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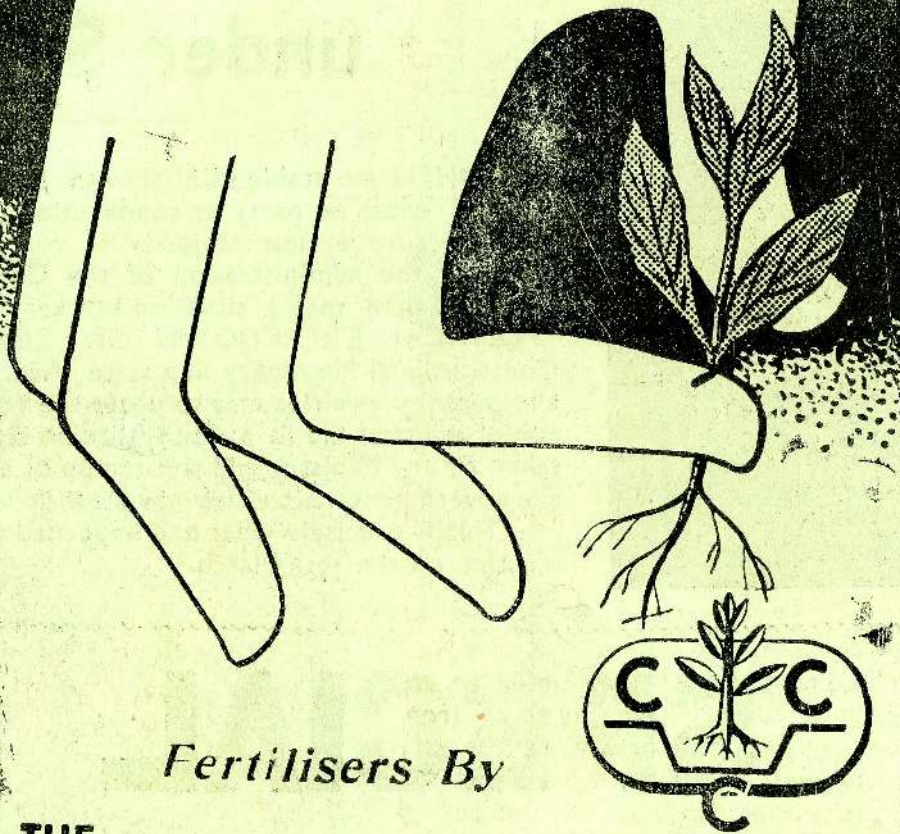
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Let Patriots take the Field Right Now

BY HERBERT VITHANAGE

THE "AFFAIRE YAKOLEV" has certainly been an eye-opener to those who have hitherto been quite complacent about the advent of members of the USSR into Ceylon — another of those expensive achievements the late MEP regime can truly boast of. Sir John Kotelawala when in the height of his power, came under heavy artillery fire, from all and sundry, for his forthright attitude in disallowing even a team of Russian footballers to break journey in Ceylon. The same fate greeted Mr. R. G. Senanayake when he refused to permit the entry of Russian literature into Ceylon.

Most of us thought it truly unfair that a team of footballers or a consignment of iron curtain literature should meet with such hostility in our free land. But there were a band of organised Ceylonese "Patriots" of the ruling party, led by Sir John Kotelawala, who thought otherwise. The opposition of course was quick on the uptake, and they mobilised this move of hostility towards an Asian counterpart as a major issue and even went to the extent of harping about it from public platforms. The majority sympathy was won over alright and the one who led it must now be sobbing in his grave. These moves were the bait that

led the late Mr. Bandaranaike to team up with the Marxists and of course the culmination of

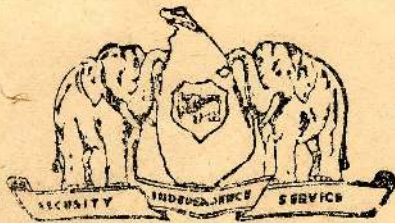


The Right Honourable Sir John Kotelawala, P.C.
Third Prime Minister
(after Mr. Dudley Senanayake retired)

that move until it led up to the loss of his life. is best left severely alone.

It is certainly a move in the right direction to get a census of the Russian Population in Ceylon not only those with the white skins, but of the local variety as well—now that things have flared up openly. This is more so necessary, in view of the past records of those at the head of affairs in this foreign assembly in this country. Let us remember the architects of the Hungarian uprising!

Remember too the sudden recall of the present Russian Chief in Ceylon, when most of us thought he was not to come back, but consigned to some 'power station' like some other Russian leader before him. That was soon after the last racial riots in Ceylon. Who can therefore dispute that when sensible people state that the Russian Embassy had a great deal to do in the racial riots that have left behind a serious impact on Ceylonese unity. That the last political tragedy was not totally independent of foreign influence—a suggestion now taking prominence amongst "gossip mongers" since the 'Affair Yakolev'—should also have a serious impact on the public mind in the fatal days ahead. This has to be more so,



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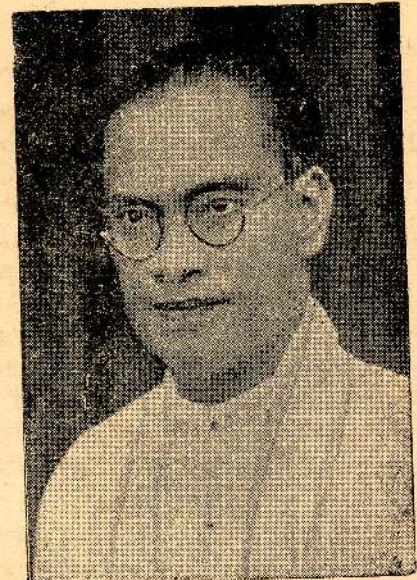
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with this UNHOLY ALLIANCE seemingly gaining ground among the illiterate masses in the country.

Failure to arrest this situation at the next polls can provide the enacting of the Hungarian and Tibetan episodes all over again in Ceylon, much to the discomfiture of those who are following the lead given by the DIAS BANDARANAIKE—RAI WATTE—OBEYESEKERA and BADIUDDIN combine who have proved beyond all doubt that in their search for power, they are prepared to SELL THIS COUNTRY FOR A MESS OF POTTAGE.

In retrospect, it may seem too late to recall, that had we not been misled by the Leftist propaganda against SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA, who had fast become a politician or statesman who USED TO THINK ALOUD, the country would not have come to this sorry



Late Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike pass. Given another lease of life we can be sure the late Mr. Bandaranaike would not hesitate one bit to liquidate the PARTY he built up, erase for all time the policies he enunciated and even send into political oblivion his new found political relatives including his own dear wife, who are now making the dead leader turn in his grave!

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This Campaign of Vilification

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30th June 1960

Is it for this that we Venerate Democracy?

WHAT an election campaign it is that we have been witnessing these last two and a half months. Does it not strike one as a campaign of recrimination from beginning to end? One rather feels that it has been a campaign of sheer and undiluted vilification. Politics, verily, have blinded us to the ordinary decencies of life. That in the name of Democracy we should be compelled to insult and or abuse, nay hurl all sorts of accusations and allegations at those with whom we find ourselves in political disagreement is indeed, a sad commentary on our conception of Democracy and what is expected from us as an enlightened people to whom has been entrusted the right to govern themselves and administer their domestic affairs.

It may be that under the present dispensation one finds it necessary to subscribe to a particular ideology, policy or principle. But isn't it sad, nay a pity, that such a circumstance should be made the cause or the justification for vilifying and hurling abuse, insults and even inuendo at those with whom we are unable to agree? We live in an age that is disturbed, confused, bewildered, afraid of its own forces, in search not merely of its road but even of its direction. There are many voices of counsel but few voices of vision or of conciliation; there is excitement and feverish activity, but little concert of thoughtful purpose. We are perturbed, or is it distressed, by our own ungoverned, undirected energy and do many things things that are wrong and improper. It is our duty to find ourselves: it is our

privilege to understand and know that truth has not changed, that old wisdom is more to be desired than any new nostrum, that we neither run with the crowd nor deride it but seek sober counsel for it and ourselves.

"Democratic Institutions are never done" said the late Woodrow Wilson, "they are, like the living tissue, always amaking. It is a strenuous thing this of living the life of a free people, and we cannot escape the burden of our inheritance. Is it for this then that we love and venerate Democracy: for the emphasis it puts on man's character; for its tendency to exalt the purpose of the average man to some high level of endeavour; for its just principle of common assent in matters in which we are all equally concerned, for its ideals of responsible duty and its sense of brotherhood."

