3, 61.2 and 66.6 bushels respectively per acre in Maha 1957 and Polonnaruwa in Yala 1958 averaged 62.2 bushels per acre.

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**T**HE new American Ambassador to Ceylon, Mr. Bernard A. Gufler, with Mrs. Gufler, arrived in Colombo on August 23 and were greeted by many friends they had made when Mr. Gufler was counsellor of the embassy here six years ago.

Mr. Gufler declared himself very pleased to be back in Ceylon. Among those whose acquaintance they were renewing were Mr. Anthony J. M. de Silva and Mr. W. Wanigasekera, President and Secretary respectively of the Urban Councils Association, who recently attended the International conference on local government in West Berlin, where Mr. Gufler was Assistant chief of mission.

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**M**R. Gufler, presenting his credentials to the Governor-General, said that in renewing his association with Ceylon his deepest wish was to be able to add to the already close co-operation between Ceylon and the U. S. so that together they might further the cause of peace and justice in the world. "It is indeed a rare pleasure for me to return to Ceylon once again, to this land and people I know so fondly and respect so highly", he said.

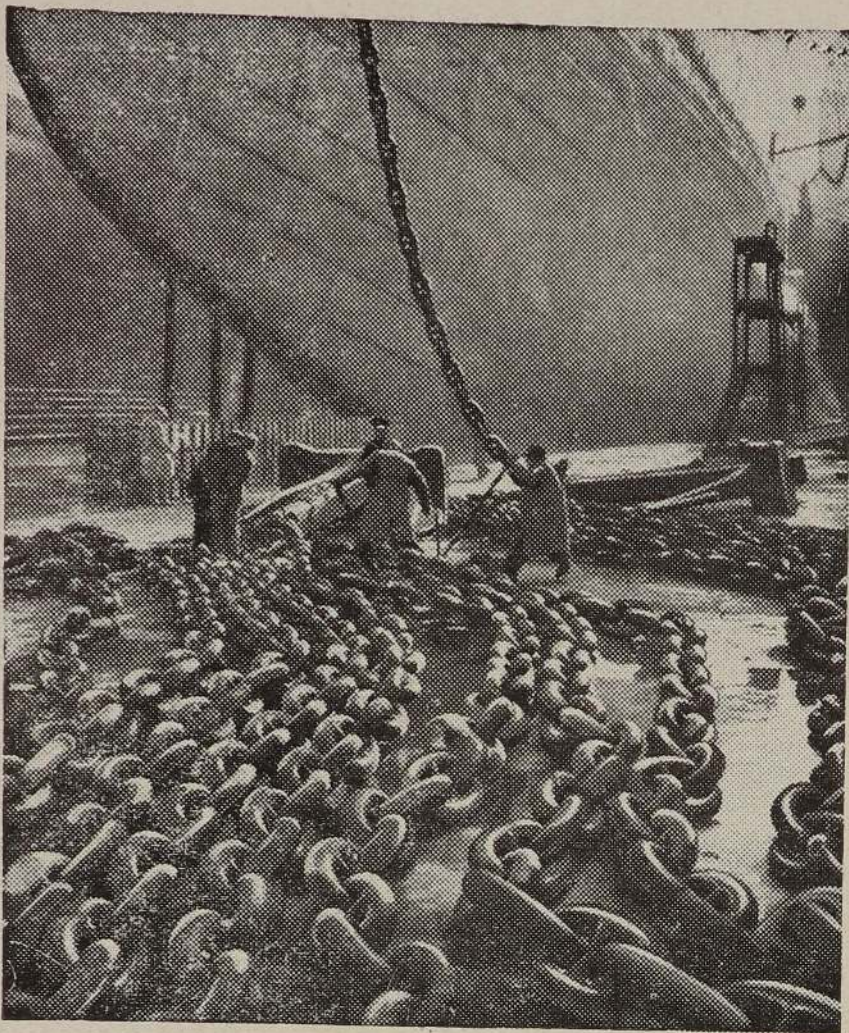
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**I**T is not the first motel in Ceylon but it is the first in Colombo which has been set up a little beyond the Ratmalana airport, between it and Moratuwa. A road sign with the simple legend "Motel" beckons visitors to the American style road rest.

A visitor reports that the atmosphere in the motel is distinctly different from that in a rest-house, Ceylon's nearest equivalent to the motel: "the accent was placed a little more on comfort and convenience!"

The small group of enterprising and widely travelled men who decided to strike out on this venture are confident that the idea will catch on, the visitor reports. There was no fanfare, no trumpets blew, at the opening of the motel, unusually for Ceylon. It is open and that is all.

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# IMPRESSIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

—By SIR JOHN HOWARD, Q.C.—

Former Chief Justice of Ceylon

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

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THIS article has been written in fulfilment of a promise to the Editor made some months ago after visits paid by me in April and November last year to Baghdad. These visits were in connection with my appointment as Arbitrator in a dispute with regard to the construction of a road in the northern part of Iraq. The arbitration proceedings have been completed and my functions as Arbitrator have now come to an end.

As readers of this article will realize, the atmosphere and conditions in Iraq had, consequent on the revolution which took place on the 14th July, 1958, undergone a remarkable change in the interim period between my two visits. I do not propose to make any comment on the impact which the revolution had on the arbitration proceedings. I shall, however, contrast the general conditions of life in Baghdad in November, 1958, as compared with what they were in April.

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MY April visit to the Middle East, apart from my stay in Baghdad included two days in Beirut, the capital of the Lebanon, and two days in Amman, the capital of Jordan. The whole visit was one of absorbing interest and most enjoyable. In all three countries, Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan, I was impressed by the extreme friendliness of everyone that I met.

Although the abortive Suez adventure occurred less than two years previously and had impaired British prestige in no small measure in all three countries, it was obvious to me that memories of this unhappy event had been consigned to the limbo of the past and that their future required our co-operation and friendship.

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MY travels were made by air both in April and November. In April I was away for ten days. During this time I travelled in no less than six different planes. The first part of the journey starting on

Easter Monday, April 7, was made from London Airport to Beirut by B.O.A.C.'s Britannia. The start was inauspicious. My two companions and myself arrived at London Airport at 11 a.m., expecting to leave at 12 o'clock only to discover that the departure of the plane was delayed until 4.30 p.m. This irritating delay involved numerous visits to the Restaurant and meant that, instead of arriving at Beirut at a reasonable hour, it was not until 2 a.m. that we landed.

The trip in the Britannia was made in the acme of comfort with sumptuous food and refreshment.



—Times

Sir John Howard, Q.C.

The only stop was at Zurich. At Beirut we were met by representatives of the claimants and taken to the Hotel St. Georges, one of the luxury hotels in this delightful city. I was allocated the bridal suite and I am glad to recall that the expenses of the trip were being paid not by me, but by the parties to the Arbitration.

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THE night was a short one as we had to catch, on the following morning, the 10 a.m. plane to

Baghdad. This was a Viscount of Iraqi Airlines. It was an "all-tourist" plane and most uncomfortable compared with the spaciousness of the Britannia. However, it was only a two-hour journey as we arrived at Baghdad at 12 o'clock. There I was met by a representative of the Iraq Government, the respondents in the Arbitration, and seen through the Customs without any formality such as customs examination of baggage.

The first thing that struck me was the intense heat compared with Beirut. We stayed at the Omar Khayam Hotel and once again I was allotted the best suite. The remainder of the day was spent in rest. Owing to the heat there was small inclination to do anything else, particularly as air travel is always tiring.

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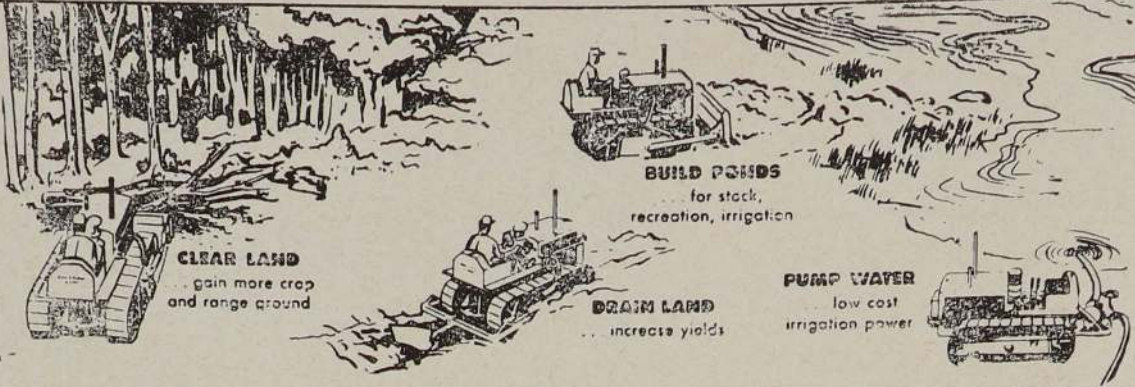
ON the following day I held a preliminary sitting of the Arbitration in a room provided by the hotel. Iraqi lawyers appeared for both parties. In addition the claimants were represented by an English barrister, instructed by an English firm of Solicitors. The matter in dispute was governed by Iraqi law and procedure, with which both myself and the English barrister were unfamiliar. The proceedings, by virtue of Iraqi law, were under the control of the Iraqi Courts. As the result of this preliminary hearing I made an order that my visit should include an inspection of the road, which was the subject-matter of the dispute, in the presence of the parties and their advisers, and also that the further hearing of the proceedings should take place at the Iraqi Embassy in London. I also made a report to the Iraqi Court of the order I had made and requested its ratification.

On the following day we all went to the Court and after argument by both parties in Arabic, none of which I understood, my order was confirmed. The Judge, though not understanding English, was cordial and pleasant.

