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## RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

**H**OWEVER much Government may deny it the obvious fact remains clear that there is racial and religious bias shown by Government against minorities. Declarations made or assurances given by the Prime Minister, Ministers and even the departmental heads, are not assurances on which any reliance could be placed. The Majority Complex and urge begins to manifest and practised in tortuous ways. It is rarely that a flagrant case comes to light. When merit, and merit alone, should be the guiding principle in the selection of candidates for any place or appointment, consideration for race or even religion begins to influence and merit is cast aside. It is this fear that the minority communities have to contend against and hence if they keep on asking for safeguards for reasons of their self protection and self preservation or emphasise the need for a declaration about the "fundamental rights of minorities," one sees no reason why they should be found fault with and accused of being communal minded.

A clear case of racial bias has been brought to light in connection with an examination held for the grant of a scholarship by the Ceylon University. Two candidates, a Sinhalese and Tamil, tied in an examination and the latter in addition to gaining the requisite marks showed superiority in many respects. But the scholarship was awarded to the Sinhalese candidate for no other reason than that he was a Sinhalese and belonged to the majority community.

But the grantees immediately displayed a spirit of high morality and rectitude and rather than be a party to what he, and others besides him, considered as undue and unfair preferment shown him, rejected the scholarship and wrote to the authorities that he was convinced that his fellow Tamil student, was more deserving than he was on the results of the Exam and should therefore be entitled to the scholarship. What is more he felt and even wrote in that it was distinctly unfair to a member of the minority community that discrimination

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## PADDY CROP FACES SERIOUS RUIN

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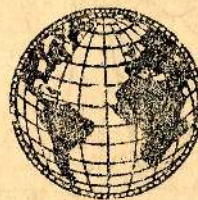
**I**NSPITE of the threats of liquidating us, we shall continue to spotlight the nefarious activities of those who have not had the slightest degree of national feeling in the matter of handling the food production for your people in Ceylon.

Let us examine the serious ruin the peoples' staple food crop faces today, from a scientific angle, as the irreparable damage that has been caused will be reflected for generations to come, if this situation is not remedied forthwith.

There are diverse Agro-Climatic Zones varying from District to District, D.R.O. Division to D.R.O. Division, Korale to Korale, and these vary even within the D.R.O. Divisions. For instance, in the case of a D.R.O. Division like Matale East, you find the Low-Country Dry Zone area (Kongahawela, Wilgamuwa), the Mid-Country Dry Zone area (Illukkumbura), the Up-Country Dry Zone area (Gammaduwa), the Mid-Country Wet Zone area (Kalkawela), the Up-Country Wet Zone area (Laggala-Udasiya) etcetera. The soil types too vary from District to District D.R.O. Division to D.R.O. Division, Korale to Korale, Wasama to Wasama, Village to Village, Tract to Tract, and even

holding to holding. Toxic chemicals such as Iron etcetera are also found affecting the crop adversely and as exhibited by the symptom described as "Bronzing". It has been found that local varieties of paddy were generally free from "Bronzing."

Hence the cultivators had to grow hundreds and hundreds of different paddy varieties, with Age-Groups varying from about 2, 2½, 3, 7 months (some extending up to even 9 months) depending on local conditions. They preserved these age-old varieties even under adverse conditions.



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3. Other countries like Japan increased their rice yields mainly by increased fertilization and with the use of high-yielding and pest-cum-disease resistant varieties. Though their soils are generally fertile, being volcanic, in contradistinction to our soils, which are comparatively poor, being eroded and leached, they apply as much as 484 pounds of Sulphate of Ammonia alone per acre per season. They had done breeding and selection work of good Pure Line Paddies and about 80% of the total acreage is cultivated with them. Their Pure Line Paddies, on increased fertilization, gave high yields and were resistant to pests and diseases.

It has been scientifically proved that there are very good strains of local paddy varieties, which on increased fertilization, gave high yields and were resistant to pests and diseases. Hence you too could have selected good strains from the local varieties to suit the diverse Agro-Climatic Zones and stepped up your rice yields to equal or even surpass the Japanese