In the above spirit then let us hope that those of our public men and women, who are contending for place and power, will approach their task in seeking a better mode of living and in so doing make their contribution as becomes men and women of responsibility and, need we add, respectability remembering that we are all making for a common goal in working for what after all, is the 'greatest good of the largest number.' Let us therefore try to comport ourselves as men not only of valour but of honour and goodwill. Let us resolve in ending this campaign of vilification to forget when we go to the hustings, the injuries that had been inflicted on one another in the heat and excitement of controversy and seek to prevent the wound that had been caused festering and thus causing further complications.

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Mrs. Sirima Bandaranaike as Appointed M. P. ?

THE SLFP seems to be devising all sorts of schemes to have its leader as Prime Minister. The first scheme was to be the resignation of either Mr. J. P. Obeyesekere or Mr. Felix Dias if and when either of them secures Attanagalla or Dompe seat to make room for their kinswoman to get into any one of those vacant seats and in the meantime she is to pull strings as Prime Minister from Rosmead Place. That was a generous gesture on the part of those two gentlemen and in the event of their failure at the polls, there will no doubt be other generous SLFP'ers or supporters like Dr. N. M. Perera, Mr. Chelvanayakam or Mr. Pieter Keuneman to aid the fair lady in distress.

This process involves weary waiting for at least 4 months, and in the meantime Mr. R. S. Pelpola, the former M. P. for Nawalapitiya, has discovered a method to enable Mrs. S. to become an M. P. at once by nomination and thereafter to be appointed as Prime Minister at once. As laid down in the present constitution the Governor General is empowered to nominate 6 members to the House of Representatives where he considers that any important interest is not adequately represented. Although such nominations are in

the G. G.'s discretion, it is also laid down that the G. G. SHALL after any general election refer those nominations to the Prime Minister for advice although the former is not bound to accept such advice and may decide the matter on his discretion. Perhaps those wide-awake politicians like citizen Ferrera, Punchisingho or Sooty Banda may be able to inform your readers what important interests Mrs. B. can or may represent as a nominated M. P., but not poor me; and also where is the Prime Minister to be consulted by the G. G. to seek advice as to the desirability or otherwise before appointing Mrs. B. as a nominated M. P. to look after important interests not adequately represented at the general election?

If this brain-wave of Mr. Pelpola can be given effect to, there will be no weary waiting for 4 months or the sacrifice of a seat by any one of Mrs. B's admirers, but it appears to me as a case of putting the cart before the horse.

SLFP'ers and their heterogeneous bedfellows seem to be trying to find ways and means to twist our constitution to suit their principal aim—the defeat of the UNP by hook or by crook.

Emotional appeals should find no place in election speeches. At a meeting in support of the candidature of Mr. R. S. Pelpola at Nawalapitiya, Mrs. B. is reported to have appealed to her audience to look after her children if anything happened to her. About a week earlier she had made a like appeal in another constituency. Does she fear assassination?

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Half the pupils following the Course are following it with a view to increasing their Dowry prospects and the other half have no Scheme whatsoever by which they may put the knowledge gained to any use.

It would be silly on any persons part to imagine that all the Trainees were looking forward to posts such as Farm Managers, Dairy Assistants or Poultry Experts on farms, for Ceylon has not taken to Animal Husbandry on that scale to have a steady opening of such vacancies. To, therefore put the Course to any use it is necessary that the intake of pupils be limited to those who could reasonably guarantee taking to Agriculture or Animal Husbandry seriously and a Bond to that effect should be obtained from the Parent or Guardian.

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OPENS COMMONWEALTH WEEK AND EXHIBITION

After opening the Commonwealth Exhibition in the City Hall, Cardiff, Wales, recently, Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, visited the adjacent exhibition in connection with the Commonwealth Week which consisted of items contributed by Cardiff school-children. He is here seen examining a model of the Taj Mahal in the picture are (left to right) Mr. R. E. Presswood (Director of Education for Cardiff), Earl Mountbatten of Burma, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Alderman Mrs. Helena Evans) Mr R. G. Evans, and Earl Mountbatten's aide, Squadron Leader Christopher Curtis. The Commonwealth Exhibition, which

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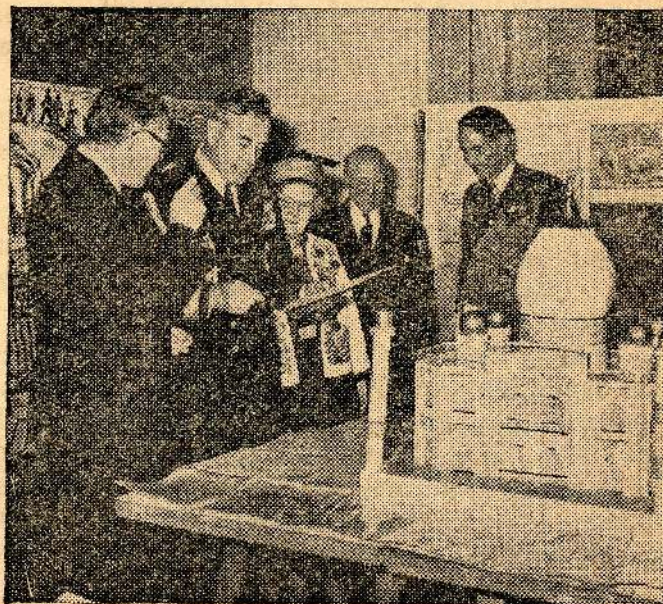


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Sir Razik Fareed the Misjudged and Misunderstood

BY

HERBERT VITHANAGE



Sir Razik Fareed

PHARMINGLY versatile Sir Razik Fareed—philanthropist, planter, businessman, turfite and orchid lover all rolled into a front ranking politician, guiding the destinies of the All Ceylon Moors' Association is once again facing the hustings at the forthcoming Parliamentary elections.

His defeat at the March elections after his dazzling victories in retaining one of the Colombo Central seats for several years and doing useful work, was to say the least, a tragedy politically speaking. This is an event that calls for an explanation. It certainly calls for a defence of the misjudged and misunderstood man. One can hardly think of another instance where there has been a joining of forces to take revenge on a public man who has never hesitated to act according to the dictates of his conscience and in the best interests of the country he feels his own. Somewhat of a dazzling and spectacular personality, who added to the gaiety of the nation and one who had been more sinned against than sinning, he has really paid the penalty for his extreme popularity. It is truth to tell that Sir Razik has had more poisoned arrows aimed at him in the zenith of his power, than those that cluster around San Sebastian's breast.

Sir Razik has been in politics since 1930 when he was elected to the New Bazaar Ward of the Colombo Municipal Council. In 1936 he entered the State Council as a nominated member having been the architect of the All Ceylon

Moors' Association, of which he is the life President. With the transfer of Powers under the Soulbury Constitution, he was elected a Senator in 1947 and continued to serve in that capacity till he resigned to contest the Colombo Central Seat in the Parliamentary elections held in 1952 after which he continued to be a Parliamentarian till the collapse of the Dahanayake Government in which he was a Minister of State so that he would have missed being a legislator only for four months on 20th July next, since 1936. It may also be noted that the only occasion he tasted defeat at an election contest during his 30 year record as a State Councillor and Parliamentarian was as a member of the Dahanayake Cabinet.

Sir Razik's political affiliations in the past seem to be conflicting the public mind, in that he moved with ease and grace in successive Governments. It would therefore be pertinent to review his past political career, which distinctly points out that he has wavered in his duty by his Motherland.

When the late Mr. D. S. Senanayake formed the United National Party to usher in Parliamentary Government for Ceylon, he enlisted Sir Razik's services as a Joint Treasurer of the original United National Party and was shortly afterwards elected a Vice President. When everything was going well for him, he had to choose between the UNP and the All Ceylon

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Moors' Association, when a Ceylon Moor Candidate opposed a UNP candidate at a Municipal election to the Aluthkade Ward. A UNP stalwart in Mr. J. R. Jayawardene was quick to throw a threat from a public platform, that Sir Razik would be expelled from the UNP over this issue. He thereupon promptly resigned from the UNP to serve his first love, the cause of the Ceylon Moors.