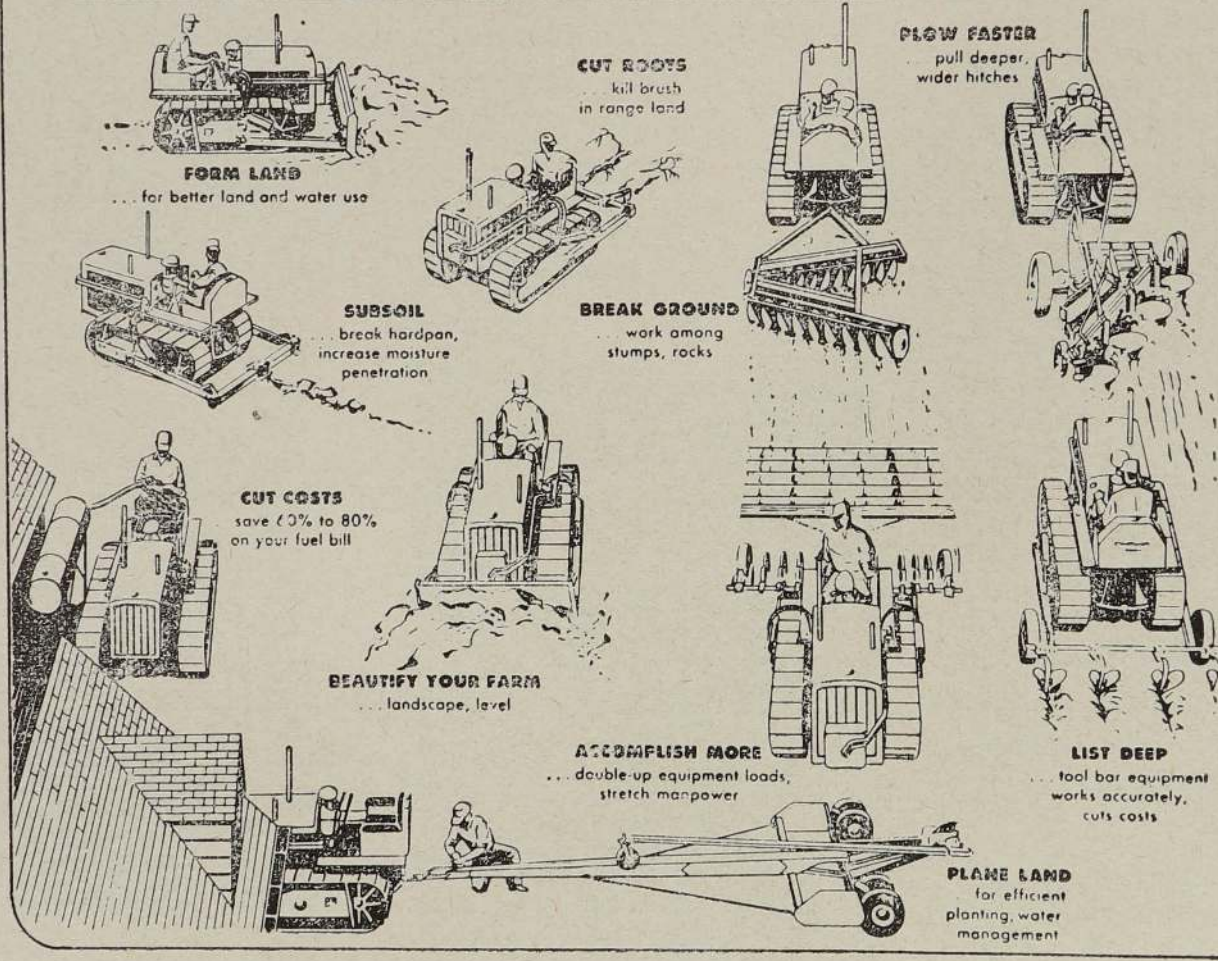
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AN amusing touch to the proceedings was made by everyone in his Chambers or Court being regaled by a concoction which I understood was green tea. Arrangements were then made for the parties and advisers and myself to inspect the road on the Saturday, the

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# POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

— By CROSS-BENCHER —

WITH the six appointed members the Government got the budget through by a majority of only seven (50 to 43), all the members of the Government party being present. Mr. Jayaweera Kuruppu, former Minister of Local Government and Cultural Affairs, left his sick bed again to attend the division, and Mr. M. S. Dissanayake, member for Kalawewa, who has been absent ever since the General Election except on a few occasions to cast his vote, again flew down from India, where he is taking treatment to cast his vote.

On the Opposition side, the two extremist Sinhalese nationalist members, Mrs. Kusuma Rajaratne and Mr. S. D. Bandaranaike, kept away from the division and Mr. K. Hemachandra (Talawakelle) of the U.N.P. was once again described as missing. Sir John Kotelawala was away in England and the Communist member, Mr. P. Kandiah, who is under treatment in China, was another absentee. Mr. C. Suntheralingam made a dash to Colombo from his self-imposed exile in Vavuniya to vote against the budget in order to inflict a moral defeat on the Government, but complained that he had been let down because he had been made to believe that Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam would be present (he was not). It would have been a moral defeat of the Government, it was contended, if the budget was passed with the aid of the votes of only the six appointed members.

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AS for the budget debate itself, the votes of as many as eight ministries were passed without any discussion, for want of time. Last year the estimates of two ministries escaped scrutiny during the committee stage. It is likely, however, that the Opposition will create the opportunity for the discussion of such subjects as the nationalized services (road passenger transport and port cargo handling), shipping (especially the shipping commission's report), information, education, housing and local government. A method that is contemplated is reported to be the introduction of motions on the different subjects. According to the Leader of the Opposition, Dr. N. M. Perera, the failure to adhere to the schedule for the debate was

due to the members who seceded from the Government not being under the Opposition whip. Certainly, Mr. Philip Gunewardena, former Minister of Food and Agriculture, and Mr. Nimal Karunatileke, former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, used up more than their fair share of the allotted time in criticism of the Government in the effort to vindicate their point of view.

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MOREOVER, several matters outside the budget intruded into the debate. For example, there was the question of Police making a baton charge on Malayalis, and injuring several of them, when they demonstrated in the premises of the Indian High Commission against the dismissal of the Kerala Communist Government. It was argued that the action of the Police in entering the compound of the Indian Chancery was a violation of international convention. Mr. Bandaranaike in a statement made light of the matter. The discussion of the incident in Colombo had repercussions in Delhi, where questions were asked in the Indian Parliament. Mr. Nehru, for his part, was content to accept the statement of Mr. Bandaranaike.

A more important question that was raised by the Opposition was the escape from the Kandy hospital of an ex-proctor of Kandy, Mr. P. B. Kolugala, who was serving a term of imprisonment for cheating and against whom other cases await trial.

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THE Kolugala affair brought the new Home Minister, Mr. T. B. Ilangaratne, under severe Opposition criticism. It was alleged that he had asked the prison authorities to allow Mr. Kolugala's wife to see him daily as he was very ill, but according to Mr. Ilangaratne, the concession was to be only as far as the law permitted. Asked why he showed him special favour, he said that it was because Mr. Kolugala was from his constituency. It was urged that the Minister had misused his powers and that he should resign. The Prime Minister defended Mr. Ilangaratne by saying that he had not acted *mala fide* and assured the House that every step was being taken to apprehend this elusive pimpernel.

It transpired that the Minister had approached the previous Minister of Justice for a remission of the sentence on Mr. Kolugala and that he himself had, on becoming Home Minister, enquired into the possibility of releasing Mr. Kolugala on parole but was advised against it by his officials. It was then indicated by the Opposition that the whole question would be raised in a definitive manner at an appropriate time.

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ANOTHER question that was ventilated during the consideration of the budget in committee was the filling of the post of Attorney-General. Dr. Colvin R. de Silva asked why a permanent Attorney-General had not been appointed and pointed out that Mr. Douglas Jansze had been acting in the capacity for three years. The Prime Minister's explanation was that the delay was due to inability to find a candidate of the calibre of the last occupant of the post, Mr. Noel Gratien. He indicated that Mr. T. S. Fernando, puisne judge, who had been acting as Attorney-General, had asked for time to consider the offer of the post. Mr. Bandaranaike added that he had the highest regard for Mr. Jansze and expressed regret at the delay in filling the post.

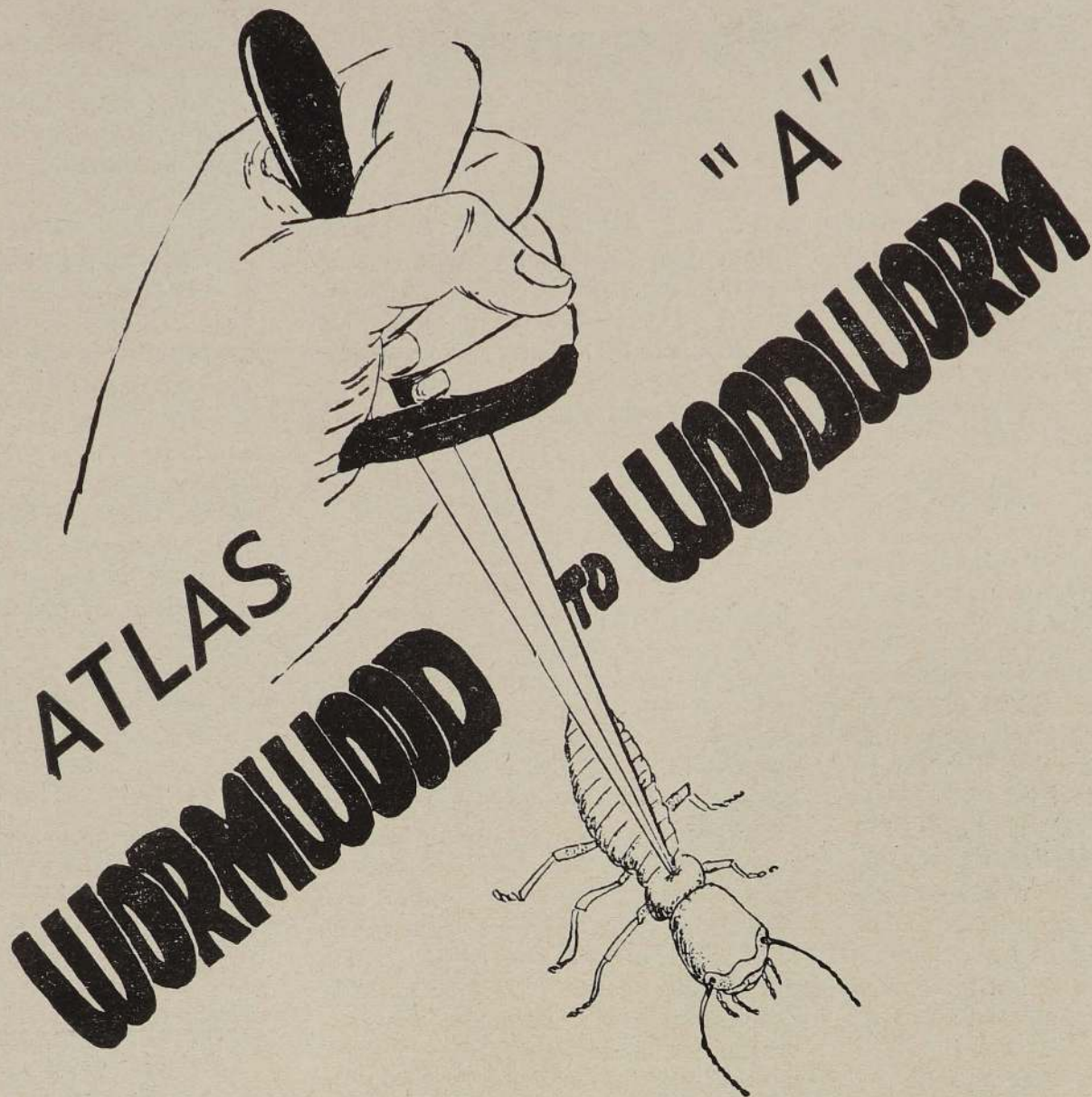
Dr. de Silva retorted that the truth was that the entire matter was political. He expressed the opinion that the acting Attorney-General was a very estimable gentleman and competent to do the job.

