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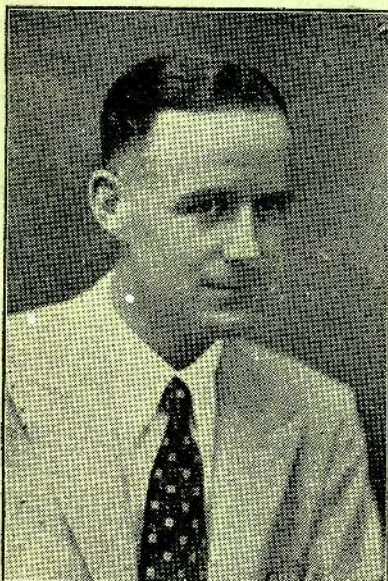
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The New President of the British European Association

It is a source of immense pleasure for THE SEARCHLIGHT to offer its heartiest congratulations to Mr. Alfred T. Morant on his election to the high office of President of the British European Association. Looking backwards from distant 1918, we have observed with unfeigned interest the galaxy of men who occupied the Chair of the British European Association and who without the slightest doubt rendered great service not only to the Association but also to the welfare and benefit of the country.

We are therefore happy in the thought that an equally admirable businessman like Mr.



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Morant has been called upon to guide the destinies of the Association for the coming year. The out-going Chairman, Mr. C. G. Reeves who has also rendered signal service during the last two years, has on vacating his office indulged in a few home truths in regard to the

country and the trying times the people as a whole have had to go through. As a matter of fact his speech, like an egg, was full of meat.

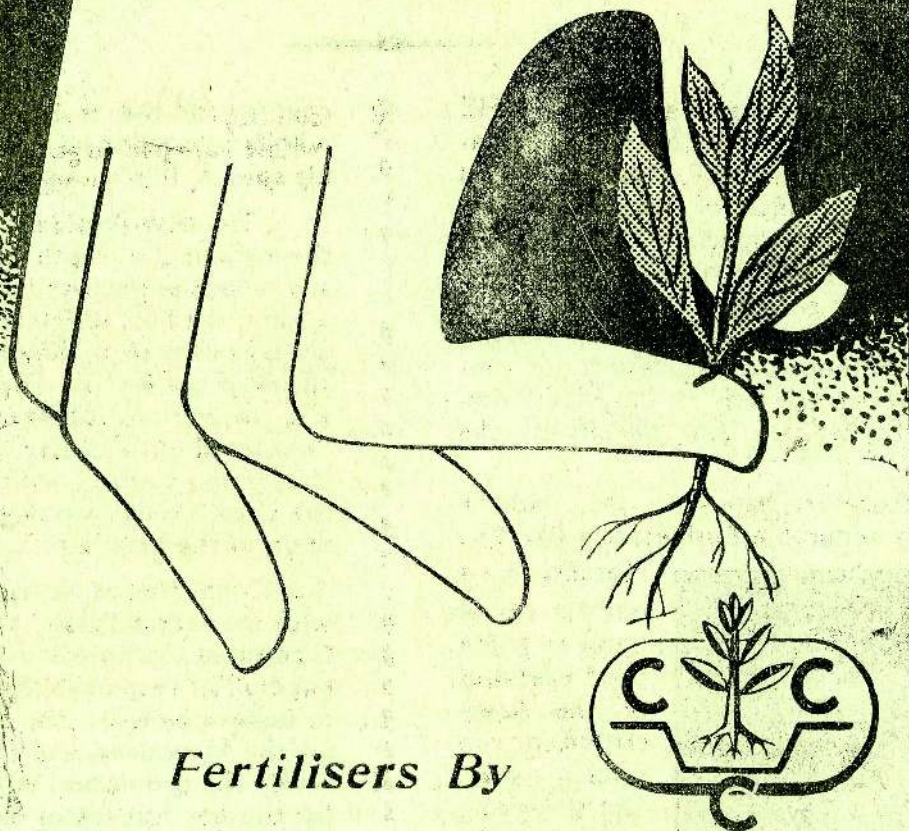
The new President who is so well-known throughout the length and breadth of this island and whose popularity is undoubted, has the good wishes of a host of friends and admirers. He has always taken an abiding interest not only in the affairs of the British European Association but also in various other undertakings and has "rendered unto Caesar that which belongs to Caesar and to the Lord that which belonged to the Lord" thus winning the goodwill and esteem of the people of Lanka.

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BY C. W DE MEL

IN the event the Sri Lanka Freedom Party obtains a Clear majority at the forthcoming general elections, the constitutional propriety of the Governor General offering the Commission to Mrs. Bandaranaike to form a Government as the Leader of the S.L.F.P. and her acceptance of the Commission without a seat in Parliament has become a controversial issue of high import bewildering the minds of even top politicians. It, therefore, behoves in fairness to Mrs. Bandarnaike and the whole electorate to have this vital issue clarified as much as possible without any bias or prejudice.

Section 46 (3) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order-in-Council 1946 provides—

“The Prime Minister shall be appointed by the Governor General. The other Ministers shall be appointed by the Governor General acting on the recommendation of the Prime Minister”.

The power vested in the Governor General by this Section in appointing the Prime Minister is so wide and elastic that, in the exercise of his discretion, he can appoint whomsoever he pleases, whether the person be inside or outside the House of Representatives at the time of appointment. The Governor General is not

restricted in his choice by any qualifications attached to the person so selected, whatever his experience or academic attainments may be. However, his choice gets at once and automatically severely limited when he has to take into account that the person appointed as Prime Minister must be the one and only person who could command a majority in the House of Representatives.

According to the decision arrived at by the S.L.F.P. candidates and other party members at Horagolla, the S. L. F. P. has publicly announced in unmistakable terms that Mrs. Bandaranaike shall be the Prime Minister if the S. L. F. P. secures a majority at the elections. Thus, in the event, SLFP obtains an absolute majority, not otherwise, the Governor General has no other alternative but to offer the Premiership to Mrs. Bandaranaike as the only person who could command a majority in the House of Representatives. The offer on the part of the Governor General and acceptance of it by Mrs. Bandaranaike under such circumstances are, therefore, both constitutional and conventional.

In such an eventuality, she cannot continue to be the Prime Minister indefinitely as the

provisions of Section 49 (2) of the Constitution distinctly apply to the Prime Minister as well. This Section provides—

“A Minister or Parliamentary Secretary who for any period of four consecutive months is not a member of either Chamber shall, at the expiration of that period, cease to be a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary, as the case may be.”