With the defeat of the UNP and the establishment of the MEP Government in 1956, the late Mr. Bandaranaike offered Sir Razik a seat in the front bench—although Sir Razik came in as an Independent—in appreciation of his past services. He continued to function as an Independent until Mr. W. Dahanayake elevated him to the rank of a Minister of State in 1959.

A great deal of unkind references have been made against Sir Razik by those who were badly bitten by his straightforward and honest dealings during his short term of office as a Cabinet Minister. His decision to lift the Import Control on wrist watches received a great deal of adverse publicity and ridicule although no one dared to spotlight the good accruing in breaking up a long-standing racketeering monopoly confined to a handful of price dictating business magnates, which in rupees and cents involved millions.

He paid the price of honesty of purpose in his 30th year as an active politician, thus proving that he was a rare politician who would not sacrifice principles for political expediency.

His public life has been one glowing tribute to his sincerity of purpose and national-mindedness. It can also be maintained here, that if he stood by the UNP in its early day, it was prompted purely by that same spirit of service. It is now evident that he did not change sides to suit his personal whims and fancies. Today he contests the Colombo Central Multi member constituency as a nominee of the SLFP. We are confident that this move has also been motivated by that same sincerity of purpose with which he supported the UNP. The Colombo Central voters will, no doubt, appreciate this position and have Sir Razik elected once again. The voters must take this responsibility on themselves knowing full well that the SLFP is in sore need today for want of honest, sincere and sober politicians of the calibre of Sir Razik Fareed. Let us therefore hope that they will secure a seat for him so that his mature experience and guidance will serve as an effective check on an otherwise unruly and power hungry "Comic Gang" that can continue to perpetrate many more years of chaos, insecurity and suffering for the people, in their one and only concern for capturing power at all costs, should the next elections too produce the last stalemate

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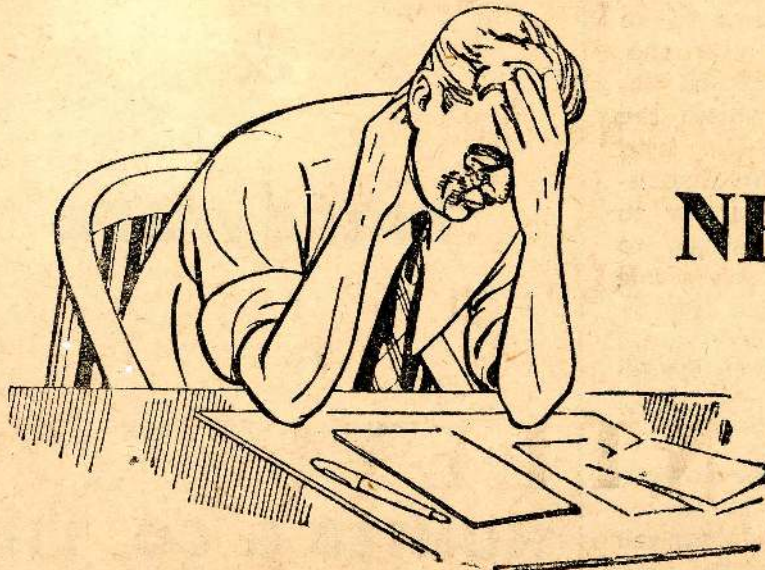
As such there appears to be a lot of useless and unnecessary controversial talk about the construction of the Sports Stadium which only goes to show the low ebb we have apparently sunk to when we wish to discuss the pros and cons of an issue so vital to Public Health and well being.

To talk of just One Stadium for Colombo is as silly as talking of One Centre for all Sport, for not only is it financially impractical but un-

necessary to concentrate all Sport in any one particular area. For instance all Field Sport could be in one area where suitable grounds are available for the accommodation of spectators, etc., such as in Football, Rugger, Hockey, Baseball, Cricket, etc. But for Indoor Sport requiring one large Hall with spectator tiers for games such as Table Tennis, Badminton, Wrestling, Boxing, Physical Culture, Basketball, Netball, etc, it would be more convenient to construct such a Hall in some other area in Colombo.

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JUDGING by his speeches delivered at the Annual General Meeting, of the CNAPT, Dr. J. H. F. Jayasuriya, Chairman of the Executive Committee appears to be an accomplished strategist who accepts the dictum that "Attack is the best form of defence". Year after year he recites the shortcomings and sins of omission of the Anti TB Campaign Authorities instead of narrating the doings of the Association. An annual general meeting is an occasion for the executive to give an account of its stewardship during the year under review and to declare what its programme for the coming year is going to be and leave it to its members to ask for clarification of any point that is not quite clear or offer criticism of its work or shortcomings or offer suggestions to make the Association's work still better.

Dr. Jayasuriya by his clever tactics in finding fault with the Authorities makes his audience, chiefly the members, concentrate on the shortcomings or sins of omission of the Authorities and thereby gives them no chance to reflect on the shortcomings of the Association and the meeting ends like that of a Mutual Admiration Society with congratulations and thanks all round. Should all people, and newspaper readers are numerous, be allowed to be fooled all the time? The previous year too, Dr. Jayasuriya referred to the "50,000 undetected cases of TB, the housing problem, the stigma etc." It is pertinent to ask Dr. Jayasuriya what practical steps he and his Association had taken between last year and now, to detect the so-called undetected cases and to ensure to people living under most unhygienic conditions, houses built and maintained according to approved sanitary standards? We would now like to make a critical analysis of his speech as reported so that the public may know Audi alteram partem.

1. Dr. Jayasuriya appealed to the Government to redouble its efforts to help break the chain of infection. Will the good doctor tell the public what he and his Association has done to break this chain of infection except talk and asking others to do it.

2. "This is the crux of the problem. We are far, far away from the control of Tuberculosis in this country. We have emphasised the vast proportions of the problem that confronts us and its dangers. We have pointed out as clearly as we can what must be done for the future."

This would show that Dr. Jayasuriya and his Association is fully aware of the vast proportions of the problem and what must be done for the future. In spite of the possession of this knowledge what has Dr. Jayasuriya and his Association done to implement what they know "must be done for the future"?

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3. "If TB was to be reduced in the country the persons who maintained the chains of infection had to be detected; will Dr. Jayasuriya tell the public what he and his Association have so far done to break the chain of infection?"

4. "Surely while so many unknown cases of TB are living in the community and continuously spread the infection the treatment of known cases is a weak gesture." Tut, tut, Dr. Jayasuriya. Do you really mean that because government is unable to prevent the existence of undetected cases it should not treat the known cases and allow these to spread the disease and create more undetected cases? You make even a layman laugh!

5. Dr. Jayasuriya claims that as a result of the Association's effort to educate the people, people were now coming more readily to Chest Clinics and treatment Centres. Don't flatter yourself so much, doctor. Have you never heard that when a TB patient—a breadwinner—is warded the members of his household receive an allowance and that a TB patient undergoing out door treatment also gets an allowance if he is considered unfit to earn a liv-

ing? It is not anybody's preaching or teaching but the allowance that makes people attend clinics and seek hospital admission. Let these allowances be stopped and you will find that inside of 3 months the Chest Clinics will be more than half empty.

6. "Dr. Jayasuriya appealed to the Minister of Health to give priority to housing and the removal of slums and shanties. As far as we are aware "the Manual of Procedure" which defines the functions of the various Ministries does not include Housing and Slum Clearance as matters coming within the purview of the Minister of Health.

So much re Dr. Jayasuriya's reported speech. If necessary we will comment subsequently on the stewardship of the CNAPT that has received newspaper publicity to an extent that no Association in Ceylon had received and one that has received so much financial assistance from Government, Trust Funds and the public as no other social service organisation in Ceylon has received and so much co-operation of the elite of society as no other organisation can boast of.

INDEPENDENCE FOR SIERRA LEONE

Mr. Iain Macleod, Secretary of State for the Colonies, shakes hands with Sir Milton Margai, Prime Minister of Sierra Leone, after they had signed the agreement at Lancaster House, London, giving independence to Sierra Leone, on April 27, 1961. The signing came after 10 days' discussion between the Colonial Office and the all-party delegation from Sierra Leone. Mr. Macleod said afterwards that the British Government had no reservations at all. There had been agreement on all matters discussed. The talks had been marked by friendship and cordiality and showed a continuation of a friendship which had existed for 150 years. Sir Milton Margai said: "We hope we shall never be in a position for Her Majesty's Government to regret what we have done here this day. We shall ever be friends of Britain".



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Sooner or later the pinch was to be felt and on statistics produced by these manufacturers it was proved that if the present manufacturers worked three shifts a day, not only would they be able to produce the Islands requirements, but also export their surpluses to neighbouring countries.

