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NEED FOR FOREIGN CAPITAL

CEYLON'S AMBASSADOR IN U.S.A. INVITES AMERICAN HELP
FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CEYLON'S Ambassador in the United States, when he appealed to the Far Eastern American Council of Industry to consider about investing capital in helping to develop Ceylon's economy, did not enhance either his reputation or of Ceylon's. He indulged in a lot of bunkum which he embellished with *suppressio veri* and *suggestio falsi*. If Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardene believes that he can catch the Yanks with chaff, he is much mistaken.

Now this talk of foreign capital and the need for it, is being experienced on all sides. It is a matter that admits of no doubt whatever. It is a matter that had worried the Government since Ceylon got her Independence. Sir John Kotelawala wanted to get a move on with it. He was obstructed. Mr. Bandaranaike is following a dog in the manger policy! His camp-followers appear to believe that British and American capitalists are waiting for the opportunity to swallow this country whole and entire. Hence none of our banian and cloth wallahs will permit any foreign capital to be brought here until and unless they are made to realise that their policy only helps to hinder development and progress owing to lack of capital and that their 'great expectations' will considerably be delayed.

The American businessmen are not ignorant folk. Every one of them knows more about Ceylon than what Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardene can hope to teach them. They have studied Ceylon eco-

nomy and economic conditions. They know exactly where the shoe pinches her. They know that Ceylon is bound hand and foot and finds it difficult to get out of her economic disabilities. After the bitter lessons foreign investors learned since Independence was gained by this country, the policy of studied antagonism shown them as well as the talk of nationalisation of all foreign owned assets, foreign investors would hardly think about investing their money in Ceylon under such circumstances. Anyway, appealing for capital investment. Mr. Gunawardene said:

Much had been accomplished by the previous administration, but "much remains to be done and much, unfortunately, has been left undone."

"While good progress has been made in some fields, in other respects our progress has been slow, unco-ordinated and to some extent inconsistent."

What is the worth, we ask, of that statement? Is it of any value except to convey that our new rulers had miserably failed. And in fact that they had nothing to show as achievements. Here the Ambassador evaded facing up to the real cause of failure. With the grant of Independence, Ceylon found herself at the parting of the ways so to say. To allow industrial and agricultural development to be carried on as hitherto i.e. under the old aegis by private capital investments which, of course, was largely foreign, was not thought desirable.

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Where is Socialism Leading us to ?

Weekly Income and Social Equality

BY COL. T. Y. WRIGHT

Barton House
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THE Press in England has been full of the recent Conference of the Socialist Party in Blackpool and what a lot of drivel and nonsense we have read; these Socialists and Labour party seem to sympathize with everyone who is anti British.

One of the main policies discussed was "Equality" both of Incomes and Social. An interesting article appeared in the "Daily Telegraph" it gave the United Nations estimates of the average national incomes per week as follows:-

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The average is according to population just 7/- weekly wage. I think this estimate was made about 5 years ago and now the England weekly income is undoubtedly much larger as the labourers are getting from £ 7 to £ 15 per week.

One wonders whether the Socialists would be willing to even up the average. I must say I

cant see them agreeing to reduce their incomes. They are continually pressing for higher wages—and there doesn't seem enough money in the world to bring up the incomes of the

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other countries mentioned to the British standard.

One of the speakers Mr. Wilson said: 'The immense differences in living standards between nations was intolerable' — I wonder what Mr. Wilson calls fair shares.

It was only the other day we were motor-ing along a coun-try road in Dor-set and we came across a mass of motor cars and motor-cycles, thousands of them all over the adjoining fields and roads. There must have been several hundred thou-sand pounds worth of cars and cycles — and who were the people who came in them to see some mo-tor cycle rough riding contests, nearly everyone was of the work-ing class, one

seldom saw a man with a tie on, youths with long hair like a woman's, women wearing tight coloured trousers — I am sure the poorer middle class people cant afford to do all this kind of thing.

One of the speakers at the Socialist Conference placed the emphasis more on 'social' equality than on 'Income equality and ended up with the remark "In fact we must all now learn to be "middle class."

A lot of people in England seem to have gone mad especially some of the women.

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musician named "Liberass" from America (I think) arrived in London and a big crowd went to meet him at the station, and a mass of screaming women rushed at him wanting to kiss him, and even at a recital they tried to get to the piano he was playing to kiss the piano (so the papers said.)

I doubt very much whether the Ceylon politicians would think the same as these So-cialists about "equality." One cannot imagine them wanting to be of the same status as a vasacooty — I am quite sure these Socialists in England dont believe in the slightest in the policies they spout, all they are out for is to embarrass the government.

The picture papers in England are now-a-days full of pictures of nearly naked women showing all they have got and delighted to be seen in the papers and the other day a teacher at one of the schools was teaching sex to children.

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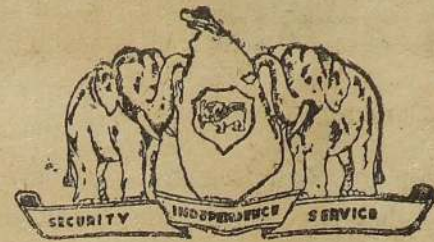
COMMUNIST CHINA

History does not repeat itself; it is repeated, even as it is made, by men, women and children, human beings. Men repeat history because in each generation the vast majority of human beings know little and think less about the past, and react to various and sundry stimuli, even as did their forebears, on the basis of immediate needs, momentary impressions and persistent emotions.

Throughout the ages some men, a relative few, have been animated by a desire to govern, whereas most men, the vast majority, have been not at all politically minded, have been tillers of the soil and hewers of wood, have had neither the time nor the inclination to govern. The result has been that until modern times the few have merely assented or acquiesced. And in most periods and in most groups and places, those who have governed have exploited those over whom they have exercised jurisdiction. But, in and through all this, there has been resistance. Some men have objected to exploitation. Many have objected to encroachment. Generally all are opposed to totalitarianism.

Until very modern times, practically all governments were autocratic or oligarchic. Those who governed were for practical purpose the "state" and the state was exalted. Government was government of and by men, one man or a few men. Laws were made, were implemented and were altered by the few. Gradually, among some peoples and in some places, there emerged the concept and the practice of government of and by law. And, finally the concept of "government of, by and for the people." Ceylon is governed in accordance with that concept.