Last week it was announced that Mr. Jansze has been confirmed as Attorney-General.

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THAT the Federal Party has to reckon with the pressure of events in pursuing its campaign for equality for Tamil is indicated by recent developments.

While a brief communique issued by the Prime Minister after a deputation from the Party had seen him disclosed that they had talks with regard to "the language policy, particularly in the Northern and Eastern Provinces", five of the seven members of Parliament from the Eastern Province, four Muslims and a Tamil, claim that the Federal Party cannot speak for all the Eastern Province.



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# TECHNIQUE AND GLAMOUR

—By ERNEST CHISHOLM THOMSON—

(Fortnightly Review Special)

WHILE London swelters in summer heat, the first hints of winter's cooling breezes have fluttered, metaphorically, through my letter box. My friends in the radio industry have sent me advance details of Britain's Radio and Television Exhibition at London's Earls Court. This delicious mixture of technicalised glamour and glamorised technicality is the annual curtain-raiser for the winter season of viewing and listening.

For nine days, from August 26 to September 5, the huge glass-roofed exhibition halls will engulf something like a quarter-of-a-million visitors from all over the United Kingdom, not to mention six or seven thousand expected from overseas, for whom a special preview day is arranged on August 25. Already, from long experience of radio shows, I can visualise the scene.

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## Technology And Show Business

TO increasing melodies from banks of loud-speakers, and a panoramic array of pictures on thousands of television sets, the visiting multitudes will be caught up in a whirl of electronic wizardry and celebrity parades. Stars of radio and television, to most people as remote personally as stars in the sky, will be present on the spot in flesh and blood, competing with such counter attractions as the latest transistorised radio receivers, pocket tape recorders and aircraft radar. Nowhere else on earth, it seems to me, will you meet up with such a glorious medley of technology and Show Business.

That there should be callers from places as far apart as Australia and Canada, the Union of South Africa, India, New Zealand and the United States of America is not surprising. In ten years Britain's radio industry has nearly quadrupled its sales overseas, reaching the £46,500,000 mark in 1958.

Television receivers, oddly enough, have not figured much on the export list, although Britain has equipped television transmitters, studios and mobile television units throughout the world. This year, however, receivers are beginning to be exported, and of a sort undreamt of only a year or two ago. They are so

streamlined, slim and "flat", reducing back-to-front measurement by eight and a half inches, that people are saying we shall soon have television screens hanging from the picture rail like oil paintings.

Displacing the old-fashioned radio valve, the transistor looks like dominating the Exhibition. It makes possible Britain's new vest pocket radios working for months from torch batteries with loud-speakers the size of a door-knob. Battery-driven record players, also transistorised, take a mere trickle of current even with turntables for long-playing records. And the turning speed stays steady even when the battery is beginning to wilt.

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## Stereophonic Improvements

TRANSISTORISED, too, are the new pocket tape recorders working on batteries you can recharge overnight from the electric light mains. On the bigger recorders, double-play tape enables a seven-inch plastic spool to carry more than two hours' entertainment.

Unlucky housewives whose homes have been turned upside down in the interests of stereophonic music have been specially remembered this year by the makers of stereo record players. Realising that the two loud-speakers needed for stereo can take up a lot of space in the sitting-room, they have made them smaller and less conspicuous. Music lovers can still enjoy their orchestras in full-toned perspective with unobtrusive ceiling-corner loud-speakers.

"Hi-Fi" (high fidelity) reproduction is still a big seller. The biggest overseas market for Britain's quality receivers and record players is the United States of America. And just to prove that perfection can always be improved upon, manufacturers are offering even better amplifiers, pick-ups and loud-speakers.

To go back to television, the most exciting picture on my screen this week showed the arrival in Dover Harbour from Calais, France, of Britain's new Hovercraft. The

nearest equivalent to a "flying saucer", this extraordinary vehicle had propelled itself over the 21 miles between England and France on a cushion of air created by its own fan power.

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## Frictionless Travel

BUILT for Britain's National Research Corporation by Saunders-Roe, Ltd., the Hovercraft seems equally happy on land or water. Dispensing with wheels, it introduces for the first time completely frictionless travel, and is already hailed as a revolutionary British contribution to commercial transport. It needs no special docks or landing grounds, and can skim like a dragonfly over tidal estuaries, rivers, deserts, ice fields and regions of snow.

Not even the inventor, Mr. Christopher Cockerell, seems decided whether to call it an aircraft or a vehicle, but the former gets my vote, since the Hovercraft is to be on public view in September at the famous Farnborough Air Show—the "shop window" of Britain's aircraft industry.

## IMPRESSIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

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Judge's order having been made on the Thursday. The road was, as I have already said, located in the north of the country and extended about 88 kilometres from Kirkuk, the headquarters of the Iraqi Oil Company, to Tasloojuh.

Kirkuk is a considerable distance from Baghdad, but only one hour by plane. So in a Dove plane chartered from Iraqi Airlines we left Baghdad Airport at 8 a.m. After arriving at Kirkuk we travelled by car the whole length of the road stopping at certain points so that the parties could invite attention to various matters on which their respective cases were based.

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A PARTICULAR matter to which my attention was directed were liquorice bushes, which were discovered at certain portions of the road during excavation operations.

These bushes in places had wooden roots as thick as a man's wrist and were several feet in height.

The Engineer in charge of the construction of the road provided

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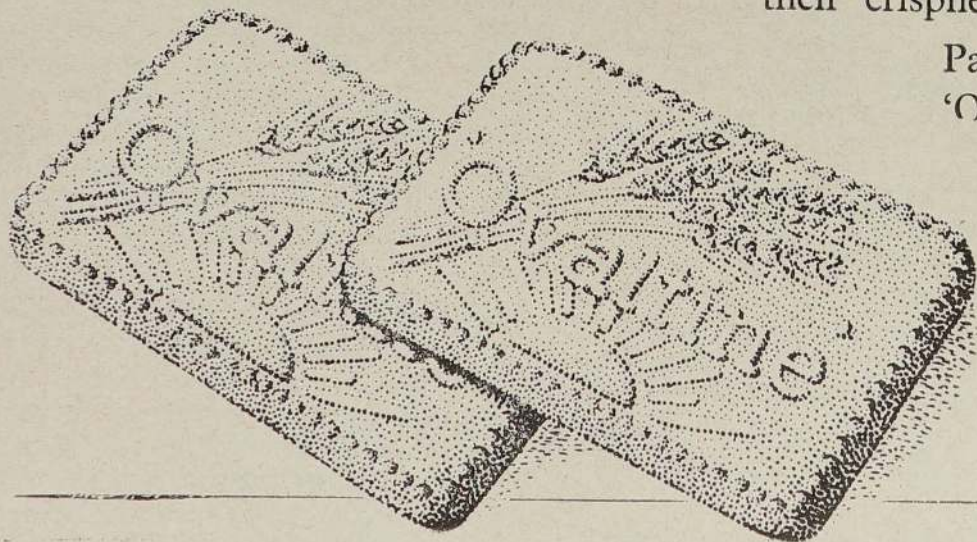
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# OLD COLOMBO

## MEMORIES OF SIXTY YEARS AGO

— By "LENOL" —

MY memories of Colombo go back to 1890. I lived in Barnes Place in the Cinnamon Gardens with my parents in the bungalow known as "Leafields", which was afterwards bought by Mr. Justice Walter Pereira for Rs. 5,000! It was struck by lightning twice and people were diffident about buying it. It was later demolished and six bungalows built on the site, now known as "Marina Avenue".

In those days there were no motor cars, buses or trams and we travelled to the Fort and back in horse-drawn carriages, rickshaws or buggy carts. When I joined Royal College at San Sebastian, I had to walk to college and back from "Dutch House", Castle Street, except when I was fortunate to get a "lift" in a pony cart or hackery.

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THE Royal—St. Thomas' cricket match was played on the Sports Club ground, on Galle Face, beside the Colombo Club, and we used to travel across the Lake in a ramshackle steam boat from the old Pettah Railway Station, opposite the junction of Norris Road and Fifth Cross Street. A trip across the Lake to Parsons Road, opposite the military headquarters, cost two cents, but the boat was so crowded that it was a wonder it did not sink with us. The Volunteer Headquarters near where we landed was a jail-house for long-term prisoners.

The Fort railway station occupied the site of the Unemployment Bureau. From here the first batch of Volunteers travelled to Urugasmanhandiya, near Kosgoda, where the first camp was held.

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SHORT'S Road was then known as Church Yard Lane and was only eight feet wide. There used to be a banyan tree at the junction of Union Place and Short's Road, near the entrance of De Soysa & Co.'s office and stores at Kew Road, which was the haunt of twilight women and such like. A great sensation was caused when the police once arrested an up-country lawyer's wife with an Army man named Gubbins, and thenceforth it came to be called "Gubbins Tree". The lake extended to Parsons Road, where the Government Service foot-

ball ground now stands, and the Chalmers' Granary occupied the site of the Racquet Court. There was also the Floral Hall, where a marionette show used to be held as well as concerts. The Colts Cricket Club had their ground here and many interesting matches took place on it. The Pettah Library was housed on the northern end of the ground.

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QUEEN Victoria's statue, now in the Gordon Gardens, was erected near the building of Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., and there used to be a little Tea Kiosk where the Planters' Association provided teas, cake and ice cream, the first venture of its kind in Ceylon. Where the House of Representatives and the Old Secretariat now stand was wasteland, used by the military as a range for revolver practice. A switch-back railway ran along a portion of the site where the Central Telegraph Office now stands and the owners made good money.