Representations have already been made to the Minister of Industry for the suppression of this product but nothing tangible has still come of it. This is an Industry with a great future and excellent subsidiary possibilities and hence should be given every encouragement.



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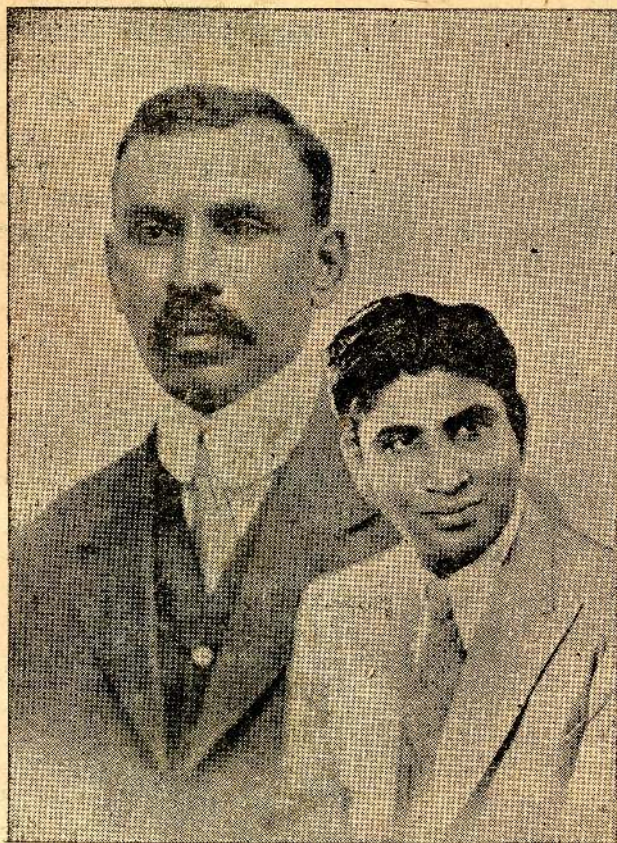
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THE BATTLE AGAINST MARXISTS

"Like Father, Like Son" is an age old adage that has yet to be proven false. One has only to have a peep in to the record rooms of the Criminal Investigation Department or the family lives of men who have distinguished themselves for good or for bad to establish the efficiency of this saying. Critics of course may strive to disprove this theory with solitary instances to the contrary. But taking all in all you will always establish that the adage can hold water for many more generations to come.



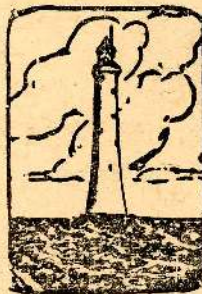
The late F. R. Senanayake, and his son R. G.

Modern Ceylon History has it on record that if there were patriots amongst the national leaders, the Senanayake's can claim pride of place in Ceylon's speedy recovery from political bondage. Just 12 years ago the ultimate goal of achieving Self-Government for Ceylon was reaped as a result of the arduous labours of men whom the Senanayakes were successful in enlisting in the fight for freedom from foreign rule. It can well be said that from the meagre start made from the Temperance cam-

paign, the Lanka Maha Jana Sabha in which the Senanayakes led with the active co operation of various national heroes of this country, belonging to all community blocks of this indigenous population, that the late D.S. Senanayake was able during his lifetime, to bring to fruition, the ideals for which his brother was a dauntless fighter. The same spirit prevailed thereafter when D.S. Senanayake, without all the academic achievements that some other "celebrated" personalities after him possessed, guided the destinies of the country, in a very peaceful yet far-sighted manner to the greatest worry of only those who fostered the propagation of the seeds of international communism.

His elder brother the late F. R. Senanayake would have extended all his blessings in true patriotic fashion on his younger brother for the manner in which he carried on from where F. R. stopped. Who knows whether there was even F. R.'s unseen hand guiding

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D. S. in the great task and responsibility placed on Ceylon's first Prime Minister.

One cannot doubt that the good neighbourly feelings that existed during the early days, inspite of his colonisation programmes of the Northern and Eastern Dry Zone areas brought little or no animosity from the Tamils who are today up in arms with their minimum demands for a minority community, was evident from the good start made by the late F. R. Senanayake on sound principles of co-existence with our Tamil bretheren.



DON STEPHEN SENANAYAKE
First Prime Minister of Ceylon

On their children, well groomed for taking over the continuation of pursuing the self same high ideals for which their gallant fathers stood up, have devolved the manifold tasks of saving Ceylon for Government of the people, by the people for the people, from the vicious schemes of Marxists masquerading in various shades, Whereas in the past the two brothers F.R. and D.S. fought side by side, today we see, their progeny on opposite camps but fostering democratic ideals, nevertheless. It is indeed a happy augury to note that both cousins, who have been trained in the democratic school of thought should still stick to upholding the spirit of their fathers., to be rightly adjudged LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON.

Both Dudley and R.G. are today seasoned politicians who have sacrificed a great deal in the cause of good government for the people of this country and should not fail to answer the call of the nation to lead it along the good road to peace, prosperity and progress. Dudley of course is in the thick of this struggle. R. G. has been a victim of circumstances who finds himself in a stronger position to defend the country's likely drift towards totalitarianism.

Let us here examine R. G.'s record of service in the cause of the country's national uplift from the advent of political freedom. As a trusted ally and colleague of the late D. S. Senanayake, holding the important post of Junior Minister to that revered leader, he was primarily responsible for the conclusion of a GERMAN Trade agreement which even today has a profitable impact on the economic life of the country.

With that maiden move made in the right direction, R. G. without much fanfare laid the stamp of honesty of purpose on his political career, even though his close friends at the time, knew what opposition he had to face in that move.



MR. DUDLEY SENANAYAKE
Prime Minister
Caretaker Government

History is concerned with him as the Leader of the Trade Mission to Communist China. He acted with admirable restraint. He secured for his country a big quantity of the staple food of its people and with diplomatic skill, he widened the horizon of trade relationship as much as it was possible for him to do

within the terms of reference which governed his Mission. It was a delicate task for Democracy to negotiate with Communism but he accomplished his task to the great satisfaction of his countrymen. He was convinced that although in time of necessity their assistance had to be sought on a respectable level, he should not tie up for all time the destinies of his motherland. This was conclusively proved during his regime as Minister for Trade and Commerce in the Bandaranaike Cabinet when the Rubber Rice Trade Pact was taken up again for discussion between the two governments. It was during this time that he waged an unrelenting battle, showing his courage and foresight and not bowing to the will of Communist China. According to the terms of the Original Agreement between the two countries, the Chinese Government pressed hard for Chinese representatives to come to Ceylon for the purpose of checking stocks of Rubber that went from this country to China but Mr. Senanayake prevented infiltration of the Chinese by stating that the Local Ceylonese Surveyors were capable of doing a splendid job of work and were second to none and that there was no need for any Chinese in this sphere. This is evident from his outspoken denunciation of Marxist strategy and there is no doubt about it that he will be unshaken in pursuing the policy of upholding the policies enunciated by his sire and uncle



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The Rural Development Movement which the late D. S. Senanayake entrusted to him a couple of years ago provided him with the opportunity of doing splendid work in the promotion of better understanding among the village folk and bringing about happier relations between the Government and the people. The Tea Industry which came under his purview received his undivided attention and as Minister for Trade and Commerce in the previous Government many notable innovations were introduced to keep Ceylon Tea and the Industry in the forefront. The Coconut Industry too which was in a parlous state, received his best attention and with his knowledge of this Industry he was able to push up the Export Trade thereby bringing in substantial returns to the country amidst formidable opposition from abroad. The Ceylonisation of Trade, too, was given greater impetus but he was not unmindful of the European Interests in this country. His sincerity of purpose in trade relations between the European and Ceylonese in business, was the bulwark of healthy trade. Whilst safeguarding the Import and Export trade, which brought in economic stability he was systematically aiding the Ceylonese to rise step by step in the sphere of Trade and Commerce.

A great deal of good has accrued to this country in the manner that R.G. has handled the affairs he was charged with handling. A respectable page in the MAHAWANSA will be set aside for him for what he has already contributed, but let him not forget that a great deal more has yet to be done, and the need for that action was never more urgently felt than it is today — with the ever expanding clutches of the Communist dragon fast creeping on to Ceylon soil.