Today, the conflict between men who believe in government of and by the few (i.e. by themselves) and those who believe in government under law of, by and for the people, has taken the form and the dimensions of a worldwide struggle. Less than fifty years ago, a group of conspirators embarked upon an effort to overthrow existing governments and ways of life, with the ultimate objective of subjecting the whole world to their dictation. They called themselves "Communists"



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and called the system which they would impose "Communism." In the course of four decades, they have gained political control over more than one third of the people of the world. They have gained a following in practically every country. They now are making war in many forms and with a great variety of weapons upon all concepts and practices of individual freedom wherever these exist. This is happening in China today.

That they have been and are continuing to be successful has been due in no small part to ignorance, credulity, wishful thinking, and complacency on the part both of the peoples and governments which they have subjugated and of those which they still intend and expect to conquer.

Most conspicuous of their achievements thus far have been their conquests of Russia and China. The first of these made them a menace to free peoples in Europe; the second, to free peoples and peoples aspiring to freedom in Asia; the two together, a menace to all free peoples; all free persons, all practices of freedom — everywhere. Ceylon is rapidly playing into the hands of Communists under the guise of Socialism. Unless an attempt is made to vehemently resist these Socialists alias Communists, Ceylon is doomed.

M. E. P. Government Methods

MR. DAHANAYAKE TAKEN TO TASK

Mr. Sherman A. Fernando of Moratuwa sent the following letter with the request that we should publish it for general information. We do so with pleasure—Editor.

ON the 21st July, 1956, I addressed a letter to you with regard to a defalcation in a local institution where a large sum of money by way of facilities fees was involved and requested you to institute investigations into the matter.

I received a post card from your Ministry (Ref. 35/38/55 of the 7th August) informing me that the matter is receiving attention.

It is almost three months today but I have so far not had any reply as to what had come out of your investigations if any.

After the M.E.P. Government came into power, there is hardly a day that passes with out some Cabinet Minister or M. E. P. Member of Parliament hitting the headlines of our leading newspapers threatening to sack this Head of Department and that Head of Department if they failed to perform their duties efficiently. You got rid of the Director of Education. Another of your Cabinet colleagues threatened to dismiss the Inspector General of Police, the Minister of Finance referred to a Treasury Official in Parliament and his remarks led to that officer sending his papers for retirement, the Third M.P. for Colombo Central wanted disciplinary action taken against the Postmaster General under he served sometime ago.

All this may be startling for the unsophisticated villager and he might draw his own conclusions and pronounce such utterances of Ministers and M.P.'s as a revelation of their heroism and bravado in the public life of this country but people who have an iota of brain have to look at these utterances from a more intelligent angle and leave a wide margin for them.

Mr. Dahanayake I wrote to you the said letter because I was under the impression that you would take quick action and send me a quick reply but I am sorry to tell you that what you preach from public platforms appear to be quite different to what you practice in

your Ministry and I recently read a similar reference to you in one of the leading newspapers.

Will you please tell me whether you really know what was done to my letter of the 21st July and whether the person who signed the post card—I believe he is one Ratnapala—ever cared to find out what happened to my letter, what was done with it, and what was revealed as a result? I have reason to believe that this complaint of mine would have been completely suppressed as I am given to understand that an M.E.P. Member of Parliament is on the staff of this Institution and recently he had been elevated by the Principal perhaps for his own 'strategie' reasons, and presumably my complaint would have gone deep into the official 'Refrigerator'.

You very often quote the Holy Bible but I wonder whether you came across that famous Biblical saying "PHYSICIAN HEAL THYSELF" and when you next think of accusing a Public Officer or threatening him with dismissal, remember another well known Biblical saying "HE THAT IS WITHOUT SIN LET HIM CAST THE FIRST STONE."

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Indian Insurance Co's and Non-employment of Ceylonese [COMMUNICATED]

IN these columns on scores of occasions since the year 1920, we stressed the need and the desirability for government taking steps to closely look into the working of Indian Insurance Companies doing business in Ceylon. Taking advantage of the latitude allowed and finding ample scope several of these companies, good, bad and indifferent, opened branches here. Our readers will remember one particular company known as the Angles Life Insurance Company of India Ltd., which started with a fanfare of trumpets, and with the added advantage of the blessings and the benedictions of the Hon. Mr. G. C. S. Corea, then Minister for Trade and Commerce, who officiated at the opening ceremony of the local branch. On that occasion the Minister made a great speech and wished the company success. There is no doubt whatever the company's efforts succeeded, in as much as it roped in hundreds of Ceylonese policy holders within a comparatively short time. But one fine day the public found their Angles had winged it leaving heaps of mourners behind with only scraps of paper.

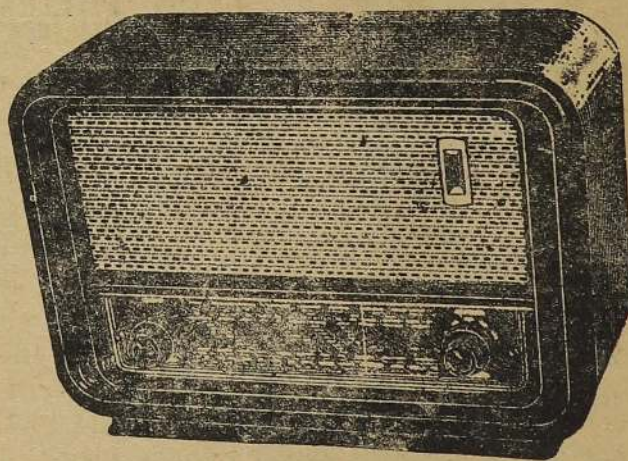
A remarkable thing about these insurance companies is the fact—which is not generally known—that their agents, managers, staff and canvassers, are all Indian nationals. These men working through the agency of local Indian merchants and traders, manage to secure business from the Ceylonese. Whether a percentage of the takings on business thus influenced, is paid over as a return commission we are unable to state. However, such, we are told, is the understanding.

Those who have visited the office of one of these companies found to their surprise that from office boy or peon to the manager all are Indians. Whether they are sly entrants or T. R. P. holders, it is not precisely known. However that the Ceylon Government should allow such things to happen and which deprives employment to Ceylonese baffles one's understanding.