If Mrs. Bandaranaike becomes the Prime Minister and decides to continue in office till the expiration of the full period of the Parliament, all that she has to do is to be a Senator or to contest a safe seat like Attanagalla or Dompe by creating a vacancy and obtain a seat within a period of four months under the provisions of this section.

However, the above procedure is undoubtedly not the rule, but the exception. In the United Kingdom all Prime Ministers have been either from the House of Lords or the House of Commons at the time of appointment. The only exception was Mr. Gladstone, who held the office for several months without a seat in Parliament. From 1902 it is a well-established convention that no Peer shall be the Prime Minister of England. This conventional rule had been definitely established in 1923 when Stanley Baldwin was chosen as the Prime Minister overlooking the claims of Lord Curzon.

CONVENTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION

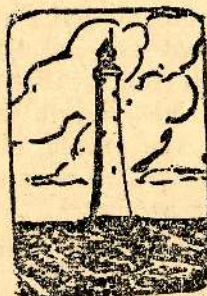
According to our Constitution in the matter of the appointment and dismissal of Ministers, the Governor General, as the counterpart of the Queen, as stressed by the Imperial Conference of 1926, is required to act in accordance with the constitutional conventions applicable to the exercise of a similar function in the United Kingdom by Her Majesty. The conventions of the British Constitution in the matter of the appointment of the Prime Minister as explained by some eminent writers are quoted below :—

1. “It is a well-settled convention that every Minister of the Crown must be a member of Parliament, of one House or the other. If he is not one at the time of appointment, he has to become one, either by being made a Peer or by a safe constituency being made available to him” (Appadorai).
2. “In theory, the choice of a Prime Minister rests within the discretion of the Monarch; in practice, of course, that discretion is severely

limited by the necessities of party politics. Where both party and public opinion is so clear as who should be the Prime Minister, the King must follow the drift of that opinion. Where the wishes of a party are unmistakable, and the political circumstances normal, convention now requires that the King shall act upon the wishes of the party.” (Laski).

3. “The King’s discretion will, normally, reach but a little way. The number of possible Prime Ministers in a party, at any moment, is limited by party and public opinion, and the King will not be able to go beyond that circle. If he does, his choice will be widely resented as breaking the convention upon which the governance of parties is based; he will almost certainly find that nominee will not be able to form a government and unlikely to maintain it for long if he does. His failure will be taken everywhere as a criticism upon the exercise of the royal discretion; and it is of the essential nature of the royal function that they must be so exercised as not to invite public criticism.” (Laski)
4. “The King’s task is only to secure a Government, not to try to form a Government of

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which he approves. To do so would be to engage in party politics. It is, moreover, essential to the belief in the Monarch's impartiality not only that he should in fact act impartially, but that he should appear to act impartially." (Sir Ivor Jennings.)

If Mrs. Bandaranaike contests a seat and gets defeated, but still gets a clear majority for her party, her position would still remain the same. The Governor General will have to offer the Commission to her to form a government.

On the other hand, if the U.N.P. obtains an absolute majority, but Mr. Dudley Senanayake gets defeated in his constituency, (which will never happen nor anyone would wish it to happen) the situation is quite different. He can indisputably be the Prime Minister. There will be no appointment by the Governor General. Mr. Senanayake can properly refuse to resign, meet the Parliament, get a vote of confidence at the opening of the Parliament and carry on

the administration of the country. Of course, he must obtain a seat in the Parliament within four months. Such a step is perfectly constitutional and precedental.

There is no precedent in the United Kingdom to support such action by a defeated Prime Minister. Only one is to be found in the Dominions. In 1925 Mr. Mackenzie King refused to resign from the Premiership despite his personal defeat. He met the Parliament and the

opening vote gave him a majority of 125 to 115 to carry on the administration of the country.

In the same way, had Mr. Dahanayake obtained a clear majority for the L.P.P. in the last election, unquestionably, he would have been the Prime Minister despite his personal defeat in the Galle Seat and there would have been no second dissolution of Parliament.

In the event no party secures a clear majority, but the S.L.F.P. gets the highest number, the Governor General is not bound to call upon Mrs. Bandaranaike to form a government. He has the right to offer the Commission first to Mr. Senanayake, if the U.N.P. is the second largest party, for, "there is no absolute rule binding the Representative of the Crown to send for the leader of two or more Opposition groups. He must be determined in his action by the paramount consideration who is most likely to be able to form an administration by some form of Coalition or working agreement which can carry on for a reasonable time the administration of the territory."

CABINET MINISTERS WITHOUT SEATS

Apart from the power of the Governor General to appoint the Prime Minister without a seat in the Parliament, even the Prime Minister himself has the right to appoint one or two Cabinet Ministers without seats in the Parliament, although this is the exception to the rule. There were three precedents in the British Parliament. Lloyd George appointed General Smuts to serve in his War Cabinet without a seat in the Parliament; Baldwin appointed two Scottish Law Lords who did not have seats; both Ramsay Mac Donald and his son, Malcolm held seats in the Cabinet from the fall of 1935 until early 1936 without seats in the Parliament as a result of electoral defeats. "It was necessary in these cases to seek out safe seats for them. The Parliament will accept situations of the latter kind if they do not drag out too long. It is always possible that a major party figure may be upset in an election even while his party is winning nationally. Such a situation may easily be remedied by the resignation of one of the members and the candidacy of Minister in the consequent by-election." Thus, if the U.N.P. obtained a clear majority in the last election and formed a stable government, Mr. Senanayake could have offered a Ministerial

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Scholarship Flash

NEWS has just come our way that Mrs. Lorraine Seneviratne, or is it Mrs. Lorraine Seneviratne? who just returned from an extended holiday in Europe with her daughter has been granted a Scholarship of some duration to America.

It is obvious now that we badly need a Scholarship Committee to go into these various Scholarships offered so that only those who are financially unable and capable of putting their services to use be offered these Scholarships, instead of Culture Vultures being sent on trips round the world for diverse reasons.

Industrial Information Desk

WHERE in Ceylon is there any Bureau or Information Counter where a person interested in commencing Business may go to for information, study several projects, examine costs and running expenditure and then decide on what would be most suitable based on the availability of raw materials, Government protection if necessary and scope for marketing? Where indeed could information of such a nature be available? Yet we have the sad spectacle of Government bemoaning the lethargic attitude of the Private Sector to invest in industry.