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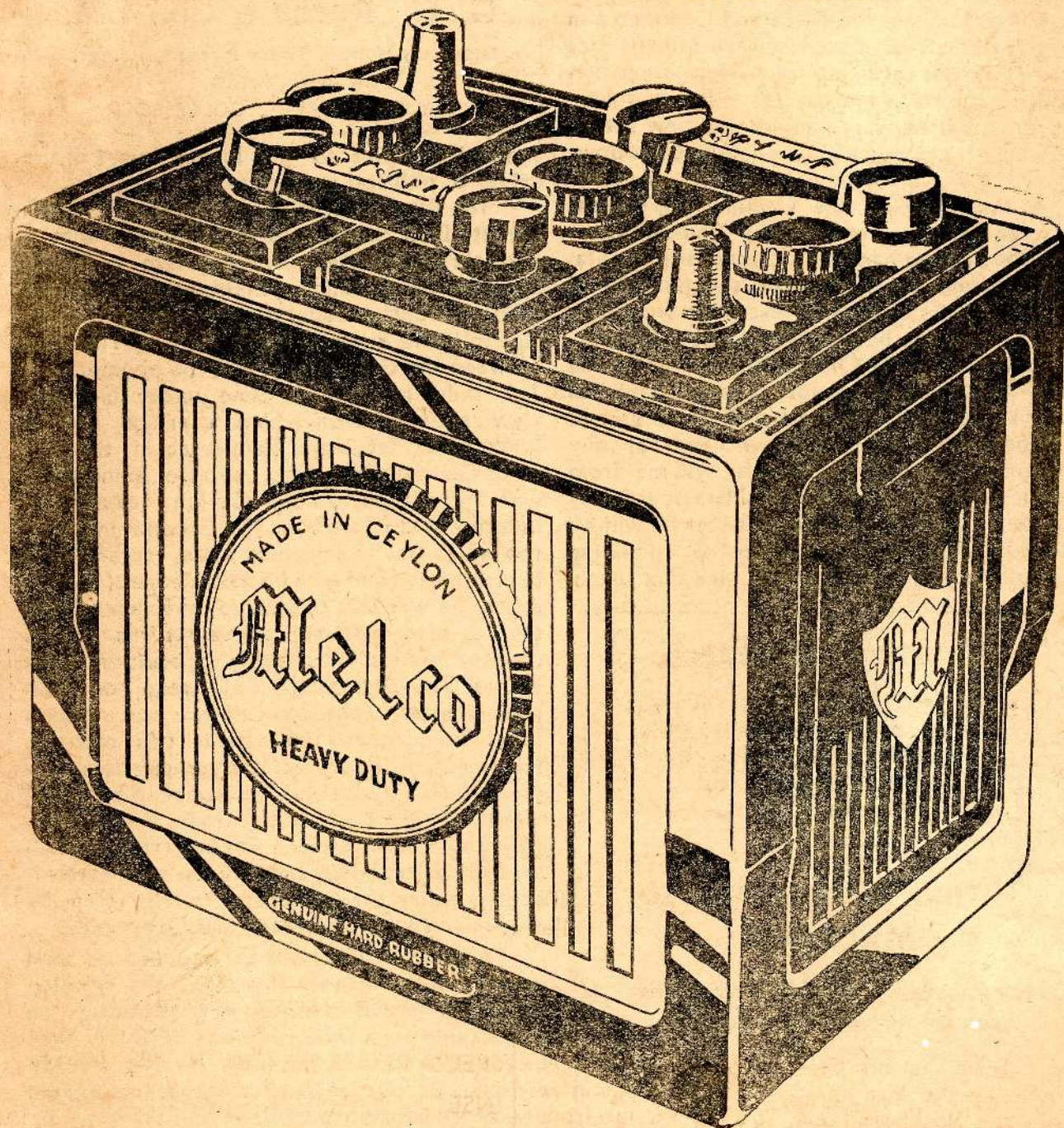
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The Decline and fall of Govern- ments' Battery Factory

AROUND 1956 our industrialists sat, on nearly 25 different occasions, with the then Director of Industries Mr. R. A. Wijekoon, to bring into being a factory for the purpose of manufacturing batteries for automobiles. A total of nearly 40,000 batteries were being imported every year at a cost of Rs. 4,000,000 for the 120,000 registered motor vehicles in Ceylon. The aim of the four industrialists in bold

virtually asked to get out by the Director of Industries. The aim of the Director was to obtain employment for thousands by actually manufacturing batteries from A to Z: the intruders were seeking to side-track the entire question by merely operating assembly plants for Battery components imported from their principles involving employment for less than 20 persons.

THE CISIR BLESSES THE PROJECT

The first obstacle being removed, the next business of the promoters was to form themselves into a Registered Company and obtain Government sponsoring of the project. In September 1956 the then Director of Industries—Mr. Wijekoon—placed his report on the Accumulator Factory for Government approval and sponsoring of the project. In his report Mr.

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Mr. E. C. S. Paul, Director of Industries

newspaper head lines was to make Ceylon self-sufficient in her requirement of automobile batteries

LOCAL EFFORT TO SIDE-TRACK THE PROJECT

From the very beginning efforts were made to make the idea of manufacturing batteries locally a "still born" one. The attack came from many directions. To everybody's surprise all the main importers of batteries, who until then had not even dreamed of manufacturing batteries locally, announced that they contemplated the manufacture of batteries themselves! At two consecutive meetings the intruders were

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Battery Making

By IVOR E.DE MEL

WHAT role will the Government adopt? That question is more important than the actual manufacture of batteries.

This new industry could mean employment for thousands or employment for fewer than 50 persons; it could mean the complete retention of valuable exchange now used for the import of batteries, or it can result in only partial saving of that exchange, it could indicate the principles on which industries should be based in this country or it could mean sacrifice of principals and a set back to local manufacturers who have challenged the supremacy of foreigners in this field.

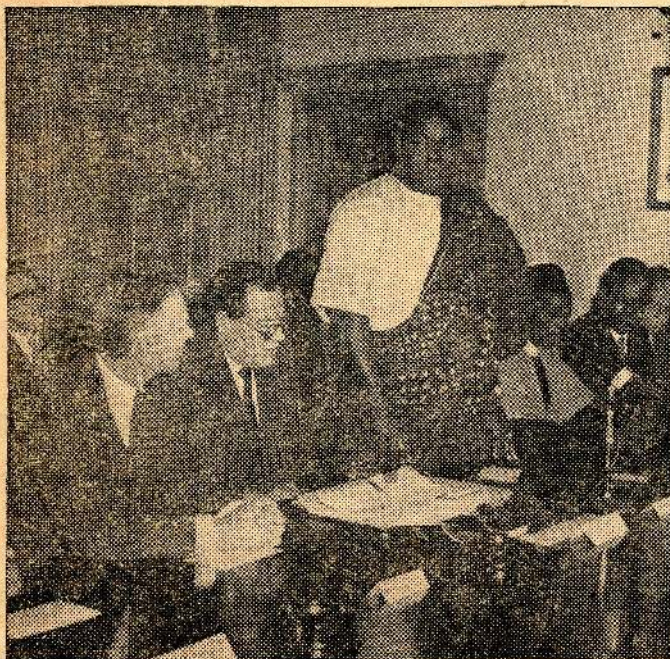
Battery Manufacture is divisible into four parts comprising manufacture of (1) oxide (2) storage battery plates (3) separators and (4) hard — rubber components. Strictly battery manufacturing implies all four operations under one roof. But of recent times in those countries where the manufacture of batteries is a leading industry and the export of batteries constitutes one of the chief foreign currency earners, the tendency has been to separate the industry into the four sections already indicated. With the

tremendous increase in the number of automobile and other vehicles now being produced this specialisation has been more or less forced upon the industry. A fifth section, properly speaking, has now come into being. Battery manufacture today is the assembling in a new section of the products of the four other sections. The work in this fifth section is now beginning to be categorised as the actual manufacture of batteries.

LOCAL MANUFACTURE GOING AHEAD WITHOUT ANY GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

There are 120,000 registered motor vehicles in Ceylon. Approximately one third of these require a battery every year. Ceylon's present requirement is 40,000 batteries per year. Up to the present moment, apart from the pioneering efforts of a handful of battery manufacturers themselves, no efforts have been made by the Government to conserve or cut down on this wastage. Without an iota of encouragement or help from Government the pioneers of this industry in Ceylon have today effectively broken down the usual prejudice against a local product and produce nearly 15 per cent. of the requirements of the country.