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COMING up Union Place, one passed "Wentworth", the residence of the late Mr. Justice Lorenz Wendt, now Tuckers; opposite was the property of the late Mrs. C. M. Fernando, now the "English & Scottish Co-op." premises. Next to it stood a bungalow occupied by Mr. H. T. S. Ward, Director of Public Works. Further up was "Trelawney", the Bible House where the Secretary, Mr. Tom Gracie used to live, and, opposite was "St. James", where the late R. F. de Saram resided. It is now the Y.W.C.A.

Adjoining it was an upstairs bungalow, owned by Mrs. M. C. Perera and occupied by the late Mr. George Vander Spaar, the well known cricketer, who had his office there. Mr. John Keith, proctor, lived in "Rokeyby" and Mr. Dodwell F. Brown, District Judge of Colombo, lived at "Marlborough House", now Gunasekera's Auction Rooms.

Pate and Co. occupied the building which is now Rutnam's Hospital, where they had a stable, carriage establishments and also stables for race horses. On the site where Messrs. Brooke Bond (Ceylon) Ltd. have

their office and stores was "Staples House" where Mr. Valentine Webster lived. "Acland House" was built later. At the end of Lillie Street was "The Grange", the residence of Dr. C. W. Van Geysel which was bought by the Colombo Commercial Co., Ltd. Flats were built on this site. General's Lake Road did not exist then.

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VAUXHALL Street was also a fine residential area. The Russian Consul, Mr. Tchhoff occupied "Evavatree", later bought by Walker & Greig, Ltd. James Finlays and J. M. Robertsons had their stores on this street and Mr. Stanley Bois lived in "Ranleigh", and later "Hunupitiya Cottage" with its extensive grounds.

In Cinnamon Gardens all the roads were of red gravel. Buller's Road and Police Park on Havelock Road was one vast Cinnamon plantation, and land there cost about Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 3,000 an acre. In 1890 there were only a few bungalows in Horton Place—"Villa de Mel", "Villa Lucilla" (where Dr. J. L. Van der Straatten lived), "Delawarr" and "Greylands", which belonged to Mrs. Perera. Adjoining it was "Hamonnia Villa", where Arabi Pasha spent part of his exile with his family.

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"DUTCH House" was one of the few bungalows in Castle Street, the property extending from Kanatte Road to the Royal Colombo Golf Club course. There were a few old bungalows at Cotta Road such as "Balcombe", "The Bower" and "The Lea".

On Baseline Road was "Karlsruhe", a large property extending from Campbell place to the railway crossing at Baseline Road, which Charles Ambrose Lorenz used to occupy. At the turn of the century it was blocked out and sold. Wesley College then shifted from Dam Street, Pettah, to Karlsruhe Gardens.

Cargills was housed in an old type of Dutch bungalow with a verandah all round, similar to the bungalow which was occupied by the Galle Face Hotel before the present buildings were erected. Races were run on the Galle Face, the pavilion being the present Colombo Club.

They were good old days—children were allowed to attend races with their parents.

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# PARLIAMENTS STRENGTHEN "SILKEN BONDS" OF COMMONWEALTH

—By ROB MANSFIELD—

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

I WAS talking to a member of the Ghana Parliament, recently, in London. Nothing unusual in that—but there was in the subject of our conversation. For he was full of a trip he had just made down a Welsh coalmine. "That's the way to get to know a country," he said, "seeing the people at their daily life."

My friend was a member of a parliamentary delegation from Ghana. I am always meeting such people in London, members of legislatures from all over the Commonwealth. A delegation from Ceylon has just toured Britain, and in July two New Zealand M.P.'s are due to arrive. Only a short time ago I met the Deputy Prime Minister of Tonga, who was in London taking a course on Parliamentary procedure.

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## The Heart Of It All

AT the heart of all this coming and going is the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. This distinguished body has, for 48 years, been helping parliamentarians "to confer frankly, as with members of the same family, and take back with them to their own lands the fruits of experience they have garnered, which in the course of their normal parliamentary duties they can then distribute amongst their colleagues and constituents".

The only qualification for membership is to be a sitting member of a Commonwealth legislature. The Association has branches in the legislatures of the United Kingdom, and of all the member countries of the Commonwealth. New branches are continually being formed, and I should judge the C. P. A. to be as vigorous and important an avenue of co-operation as exists in the entire Commonwealth. The membership of the C. P. A. is nearly 5,000 and the United Kingdom Branch alone has more than 800 members, drawn from the House of Commons and the House of Lords. All branches, throughout the Commonwealth, are "self-governing", but for the past ten years there has been a General Council with members drawn from various lands.

The most important C. P. A. activity is the biennial conference. This year—in September, October and November—it will be held in Australia. The previous one was in New Delhi, when India, Pakistan and Ceylon were the joint hosts. In previous years, Conferences have been held in London, New Zealand, Canada and Kenya.

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## Annual Meetings Proposal

THESE conferences have been so successful that the General Council, meeting in Barbados in February, announced itself in favour of holding them annually, and the opinion of the branches on this proposal is now being sought.

Another point: the C. P. A. Council has also been organising Regional Parliamentary Conferences—for such places as South-East Asia and areas of Africa. This development is of first-class importance, for the growth of links between all its members will greatly strengthen the Commonwealth.

Britain is at present the hub of this parliamentary co-operation. The offices of the General Council are in London, and the United Kingdom branch of the C. P. A. sends delegations to visit other Commonwealth lands, invites delegations to Britain, sends out reports and publications (including the "Journal of Parliaments of the Commonwealth"), provides information, supplies facilities for M. P.'s visiting the country independently, arranges annual parliamentary courses and receptions and lunches for distinguished visitors.

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## Deep And Lasting Friendships

DURING 1958, 244 overseas members of the C. P. A., from every Commonwealth country, signed the visitors' book in London; and, as "return traffic", British parliamentarians visited many other Commonwealth countries.

Deep and lasting friendships between those who govern the countries of the Commonwealth are formed through these conferences and visits. There is a

growing understanding of each other's problems, which is helped by the fact that all Commonwealth countries are striving to establish and maintain a similar system of government parliamentary democracy. It is easy to understand how Ministers, Whips, Speakers—and ordinary backbench M.P.'s—from all over the Commonwealth can strike up sympathetic and enduring friendships. They have so much in common.

When these legislators of the Commonwealth arrive in each other's countries, a programme is arranged for them which is as important as the official discussions in establishing understanding.

The Ghanians who have been visiting Britain stayed in private houses; besides their visit to the Welsh coalfields they journeyed to the great seaport of Liverpool, and toured the important industrial area of Birmingham. The New Delhi Conference in 1957 had a similar outcome, for C. P. A. delegates there had the opportunity of visiting the host countries of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, and of seeing for themselves economic, political and social progress, meeting all sorts of people and observing their way of life.

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## Striking Description

IT was at the C. P. A. Conference in Delhi of members from more than 50 Commonwealth legislatures, that the President of the Republic of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, strikingly described the Commonwealth bond. He said it was "a silken bond, which is invisible but none the less strong. It is capable of standing strain and stresses".

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an excellent lunch at his headquarters on the road. The return journey to Kirkuk, after completing our inspection, can only be described as most perilous and anything but comfortable. We were bumped along in a fast American car over a most uneven surface at an astounding speed. We were all thankful when it was over and we were back in our Dove plane en route for Baghdad. Undeterred by this adventure my two companions had dinner at a restaurant with a cabaret. I returned early to bed.

(To be continued)

## PEOPLE

THE possibility of a former Ceylon Civil Servant, Sir Patrick Renison becoming the next to "inhabit the grandest, most expensive and most difficult of all the Government Houses—Kenya" was discussed in "The Observer" (London) by the famous columnist "Pendennis" in his "Table Talk", on August 16.

Discussing possible successors to Sir Evelyn Baring, the present Governor of Kenya who becomes Director, and later Chairman of the Colonial Development Corporation (which Lord Reith has left), "Pendennis" wrote:

"Two younger Governors may be eligible for Kenya. There is Our Man in British Guiana, Sir Patrick Renison, who took over the troubled sugar colony four years ago, with striking success. Among the guests at his daughter's wedding in Chelsea ten days ago was the fellow-travelling enfant terrible of B. G., Dr. Cheddi Jagan.

"Sir Patrick is a short, square, slow-spoken man of forty-eight, bulging out of his shirt-collar. When he went to British Honduras at the age of forty-one, he was one of the youngest governors ever made. The son of a Liverpool business man, he lacks obvious regal presence: he has been described as a cross between Bulldog Drummond and a jolly schoolmaster. But he has a quick, incisive mind and great personal warmth—more interested in welfare than in politics. He is much admired by Lennox-Boyd, but he may be too valuable in Guiana to be spared for Kenya."

AN accomplished writer who occasionally contributed to our columns over the initials "D. H. L." and who recently left the Island for good with her husband, writing to us from Gibraltar on August 14th, says: "Two particularly nice things have happened for me on this epic tour of ours—one was at Marseilles on June 17th when amongst a huge mail awaiting us there were two "Fortnightlys" (May 28th and June 10th)—I have now given them away to ex-Ceylonophiles—and again today, with an Air Letter from a friend in Ceylon telling me of recent happenings in the Island.

"Since we disembarked at Marseilles on May 13th, we drove into Spain. We did the Cote d'Azur, the Italian Riveira, some exquisitely artistic and ancient places en route for Rome, Florence, Venice and the Italian Lakes! Then into Switzerland and via Zurich, Berne and Geneva we reached Marseilles again, taking in Mount Blanc on the way.

"Not quite a month ago we set out for Spain along the coast and now we are temporarily on British soil to cash an English cheque and to bequeath an aching tooth to this amazing fortress! I have now collected the material for another travelogue for your Christmas Annual. I still think Ceylon is lucky and will survive happily. All the best to you and the *Fortnightly*."

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MR. Frosty Vanlangenberg, so well known in musical circles in Ceylon, and who is now holidaying in England has been spending some time in London and having his fill of the big musical events in that city.

He has met quite a number of his Ceylon friends and is making the most of his stay in the U. K.

THE Associated Country Women of the World, meeting in Edinburgh, on August 11, elected Mrs. F. B. de Mel, of Ceylon, a world vice-president. Mrs. de Mel is one of three women who will hold this office for a period of three years—from 1959 until 1962.