In this Government is no more wiser for with many of their own undertakings it has been a "hit or miss" effect generally "missing" at a cost of millions of rupees, before the project can even meet its expenses. In spite of these costly lessons the Government goes ahead with more ambitious Schemes without any thought for the consequences.

If one calls in a Surgeon for an ailment he is sure to recommend an operation. In much the same way if the Government consults a Group of Textile Mill Experts they are bound

to put forward a plan for the commencement of a project without taking into consideration our overall problems. Thus it is necessary that we have the services of an impartial body like the World Bank to assess our potentialities, our requirements and our ability and accordingly formulate a pattern or scheme of progressive Industrial Development. This will be dovetailed with a progressive Employment Programme and this in turn with our Taxation and Standards of Living Costs and financial reflection.

With the aid of such a distinguished and internationally capable Group of people it will be helpful to launch out on a series of Investigations for the Government and Private Sector simultaneously for the benefit of the country as a whole. For instance water resources for the more arid areas of this country could be mapped out and planned. Tests for Petroleum Deposits, Coal Deposits and for other types of Minerals could be carried out on behalf of the Government Sector.

The compilation of lists of Small Scale Industries suited to the Island's requirements together with their estimated capital and running costs, output, source of raw materials and Technical Assistance available could be made up so that interested parties could go into a venture on their own or else form Corporations or Partnerships for suitable ventures. Unless this preliminary spade-work is done there will be no radical development in Industry as the Private Sector has no where to turn to in order to collect the necessary data and information so necessary when it is called upon to risk its own money.

It is here that the Chamber of Industries could provide a valuable contribution by compiling a list of small scale machinery available from different countries under various manufacturing heads, together with details of their running and maintenance costs so that intending manufacturers will be advised as to the suitability of their investment besides obtaining information from the Chamber as to whether there is over-production or not in any particular field and which fields of activity could be profitably tapped. For this purpose it is necessary that the Chamber be a live and active organization with information readily available and towards this end the Government should provide them either with a subsidy or the assistance of trained personnel at their expense to correlate the efforts of the Chamber and the Ministry of Industries towards a joint undertaking.

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post in the Cabinet to Mr. M. D. H. Jayawardene. However, such a step would be a dangerous experiment for a Ceylon Prime Minister to try as it would invite severe criticism both from his own party and the Opposition.

I hold no brief for Mrs. Bandaranaike, but the hard, indisputable and unchallengable facts with regard to her position are as stated above subject, of course, to correction by constitutional luminaries. Her merits, ability, experience and fitness to undertake the arduous and most responsible office of Prime Minister, which requires a profound knowledge of men and matters and the art of ruling men and women, the most difficult of all arts, is quite a different matter for separate and serious consideration.

Briefly, a general election is concerned primarily with the determination of what party

shall govern; what man shall be Prime Minister. The emphasis is upon the selection of the Prime Minister and a government, not upon achieving some mirror-like reflection of public opinion and wants. Two alternative Prime Ministers stand before the public: two alternative parties with alternative principles and policies are presented. The electorate makes its choice between them. A General election is, therefore, essentially a plebiscite and a national vote committing executive power to one prominent, experienced and an outstanding statesman who would be styled "Prime Minister"

In the forthcoming elections, Mr. Dudley Senanayake and Mrs. Bandaranaike stand before the electorate to be elected as Prime Minister, upon whose policy will depend the future destiny of this country. It is for the electorate to give the verdict.

In the present confused state of politics, under a Constitution based on the British model and a multi-party system based on the French model, which are inconsistent, incompatible and unworkable causing deadlocks and breakdowns in the constitutional machinery of government, no one can predict with any degree of certainty what the upshot of the issue is going to be, for, "the heart of man is so very deep that the devil himself knoweth not the depths thereof"

"The Law of the Pendulum of Politics" as expounded by Sedgwick and Bryce, Spencer and Munro will pronounce the verdict of the electorate. Whatever this verdict would be, the nation will have to abide by it as it would be the Verdict of the political Sovereign, the electorate. That is DEMOCRACY.

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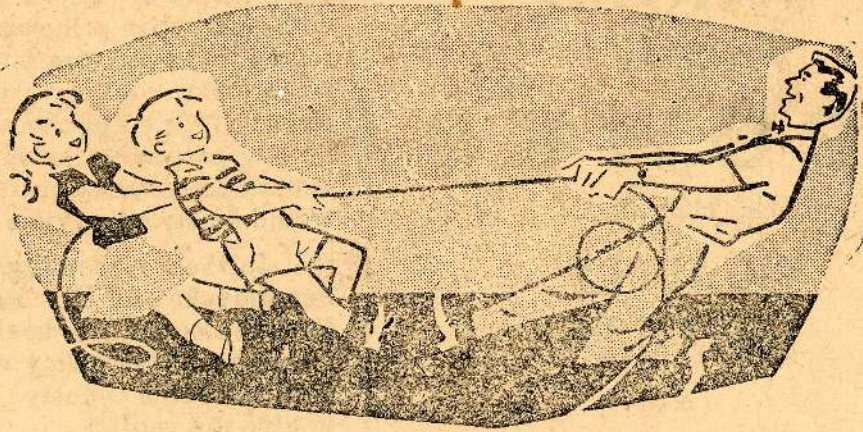
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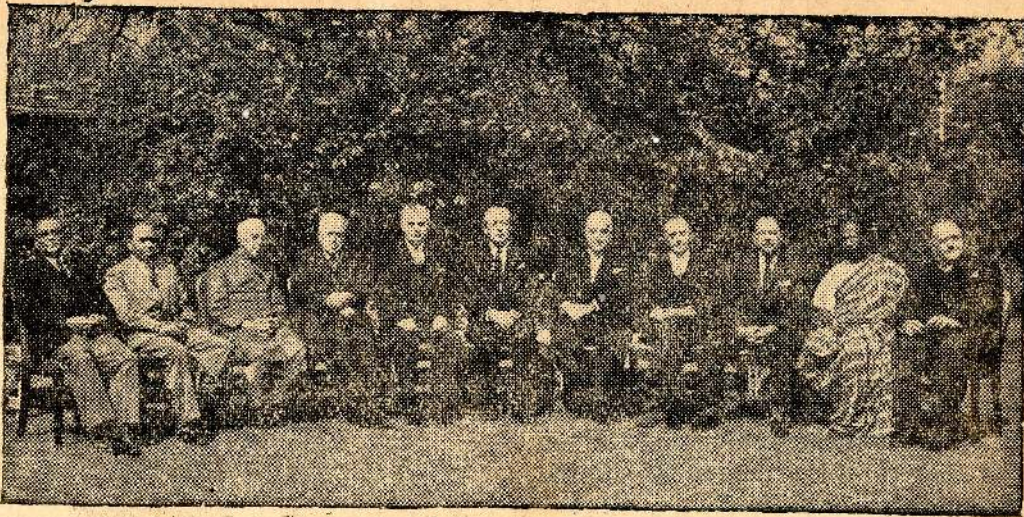