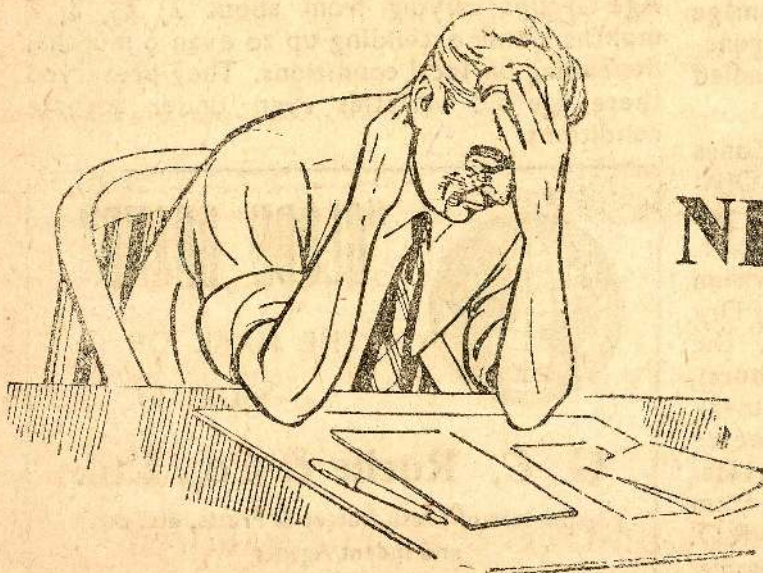
4 Since about 1945 you have been replacing the local paddy varieties with over 1½ million bushels of bad Pure Line Seed Paddy varieties (Scientificially proved bad) at a cost of

about 40-50 million rupees or perhaps at a greater cost. You may have also worked against nature in trying to replace hundred and hundreds of acclimatized varieties with VARYING Age Groups by a few Pure Line Paddies with DEFINITE Age Groups. Due to the diverse chemical conditions of our soils and with the presence of both known and unknown toxic substances (Iron, Hydrogen Sulphide, etc.), when new paddy varieties are introduced from abroad or from another area various problems such as "Bronzing", "Yellowing", Pests, Diseases, etc. have increased. With Some Pure Line Seed Paddy, you have been introducing paddy diseases into the fields of cultivators.

It has been proved scientifically and statistically that, on increased fertilization, some of the Pure Line Paddies do not give striking yield increases, some do not give any yield increases, whilst some decreased the yields. Apart from this, It has also been proved that 67% of these are susceptible to the disease, Blast of Paddy. (*Piricularia oryzae.*) When the quantity of fertilizers added to such susceptible varieties, is increased, it AGGRAVATES the disease, and produces FATAL RESULTS to the crop.

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The above could be seen in areas, where disease—susceptible Pure Line Paddies have been introduced and intensively fertilized.

The cultivators had a system of selecting seed paddy by obtaining the best earheads from the crop and preserving them for seed purposes in the next season. This was known as the Mass Selection of seed paddy. According to Mr. G. V. Wickremasekera, former Paddy Officer (Ceylon), who had done work on Paddy for a number of years and maintained the genetic purity of the Pure Line Paddies, which he had selected, the response of Mass-Selected local varieties to good cultivation and manuring had been striking. Prior to the introduction of bad Pure Line Paddy and consequent annihilation of most of the local paddy varieties, the present and future Agricultural Scientists had a large "Store House" of material from which very good strains could have been selected. Once a variety is replaced by another, it is lost for ever.

Mr. D. Rhind, former Director of Agriculture and an authority on Rice Cultivation,

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warned us about these bad Pure Line Paddies in the 1947-50 period. If you listened to him, you could have had the selections from local varieties by 1956 and the Hybrids by 1965. If you start work immediately selections suited to the diverse Agro-Climatic Zones could be had by 1966 and the Hybrids by 1975, from the few remaining local varieties.

When virgin land was opened up in the Colonization Schemes, you issued out these bad Pure Line Paddies. With the millions of Rupees spent on opening up of paddy lands, perhaps one of the reasons why you have not been able to achieve self-sufficiency in rice, may be due to this.

That too may be why you in Ceylon can boast of only a 10%—20% return on the Colonization project, whereas in the Punjab, a similar project brings in 100% returns.

In spite of the fact that Dr. Rhind warned you in 1947-50 over the pureline myth, who is responsible for issuing out to unsuspecting cultivators highly disease susceptible varieties of paddy for cultivation as late as 1958?



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# The Joss Stick Industry

BY DINKAR MUTHU KRISHNA

HOW many people have stopped to think of the origin or manufacture of the Joss Sticks used on ceremonial occasions and at Temples and other places of worship. These frail looking innocent sticks bring Government annually approximately 2½ million rupees by way of Customs Duties, but lest we smile in satisfaction at this figure, it must be noted that Ceylon sends out approximately 9½ million rupees by way of the purchase of this commodity.

The principal source of manufacture of these Joss Sticks is the State of Mysore in India, where the secret of its manufacture is so well guarded that even the Industries Department of the Government of India who pass the Permits for purchase of the necessary chemicals are unable to determine the exact formulae as the secret lies in the mixing and the proportions used.