Mrs. de Mel was one of eight Ceylonese women attending the ninth triennial conference of the Associated Country Women as representatives of the Lanka Mahila Samiti. She was a founder-member of the Samiti and first honorary treasurer to its central board. From 1953 to 1956 she was its president and she has a long and distinguished record of service in women's organisations.

Lady Coomaraswamy, of Ceylon, who was nominated for World President of the A. C. W. W., was defeated in the elections by Mrs. F. J. van Beekhoff van Selms, of the Netherlands.

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DR. C. L. S. Ferdinands of the Ceylon Health Services, who retired last year, has been holidaying in the U. K. with Mrs. Ferdinands, and is expected to return to the Island by the "Iberia", on October 3rd. They have taken full advantage of the fine weather prevailing in England this Summer to see the recent Tennis at Wimbledon and other sporting events like the Test match between England and the Indians at Lord's.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferdinands attended the wedding of their eldest son two months ago in Wales.

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MR. Ossie Scharenguivel, who left Ceylon over fifty years ago to settle in Penang, writes a cheery letter to tell us that he still gets a "kick" out of his hobby of philately.

He retired as Surveyor-Engineer, Penang, over twenty years ago and just before World War II spent his first and only holiday in Ceylon. He is now in the seventies. In his younger days he played cricket for Penang and figured in several Inter-State matches, distinguishing himself as a spin bowler.

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MR. H. P. L. Roberts, who joined the Board of Directors of Rollo Tea Estates of Ceylon, London, in October, 1957, has resigned due to ill-health.

Mr. Roberts was on Eltofts Estate, Bogawantalawa, for nearly 30 years.

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## P E O P L E

**M**R. Duncan Moreira, Chief Technical Assistant in the Drainage and Irrigation Department, Bukit Mertajam, Federation of Malaya, and a son of the former Ceylon Journalist, the late Mr. A. E. (Paddy) Moreira, recently received the award of A. M. N. in the Birthday Honours List. Mr. Moreira was the guest of his colleagues at a party held at the Bukit Mertajam Rest House and during the evening the State D. and I. Engineer offered his congratulations on the honour that had been conferred on their guest. He said that Mr. Moreira's fellow officers and Staff were more elated than the recipient of the honour, because Mr. Moreira was one of them. Mr. Moreira thanked his colleagues for their hospitality and good wishes. He said it was the Department that had been honoured for not only he but three other members of the Department in other parts of the Federation had figured in the Honours List.

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**A** WELL known former Colombo merchant, now living in retirement in England, writing to us last week says:—

"Whenever I meet Ceylon friends of the good old days and we mention the state of things there now, they sadly shrug their shoulders with an air of resignation, and all of them take a very poor view of the Island's future. However, I suppose we must accept these troubles as birth pangs of unfortunately long duration. Ceylon's star will rise again to shine, I hope, with brilliance all the greater after the present tribulation."

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**T**HE death occurred last month in Colombo of Mr. Collin Kriekenbeek, in his 88th year. He was with Volkart Bros., for nearly forty years and was a well known figure in mercantile circles in Colombo. He was a younger brother of the late Mr. C. H. Kriekenbeek, the famous Royal College Master in the days of Harward and Hartley.

Mr. Collin Kriekenbeek's only son, Barent, who was for many years with the Cable and Wireless Co., is now a resident of Melbourne.

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**T**HREE leading representatives of the Ceylon Insurance Company, Ltd., Mr. Justin Kotelawala, Managing Director, Mr. J. L. Silva, General Manager, and Mr. A. S.

Eliyatomby, Accident Manager, left for Europe on Friday, 21st August by Swiss Air, on a business tour which includes participation in the International Marine Conference to be held this year in London. The conference will last for a fortnight.

On their way to England they will visit Zurich and meet the principals of the Swiss Reinsurance Co., Ltd., with whom the Ceylon Insurance Co. have extensive business connections. From Zurich they proceed to Munich to have talks with The Munich Reinsurance Co., Ltd., with whom they have had large business dealings for many years. After a week at Munich they will proceed to London for the big Marine conference. More than one function has been arranged for the visiting delegates including a party at the Dorchester to be given by Sedgwick Collins, the well known Insurance Brokers.

Mr. J. L. Silva expects to visit Moscow before returning to Ceylon about the end of the year.

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**C**OMMANDER Michael Evans, R.N., seconded to the R. Cy. N. on the engineering side, and Mrs. Evans are leaving for Europe next month. They are bound for Portugal, where they have rented a house for a year. Thus do ex-Ceylon residents escape an English Winter. Those Ceylon folk who have been on holiday on the Continent during the past few months have missed a corking Summer in the U.K.

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**M**R. V. Siva Subramaniam, Additional District Judge, has been appointed to act as District Judge, Colombo, in place of Mr. D. E. Wijewardene, who is now Commissioner of Assize. Mr. Siva Subramaniam joined the judiciary as Magistrate at Matara in 1941.

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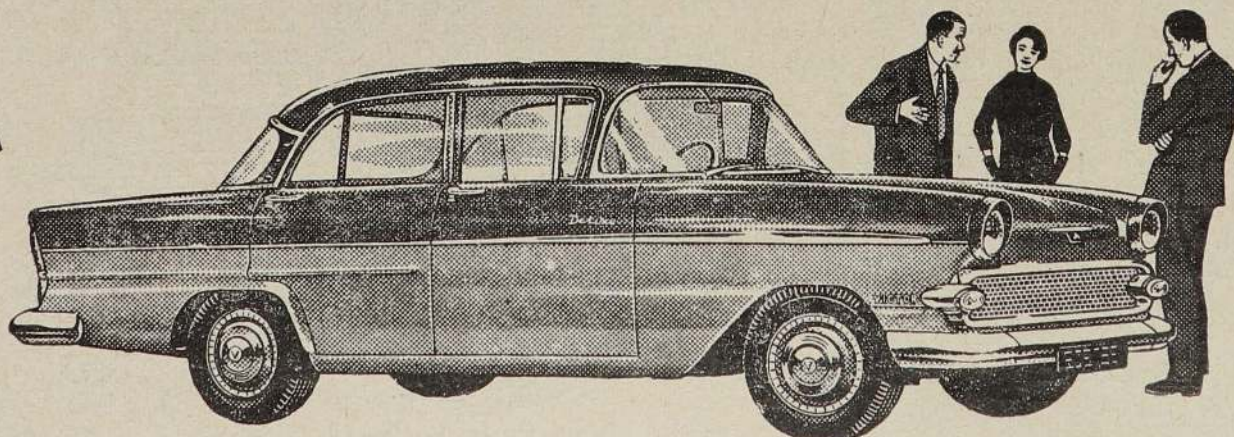
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# A LETTER FROM MR. W. T. GRESWELL

## NEWS OF FORMER CEYLON PEOPLE

(Fortnightly Review Special)

Taunton, 14th August.

AFTER a long interval we were happy to receive a very interesting letter from Mr. W. T. Greswell, who used to contribute so regularly to this journal before he fell ill last year with a 'flu cold followed by unpleasant bronchial complications.

Mr. Greswell writes: "My friends tell me I look very young for my age, which in a few months will be the allotted span of years. My son in Nigeria was married last year to Marian Boyd, only child of Arthur Boyd, once of Shaw Wallace & Co., Colombo, who died as a result of a tragic accident before his daughter was born. Mrs. Boyd died five weeks after our son's marriage to her daughter. She was too ill to attend the wedding, which took place at Cooden, Sussex. In fact Col. Franklyn Wright, formerly of the Ceylon Police, and godfather of the bride, gave her away. The Sentance Smiths (of Telbedde, Ceylon) were also present. Mrs. Smith was a sister of Mrs. Boyd. They live quite near us here.

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NEWS will have reached you by now of the death, at Taunton, recently, of my good friend Fred Waldo. He and his wife had come to live at South Petherton, near Yeovil. He had a thrombosis two months ago and was taken to hospital, where after a while his condition so improved that he was about to return home again. The end came very suddenly and was quite unexpected.

I attended the funeral, representing the Ceylon Magpies Club, as well as the Somerset County Cricket Club, for whom he played a few times. He was a very lovable and modest man and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

IT will interest you to hear that my wife and I were recently invited by Lieut.-General and Lady Weatherhall, who live near here, to meet Sir Henry and Lady Moore, who were on a visit to them from their home in Cape Town. You may remember that Sir Edward was in high office in Ceylon during the last War. I found Sir Henry in good heart and sparkling spirit. We talked much of the old Ceylon



—Times  
**Mr. W. T. Greswell**  
as we knew him many years ago  
in Ceylon.

days and mutual friends and the games of hockey we used to play for C. H. & F. C.

Much to my shame Lady Moore had to remind me that I danced with her in Colombo in our younger days when, as Miss Benson, she was staying at Queen's House. Alas! for the ravages of Time on an old man's memory!

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I AM glad to say I am able to maintain my annual contacts with Sir Herbert Dowbiggin, who is always the life and soul of any party. We met at Lord's as usual for this year's Test match and that

same evening at the Piccadilly Hotel for the annual Magpies Club Dinner.

The gathering at Lord's of Ceylon folk was not quite as large as usual, but it included Mr. and Mrs. "Creeper" Fellowes, the Tommy Cumings and the Phil Mays. We sat in the new Warner Stand, which must be one of the most sumptuous pavilions on any cricket field in the world.

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I FIND myself more than fully occupied these days, what with the constant and exacting claims of our large garden and grounds and, in the cricket season, much to do as a member of Committee and a Selector of the Somerset County Cricket Club. To accomplish my many duties I keep Ceylon planters' hours, starting my garden work before 7 a.m. and, refreshed by a siesta after lunch, carrying on till supper.

There are occasions when I feel the weight of years and I have to give heed to warnings inseparable therefrom.

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THE Indian Cricket team visiting us this year is far below Test standard and I think England could muster three different teams to beat them. I am sure the time is coming when Test cricket should be divided into two grades, the first covering England, Australia, South Africa and West Indies, and the second India, Pakistan and New Zealand. Members of each group could play each other. As things are at the moment, some of these Test teams are a farce and there will be a risk of the public losing interest and withholding financial support.

From the point of view of weather we have had a wonderful Summer, so hot at times that it reminded me of Colombo. There have been nights when it was too hot to sleep under a sheet. Recently heavy thunder storms have relieved the situation and have brought some badly needed rain."

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TIME flies, I think, on fleeter wings as one gets older and finds he has so much on hand to attend to in the present and less energy to compete with increasing demands. I wonder if you feel the same over the claims of the *Fortnightly Review*. At any rate you maintain it at a very high level of subject-matter of great interest."