These Indian companies who are keen about securing business from Ceylonese—to

the extent of "one hundred and fifty million rupees a year with a premium income of seventy to seventy-two million rupees" according to an authoritative source—should think nothing about reciprocal treatment to the country and her nationals, that every stool in their business places should be reserved for Indians is un-understandable. In one particular office in the Pettah the ration of Ceylonese to Indians is ONE TO TEN. This should make the M. E. P. who claims to be the people's government, furiously to think. The Indian problem is not a mere political clap-trap but a real a live menace to the people of this country. What the policy of the Ceylon Government should be in a matter of this nature is not difficult to conceive. It is one where Government should see that the facilities and privileges these Indian insurance companies enjoy are immediately curtailed and new conditions imposed which will better secure and safeguard Ceylon economy.

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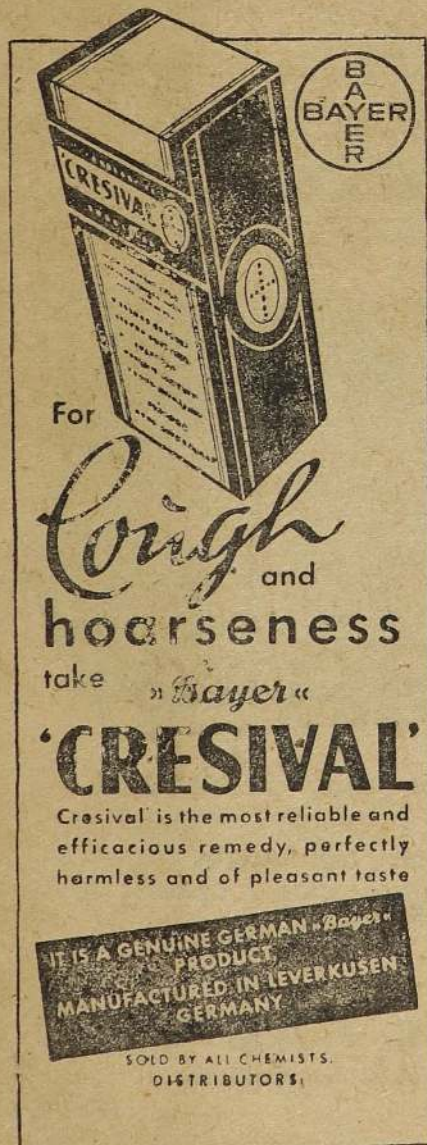
MUSINGS

By
T. W. Hockly

A DYNAST RETURNS HOME

DUDLEY SENANAYAKE has returned to his native land after having recuperated his health in England. Rumour is ripe as to what he intends to do. Will he return to the fold of the U.N.P. and lead them or will he throw in his lot with Banda and join the M.E.P. and be given a Portfolio or will he start a new Party?

Or perhaps he may decide on a religious life of meditation and become a Bhikku? These are all questions which are being asked at present. Who knows? I have always felt sure however that whatever he may have said previously he will never renounce Politics. It is too ingrained in him to do otherwise. However let "us wait and see"



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I am glad to know that the question of giving the Police Force a better wage is under consideration and that this measure will be put through without delay. It is quite absurd that as the I.G.P. recently pointed out that a constable receives the same salary as a scavenger. Something wrong somewhere surely? If the Government and the Public desire to have an effi-

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cient Police they must be prepared to pay for it and in no niggardly fashion. It is a well known foible of the People of this country always to want to get "something for nothing."

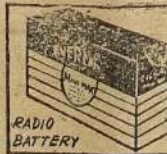
"ALMS FOR THE LOVE OF ALLAH"

SEE that a local contemporary refers to the vast and increasing number of beggars in this country and particularly in and around Colombo. The halt, the maim and the blind and other cripples. It apparently has now become a racket and there are beggar mudalalis who rake in the shekels from the other poor wretches. Can nothing be done by the Government to ameliorate and mitigate or end this racket? I am not an uncharitable man but I hate being imposed on.

The contemporary goes on to state that in the U.S.S.R. and Free China there are no beggars to be seen anywhere. Apparently the Russian and Chinese Governments know how to deal with this problem and make provision to deal with it adequately and satisfactorily. Perhaps Sri Nehru could have learnt some wrinkles from the Russian and Chinese Governments on this question. Sri Banda too when he visits Moscow and Peking might also enquire about how this beggar problem is dealt

with. Beggars are numerous enough in Ceylon but one has only to visit some large festival in India to see beggars. Swearing like and preying on pilgrims and other devotees.