A survey of the present situation reveals many things. Battery manufacture is based on certain formulas which are generally be-



UNITED KINGDOM'S £12 MILLION LOAN TO NIGERIA

Chief Festus Okotie Eboh, Minister of Finance for the Federation of Nigeria, addresses a meeting at the Board of Trade, London when he and Mr. Reginald Maudling (wearing spectacles), President of the Board of Trade, signed an agreement by which the United Kingdom Government is to make a loan of £ 12 million to Nigeria on the attainment of her independence on October 1 this year. Seated at the table are, left to right : the Earl of Home, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations; Mr Maudling; Chief Okotie Eboh; the Honourable Aliyu Makaman Bida, Northern Region's Minister of Finance; and Dr. S.E. Imoke, Eastern Region's Minister of Finance.


lieved to be industrial secrets known only to and jealously guarded by the leading industrial concerns in this line in foreign lands. This myth has now been successfully exploded. Oxide, which is the foundation for battery construction is now being made locally. With oxide readily available the casting of battery plates is a simple matter and is now actually being done.

During the last war when battery separators were not available large quantities were made of Ceylon timber by local carpenters and were bought up by the R.A.F., Admiralty etc.

What is peculiar is that Ceylon which boasts of her natural rubber and is now successfully turning out articles from rubber had not experimented with casting hard rubber components for batteries such as a container. There can be no doubt that this last process could be performed, perhaps with more ease than the other three. Unknown to most of their countrymen and without praise from Government which should have waxed eloquent about it, the pioneers in the battery industry of our country have demonstrated that they have

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the one thing which alone deserves immediate encouragement namely, talent which is the pre-requisite for successful industrial enterprise.

In this situation what role will Government play?

In the United States in the U. K. and elsewhere in Europe battery plants each turn out 40 000 batteries per year. They are each manned by only 10 to 12 persons. The factory here mentioned falls into the last of the five sections into which battery production has been diversified — what is known generally as a battery manufacturing plant but which actually is merely an assembly plant to bring together the products of the other four sections. If under the pretence of manufacturing oxide plates, separators and containers a mere assembly plant is permitted to be started it would constitute a death blow to the pioneers in the industry in Ceylon and a loss to the nation as a whole. The pioneers are waiting for the Government to take up their case. The importers are waiting to by-pass all by opening an assembly plant.

The Decline and Fall of Governments' Battery Factory

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Wijekoon points out that the Governments of many under-developed countries have already started their own plants and in respect of the local proposal the Ceylon Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research was of the opinion that the scheme would undoubtedly be a success. A similar opinion had been voiced by the small-scale Industries Mission from Japan. Unfortunately for the project, about this time Mr. Wijekoon retired as Director of Industries and Mr. E. C. S. Paul came in as the Acting Director of Industries.

The details having being worked-out by Mr Wijekoon it was left to Mr. Paul to have the Company registered. From August 1957 to July 1958 a long drawn battle ensued between the promoters and the Acting Director of Industries regarding the delay in the incorporating of the company. In their letter dated 7. 5. '58 to the Acting Director of Industries the promoters state— "We have to place on record that delay in the establishment of the Accumulator Factory is the entire responsibility of the Department of Industries."

However, mainly through the efforts of the promoters the Ceylon Battery Company Limited was registered on 18th July, 1958. About same time Mr Paul went out to China and Japan with a view to seeing for himself machinery for the manufacture of Textiles, Batteries and Fertilizers, etc.

A STARTLING PROPOLAL

With Mr. Paul's return from Japan the fall of the Government Battery project began. The first report of Mr. Paul went contrary to what Mr. Wijekoon recommended, what the Government accepted and the principle in which the promoters had worked up the scheme during the course of three years. Mr. Paul suggested that a Japanese firm, would like to come in, manufacture nearly 100,000 per year, supplying Ceylon's required 38,000 and export from here under their control, the balance 62,000. Plainly speaking the submission was too startling for the promoters. What was more startling was the presence in Ceylon at this time of Mr. Peter C. Aspinall, Export Manager of 'Exide' Batteries. There is no getting behind the fact that

what the Japanese offered to do, the export manager for Exide offered also. The Japanese were yet in Japan, the British was already here.

The promoters suspected every move of the Department of Industries. They had a right to. The idea of joining with a foreign firm was a fresh one. It was directly opposed to the idea of the promoters to start a factory with local capital. At every turn they felt hindrance.

On 30th October 1958 the Directors of Ceylon Battery Company Ltd. appointed as Director Mr. G.C. Gray, Managing Director of Ms. Brown & Co. Ltd, the Local agents for Exide Batteries. On 12th November 1958 at a meeting of the Board all the Directors excepting Mr. Gray resigned from the Company, en block Mr. Gray officially paid for and bought a scrap of paper for as yet there was no factory nor machinery—the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Ceylon Battery Company Ltd.—for a sum of Rs. 5000/ per resigning Director, a total of Rs. 25,000/-

During the life time of the last Government the new proprietors of the Government sponsored Battery Factory lied low. Now, under the powerful influence of a certain V. I. P. who at one time was a Director of Ms. Brown & Co., Ltd, arrangements are being made to open the Battery Factory under its control.

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What few realize is that due to political pressure and the unemployment problem S.S.C. passed pupils have been engaged in a large number of schools to teach classes of the S. S. C. Level. What must be remembered is that in the first instance the S. S. C. is not a Teaching Examination. Secondly more often than not such S. S. C. Teachers are frequently called upon to teach the subjects they have failed in. This is worse than the case of the blind leading the blind!

What has really happened is that the Standard of Education and Teaching has gone down

by leaps and bounds while the Pass Mark has remained the same. Hence the large number of failures.

I remember many years back an Examiner receiving a Confidential Circular to the effect that the Pass Mark for a certain subject be reduced to 25%. It was too disgraceful a matter to discuss at that stage, but probably examiners have been asked to do something similar now.

If the Public cannot accept the situation that a certain standard of knowledge has to be shown by a pupil to deserve a Certificate and if the Education Department is unable to uphold the standards of an Examination or the dignity of a Certificate then let every child sitting for the S.S.C. receive a Certificate so that it will hereafter merely denote a standard attained but not necessarily passed.

Some years ago there was a talk of abolishing the S.S.C. Examination. This was only on account of the Department bringing down the Pass Mark to such an absurdly low point that even they realized the absurdity of the Certificate and felt it would be better to do without it.

Imagine a Final Year Medical Student being given a Pass at 25% being called upon to attend to your dying child with a 75% of ignorance. If you think this position untenable then stand up for a raising of the Pass Mark so that we the Public may be able to distinguish between the qualified and the unqualified. This is not a Political problem. This is an Educational problem.

LOOKOUT MAN

Housing Department Blackmarketeers

SO once again the Housing Department has thrown precedents and morality to the winds and has blatantly auctioned the right of possession at the Bambalapitiya Housing Scheme, realizing Rs. 75,000 Key Money, for its coffers.

The poor 'Auctioneer' tried to justify his position by indicating that the money so collected would be put back into the Building Scheme and hence was not Key Money. What he conveniently forgot to tell his listeners was that in whatever manner the money was put back, the property in question would remain that of the Government and secondly the end never justified the means.

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In fact news reaches us today that this same Scheme of Auctioning the Right of Possession was put into practice in the rental of

some Government Flats either at Battaramulla or Kiribathgoda. If this information is correct then we can no longer fight the issue of Key Money in the Private Sector.

This new type of Policy was an innovation of the Bandaranaike Government whose policy is being still carried on by the Housing Department. It is time that the U. N. P. who has always thought of the welfare of the poor and middle classes step in and rectify this great wrong.

Auctioning the right of possession will soon lead to auctioning the right for employment, auctioning the right of our democratic way of life.

Drunken Drivers

THE figures of deaths and accidents—bad and serious—as supplied to the press by the Police may, for convenience be tabulated as follows:

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
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Killed	1	3	4	4	9
Badly Injured	—	—	—	4	6
Seriously	1	3	4	—	—

In the opinion of the Police there is an increase in number of accidents due to drunkenness and an increase in the number of deaths and serious accidents since 1955. In our Christmas Number we published an article by Dr. Walter Peiris, the versatile social service worker, on Prohibition, in which the relation of accidents to drink has been scientifically and practically dealt with. We can do no better than quote the relevant paragraph 'A good number of motor accidents are due to those at the wheel having taken intoxicating liquor. One need not necessarily be drunk. This is how it happens When the eyes see the likelihood of an imminent accident a message goes from the eyes to the brain. The brain sends an impulse down along the nerves to the muscles of the hands and feet to apply the brakes. As the result of taking alcohol the activity of the brain is retarded and the junction connecting the afferent (incoming) and efferent (out going) impulses act a little tardily. Alcohol damages the sensory functions and delays reaction time. The application of the brakes is thus delayed a little and the damage is done. What this little delay does can be gauged from the following.