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# A FORT THAT REPLACED A CHAPEL

## A LINK WITH THE PORTUGUESE AND DUTCH OCCUPATION

—By R. L. BROHIER, O.B.E.—

### II.

THE year 1675 saw Raja Sinha once again on the aggressive. His forces were reported to be threatening all the outlying posts held by the Dutch, and under this scheme of things Tennekoon, the Dissava of the Seven Korales, marched northward and hovered round Kalpitiya with a strong band of followers. The Dutch on hearing of this despatched reinforcements by sea to strengthen the garrison. However, they apparently overestimated the danger in this direction, for Tennekoon's forces, armed with nothing more formidable than hatchets, spears, thongs and *inchiados* (mattocks or hoes), did nothing else than maltreat the Company's people in the vicinity of Kalpitiya before they took their departure.

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FROM this complicated recital of troublous events we turn to a side issue presenting an incident which we might infer was of no small importance at the time. We are told that on the 14th of July, 1697, the Dutch Governor and Director-General, Gerrit de Heere, visited the station, and that His Honour was met on arrival at "Calpetty" by the *Onderkoopman*, Lambertus van Buren and the *Boekhouder*, Jacobus Swart. May be, this gubernatorial visit was meant to give special significance to the settlement of a long standing grievance which had found expression in cajolery, threats and force, for it was about this time the friendly relations with the Kandyan Court had been ratified by the opening of the port at Kalpitiya to Indian traders, with the attendant possibilities for barter with the Sinhalese. Or again, it may be, the visit was undertaken to assess the wisdom of the concession from both a strategic and commercial viewpoint. Nevertheless we are left to infer what we will from the reference that having inspected the fortress the Governor ordered the

removal of six cannon from its defences to the Fort at Colombo.

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DOWN the succeeding years which mark a century and a quarter, writers testify to the prosperity and continued importance of Kalpitiya as a trading centre. Its story lies crystallised in vigorous protests urged from time to time against the capricious policy which prompted the opening or closing of the Port at the will and pleasure of the ruler. Its strategic importance stands emphasised in a series of references to the control exercised over smuggling, but we pass on to a period when van Angelbeek was Governor and Col. Stuart's army was collected at Trincomalee. Hostilities could not be avoided. Nevertheless, when Sir John Bowser, in command of the 52nd regiment which had been sent from Negapatam, arrived at Kalpitiya, on the 5th of November, 1795, the fortress offered no resistance. Nearly the whole of the garrison had previously been recalled in haste to Colombo, and on instructions from Governor van Angelbeek, the keys of the Fort were handed to the British Colonel by Adigar Simon de Rosairo, who was Administrator of affairs at the time.

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TODAY, after a lapse of one hundred and sixty-five years since the British Flag floated from its ramparts, the grim and imposing appearance of its outer walls continues to present a bold front in an effort to distract attention from perceptible evidence of fast approaching decay and ruin. Here and there, attempts to arrest the crumbling fabrics carry the eye to extremes in equal measure of proportion, as a pure folk-song followed by a jazz orgy would carry one's sense of hearing. Hideous blotches, evidenced by a liberal patchwork of cement,

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bring a well-intentioned scheme of conservation and reconstruction to nought.

However, hoping that where we should endeavour to imitate we shall in future make an effort not to spoil, and with difficulty clinging to this forlorn hope, we wander past and through the gateway in the East-wall which formed the only point of admittance into the Fort.

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A SERIES of barrack-rooms range themselves to right and left, flanking a quadrangle which no doubt did service as a parade ground. For many years they served as stores for storing salt. At the present time they stand roofless and abandoned. Near the angle formed by the northern and eastern walls there are the ruins of the old Jesuit chapel, unrecognisable but for the crumbling facade and the niches let into the wall. Over all there still seems to hover visions of a departed glory, of far off things and battles long ago.

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BUT suppose we leave an atmosphere old and mouldy and scramble up to the ramparts overlooking the walls. Gun-emplacements, yet intact, give some idea of the batteries, but the gaze swings round from these and stands captured by the view over the water. The reader has previously been confronted with this strikingly uncommon picture. Standing from out the azure main, innumerable little wooded islets range themselves till they finally merge into wistful specs on the horizon. To the north-east, a low forest-fringed cliff brought into focus by a silvery line of foreshore outlines the mainland. And in these sheltered waters, visible to the imagination rather than to the eye, we might picture the rendezvous of all vessels which sailed the seas in ancient, mediaeval, and later modern ages.

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THERE are many pleasanter spots which offer visions of week-end relaxation; nevertheless, should you be interested in relics of a bygone era, or in tracing the footsteps of a people who having made history have themselves passed away, there will be little need to associate boredom with a short visit to this old seaport.

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## ART, MUSIC & DRAMA

By "LYRICUS"

COLOMBO playgoers were treated to a first-class performance by the Ceylon Amateur Dramatic Club last week when they presented "Dial M for Murder". Directed and produced by Bill Carter, who also played the part of Max Halliday, the crime fiction writer in love with Sheila Wendice, the play maintained the usually high standards playgoers have come to associate with CADC productions.

In the excellent cast of five Neil Carder played the part of Tony Wendice, a retired tennis champion and husband of Sheila, a rich and attractive young woman. His villainy was perfect. Anne Andersen was delightful as Sheila.

John Starey was excellent as the reprobate Captain Lesgate, one of many aliases used to cover up his dubious way of life which started when he was still at college and a school acquaintance of Tony Wendice.

Obviously Bill Carter's experience in producing plays in America, Germany and India stood him in good stead and the local stage is the richer in its possession of him.

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AN exhibition of Soviet Art arranged by the Soviet Embassy in Colombo at the Art Gallery under the auspices of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs recently has been described as the most important exhibition held in Ceylon since the British Artists' Exhibition held in the Colombo Town Hall some 30 years ago. Mudaliyar A.C.G.S. Amarasakera, the noted Ceylon artist, who recalled the British Exhibition, described the Soviet exhibition as being, like the British, an exhibition of Academic realistic painting at its very best.

The work of no less than 63 top-ranking Soviet artists were represented in all branches of art in all media—portraits, genre, landscape, still life, etc., as well as sculpture. The Minister of Cultural Affairs, Mr. P. B. G. Kalugalle, declared the exhibition open. Admission was free. Incidentally, the occasion provided

an opportunity for visitors to see some of the outstanding pictures from the Ceylon Society of Arts' permanent collection, which was on view in another wing of the Art Gallery.

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THE Prime Minister accepted on August 13 on behalf of the people of Ceylon two pieces of Steuben Glass from the collection of "Asian Arts in Crystal" held in Colombo in 1957. The works, a gift from the people of the United States of America, were presented by Mr. Burr Smith, Charge d'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy in Colombo to Mr. Bandaranaike.

They represented the works of two noted Ceylon artists, George Keyt and L. T. P. Manjusri, and will be on permanent display at the Government College of Fine Arts, Colombo. The designs submitted by the artists were engraved by hand on crystal glass by technicians at Steuben Glass, New York.

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THE Fifth Symphony Concert by the Symphony Orchestra of Ceylon on August 15 was the last concert that Hussain Mohamed will conduct in Ceylon for some time; he is due to go abroad. The programme was: Viennese Dances (Beethoven), Piano Concerto in A Minor (Greig), Clarinet Concerts in A (Mozart K 622) and Symphony No. 1 (Beethoven Pp. 21). Indranee Alexander (piano) and Reuben Solomon (clarinet) were soloists.

Indranee Alexander gave an excellent account of herself in spite of being obliged to use an aged piano and Reuben Solomon helped in large measure to make the Mozart work the best of the evening's performance.

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MR. Hussain Mohammed, Conductor of the Ceylon National Symphony Orchestra, left for England on August 17. He said before his departure: "Frankly, I have no regrets about leaving Ceylon. Music dominates my life. But a musician has also to live and sometimes fend for a family, and the professional musician here has two alternatives open to him, either to teach from dawn to dusk, which is very trying on the nervous system, or join a hotel orchestra.

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"I want to concentrate on serious music, but playing dance music does not really bother me. I find jazz—especially Stan Kenton arrangements—rather appealing. I appreciate music ranging from Bach to the moderns but personally I enjoy playing Brahms.

"I am returning to London because today it is considered the best centre for concerts and international artistes all the year round. Also I could join a symphony orchestra and be quite confident of being able to support my family because the musicians' union guarantees fair living rates."

Referring to the National Symphony Orchestra, he said: "It will take at least ten years for our orchestra to reach a high standard, but there is plenty of talent and enthusiasm. Unfortunately concerts do cost money, so the orchestra's future depends entirely upon the Arts Council or some altruistic sponsor.

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A YOUNG cellist from Ceylon, Miss Camilla de Souza (18), played in a promenade concert, one of the leading events of the London musical season at the Albert Hall, on August 22. She is a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, which is the first non-professional orchestra ever to play at a promenade concert. It is conducted by the internationally famous Walter Susskind. The orchestra appeared on B.B.C. television on a weekly programme on September 2.

Miss de Souza, daughter of the Editor-in-Chief of "The Times of Ceylon", has played the cello for about eight years. She has been in England for four and has attended St. Paul's Girls' School in London. She starts studying mathematics at the University College, London, next month. She was formerly at Ladies' College, Colombo, and studied the cello under Luis Moreno. She plans to continue her musical studies in London under Douglas Cameron of the Royal College of Music.

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# A SPORTS CAUSERIE

By "ITINERANT"

## RACING

### The Queen's Cup

WINNING the Queen's Cup (1 mile 3 furs.) by seven lengths last Saturday, Shell Pink, ridden by Peter Burkhardt, gave Mr. Vernon Rajapakse the August Week double, Fateen, also ridden by Burkhardt, having won the Robert's Cup earlier. Vijelatan was second half a length behind and a length separated it from Reckless Courage. Addax, the favourite, finished down the field. The winner was trained by Mr. Renga Selvaratnam.

In spite of the counter-attraction of the "Blues" v. Ceylon rugger test, the Queen's Cup meeting, which replaced the Governor-General's Cup day, was well attended, and gaily dressed women gave the occasion the traditional colour.

Of the other races, the Lawyers' Cup (one mile) was won by Mr. C. Wijesuriya's Nicely-Nicely, the W. M. Rajapakse Cup (one mile) went to Mrs. C. S. Kumaraswamy's Happy Slipper and Cheeko won the N. M. de Silva Cup (a mile and a quarter) for Mr. Asker and Mr. Ameer Moosajee.