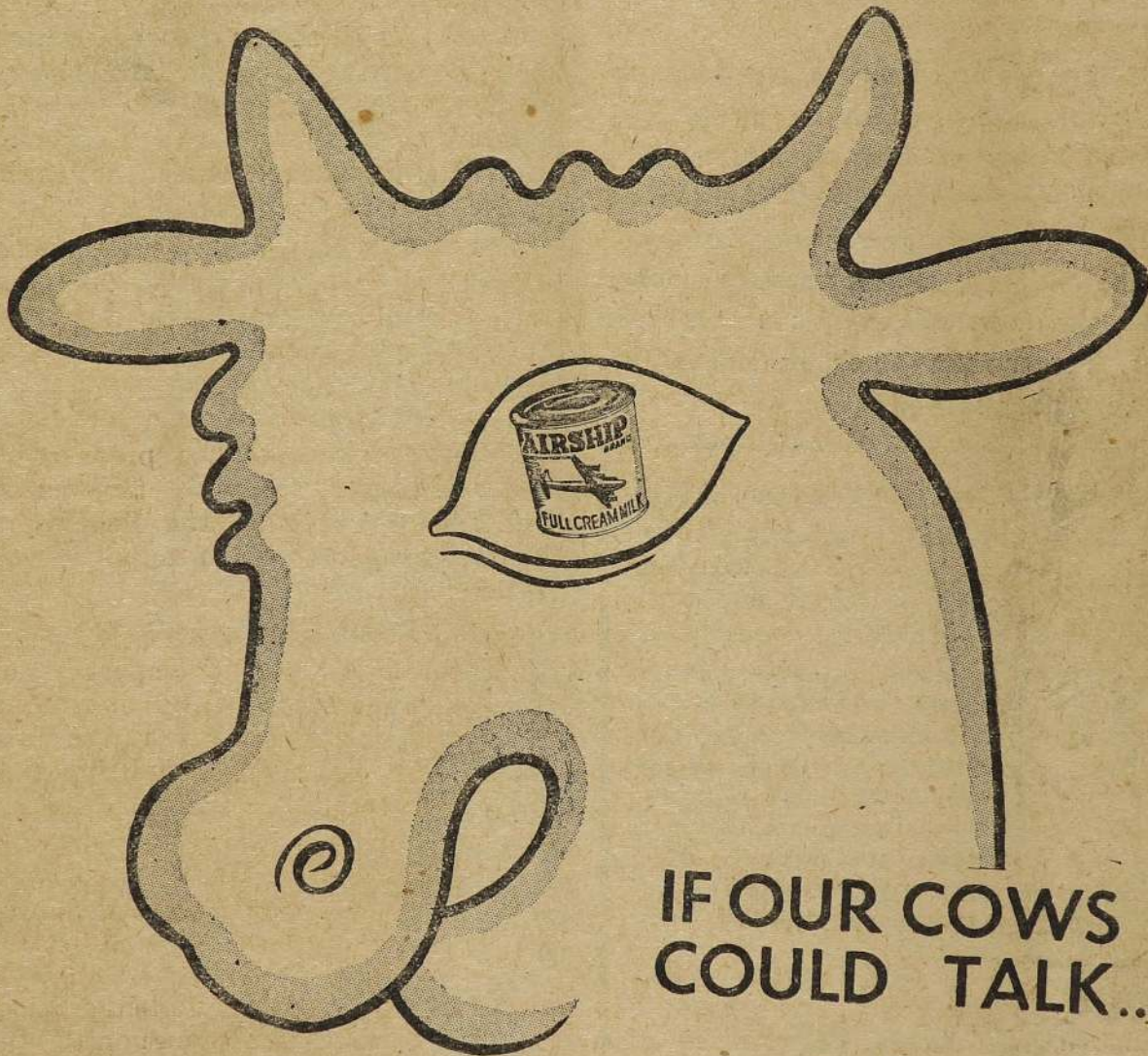
With the close contacts Sri Nehru has had with Moscow and Peking. I am surprised that this question has not engaged his attention. I hope however that Banda will bear this question in mind on his forthcoming visits to Moscow and Peking.



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water schemes and water supplies. "To hell with them" and they will just wait as usual until another water crisis arises. Buddha Jayanthi year will long be remembered for two records—the failure of the Monsoon and a record drought and the record murder rate.

POLITICIANS AT LIFE'S FEAST

OUR Politicians remind me of nothing so much as a number of school boys sitting down at a table where innumerable delicate and delicious dishes are set out for their delectation and consumption.

The dishes are so numerous and so tempting they hardly know which to tackle first. There are all sorts of bans and restrictions ready at their hand to impose on the People, thereby increasing their Power and Prestige and to make the People as unhappy and as uncomfortable as they possibly can. This is a way with Politicians. Power above all things first and the People a very poor second.



THAT PASSPORT

READ of a curious case the other day. A Ceylonese went to India shortly before the war and obtained employment there. He recently returned to this country but having been offered good employment in Bombay he wished to return to India to take it up. Pre-war no Passports were required for India and I myself know this as a fact.

However all that is changed now and Passports are now required for India. This man applied to the Department of Emigration & Immigration for a Passport. But the Department refused to grant him one unless he could produce his father's Birth Certificate.

Now, it is comparatively easy for anyone to obtain his own Birth Certificate but to obtain the Birth Certificate of one's father is by no means quite so easy. It would be interesting to know how many members of the Emigration and Immigration Department could produce their own father's Birth Certificate if asked for it. But why create difficulties for a man who is anxious to obtain and has been offered an appointment in Bombay? The usual Red Tape of Officialdom presumably.

DROUGHT IN THE N.C.P.

THE conditions caused by the long drought in the N.C.P. have been truly devastating and disastrous for man and beast. I know that in India whenever fairer conditions prevailed in any Province the Indian Government forthwith organised Famine Relief to mitigate and relieve distress. How much has been done by the Ceylon Government in this respect so far?

'MARRIAGE HATI'

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Garner stressed that "human resources are more important in development than are capital or machines." He urged developing countries to avail themselves of advanced management services.

"It seems short-sighted," he said, "to spend scarce capital for modern machines and fail to use to the maximum the skill and experience of people who have designed and know how to use them, and how to sell their products with profit to the enterprise and value of the customer."

He noted that the Export-Import Bank has a dual mission. "The primary mission of this bank from the United States' side is to assist industry and commerce in doing business throughout the world." The other side of this coin is that in facilitating and financing the export-import trade of the United States, the Bank at the same time assists other countries in their economic development."

President Samuel of the Export Import Bank observed that India is "a country which is expanding industrially and rising economically but whose trade with the United States has not involved the purchase of U.S. capital goods on a scale sufficient to bring borrowers from India to the Export-Import Bank. Here I would like to emphasize that Indian businessmen are most welcome at the Export Import Bank if they desire dollar loans for U.S. capital goods upon our usual terms and conditions."

India's Ambassador G. L. Metha said Asia's "planned economy" philosophy is in tune with the American concept of free enterprise, which he noted has resulted in "the



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He said U.S. capitalism today borne no resemblance to capitalism in several European countries and "is also very different from what was 25 years ago in this country."

Pakistan's Ambassador Mohamad Ali invited foreign investment capital, saying that success of his nation's current five-year plan depends partly on economic projects being built with foreign funds.

Ceylon's Ambassador R. S. S. Gunawardene said his government "welcomes foreign capital...to develop the industrial potential of our country." He noted Ceylon is solving its dependence on tea, rubber and coconut exports by "a widening of our markets and a diversification of our economy."—USIS

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A Red Letter with the Closing of the September Race Meet

BY NATON MOGES

THE Race Meet for the year Sept. 1955/56 ended on a very discordant note with the resignation of the Secretary of the C.T.C.