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The Pride of the Unemployed

UNEMPLOYMENT should not be confused with Registrations for Better Employment. On a careful analysis of the unemployment registrations, it has become obvious that unemployment in the true sense of the word has ceased to exist in Ceylon and we in Ceylon must be proud of this fact.

Unemployment actually means ones inability to secure employment irrespective of its nature. The unemployment figures in Ceylon reveal that ninety-nine per cent of those registered with the Exchanges are selective about their employment and thus apt to be unemployed rather than take up employment of any other kind offered them

Take for Instance the Designation under which a large group of adolescent males are registered for employment under namely 'Peon' 'Office Boy,' 'Delivery Boy,' or something similar. One insertion in the Press now a days for such a vacancy brings in Applications by the

score and even from S.S.C. passed students. Out of 900 applicants only one can be chosen and so 899 appear to be jobless. But try offering them manual work as labourers, servant-boys or scavengers merely to give them an opportunity of earning money of some kind and they turn up their noses disdainfully. As such you will see the acute condition of unemployment really does not exist.

One of the commonest designations under which girls register themselves, for is that of a 'Clerk'. One advertisement causes a complete collapse of ones correspondence as letters pour in morning, noon and night. Again only one can be chosen and thousands appear to be desperate for jobs. In fact when you read their letters where they explain their desperate position you feel like starting a Branch of the Social Services for the balance of the applicants. But try to help them by suggesting jobs such as Ayahs, Cooks, Canvassers, Houskeepers and there is a discreet silence which makes you wonder at the genuineness of their pleas of desperation.

Letters to the Editor

S.L.F.P. Prime Minister

MR. FELIX Dias Bandaranayake as General Secretary of S.L.F.P. has issued a press statement to inform the country that if the S L.F.P. secures a majority at the next general election Mrs. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike will be chosen as the Prime Minister. Mrs. Bandaranaike not being a chosen representative of any constituency can she or even her butler be hoisted on the country as Prime Minister under the Ceylon Constitution, and is there a precedent in any part of the world for such a procedure ?

Personally I have no objection to Mrs. Bandaranaike's butler or Mr. Felix Dias's cook being made the Prime Minister. I have no reason to doubt that both those gentlemen are honourable men and will say "Ehei Hamuduravo" when they hear their master's voice. I am only seeking information on a constitutional issue.

Wellawatte D. L. WELIKALA

24th May, 1960

Let There be Light ?

IT has been announced in the press by the S.L.F.P. Secretary that their party nominee for the Premiership will be Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike who will not be having the status of either an M.P. or Senator which alone will entitle her to be elected to the post of Prime Minister.

It is the prerogative of H. E. the Governor General to appoint the Premier. We are supposed to have a democratic constitution and, according to it inaugurating a new Parliament is as follows :—

1. The Governor General calls upon the leader of the party in Parliament with the majority to form the Government
2. If the leader accepts, he is nominated Premier and is called upon to select his Cabinet.
3. The Premier presents the members of his Cabinet to H. E. the Governor-General.
4. The nomination of Six Members to represent unrepresented interest follows.

It will be noted there is no provision for an extra Parliamentary Premier. Will Mr. Felix Dias Bandaranayake kindly explain to the public, according to what Constitution or Parliamentary Procedure

- (a) Mrs. Bandaranaike can be appointed as P. M. and
- (b) Function as such from outside Parliament?

Hulftsdorp,
24th May, 1960.

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If Not Why Not ?

MR. FELIX DIAS BANDARANAYAKE, Secretary of the S.L.F.P. has announced in the press that Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike will be the P.M. in the event of the SLFP receiving a majority at the forthcoming Election. Mrs. Bandaranaike will not at the proper time be an elected member of the House of Representatives nor of the Senate. How can Mrs. Bandaranaike become the Premier?

For the purposes of Parliamentary government the S.L.F.P. and the C.P. jointly form one governing unit. In the same way the SLFP and the VLSP formed the M.E.P. If there is no suitable person in the ranks of the S.L.F.P., why not have Dr. N. M. Perera or Mr. Keuneman as P. M.

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We are aware that the Magistrate in question is no longer in the Judicial Service. But is that all? Why should not the findings of the Committee be publicised in the best interests of upholding the highest traditions of this sacred profession and also being fair by those who have been 'slurred' in the process?

Kegalla

HERBERT VITHANAGE

Insecticides

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Dear Sir,

I AM sure the entire country will agree with you and respect you for having spotlighted a very serious aspect of agriculture—the use of Insecticides—in the last issue of The Searchlight.

Can we depend on the present Government not to waste any further time in arresting this situation? Let us hope that the present Minister of Health, who has not got the responsibilities and cares of electioneering will take up this matter without any delay.

This is really a matter for the Minister of Health as it affects the health of the nation.

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The problem of the reduction of the cost of living must be viewed not as a question of charity dealing with indolent beggars but rather as an imported factor in the matter of systematic national development. As such it is absurd to reduce the cost of living by reducing the price of imported cloth. Such a move would discourage industry in this country and cause an adverse balance of trade and waste exchange without purchasing the full quota of food needed to be consumed by the people.

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While there is no gainsay that opportunities for greater agricultural development lay ahead it must be realised that Ceylon in consideration of its size, geographical situation and expanding population is essentially an industrial country in the future. It would have been an industrial country a decade back if not for our high cost of food policy prompted by the bureaucrats.

The Throne speech of April 1960 has been the most promising ever for a resurgent Lanka. In view of promises held to make food cheap, eradicate corruption and check wasteful expenditure but the dormant attitude of the government is only dimming those hopes.