The Hunupitiya Plate over seven furlongs, the last event, was won by Jamal Karim from Mihiyar, with Al Mog third.

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### Fateen Wins Roberts Cup

THE opening day of the 1959 C.T.C. August Meet was quite unlike the opening days of previous August Meets, sadly lacking being the glamour associated with this fashionable carnival of former years. The weather was fine, but the attendance hardly as large as the vast crowds of past years.

The chief event of the afternoon—the Arab Classic of Ceylon, the Roberts Cup, over a mile—was won by the favourites, Mr. Vernon Rajapakse's chestnut horse Fateen, ably ridden by Burkhardt and trained by Renga Selvaratnam. Masud Al Khair was second and Neon Lights third.

A field of thirteen faced the starter and after several unsuccessful attempts they were got away to a fair start. Little Babu set the pace and at the half mile was still in the lead with Ghazal Al Thanaya and Peter

Pan next in order. Two furlongs from home Fateen raced to the front with Peter Pan moving strongly on the outside and Masud Al Khair coming through in the centre. Below the distance Masud Al Khair drew close to Fateen and a great finish saw the latter winning by a head.

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THE Channer Cup was won by Bell of Enterprise (Mohideen up) with Berwick Law second and Lucky Number third.

The C. A. Laing Cup was won by Petroleum with Qaddah second and Badir Ubaid third. F. L. Smith rode a fine race on the winner.



—Times

Lombard scores for the "Blues" as Cameron's tackle just falls short in the First Test.

The Colombo Banks Shroffs' Cup was won by Badshah after a rousing finish with Sunny Caprice who was beaten by a head. Farsica was a good third. Isaacs was on the winner.

The Puttalam Plate (5 fur. 23 yards) was won by Chapel Rock (S. Irwin up), the Kande Ela Plate by Mahbub Al Alam and the Tissa Wewa Plate—6 furlongs—by Dauntless Green (Burkhardt up) by a head from Persian Approach.

Trainer Renga Selvaratnam had a good day with three wins, while Mr. Vernon Rajapakse and his jockey Burkhardt were associated in a double.

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## VISIT OF THE "BLUES"

CEYLON sports fans were privileged to see one of the finest rugger teams to visit our shores this past fortnight when the Oxford-Cambridge combined universities team played five matches here during the course of an extended Far Eastern tour.

In recent years Ceylon has seen the Australian Colts, the New Zealand Colts, a Singapore team and the best Indian fifteens, but this writer, who saw them all, feels that none can hold a candle to our latest visitors. This 25-strong travelling party, the "Blues", included 8 Internationals and 7 International Trialists. Every member, bar Hurst, perhaps the best winger, is a "Blue".

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NATURALLY, Ceylon had nothing much to offer in the way of opposition, bar courage. And that the local boys had in full measure once they had overcome the awe they felt in the first match. The tour, however, must be rated a great success, not so much by the large gates, but rather by the fact that the "Blues" had so many lessons to teach us.

Fielding teams that had never played together, players who had had a three-month lay off from Rugger, the Blues still dazzled us. A superbly fit team, they were not extraordinarily big. But to a man they were fast, and that included the over 200-pounders. The speed with which they backed up the player with the ball was the one lesson above all that we should learn. But there were many other lessons too, though there is no place for detail in this review. If, however, those lessons are learned, Ceylon rugger will profit immeasurably.

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THE visitors' first match was on the Racecourse grounds against a Colombo XV that, according to one account of the game, finished the first half with clean jerseys, so overawed were they by the Blues that they even forgot to tackle. The Blues took advantage of these lapses to pile up a point a minute in the first half.

Having begun their fast passing movements from the word go, and run riot all over the field in the first half, the heat began to tell on the "Blues". This, together with a

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tightened defence, enabled Colombo to hold them to only 11 points in the second half, all the points coming in the last five minutes of play.

Colombo's come-back was sparked by some superb tackling by Leefe, ably emulated by Almeida. In supporting roles were Cader, Sri Nissanka and Harrison, who came nearest to scoring for Colombo off a long dribble too. For the "Blues", the halves combination of English international Smith and skipper Windsor-Lewis was the "brains" behind the game. Full-back Scott and inside-three Watts pulled out amazing bursts of speed to cut through the defence, while heavyweight forwards Harding and Max Sweeney lumbered ever onwards.

Seven Internationals and four Trialists played in this game in which the scorers were: Tries—Scott, Phillips, Bird (2), Herbert, Mills, Watts (2), MacSweeney and Baxter. Watts converted three of them and also a penalty goal, while Lombard added the extra points to one try.

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**I**N the First Test against Ceylon, at Longden Place, the "Blues" continued the scoring spree, though this time they had to work for every point. Fielding a weaker team (three Internationals and four trialists), they still managed to score as comfortable a victory as in the first match. This time it was 37-3 (five goals, four tries to a try).

For this match, the "Blues" had spent more time in selecting a team—having a halves combination that was used to each other, outsiders who had teamed up before, a regular hooker and a regular place kicker. They had also planned their game—kicks to touch until within attacking distance, thus conserving their energies in the first half, and then opening out the game in the second.

Ceylon countered by having her outsiders lying well up, enabling the opposition to be reached quicker. It was not enough, especially when too many tackles were shrugged off. Ceylon, however, can be pleased with her performance. Her players fought courageously and there is some consolation in the fact that at least four tries by the "Blues"

came from mistakes on the part of the defence. Howe at full back was the weak link in the Ceylon side.

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**B**EAN gave the best performance of his career in this match for Ceylon and Skipper Cameron was not one whit behind. Almeida once again excelled, deservedly scoring Ceylon's only try, a magnificent one crowning a brilliant 50-yard solo dribble. MacRae, Pilapitiya, Cader and Tait, too, caught the eye of an occasion.

Scott and Windsor-Lewis were the outstanding "Blues" players in this game, but not behind were Watts and wing three-quarter Hurst, who repeatedly outdistanced the opposition. Scorers for the Blues were: Tries—Wade (2), Lombard, Hurst (3), Watts, Davies and Scott. Conversions—Watts (2), Bearne (2) and Wilcock.

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**T**RAVELLING Up-country for their next two matches, the tourists apparently found the cooler climes to their liking, for it was here that they ran up the two highest scores of the tour.

Mr. D. Scobie of Uva had seen to it that the normally bone-hard Badulla ground was ideal for rugger. For days before the ground had been soaked with water pumps from the Badulla Oya a quarter mile away.

The match itself was a cakewalk for the Blues, who scored at will, piling up 52 points (8 goals, three tries and a penalty goal) to 0.

Going on to Darrawella, the "Blues" piled up their highest score of the tour, 55-5, though not the biggest margin of victory, thanks to Lanky Gauder, who raced 60 yards for a touchdown following an interception. He converted himself.

Then the "Blues" came back to Colombo for the Second Test. And after they had played most of the second half through a heavy shower, handling the ball as though it had never got wet, they wound up the tour with a 45-0 victory. Ceylon had no answer to Davies, Windsor-Lewis and MacSweeney—and the result was six goals, four tries and a penalty. Playing six internationals, the "Blues" were only stemmed by some fierce tackling and superb anticipation on the part of Bean, Madugalle, Cameron and Almeida.

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## NEW CAR NEWS

— By J. P. O. —

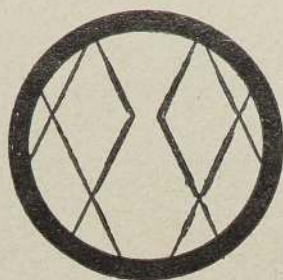
**W**ITH Motor Show time coming round once again, manufacturers are beginning to release details of their new models. The German International Motor Show at Frankfurt takes place this month. Volkswagen and Daimler-Benz are putting out their models for 1960, and here are some details regarding the new cars.

**Volkswagen.**—No drastic changes have been made to the existing car, but there are many alterations which will provide even better handling, give more comfort, and simplify maintenance even further. A front stabilizer has been incorporated together with softer suspension, while the final drive has been lowered in the chassis frame. A new safety steering wheel is fitted, the horn being operated by a ring. There are new push-button door handles, and direction indicators are self-cancelling. More effective sound-proofing is employed, seat frames have been re-designed, with a foot support for the front seat passenger. Improvements have been effected in regard to door panel trimmings, and there is a new selection of colour schemes.

**Mercedes.**—Quite a number of changes have been made by Daimler-Benz to their entire range of cars, which now have a slightly revised outline, in order to bring them on terms with the new Italian fashion.

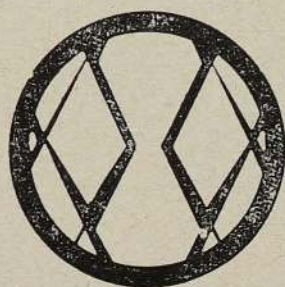
The "220" series of six cylinder cars consist of the "220" six seater saloon developing 105 horsepower; the "220 S" which develops 120 horsepower at 5,200 revolutions per minute; the "220 SE" which has the fuel injection engine and develops 134 horsepower at 5,000 revolutions per minute. These cars have an all-synchromesh four speed gearbox. On the S and SE cars the brakes are servo-assisted. Maximum road speeds on the latter two models are just over 100 miles per hour, as claimed by the manufacturers. The smaller "180" and "190" versions have a lowered and broader radiator grille, re-designed rear lights with windscreen washers as a standard fitting. The "180" car develops 78 horsepower at 4,500 r.p.m. and the "190" turns out 90 horsepower at 5,000 r.p.m.