Jockey Ted Fordyce

Mr. T. H. Burah, and a news item conveying the news of the suspension of the champion Jockey Ted Fordyce. The news item reads as follows:-

The Stewards of the C.T.C. have decided to suspend Jockey Ted Fordyce indefinitely for Rough and Dangerous riding. This was a

sequel to the objection raised against Juburiah which was ridden by Fordyce in the last race of Saturday. CDN.

Another Ceylonese who has incurred the wrath of the Stewards is Jockey Baldwin Perera and he too has been suspended for a period of six months for indifferent riding on Dublin Pearl in the Galagedera Plate Div. II on the last day of the September Race Meet.

The news of the suspension of these two horsemen will be acclaimed with great satisfaction and to know that the hands of Nemesis has at long last acted wisely and without fear or favour. This action of the Stewards is indeed a very welcome move and a step in the right direction. Now the racing public will have recourse to believe that the Board of Stewards appear to have taken things to hand to improve the standard of racing and conduct the destinies of the C.T.C. and win back the lost confidence of the racing public as a whole.

It has been a strange coincidence that Ted Fordyce and Baldwin Perera have been on toast on more than one occasion and have figured before the Board of Stewards often. What could it be attributed to? Are they trying to do

things as they like by riding rough shod? Fordyce of late has shown poor ethics of sportsmanship. With the suspension of these two horsemen the racing public hope that the future standard of racing will be more cleaner than in the immediate past thus giving no room for complaint. The punters have suffered to a great extent and as such paid the extreme penalty for the sins of omission and commission of these so-called Turf jugglers.

It was not long ago that these two horsemen were associated with the indifferent performances of Briggs and Barman. The former in the Governor General's Cup and the later in the Herbert Stanley Cup run on the 2nd June 1956, which was won by Briggs of the same stable. After the race meet on the 2nd June 1956 Trainer Renga Selvaratnam and Jockey Baldwin Perera were called by the Stewards to explain the running of Barman in the Herbert Stanley Cup compared with his running in the Governor's Bowl at Nuwara Eliya. In the Nuwara Eliya race Barman won as he liked, while in the Colombo race Barman finished donkey last. After the enquiry a notice was put up by Mr. T. H. Burah, which stated that, although the Stewards were not entirely satisfied with the explanation offered, they decided to give them the benefit of the doubt. The "benefit of the doubt" remained in Renga Selvaratnam's pocket just only for

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one week. He was called up again last Saturday and he got a Thousand Rupees fine. The mystery of the whole affair is that Jockey Baldwin Perera who rode Barman in the second race reported ill and did not attend the races last Saturday. In reality Baldwin Perera was fit as a fiddle. What was the reason for his absence—Trespasser's Racing News 16th June 1956.

Here is another astounding case in point. The diabolical and dismal failure of Briggs in the Governor General's Cup race of August 1956 reveals yet another sordid episode in the annals of history of the Ceylon Turf. The most scandalous manner in which Briggs figured in the Cup Race was ample food for thought. Banner headlines in the local press confirming Briggs as a cast iron certainty and the days best bet, but lo and behold and strange to say its total and colossal eclipse was a very, very sorry tale. The owner, Major Fred Jayawardene, dismayed at the unaccountable performance of his animal and disappointed as he was, removed his entire string of eight horses from the stable of Trainer Renga Selvaratnam forthwith. Was any action taken in this particular case? Thus the ignominious episode to the utter surprise of the racing public ended in smoke and died an unnatural death unheard, unwept and unsung.

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Nay it is very deplorable that the premier racing institution of Ceylon has white-washed the sins of these so called jockey's of the Ceylon Turf

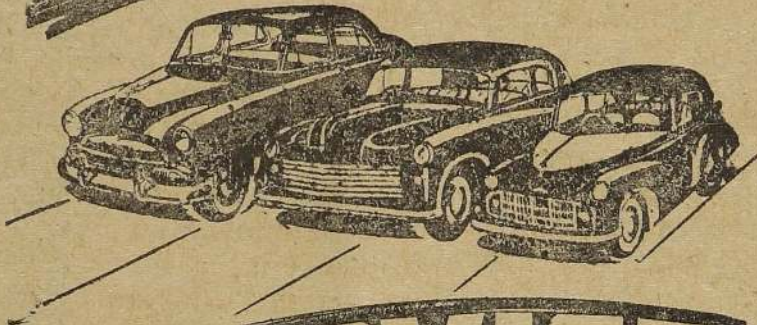
for the pittance and gain of a handful of unscrupulous crooks who rule the roost. In no part of the world has racing come down to such a low and despicable level like Ceylon. This has been a recurring decimal day in and day out. It is now fervently hoped that with the election of the present



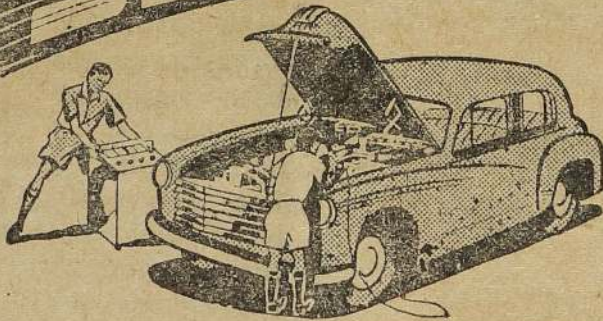
Jockey Baldwin Perera

Board of Stewards that a thorough probe is called for and a cleaning up of the Augean stables is needed forthwith before further evils could spread and kill the sport that is fast deteriorating. The writing on the wall is clear as crystal. Let us hope that with the suspension of these two horsemen a lesson will be learnt so that other horsemen, be they Ceylonese, Australian or English, who don the silks of the pig skin will give their best to the punters and not stoop to low and uncouth tactics and finally not tarnish the good name of the 'Sport of Kings'. Thus the action of the Stewards is commendable in having brought to book these two horsemen who have been found guilty for the manouevring and monstrous atrocities and as such deserve the punishment meted out to them.

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Prime Minister Obstructs Law & Justice

Orders Police withdraw Prosecution against Gang of Ruffians

The M.E.P. Government is beginning to show itself in its true colours. From the much boasted Democracy which Mr. Solomon Bandaranaike so often declared his Government

was, he is unceremoniously moving on to practise unmitigated Facist methods of government thus betraying himself and the country and giving indications that he is going in the way of Hitler and Mussolini.