A. E. GUNAWARDENA

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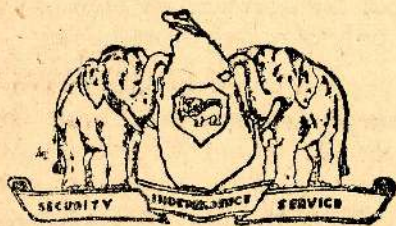
IT was reported in the press that what Mrs. B. was after was not to secure political power but to implement the policies and work left undone by her late husband and thus serve the people. Do her actions support her declaration? I say definitely not. I go further and state that she wants to be Prime Minister or nothing else. Two safe seats Attanagalla and Dompe were at her beck and call and she could have entered Parliament. In the event of the SLFP being returned with the necessary majority the Governor General would call upon her to form the government and make her the Prime Minister and she would be able to implement her late husband's policies etc. If the SLFP failed to secure the necessary number of seats she would be Leader of the Opposition and could fight against all measures

that were against her late husband's policies and thus implement his policies and serve the people. She refused to enter Parliament with a mandate from the voters and is seeking to enter through the back door, canvassing a clause in the Constitution which has no bearing in the present context. This clearly shows that she wants to be Prime Minister, if possible and secure political power and failing this to remain where she is outside the Parliament. Neck or nothing! Fine way to implement her late husband policies and continue his programme of work.

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to the Senate etc. with a view to appointment later as P.M: what is Mrs. Bandaranaike's position? Is the SLFP to be, in Parliament, a headless party? We have had enough of this tomfoolery. Let Mrs. B resign from the presidency of the party and the party elect its president leader and let the voters know who he is so that they may decide whether or not they are to support a party with such a leader. Let not the SLFP play

HIDE & SEEK

Shadows of Coming Events

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IT is said that 'coming events cast their shadows before them' and 'open confession does the soul good'. Mrs. B's refusal to contest either Dompe or Attanagalla—sure seats, is a clear confession of the great doubts she entertains as regards SLFP's ability to secure the necessary majority to be asked to form the new government. It was stated in the press that some SLFP Ministers were seeking shelter behind Mrs. B's 'Saree Potta'. Behind whose coat-tails is Mrs. B trying to seek shelter when she invokes that clause dealing with the nomination of a Minister who is neither an M.P. or a Senator?

ATTANAGALLA DINGI PODISSI

A Political Party without a Head

IT was reported that the high ups of the SLFP met at Horagolla the other day and decided to request the Governor-General in the event of that party leading the polls—to appoint Mrs. Sirima Bandaranaike as the Prime Minister to rule the country, incidentally either from Rosmead Place or from Horagolla. To my lay mind such a process appears to be quite novel and outside the ambit of our Constitution. The majority of the local politicians are notorious for their vacillating policies when they see power within their grasp. What guarantee is there that those highups will not quarrel among themselves and leave Mrs. B. in the lurch? Taking it for granted that they keep their promise and that all the elected representatives of that party march in a body and request the Governor General to appoint Mrs. B. or Mr. Mushroom Ketchup as Prime Minister, will the G. G. accede to that request or has he the power to do so? Finding that those lesser fleas have no right or business to request or advise him to appoint an outsider NOT elected by the people and finding that none of them is willing to accept the job, will not the G. G. call upon the leader of the next largest party to form a Government? Lot of untoward things happen in the world and one bright morning we may find Mr. Chelvanayakam or Dr. N. M. Perere as the next Prime Minister, without taking into consideration Mr. Dudley Senanayake.

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IT was also reported that some SLFPers offered to resign their seats, if won, to enable Mrs. B. to secure anyone of those vacant seats forgetting the fact that in the event of any such resignations there must be a by-election at which anything may happen. It is not a wise policy to count the chickens before they are hatched.

SLFP has overlooked another matter: That party thinks that there is nothing to prevent Mrs. B. being smuggled in through the back door as Premier in the event of that party leading the polls. In the same manner and in the event of the SLFP coming second at the polls, can Mrs. B. come as the Leader of the Opposition through the same door?

The voter may be a pimp or a prostitute, but he or she is not a fool. Thanks to the daily press the voters see and hear what is taking place around them and I hope they will give the UNP an overall majority to enable all of us to live in peace.

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In this matter the Private Sector has an important task to play and that is not to wait for Government help or intervention but to go ahead themselves and set these industries up on a commercial basis so that we may soon become self sufficient in various fields gradually. As a first-measure Interested parties are urged to visit the Cottage Department Show Rooms and Shop at the Secretariat, Colombo and examine the wide and wonderful range of items made in Ceylon and bought in such large quantities by foreigners but strangely avoided by Ceylonese. This prejudice is based on the early products of this Department but now the position is not only quite different but completely reversed.

If we Ceylonese do not only encourage the Craftsmen of this our Island then it is time that the State took the initiative and instilled such patriotism through its own Government Undertakings. For instance all Rest Houses, Circuit Bungalows and similar Units should be compelled to buy only Ceylon made products in Textiles, Ceramics, Tinned Fruit and other furnishing material. Gradually this could be extended to all Government Departments and a ready market created for our local Handicrafts men who have been neglected for so long.

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Small Scale Industries

READERS will be glad to know that due to representations made by this Paper through a series of articles on this subject the Ministry of Industries by Notice No. N 2231 printed in Page 15 of the Daily News of the 22nd May, has indicated its willingness to completely finance and equip those interested in commencing Small Scale Industries and those interested are requested to write in without delay to the Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Industries, Senate Square, Colombo 1, in accordance with the Schedule printed in the notification.

S.L.F.P. Leadership

A SMALL bird whispers that the difficulty in the S.L.F.P. nominating a leader to their Party is that all their top brass are Christians and they fear the thought of a Christian Prime Minister would be repugnant to the Buddhist vote they are seeking. As such there is likely to be a political conversion of a Christian to a Buddhist to solve this problem and most of the rankers are waiting with bated breath as to who will be nominated to go through this Religious Betrayal for Political Power.

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YOU are certainly going great guns. Whoever knew that you were this brave? We crave your pardon for our ignorance and now make bold to revel in the fact that we shall soon see you creating Parliamentary history. It is certainly a man-sized decision to think of becoming the Prime Minister of Ceylon even before you know what the electorate has got to say, about your tottering party, at the next polls. But that is beside the point.