Nevertheless this should not be a deterrent to Ceylon for with a potential market of 9½ million rupees the attempt should be well worth the while. As indicated to me by a prominent member of the Industries Department here, the local product should be issued side by side with the imported one under the same Label until its manufacture has been tried and tested. Then large scale manufacture of these items should be carried out until the local manufacturers are in a position to meet the Island's requirements, after which a case can be made out to the Government for the banning of import of this product.

Local Industrialists should seek new avenues of Industry and here is an untapped opening. Let us hope that some reader will be activated by the possibilities of this Industry and set about to manufacture without delay.

Technical details regarding this Industry may be had from The Chamber of Industries, Hemas Building, Fort, Colombo.

# Anti-TB Book Marks

BY A MEMBER OF THE STAFF

WE have received a number of the No. 1, in the series of 8 Book marks the National Anti-TB Association of Moratuwa proposes to publish. These book-marks bear the following captions.

- (1) Knowledge is power
- (2) To be Forwarned is to be Forearmed
- (3) TB is Preventable
- (4) Warning Signals of TB
- (5) A Stitch in Time
- (6) Appearances are Deceptive
- (7) Don't light the candle at both ends
- (8) TB is Curable.

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CEYLON has no Grand Opera Society so music lovers in this country can never hope to see a local production of "The Ring" or "Aita" or any of these magnificent German or Italian Operas. But this does not mean that they are to be completely starved of Opera, for amongst the operatic societies in Colombo is the Light Opera Society. This society has produced many successful shows in the past, the last being "Chou—Chin—Chow" a perennial favourite in the Light Opera category, which they put over in October November of 1959.

Colombo's theatre-goers and music lovers have another Light Opera Society production in store for them when "The Maid of the Mountains" begins its nine day run on July 28th at the Wendt Memorial Theatre—the performance on that day being for school children. Perhaps you are one of those regular glittering "first nighters" and would want to be there on the opening night. In that case the date you will have to mark off in your social diary is Friday July 29th at 6.30 p.m.

"The Maid of the Mountains" is a rollicking fast-moving play with plenty of tilting music and sparkling dialogue, centering around the exploits of a band of exciting brigands and their dashing chief, Baldassarre. It has its share of comedy, pathos and romance, all continuing to make a highly entertaining piece.

The Colombo Light Opera Society began rehearsals in March and now well and a way.

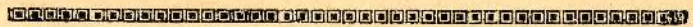
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A note of importance which might very well prove to be the chief box office attraction, is that the part of Baldassarre will be played by that popular actor-producer, Arthur Van Langenberg, who also is in charge of the production.

Others in the cast include Audrey Deutram, Basil Joseph, Dudley Perera, Selwyn Samaraweera, Brenda Ferdinands, Ivor Payne, Mervyn de Zilwa and Sonia de Kretser. The Orchestra is conducted by Dr. Earle de Fonseka.

The Box-plan is at Cave's and the dates of the Operetta are July 28th, 29th and 30th and August 1st, 4th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th.

BY E.C.R.

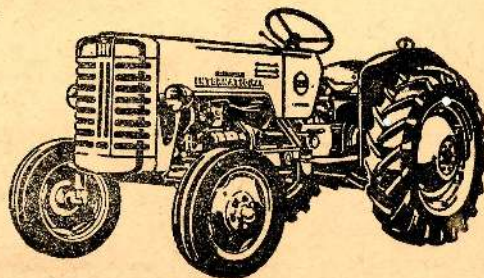
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## Ceylon's Paddy Crop

IN the scientific world, one of the foremost privileges open to any individual, is the free discussion of matters relating to scientific subjects. Not so in Ceylon. At a time when our staple food crop—Rice—faces complete ruin in Ceylon, the Ceylon Association for the Advancement of Science has found it unable to open its doors to an agriculturist who was prepared to present a 'paper' on the subject.

Would it appear that this is a glaring instance of Governmental red tape coming into the rescue for preventing an exposure which would have been highly embarrassing to someone masquerading as an authority who is even fit to judge world figures of the calibre of Professor Harland?

Why should not this Association for the advancement of science take the lead in exposing the fate the country faces, with regard to the production of the peoples' staple food crop.

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## A Hardy Annual and Dr. Gobbles

THE late Dr. Gobels of Hitler's Germany had a theory that if a thing, whether it was correct or not, would be regarded by the public as correct if repeated often enough. Dr.

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Gobbel's tactics, I am afraid are followed in this country too.