According to what Inspector

Noordeen of the Wariapola Police told the Kurunegalle Magistrate, the P.M. of Ceylon has exceeded the limits of his powers and therefore cannot be trusted to perform his duties



Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike
Prime Minister

without fear or favour, malice or ill will, or to uphold law and order much less assure justice to the citizens of Ceylon. Therefore, before things take a turn for the worse, the people must demand through their respective representatives in Parliament an explanation from the P.M. how and under what precise circumstances he came to order the Inspector General of Police, whose duty is to maintain law and order in the country, without let or hindrance to issue instructions to a Police Inspector, who, in pursuit of his duties, had filed a charge against 4 accuseds for throwing stones and abusing Mrs. Henry Vanderpoorten, widow of the late Mr. H. C. Vanderpoorten, Planter, of Rambewa, in the Wariyapola Police Area, in April last and which case came up for trial at the Kurunegalle Magistrate's Court on the 28th September.

From the above facts it would appear that the P. M. of Ceylon had acted in an unconstitutional and arbitrary manner, unbecoming of the head of a democratic state, when his obvious duty was to uphold the institutes of law and order and see that the guardians of the peace carried out their duties unhampered and uninfluenced and thus assure the subject the safety of life limb and property.

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We publish below from Kurunegala the news of an extraordinary and unprecedented incident. The Prime Minister instructs the I. G. P. to withdraw a Criminal Case filed in Court. We have here a flagrant example of the Executive interfering with the functions of Judiciary and the Police.

Kurunegala,
28th September, 1956

THE Charge that the Executive was interfering with the Law Courts was made in the Magistrate's Courts at Kurunegala today by Counsel in a case.

This happened when Inspector Noordeen of the Wariyapola Police made an application to withdraw the prosecution in a case in which the Police charged Wimalahamy, Sirisena, Tikiri Banda and Dharmasena with throwing stones at and abusing Mrs Henry Vanderpoorten of Rambewa on April 6th. 1956.

In giving his reasons for the application to withdraw the case against the four accuseds, Inspector Noordeen said that the I. G. P. had ordered him to withdraw the case on the instructions of the Prime Minister.

EXECUTIVE INTERFERES WITH THE JUDICIARY

Mr Mackenzie Pereira who with Mr. C. L. W. Perera appeared for Mrs. Vanderpoorten, the injured party at whose instance the case was filed, submitted to court that the traditions of the Judiciary must be maintained and that the Executive must not be allowed to dictate to the Judiciary. He

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said that the Police must show sufficient reason to satisfy Court that the application should be allowed

Mr Boyd Jayasooriya, instructed by Mr. G. St. E. Kodagoda, who appeared for the defence said that it was a Police prosecution and if the Police did not wish to proceed that was the end of the matter.

Mr. Pereira strongly opposed the application as it was tantamount, he said to serious interference with the Judiciary. He added that tomorrow if a man was murdered and the I.G.P moved to withdraw the case the Court would have to consider the matter. It was, he said, the duty of the Bar to safeguard the Judiciary jealously and it was the duty of the Judiciary to uphold that principle.

At this stage a settlement was proposed that the accused would not interfere with the complainant in future. All accused were discharged, when this settlement was accepted.

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The Election of C.T.C. Stewards

FOR some years now the election of Stewards of the C.T.C. has become quite a tortuous affair. There is neither decency nor dignity about the election. Comparatively speaking, there is a greater degree of respectability shown in a Village Committee or an Urban Council election of its members than the Ceylon Turf Club of its Stewards.

During the August Race Meet the club circularises its members by sending them a list of those seeking nomination to the Committee and desires them to make use of their vote for electing the new Committee. Taking advantage of the facilities afforded the members, who attend the August Race Meet ballot secretly for the 15 Members of the Committee and then the feverish excitement soon subsides and everybody awaits the announcement of the result of the election. Hearts beat pit a pat till the counting takes place; and lo and behold, at the General Meeting held, on the last day of the August Meet the names of 15 members of the Committee elected by the members are announced.

Now according to the votes registered at the last Election, that amiable sportsman and gentleman Dr. G. Wignaraja topped the poll. This was no doubt the general desire of the members of the Club. But when he sought the suffrage of the same 15 Committee Members to be elected a Steward, the popular 'Dr. Wigna' was relegated to the limbo of forgotten things! It is, indeed, scandalous nay preposterous that such wonton disregard is paid to the unanimous wishes of the members of the Ceylon Turf Club. Of course it is not difficult to conceive that this is all the work of the Hidden Hand and surely the members of the Club know whose it is - who wants only

such Stewards as are prepared to see things as he sees them. So there is no wonder that racing in Ceylon is systematically deteriorating as a result. And with this sort of election the club keeps putting old wine into new bottles! year after year. There is no earthly hope of the Ceylon Turf Club rehabilitating its lost good name, or racing being brought back to what it was, unless and until men who seek to further their sordid interests in horseracing, are eliminated altogether and their room preferred to their company.

Government Doctors AND Private Practice WHY NOT COPY MADRAS?

A PROSPECTIVE Patient" in a letter to us says "that the whole thing is perfectly scandalous." We see no reason to differ from his finding. Not only is the whole thing perfectly scandalous, but the whole system requires to be looked into and remodelled or rehailed.

When doctors were few Government they were allowed private practice. But why this should be continued in A.D 1956 with many hundreds of young and highly qualified medicos waiting for the opportunities in life is not only scandalous but a blot on the administration of the whole Island. Government doctors draw the Queen's Shilling and they ought to



The late Dr. E. V. Ratnam, F.R.C.S. for several years President of the Independent Medical Practitioners Association of Ceylon who, since 1930 had vehemently condemned Private Practice being allowed to Hospital doctors. In fact it was Dr. Ratnam who initiated the agitation against allowing Government doctors the privilege of Private Practice. He condemned this system as an "unmitigated evil."