There is not the slightest doubt that all you want to do is to continue to carry on the policies of your late husband to the very letter and in the exact manner in which he doled out his mercies on the indigenious community of Ceylon during the darkest days yet experienced in modern Ceylon. There can be no doubt the people of this country want more of such mercies and the continuity of such Iron rule through the generations to come. So what is there to fear about the verdict of the people at a general election.

We are all with you in your enforced aspiration of becoming the Prime Minister and adding a touch of charm to the continuity of those famous policies enunciated by your late husband in the form of the Public Security (Amendment) Act, the Emergency 1958, that ill fated Sinhala Only (within 24 hours brand) and the notorious Bandaranaike-Chelvanayakam Pact, not to mention the act of stoning the Dalada Maligawa, burning down of temples and kovils, cold blooded murders and live burials of your own bretheren. We can rest assured that you will faithfully live up to your husband's ideals for we are now let into a secret that you hope to outshine the late Mr. Bandaranaike.

When Mr. Bandaranaike thought of pacts he was not so strong as you are in the motley nature of the contracting parties. He was not as confident as you are to have taken up Communists, Samasamajists, Federalists, Feudalists, Bosaths (singular) and even Bhasha Couplets all in one and the same round. Now that we know that you have succeeded in bringing about such

a glorious NO CONTEST PACT who can doubt that you will out—Bandaranaike the late Bandaranaike and crack up the SLFP sooner than your late husband could ever have done. Your husband was not able to throw Jack out of Badulla and get red shirts turn green, nor was he able to beard the Lion (el) in your den not to speak of taming the Communist bear to trail you dutifully behind. Who said you are a political novice?

We believe it is a disgruntled voice from Mirigama that has now started calling you names. After all you were quite right there in his case. You do not need political stature when you want to be our next Prime Minister because others before you were not. But surely when it comes to one "who cannot claim equality amongst the aristocracy you are trying to uplift" you must decide such person unworthy of even receiving nomination from your party. After all why should greatness be thrust on

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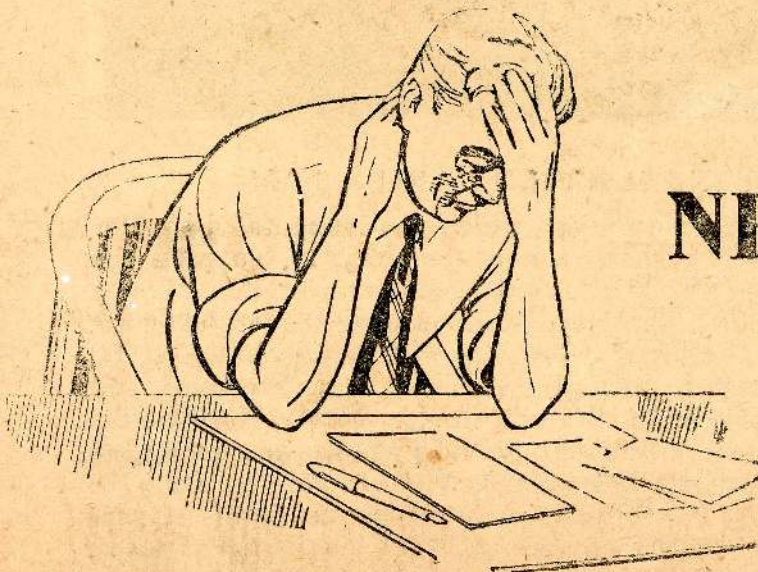
common folk, unless of course they are bred in a Walauwe atmosphere and be popularly known as a Hamu, even with a nauseating prefix added to that title. The Ex-M.P. for Mirigama had nothing of the kind. He was neither W.A.L. Hamu nor bred in a new-rich walauwe. All the credentials he had was the fact that he had survived the "Guinea Pig" experiment at the last elections to win the Mirigama seat. It may be true that if Mr. Bandaranaike was to have been presented with that problem within a problem, there was nothing to prevent him from having been "misled" to re-nominate the man from the SLFP. Not so Mrs. Bandaranaike; she is a Dear, up and coming Premier!

Imagine the UNP denouncing her decision to be the next Premier! "Nobody would seriously deny that if I had chosen to contest a seat, I would have been returned" she pleads in an official statement. Are our memories so short as not to believe her? Remember the time she last decided to contest the Attanagalla seat? Did she not return to her family chores, just like her compatriot Mrs. Misilin Silva, sending home for good even a Prime Minister and many more senior Parliamentarians at the election that followed the dissolution of Parlia-

ment necessitated by her fervent bid to win the Attanagalla seat, rendered vacant by the death of her husband? Who would want a repeat performance of such magic? If that was magic and she was good at that, you can be sure she is good at logic too. She knows well that the Ceylonese voter is ever hoping for something new and better, and she knows it is her feminine touch to that high office they all expect to have. She knows that they want only the SLFP as a party for her to be Prime Minister and that the Attanagalla and Dompe electors who are all aristocrats must vote her in, in spite of all the inconsistency, intrigue and inaction she and her party can boast of. What better logic must she employ to defend herself against criticism that she is not representative of the people, both men and women. It is that same logic too that kept her away from even organising a women's section of the SLFP during the lifetime of her husband. She would have argued that such a move was pointless as she would have to be called on to lead men instead when the women will automatically follow her. Besides she has proved beyond doubt that she does not

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Whither is the Department of Agriculture Drifting

ONE wonders if the Caretaker Government is aware that the Department of Agriculture under the ex Minister Mr. Philip Gunawardene had gone to the dogs! I feel that the agitation started by the All-Ceylon Agricultural Congress to get a Commission of Inquiry to go into the tremendous failures of this Department, since Mr. Gunawardene came in as Minister, is fully warranted and timely.