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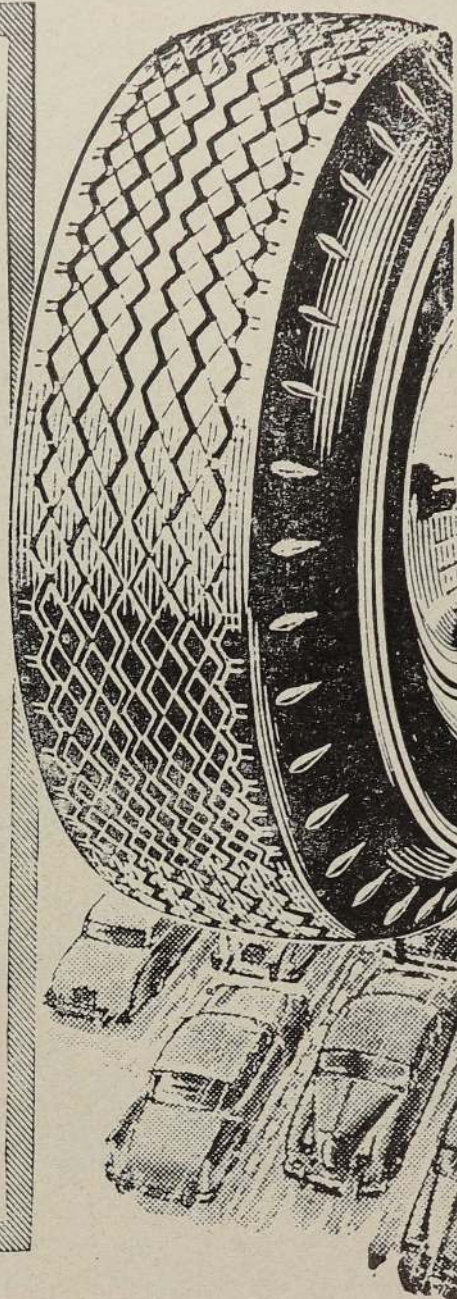
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## A WOMAN'S DIARY

### THE IDEAL LIFE

—By ANNE—

IF you've never poured a cup of tea in your young life—let alone make a pol-sambol or boil a chundu of rice—if you've never sewn on a button or washed anything beyond a handkerchief, if you've subscribed to the belief that your career (even if you are only a very junior typist in a big office) is all important and housewifery is something suited only to a mentally-atrophied jellyfish—what are the chances of your ever becoming a successful homemaker? Pretty dim, would you say? I'd have thought so myself but for the fact that the above description fitted me quite snugly thirteen years ago and that, quite contrary to all expectation, I have settled down very happily to making a home and rearing children and doing many chores which I despised in my youth. The reformation was effected, of course, by a man! All that is necessary to transform a useless, rather self-important young woman into a more solid citizeness—according to my personal experience—to fall in love and marry a nice guy!

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THERE was a time it seemed most exciting to be rushing to catch a train to the Fort every morning and my head was full of ambitions and glowing dreams centering round journalistic success and fame and fat pay cheques! For many years now, the major excitements of my life have been my husband's return from work each evening, or a toddler taking her first steps, a daughter winning the class prize, a son shining at his kindergarten sports meet, myself learning to cook, the acquisition of an electrical gadget for the house, our flower beds in bloom—and such. Friends and relations gape at the reformation. The sight of me scrubbing out the bathroom, washing and ironing the children's clothes, turning a collar or fixing buttons for the husband, and actually working in the kitchen, is something they find hard to get used to. That I would ever settle down to the "dullness" of domesticity was something even my parents had not reckoned with. But then, even I had not reckoned with marrying a man who would persuade me that

giving up office work in favour of bringing up a large family was the most satisfactory life for the average woman.

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THERE is no getting away from the fact that it is a wonderful life. Thirteen years and seven children after the year I relinquished my career-dreams, I have no regrets. In fact, without wishing to seem smug or presumptuous, I feel sorry for any misguided young women who spurn marriage and motherhood for even the most glamorous profession. There is something infinitely satisfying about waking up each morning and feeling that, instead of being a tiny cog in a vast mercantile machine, you are a very necessary member of a family unit. You are as near to being indispensable as you are ever likely to be. You may not have a pay envelope at the end of a month of hard work and you may not achieve fame, but day by day you are building up a happy home, shared memories and all the love and laughter and companionship that knit a family together.

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THE household chores are there, of course, but they are not any duller than registering letters or typing or filing, and they have this advantage over office chores in that while your hands are busy performing work in the house, your mind is free to roam where it will. You can be planning an article while washing clothes, listening in to the radio while you make the beds, giving ear to fascinating childish chatter while chopping up the vegetables, singing while you wash the saucepans. And even if you do feel exhausted at the end of a day, you have tired yourself doing your own work in your own home for your own family. You work for the people you love best on earth—a fact which makes even the lowliest tasks take on new meaning.

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NOW that I have reached middle-age, I know I am not likely to set the world on fire or to leave any footprints on the sands of time (other than grandchildren). But if my husband has enjoyed these thirteen years as much as I have (and I hope he has!), and if my children are growing up feeling that their parents have made a good life together, I am well content. The big difference between the homemaker and the office-girl is that the

dish-washer and sock-darner in the home has a man and children "over whose destiny it is her privilege to preside".

### SICK BOY WRITES TO THE HOLY FATHER

"DEAREST Holy Father, help me get well. I am a sick boy and I have learnt that the Child Jesus is near you. Pray to Him to make me like other boys."

This letter, written on exercise paper in a childish hand was addressed simply: "To the dear Pope, Rome."

It reached the Holy Father who was touched by the desperate appeal and the childish hope. At once he had enquiries made through the Bishop of the diocese and one of Italy's most famous surgeons was soon operating on a little Neapolitan boy.

Nine-year old Orlando is one of ten children of a poor artisan in Baronello. He was born with a serious malformation of the bladder which made it impossible for him to play with other children.

Local doctors were not qualified to operate in such a rare case, and the parents were too poor to afford specialist advice.

The boy suffered keenly from his handicap and one day ran into the kitchen crying: "Mama, where is the Child Jesus?"

Taken aback by such a sudden question, his busy mother replied: "I don't know. Perhaps he is with the Pope."

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## A SPORTS CAUSERIE

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### MUNICIPALITY WIN GOVT. SERVICE TROPHY

THE Municipality fielding a strong all-round side for the final of the Government Service Cricket Competition (Senior Division), found no difficulty in defeating the Police. Batting first the Municipality totalled 278 to which the Police replied with 159. In their second innings the Municipality scored 236, leaving their opponents 300 runs for victory. The Police were out a second time for 226 leaving the Municipality victorious by 114 runs. L. Rodrigo, who has been a very consistent scorer for the Sinhalese S. C. this year, played a very fine innings of 116 in the Municipality's second knock. D. Buultjens also showed excellent form for the winners in a well compiled 68. A. Polonowita bowled extremely well for the Municipality.

One of the features of the match was the superb batting of T. B. Weerapitiya, who scored an unbeaten 95 in the Police second innings.

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### Hockey Nationals

HOCKEY of a high order was witnessed in the fourth National Hockey Championships which started at the Oval on August 23 with a march-past by competing teams at which the President of the Senate, Sir Cyril de Zoysa, took the salute. In the first match, last year's champions, the Government Services H. A. won a clear cut victory over the Colombo H. A. beating the latter by 4 goals to one. Colombo which held the Government Services to a 1-0 lead in the first half wilted under the fierce onslaught by the victors, a team in which youth and experience were blended.

The Mercantile H. A. scored a runaway victory (6-0) over the inexperienced Kandy H. A. team, and the Combined Services beat Uva 2-0 in a hard fought game. In one of the most rousing games in the championships, the powerful Matale H. A. drew (one all) with Colombo H. A. in a very close game where hockey of a high order was seen.

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MATALE H. A. beat the reigning champions, the Government Services, and entered the final with

a rousing two-nil victory, and demonstrated their hockey superiority in practically every department of the game. The "underdogs" of the competition Kandy and Uva drew their match one all.

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THE Combined Services did well to beat Kandy H.A. by three goals to one, after being led 1-0 at half time. Kandy who were trounced by the Mercantile Services on the opening day were a much improved team and had more of the exchanges in the first-half.

The Mercantile Services slammed 12 goals to nil against the weak opposition put up by Matale. In the first-half Matale offered stubborn resistance but, after resumption, they were a badly rattled team and the defence fell to pieces when the Mercantile Services kept up a steady pressure.

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MERCANTILE Hockey Association became champions for the third time since the inception of the National Hockey Championships when they beat the powerful Matale H.A. in the final last Sunday by five goals to nil after a goalless first half.

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### CEYLON ATHLETES IN MALAYA

THE ten-strong team of athletes from Ceylon made their mark at the Malayan Track and Field Championships on August 21 and 22. Ceylon "sportswoman of the year", Nobel Kiel created a new Malayan record in the high jump, clearing 4 ft. 11 ins. to beat the All Comers' record by one inch. L. C. Diaz broke the All Comers' record in the Six Miles and the record for the three miles (time 15 mts. 11.7 secs.). A. S. M. Khan shattered the One Mile record (time: 4 mts. 19.6 secs.), and V. Wambeek won the javelin with a throw of 181 ft. 6 ins. Others who won medals were O. Rajapakse who came second in the high jump and third in the pole vault and Nilmini Alwis, third in women's shot putt.

Ceylon failures included Ranjith Wijesekera in the 440, Vijitha Wijesekera in 120 yds. hurdles and pole vault, P. Don Victor in the long jump, T. D. S. A. Dissanayake in shot putt, Nilmini Alwis in the discus throw and Nobel Kiel in the long jump.

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## MATTERS OF MOMENT

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REFINEMENT of criminal tendencies is apparently taking the form of a greater resort to firearms and hand-made bombs in preference to the crude knife.

The Government Analyst in his annual report says there is increasing evidence of planning on the part of those who use firearms in the sense that they seek to circumvent the activities of the investigating officer. He cites instances of standard shot charge from factory-loaded cartridges being replaced by loads of mixed shot, presumably to defeat attempts to ascertain the range of fire from the spread of shot.

Recording an increasing use of hand-bombs, he makes the wry observation "An element of retributive justice in this situation, if one may be permitted to express a little sadistic gratification, is that among the injured people are frequently numbered the alleged miscreants themselves."

### SICK BOY WRITES TO THE HOLY FATHER

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That was what sent Orlando trotting off to find a paper and pencil.

When the Pope took the case up, events moved rapidly. The child was taken to a Naples clinic, the only one in Italy specialising in higher urological surgery, run by the famous Professor Michaelangelo Sorrentino.

In a brilliant operation, the Professor removed the external malformation and adapted the internal organs to work directly through the kidney.

As soon as he could sit up in bed, Orlando again wrote to the Pope:

"Dearest Pope, you prayed to the Holy Child and He heard your prayers. I am so happy, I could cry. Thanks to you and the Child Jesus I am now like other children of my age."

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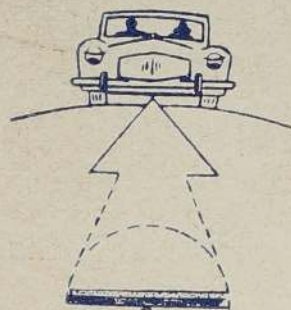


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