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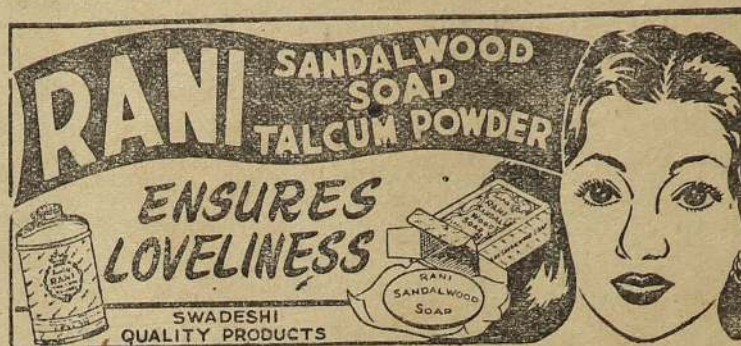
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and if necessary burn all copies of this infamous publication. No one with any sense of decency and self-respect can bear any insult or contumely to his religion no matter what his religion or faith may be. I believe the author of this vile publication is an orthodox Buddhist who would be the first to raise a cry of "Buddhism in Danger" were anything published against his own faith. Why therefore should he seek to insult the faith of others. The sooner the Government take action against this infamous publication the better.

THE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS

If it be true that the Ceylon Government intend to take over and run as their own business our leading newspapers and only allow to be published information and news which



they consider is suitable for the Public to read and know and nothing else, then we shall be half way to Moscow and Dictatorship and to Hell with the Liberty of the Press. "Heave ahead my hearties."

In Moscow, the two leading newspapers Pravda (Truth), and Izvestia News, are of course entirely under Government Control and are organs of the Government. Some waggish Russians have remarked, sub rosa of course, that

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CITIZEN Well, you are an expert brewer. You ought to know what beer is made of and why it should do me good.

EXPERT I certainly do.

CITIZEN I see they advertise that beer is brewed from the finest malt, hops, and yeast. Is that true?

EXPERT Yes. For hundreds of years pure barley-malt has been recognized as one of the purest and most digestible forms of nourishment.

CITIZEN And why are hops used?

EXPERT Hops not only give a delightful flavour but act as an appetizer and a magnificent antiseptic.

CITIZEN Antiseptic?

EXPERT Yes. Many medical testimonies endorse this, and during certain epidemics in bygone years beer was made compulsory on account of its nutritive and antiseptic qualities.

CITIZEN That's interesting—and why is yeast good?

EXPERT Surely you don't need an expert to tell you that yeast is now known as one of the greatest rejuvenators and restoratives.

CITIZEN Yes, I've heard that.

EXPERT Well, there you've got it. In British beer you get the perfect combination of the finest food value possible. It is a body-builder and restorative, an antiseptic against most common ailments, and full of nourishment in the most digestive form. Our country has thrived on it from time immemorial. So will you. Your doctor is right.

CITIZEN Why has beer become so popular of late?

EXPERT Medical science and the knowledge of food values has increased enormously. Our ancestors drank beer by instinct and tradition. Now dietetic research has proved that their instinct and the tradition were sound. While other drinks come and go, beer remains and is by far the most wholesome drink in the world.

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there is no Truth in Pravda and there is no news in Izvestia. If the Ceylon Government adopt the Russian idea I would suggest that one of the newspapers be called "Halbaeva" Truth and the other 'Aranchi' news. But how uninteresting these papers would be and the circulation would drop but that would not matter to the Government as any loss incurred would be met by the Taxpayer. If these officially run newspapers are published in Swabasha only the circulation will be still less, but nichevo—as they say in Moscow—it does not matter.

THE EDUCATED UNEMPLOYED

THIS problem was created by Lord McCaulay when he was in India. In the early days of the East India Company they used to bring out Europeans from England for their clerical work as their business and commitments expanded they found it too expensive to pay the high salaries for their European Clerical Staff. These Europeans eventually formed the nucleus of the Indian Civil Service. These Clerks in those days were called writers and to this day the Secretariat in Calcutta is called Writer's Buildings where these clerks were housed. But how to meet the problem of cheap clerical labour?

Lord McCaulay hit on the idea why not teach Indians book lore and accountancy and

employ them as clerks at low salaries and establish a University? The very thing. The Bengalis in particular have a natural aptitude and flair for figures. They took to the scheme like ducks to water for here were Government pensionable jobs offered to them. Ere very long the East India Company obtained a sufficiency of cheap clerical labour for their work. The great mercantile houses followed the example of the Government and employed Indians for clerical work in their offices.

In Ceylon, then under the East India Company, when the British occupied this country the same system was adopted. But in time there was a plethora of Indians for clerical work and wages decreased badly as a consequence. I remember when I was in Calcutta, University Graduate a B.A. or M.A. could be engaged as a Junior clerk on a commencing salary of Rs. 15 a month. Food and clothing were of

course far cheaper in those days than they are now.

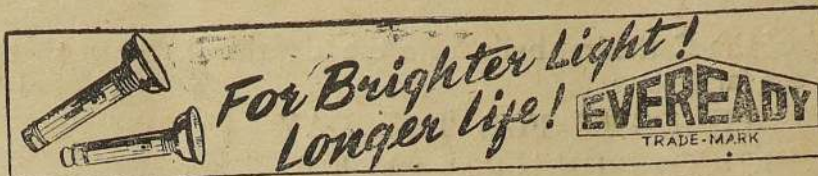
No attention was paid to practical, vocational and technical training. In Ceylon the same system was perpetuated by our 'Pearl Merchant.' How often I have written to the Press advocating that more practical, vocational and technical training should be adopted, but my suggestion fell on deaf ears. The 'Pearl Merchant' should have known better but he was quite content apparently to continue this utterly stupid idea. The result of this is

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now patent to everyone and we now have an army of educated unemployed proficient in book lore but without any knowledge of practical, vocational or technical knowledge. "The evil that men do lives after them." So let it be with our "Pearl Merchant." If this country is to expand industrially, as I hope it will, we shall badly need more trained technicians and also vocational training for Agricultural expansion and to augment our Food Supplies, making self-sufficiency our aim. If People's Government intend to reform the present system of Education there will be good jobs waiting for our young educated youths. But should a policy of "laissez faire" be pursued it "will end in the nothing all things end in" and the problem will increase more and more daily. Mr. Dahanayake, the present Minister of Education, is a man of guts, initiative and drive and the country looks to him to do something about this very vital and important problem.

I would remind Mr. Dahanayake of 'Napoleon's saying "you can't make omelettes with-



out breaking eggs.' There will be a large number of eggs for Mr. Dahanayake to break but as he is a resolute man I feel confident he can "take it."