It is clear as crystal that all the good work done by the previous Ministers, to advance the agricultural development of the country, has been set at naught by the mudding of the ex-Minister. The public perhaps don't know that several trained men of the Department, who got their training abroad and are fully qualified for the posts they held, were transferred to do work they were not intended for. This was done for political reasons and nothing else. So

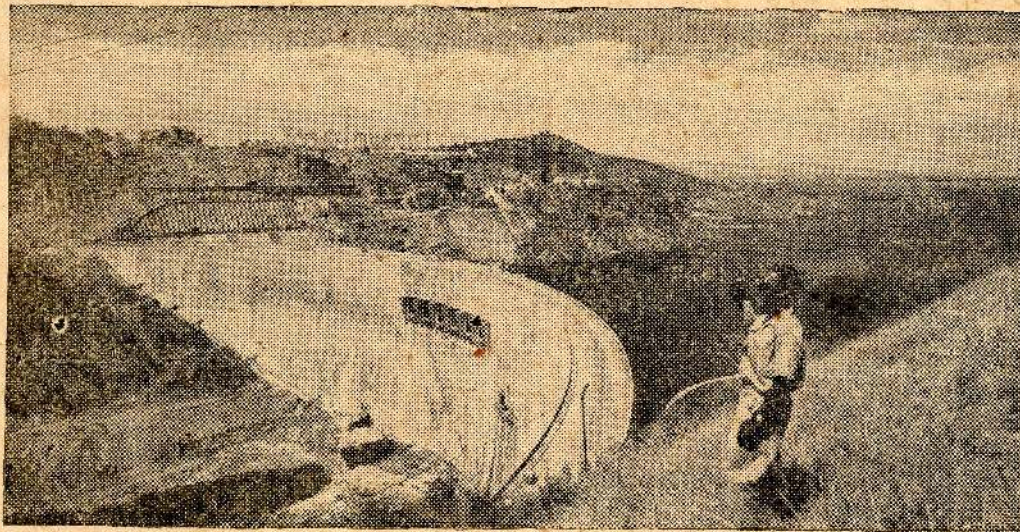
much so, owing to sheer frustration caused by unwarranted interference, these men have left the Dept. in sheer disgust and are today holding top billets in other countries where they are doing splendid work.

The efficiency of the Department of Agriculture has, I say, come down to zero. As a matter of fact there is chaos right through and nothing useful is being done. The havoc caused by the late Minister and his favourites can be better imagined than described.

For the above reasons Government would do well to consider the appointment of a Commission when the scandalous state into which the Dept has descended will stand revealed. I know several people who are prepared to give evidence before such a Commission and I am one of them. Before concluding let me commend your action in undertaking to expose how this Dept has fallen on evil days in recent times.

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Is it the Last Straw?

It is said that a drowning man will clutch even at a straw. It has been stated that on the advice of the luminaries in the party, Mrs. B. decided not to seek the suffrage of the voters of any electorate but instead to invoke that clause which makes it possible for a person who is neither an M.P. nor a Senator to be appointed as a Minister. This tactic provides much food for reflection. Mrs. B. who can easily win the Attanagalla or Dompe seat does not want to enter the House of Representatives through the front door. Why? The reason is very simple.

She knows that the SLFP will never receive the requisite majority to entitle it to be asked to form the government and in such an event Mrs. B. will have to accept the position of Leader of the Opposition as the Leader of party that has the second largest number of M.P.'s. She knows she is not politically equipped to undertake the duties involved in accepting such a position. If she refuses to accept the post of Leader of the Opposition she will cut a sorry figure just as much as if she accepts it without being properly equipped.

The S.L.F.P. move to invoke that clause and keep Mrs. B. out of the hustings is a "Heads I win Tails you lose" sort of stratagem. It is said "there's many a slip twixt the cup and the lip"! There is a world of difference between a Minister and a Prime Minister. The clause under reference is a provision to meet an emergency or an extraordinary situation and is not for use when the routine procedure is available. For example, Mr. Dahanayake when Head of the Caretaker Government, had Mr. Stanley de Zrysa who was not, at the time, either a Senator or an M.P. as one of his Ministers. It was an extraordinary situation. Mr. Dahanayake had sacked a number of Ministers and he took advantage of this clause under reference to fill a vacancy.

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The situation where Mrs. B. seeks to invoke this clause is entirely different. It is open to any one to contest any seat and enter the House of Representatives with a view to becoming the Prime Minister. That is the routine and proper procedure. Mrs. B. has refused to accept and follow the correct procedure of the front door and is encouraged to follow an improper and illegal course through the back door. I maintain that the clause in question, is inoperative as regards the election or nomination of a Prime Minister as it is meant for an extraordinary situation as in the case of Mr. Dahanayake's Caretaker Government and not for an occasion where all routine facilities to utilise the ordinary routine provisions of the Constitution, without let or hindrance, are freely available

Anyway what type of political courage is it in a prospective Prime Minister to refuse to enter the House of Representatives through the front door, without a doubt, with success and seek to enter through a padlocked back door.

Gampaha

GODA PERAKADORUWA

Now, Now, Mr. Illangaratne!

BY HERBERT VITHANAGE

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WHAT are YOU up to? When did you realise that "the days when the Government had to have at its head a man belonging to a big family with a big name were gone?" If this is a recent discovery you made, before it can be given patent rights, we would like to have enlightenment on what you, "actually as a matter of fact", are hitting out. Had we been present when you expounded this theory out at Gampola the other day, much of its ambiguity may have been lessened as we would have known on which particular common noun you laid stress—man, name or family. You being a writer yourself, you know that it is hard to guess such emphasis from the written word in the absence of italics, capitals or bold type in print.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

As we have it now here are some aspects of this theory on which the public mind may be puzzled. If the emphasis is laid on "MAN," then we know you are defending your decision to have Mrs. Bandaranaike act the SLFP Premier Designate with or without a seat in Parliament—for she is indeed a WOMAN. If the stress shifts on to "FAMILY," we are afraid you are planning to be the next SLFP rebel, as it is well known that the SLFP leadership today has been determined on family connections and BIG families at that—Ratwattes, Obeysekeras and Bandaranaiques! If, however, the stress is laid on "NAME" there can be no doubt that you—with your own big name—are exhibiting great self restraint and gallantry in standing down from being another pretender to the plums of party leadership, for all time, giving place to a WOMAN or even a man without a big name. We know you are also an ambitious man, and you are perfectly right in being so, with all the brain and brawn at your command. We also know you are slowly nursing the THIRD Federal State in due course. Why shouldn't you now start wooing the GCSU all over again?