A car travelling at 30 miles per hour (and practically every car involved in serious accidents travel faster) covers in a second 142/3 yards or 44 feet. It will thus be apparent how dangerous a second's delay in applying brakes can be. Magistrates have certain discretionary powers reimposing punishment. They may impose a fine varying from a lesser to a higher figure and order imprisonment varying in like manner. Recently a Magistrate was reported in the press to have given double the punish-

ment to a driver who had taken alcohol than he would have, for a like offence, to one who had not taken alcohol. This power must be made absolute by statute and the Motor Or



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dinance or Act and Penal Code must be amended accordingly to give Magistrates the power to give double punishment when the accused is proved to have taken liquor, though not directly under the influence of alcohol. Similarly, in all criminal cases the punishment should be double where the accused is proved to have taken alcohol." It will be seen from the above that one need not necessarily be drunk or be under the influence of liquor to be implicated in a car accident. It is as difficult to prove to a Court of Law that a person was drunk as it is to prove to the satisfaction of Court a case of bribery. In amending the Penal Code and the Motor Act, we suggest that Magistrates should be empowered to cancel the licence of a motorist at the wheel who is proved to have been drunk at the time of the accident and suspend the licence of the peccant motorist, at the discretion of the Magistrate, according to the degree of his intoxication and the circumstances of the case - especially the application of the brakes.

We suggest that the Director of Health Services who has shown an interest in this question and could appreciate Dr. Peiris' medical reasons, a representative of the Chief Law Officer of the Crown who could deal with the Legal view, a representative of the Police Department, especially an officer attached to the Traffic Control section, who could check up Dr. Peiris' speed calculations should be appointed to go into this question without delay.

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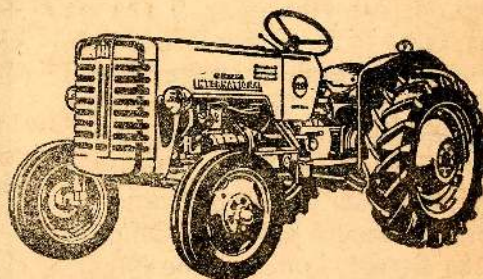
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DINKAR MUTHU KRISHNA

WHAT incentive does the Government give the Local Producer or Manufacturer to export his products, capture foreign Markets and bring in Dollars and Sterling so essential to this country's well being?

The Department of Industries has made no worth-while contribution either by way of suggestion or a Paper to the Ministry on how Industry may be assisted to Export by way of different incentives that may be offered.

In India a special Export Promotion Department has been set up by the State whose sole aim and duty is to continually investigate the possibilities of Export in every type of Industry. Recommendations are continually made separately in respect of each Industry setting forth what relief would be available if an Export Market is created.

Besides that the Embassies abroad are briefed on the various commodities and items available and the Trade Commissioners attached to the Embassies sincerely pursue the establishment of such sales by arranging Exhibitions, Shows and Displays.

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sales of our products besides having a few old items on some dusty shelves of their office? Furthermore it has been brought more than once to our notice that when interested people do make such enquiries about those products our Ceylonese personnel are unable to furnish facts and figures for immediate consideration and indicate that they will have to write back for details.

If we are really interested in Promoting our Exports it is time that we set up a separate Sales Promotion Department and helped ourselves to some of the World's Business available for the asking.

NIGERIAN PRIME MINISTER MEETS LORD HOME

The Prime Minister of the Federation of Nigeria, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Bewlewa, talks to Sir James Robertson, Governor-General of Nigeria and Lord Home (right), Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, when he and the regional Prime Ministers of Nigeria called on Lord Home at the Commonwealth Relations Office in Downing Street, London. The Nigerian Prime Ministers have been having talks on the final constitution for Nigeria, which becomes independent on October 1 this year.



The Constitution Under Strain

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In the Republic of India, where the States are concerned, the Constitution has provided a remedy to meet such emergencies—The suspension of the Constitution. Thus in June, 1951 a Proclamation suspending the Constitution in the State of the Punjab was issued by the President in the exercise of his emergency powers. The Ministry in the State was dissolved and its administration was taken over by the President. By a similar Proclamation issued in 1956, the Government of Travancore—Cochin was also taken over by the Central Government.

There is no provision in the India Constitution for the suspension of the Constitutional machinery in the Union in the event of a break down or deadlock. The President is not empowered to take over even temporarily, the

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functions of the Union Ministry or of Parliament. It is not intended that there should be a sort of one man rule in the Union even in an emergency. Any national calamity must be faced by all and finally overcome by the intelligent, strenuous and self sacrificing efforts of all. Thus in the United Kingdom, the financial crisis of 1931 was met by the formation of a National Government.

In the United Kingdom and other Dominions, which have copied the party system of the former, to meet a national crisis by a National Government is not a difficult task; for their whole political machinery as Lord Balfour had written

“presupposes a people so fundamentally at one that they can safely afford to bicker; and so sure of their own moderation that they are not dangerously disturbed by the never ending din of political conflict.”

It is that unity which explains the remarkable and smooth functioning of the British and other Dominion Cabinets.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IMPRACTICABLE HERE

To meet the present crisis after the General Election on 19th March, the Leader of the M.E.P. suggested the formation of a **National Government** to function by agreement for twelve months. To put this suggestion into operation was impossible and impracticable, for, in a National Government in our country with

twenty four political parties there will be a heterogeneous Cabinet composed of men with temperamental incompatibilities, conflicting policies and diametrically opposite ideologies. It is impossible to assume by any stretch of imagination that a Cabinet of this nature could function smoothly even for six months. If it can, it would be a political achievement of the highest order worthy of the admiration of other countries. The Governor-General, therefore, adopted the best and the wisest course he could under circumstances in accepting the advice of the Prime Minister for a dissolution. Without doubt the object of the present dissolution is to get a decisive verdict from the electorate, otherwise there is no meaning of the dissolution at all.

LET US FACE FACTS

Let us face facts boldly and squarely. It behoves our politicians and leaders of different political parties to give their serious consideration and diagnose carefully the causes of the constitutional illness that led to the present breakdown of the machinery of Government.

The breakdown undoubtedly is due to two main causes. First, the Constitution that the Soulbury Commission recommended for Ceylon is a reproduction in large measure the form of the British Constitution manifestly unsuitably framed for a government of an Eastern people on the pattern of Western Democracy. The first to realise the unsuitability of the present Constitution was the late Prime Minister, S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike from what he experienced as Prime Minister. That was why he suggested to the Committee appointed for the revision of the Constitution to frame a Constitution based on the Swiss model.

THE SOULBURY CONSTITUTION

In recommending the present Constitution the Soulbury Commission itself expressed its grave doubts of its success in the following words: “We are well aware that self-government of the British Parliamentary type, carried on by means of a technique which it has taken centuries to develop, may not be suitable or practicable for another country, and that where the history, traditions and culture of that country are foreign to those of Great Britain, the prospect of transplanting British institutions with success may appear remote.” If the Constitution proved a failure, the Commission washed its hands by saying, “But be that as it may, the majority—the politically conscious majority of the people of Ceylon—favour a Constitution on British lines. Such a Constitu-

tion is their own desire and is not being imposed on them. It is true that, if in our opinion it were manifestly unsuitable for Ceylon, our duty, notwithstanding the demands of the Ceylonese, would be to report. We could not recommend a Constitution of the British type and then, when its failure had become apparent merely resort—*Vous L'avez voulu*, George Dandin."

MULTI PARTIES AND INSTABILITY

The doubts expressed by the Soulbury Commission have come true in the present crisis. The Constitution has failed and failed most miserably. At present we have a two-party Constitution on the British pattern and a multi party system on the French model. Is it a wonder that the two are inconsistent, incompatible and unworkable causing deadlocks and breakdowns in the machinery of Government. The remedy for the Constitution to function smoothly is to reduce the number of parties only to two or three to suit the British pattern, which can be done only by the electorate, or to amend the Constitution to suit the multi party system. Till this is done the prospect of the formation of a stable Government is very remote and breakdowns of the machinery of Government and frequent requests for dissolutions must necessarily be expected.