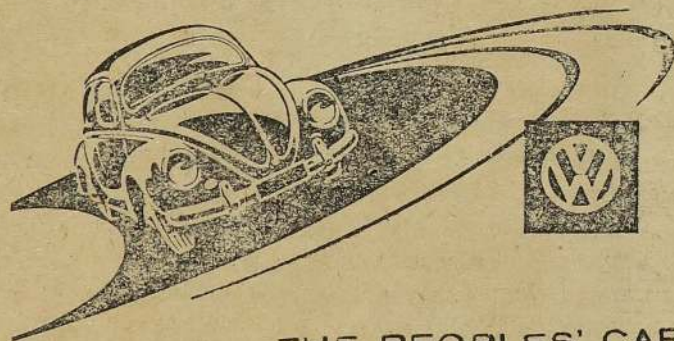
EXILE

WHAT a lot of sentimental humbug is often talked by foreigners when abroad. I remember many years ago I attended the Christmas Morning Service at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta. The dear Canon in his Christmas Sermon said, inter alia: "And here my friends we celebrate the Festival of Christmas in the land of our exile." Now most of the congregation he was addressing were well dressed, well-fed people surrounded with every comfort and luxury and if they were in "exile" it was a very comfortable exile and self-imposed at that.

After the Service the Canon would return to his spacious residence and doubtless sit down to a very excellent luncheon followed, later on in the evening, by sumptuous dinner among cheering and wealthy friends at which champagne would flow freely. Altogether a very comfortable "exile" for them and him! I have no doubt that much the same thing happens here in Ceylon and the foreigners bemoan their wretched exile in a foreign land. It is all a matter of self-deception and just kidding themselves and bemoaning their sad lot. What humbugs we are to be sure!

THE TEMPLE UNDER THE SEA
I read recently in the local Press of a temple under the sea, somewhere on the East Coast and near Trinco. Whether this is real or legendary is questionable. I rather fancy the latter. This rather reminds me of De Bussy's beautiful composition 'la Cathedrale engloutie'—the drowned or engulfed cathedral. A beautiful piece of music, which is marvellously descriptive and one can almost hear in the motif the

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peal of the Cathedral bells from the depths of the sea far below.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"EDUCATION is that which discloses to the wise and disguises from the foolish their lack of understanding."

Government Doctors and Private Practice

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be compelled to focus their attention and activities solely on the patients within the precincts of the hospitals to which they are attached. They must be available at any time and all times to those who have come into hospital and look up to the doctors, paid with the money of the public, for the amelioration of suffering. Instead, what do we see? The poor and the needy have hardly a dog's chance of care and attention. The system, as it stands at present, is perfectly archaic and it amounts to an absurdity. If the privilege is carried further, why should not Crown Counsel be allowed private practice and District Engineers be allowed to undertake private building contracts? The public raise their voices and cry for reform, but the practice goes unchecked. The Minister for Health is unresponsive to public clamour. Instead of attending to the patients whether paying or non-paying, in hospital and giving them their monies worth, at a critical moment when the doctor is needed he is reported to be somewhere else. Not that this is invariably the rule, but no opportunity should be given of making it even an exception. This privilege of private practice leads to many other abuses. Invariably it effects detrimentally the poor man. It is well-known that many people consult the hospital doctor paying him a private fee before they enter hospital just because that little offering gets them extra attention. This is a gross abuse of authority. Is poverty a crime that the poor and needy should, even on their death-bed, be treated differently from the one who could make the doctor feel the touch of Mammon! All these evil practices should be put down with a firm hand, and the doctor who seeks the Government employment should not on any account be allowed private practice. He should be made to confine his attention solely to the patients he is entrusted with in his hospital.

Then there would be less deaths in the hospital and the rich and poor would be meted out equal treatment.

It is considered an illegal gratification for public servants to receive anything that would make them favour anybody who gives them anything in the discharge of their public duties. This rule of law should be strictly applied to the medical fraternity as well and both the giver and the taker should be punished. What if a Crown Counsel takes money from an accused not to bring home the charge or leave off details that would help to mitigate the offence? That would be a heinous offence? The same may be said of the doctor who confers more attention for the private fee on his wealthy patient than on the poor man. The time has also come when doctors in Government employ must be made to stop working for private hospitals and nursing homes or being connected with them. Hundreds yet look to Government employ because they wish for a career where money could be made in both ways!

The Ceylon Government might at least try to copy the example of Madras pertaining to the question of private practice of Government doctors. There no medical man serving under Government is permitted anything like an unbridled practice for gain. This condition is so rigorously insisted upon and cases have been known where doctors have been severely punished with dismissal from Government Service. Where it has become necessary to permit the privilege of private practice to certain specialists in the public interests, such specialists are expected to keep a fee-book and half the proceeds of the fees thus earned is appropriated by Government. Why should not the Honourable the Health Minister adopt the same practice in Ceylon?

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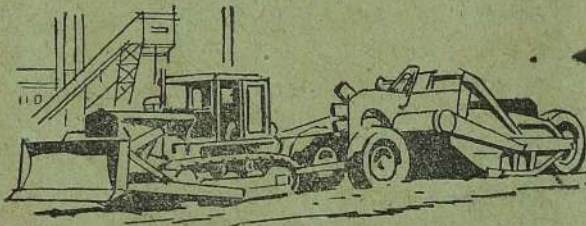
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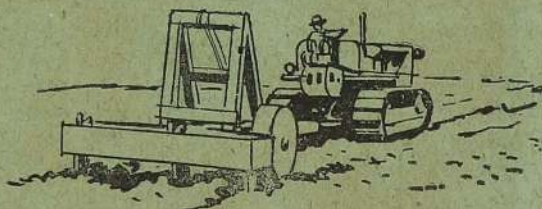
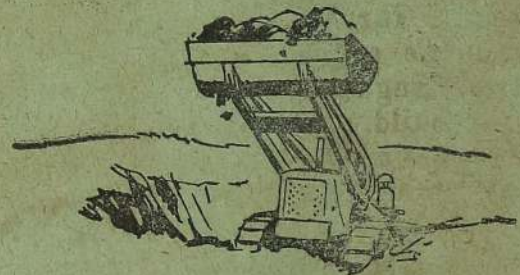
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