COMMUNIST IMPERIALISM

The Clerical Service which nursed you to high politics is wiser today from your great "record of service" in their cause, when in power and authority. Remember your attitude to the grant of trade union rights for Government servants and the razor blade theory? You are therefore well advised to woo the Government services all over again if you seriously think of turning rebel and resolve to rise to greater heights in the land. Quite unwittingly you have started it alright with your reference that "the confidence and loyalty that the working people displayed in their party was due to its excellent record of service and sacrifice." Yes Mr. Illangaratne, with your unstinted support and goodwill, we have all had an "excellent record of service and sacrifice" indeed during the last four years. Excellent service in leading the country to near economic ruin; perpetration of communal disharmony unsurpassed in modern Ceylon and paving the way for an easy switch over to Communist Imperialism are all fruits of the labours you and your tottering party have served on the people relentlessly. As for sacrifices on your own part "Das Kapital" is a shining example, while the events leading to the supreme sacrifice of the life of your leader, will ever remain in eternity as a colossal monument to the sacrifices indulged in by your party and the MEP regime.

"THOSE WHO LIVE BY THE SWORD ETC"

You seem to be hurt also about the manner in which the "Press is taking a keen interest in the General Election and advising candidates, parties and the people as to how they should conduct themselves." Now, now, Mr. Illangaratne! Remember your erstwhile colleague and captain - Premier Dahanayake who first started by objecting to "Sooty" and when in authority even enforced a Press GAG. The Press goes on..... But poor Dahanayake? Remember too the author of the "Pearl of Great Price" and his allergic nature towards Collette's cartoons? Must we remind you where he failed?

We hear that you have added on to your never do-well list of bleak promises, the appointment of a Press Commission on the SLFP manifesto. Good work indeed! But if it is directed towards dictating to us poor



journalists, we would advise you not to touch it with a barge--pole. That good old adage that "those who live by the sword die by the sword" may be aptly quoted in instances such as these. We sincerely believe you will not rush in to deal out the same cards you dealt out to your compatriots in the Clerical Service, to us poor journalists, for we know you are also being counted amongst our clan.

"WOMEN WHO EARNED A REPUTATION"

A word of advice to your beloved in the home front is a must in view of her sudden outbursts on an "Imaginary" insult on the womanhood of the world. To bring her point home she asserts that "there had been and there were queens, women presidents, women senators and women members of parliament who had earned a reputation". All this she says in defence of your choice if the stress referred to earlier has been laid on the noun **Man**. But how does she know? You should certainly take strong objection to her talking out of turn and spoiling your chances of working up the **THIRD FEDERAL STATE** in the Kandyan Provinces. You might ask her too whether she remembers all the queens she refers to and notably Anuladevi and King Siri-Sangabo's queen. We are supposed to believe that on hearing of the fate of King Siri Sangabo after giving away his head to the beggar, his queen walked all that distance from the palace, unescorted and unarmed to reach the headless

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corpse at Attanagalla and to die embracing the husband's headless corpse! What a marvellous coincidence have we in our own future "Queen" Bandaranaike who has hitherto displayed a stern dislike even to recount what she saw on her husband's struggle with death, in an attempt to save her as well from the assassin's bullet! **WOMAN! FRAILTY IS THY NAME**



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Bravo ! Mrs. Bandaranaike !!

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want to rush in where others fear to tread. She has shown us that she needs a lot of coaxing to do the right thing. It is a pity that she could not find sufficiently enlightened advisors to prompt her to have taken the leadership of the Party and the Government immediately after the death of her husband, when she had all the sympathy in the world. Apart from taking up such responsibility and taking a lead in bringing the culprits to book, she even fought shy about contesting the Attanagalla seat on the SLFP ticket. What price political ineptitude! What a glorious opportunity lost! Must you say it is gloriously feminine?

So much for the past. If that is a foretaste of things to come, we are prepared to wager our last copper that the voters who are sick of the instability, chaos and even natural disasters and distress, during the last four years would certainly wish for a change not of the sentimental brand that the SLFP with Mrs. Bandaranaike at its head can offer, but something more safe and sound and aimed at extricating the country from the serious ruin it faces today

29th May, 1960

HERBERT VITHANAGE

Trade Unions and the Private Sector

MANY approaches have been made from time to time by Employers and Employees to arrive at a workable formula which will safeguard both sections and the "Whitley" Council system has been generally accepted as most suitable.

News now reaches us that in England where we have the most progressive Trade Unions of a new move which appears to be very interesting and extremely novel. The success or failure of this move can only be gauged over a number of years. Yet it is heartening to know that there will now be a clearer and more appreciative understanding between the two Groups and possibly the gradual extinction of one Group.

The plan is a simple one Trade Unions collect large sums of money by means of regular

subscriptions and unlike in Ceylon where such moneys are dissipated in propaganda against each other, in England all such money is held securely for the benefit of the Union.

This accumulation of subscriptions in England has reached such vast proportions that those at the top have decided to invest these moneys in the purchase of Shares in all major Private Undertakings with a view to eventually gaining control of such enterprises.

This will make the Employee an Employer and will really result in his negotiating problems with himself or with his own Trade Union Officials who will be managing the investments. No doubt the relationship between Management and Staff will ease for the Staff will eventually become part of Management and, therefore, will not be able to request for anything unreasonable for it would affect them in the long run. Furthermore Trade Unions will see for themselves the practicability of any proposal put up to them and endeavour to make their enterprises model ones which will again reflect to the advantage of the subscribers and shareholders

All in all the experiment is interesting and Trade Unions all over the world are watching and studying the implications of this new departure.

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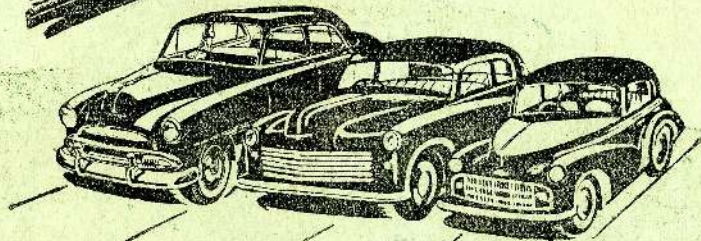
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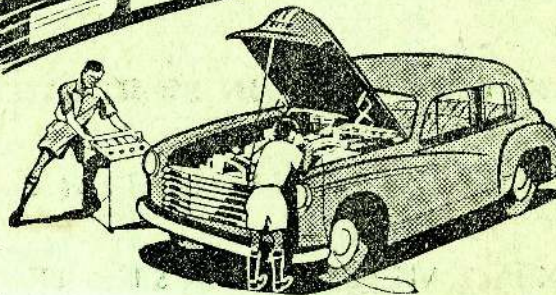
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