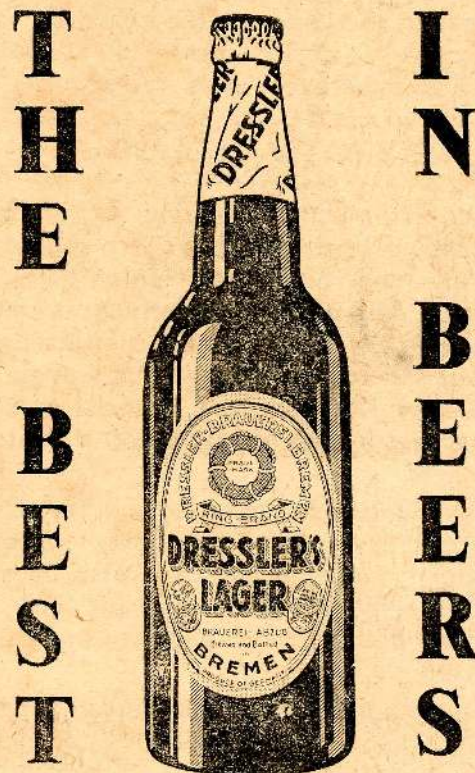
If in the coming election no party secures a clear majority to form a stable government, the breakdown of the Constitution is perfect and complete. The result would be a Coalition Government and in a coalition, the supporting party whatever its numerical strength may be, is always the Dominant party which can dictate its own policies and bring about the fall of the Government at any moment it likes. A supporting party, therefore, is like the Sword of Damocles hanging over the head of the larger party in the Government.

The second course of the present breakdown is the absence of a Preamble to our Constitution. All great Republics such as U.S.A., France, Germany and India have Preambles to their Constitutions. A Preamble indicates broadly the purposes and objects that it seeks to achieve and the inconveniences that it strives to eliminate; it contains a recital of the intentions of those who framed the law.

The Preamble of the Indian Constitution is a grand declaration of the ideals and objectives which the Indian people have set before themselves and have the ambition to realise through the instrumentality of the political structure

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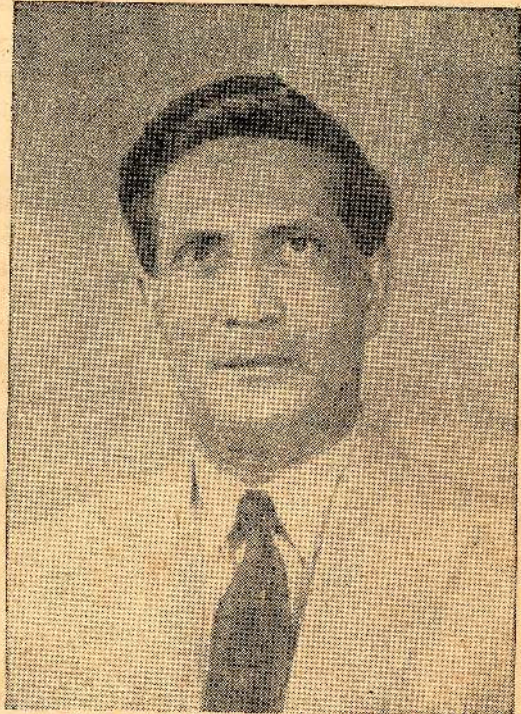
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Stalwarts of the U.N.P. Election Campaign



SIR ALBERT PEIRIS

The former Speaker of the House of Representatives, who is doing battle to capture the Nattandiya Seat.



Senator Dr. M. V. P. Peiris, Minister for Health, who within a short space of time, has been doing wonderful work. Although a non-contestant Dr. Peiris is certain of retaining his Portfolio should the U.N.P. come into power.

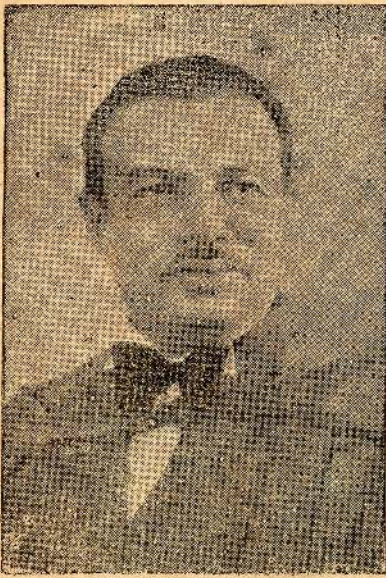
which they have deliberately created for themselves. It is fully reproduced below for the information of our political leaders:—

PREAMBLE OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

“We the people of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a Sovereign Democratic Republic and to secure to all citizens: Justice, social, economic and political; Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; and to promote among them all Fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity of the nation; in our Constituent Assembly this twenty sixth day of November, 1949, do hereby adopt, enact and give to Ourselves this Constitution.

What grand sentiments! What noble ideals are expressed in this Preamble. If we only

had a Preamble in our Constitution, the present crisis would never have occurred and the two democratic parties would have co-operated to carry on the administration of the country. As our Constitution stands today, it is like a ship in mid ocean without a chart or compass not knowing whither she is bound. It is fervently hoped that in the Republican Constitution that would be framed for us in the near future, its framers would not forget to insert in it a Preamble, the express object of which would be the peace and happiness, plenty and prosperity of all peoples in Sri Lanka, whether they be of the majority or minority, Buddhist or Christian; Hindu or Muslim.



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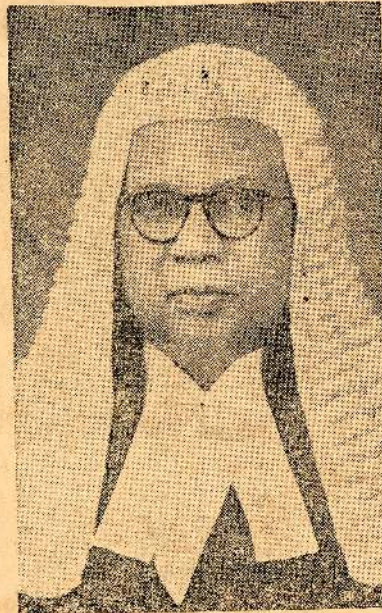
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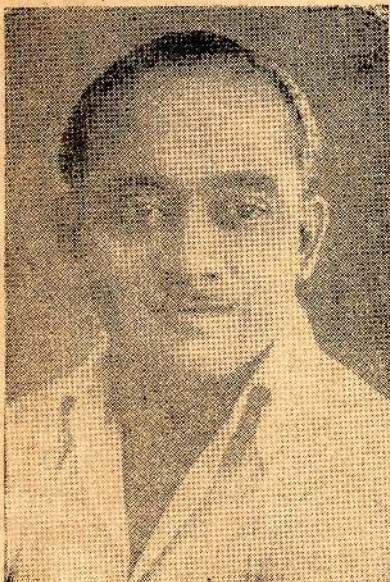
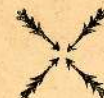
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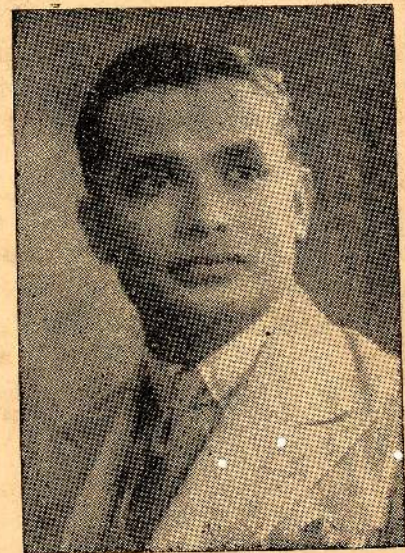


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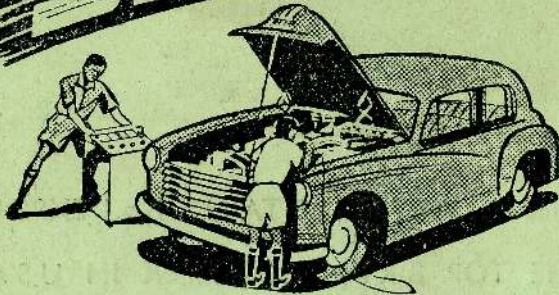


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