Dr. J. H. F. Jayasuriya, Chairman C.N.A.P.T., stated at its Annual General Meeting held on June 28th, 1960, that there were 50,000 undetected cases of T.B. in Ceylon. He said the same thing at the previous Annual General Meeting in 1959. This figure was challenged but Dr. Jayasuriya persists in quoting it. I am not concerned with the accuracy of these figures. I would, however, like to ask him:—

(1) What he and the C.N.A.P.T. that is boomed in the press, so much, has done to detect these undetected cases?

(2) What the object is in repeating this statement at annual general meeting? when a letter to the D. H. S. would be sufficient to set about the matter if the position was as stated?

(3) Whether the continuous existence of 50,000 cases of undetected cases of T.B. is a credit to the work that is done by the C.N.A.P.T. that has received so many solicited or unsolicited testimonials?

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# AS THE WORLD GOES BY

## FRENCH EXPLODE A BOMB

France is number four on the list of nuclear power nations. The United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union precede her. The French made their successful plutonium bomb explosion in the Sahara Desert on February 13.

## MIKOYAN IN CUBA

First Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan of the Soviet Union praised the Cuban revolution and "agrarian reform." He also told Cubans that the Soviet Union was willing to sell military aircraft to them and that he hoped for an early re-establishment of diplomatic relations.

## BRITAIN RAISES HER GUARD

The British plan to raise their defence outlay from \$4,200,000,000 of the 1957-58 fiscal year to \$4,536,000,000. Prime Minister Macmillan stated that Britain would join the the Soviet Union in working toward relaxation of world tensions, but it would at the same time keep its guard well up.

## GROWING JAPANESE SEA POWER

Starting from zero after World War II, when the Japanese Imperial Navy was scrapped the Japanese have built a navy numbering 196 ships, and by March 31, 1960, they expect to have 208 vessels in the Imperial Navy. This practically equals that maintained by Red China.

## ECHO FROM SUN'S CORONA

U.S. scientists have bounced radar signals off the sun's corona, which is some 93,000,000 miles away. It took the radar waves 16½ minutes to make the trip. An official called it "a notable achievement," stating it was "by far the greater distance man has been able to get part of it back."

## BIG MEAT EATERS

On the average each of the 175,000,000 citizens of the U.S. is expected to eat 83 pounds of beef, 67 pounds of pork, seven of veal and four and a half pounds of lamb during 1960.

## EDUCATIONWISE

The U.S. Census Bureau reported that half of the adult population has eleven years of schooling compared with 9.3 years in 1950. Almost all Americans over fourteen years can

read and write. Non-whites have shown the greatest progress. While 80 percent of the non-whites could not read or write in 1870, in 1959 that figure was down to 8 percent.

## NEW FUEL FOR CARS

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## DO MARRIED WOMEN LIVE LONGER?

Women between the ages of 20 to 45, who marry and lead a normal life, seem to have fewer diseases and the death-rate is lower than among single women of the same age group. However, after 45, married women appear to be more susceptible to circulatory diseases and other ailments. But single women seem to get

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twice as many colds and appear more susceptible to pneumonia and diabetes.

**MORE TRACTORS, FEWER HORSES**

A United Nation report disclosed that the number of tractors in the world total 8,728,000. This figure does not include the number of tractors in Russia or in Red China. In the past ten years the number of tractors has increased about 70 per cent, while horses have decreased by 7 per cent. About 93 per cent of the world's farm tractors are located in North America, Europe and Oceania.

**TRANQUILIZER COSTS UPSETTING**

At least the druggists are tranquil about the handsome profits reaped from the close to seventy brands of "happy pills" purchased by them. Annually they buy about \$200,000,000 worth from manufacturers, make prices up an average of 40 per cent and sell them to the public for a measly \$80,000,000 profit.

**HEART THERAPY WITH X-RAY**

X-ray is being used to treat diseased heart muscles, and the results are encouraging. Experiments with animals that had diseased hearts showed that only 10 per cent of them that did not receive X ray treatments survived, whereas 40 to 50 percent of the irradiated animals did survive. There were no visible bad effects from the treatment.

**PEA SIZE RECEIVERS**

Dr. S. W. Herwald, in charge of research at Westinghouse, demonstrated an amplifier used in a high-fidelity phonograph in which the preamplifier was the size of a match head and the power amplifier was smaller than a dime. "If this can be accomplished now," said Herwald, "it isn't difficult to foresee development of a complete communications receiver the size of a pea within a few years."

**ARTIFICIAL KIDNEY INTRODUCED**

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**A LONG HIKE**

To prove that "women can do all that man can" fifty-six year old dietitian Barbara Moore walked the full length of Britain, that is, 1000 miles in 23 days.

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Britain is the home of all but one of the 10 bureaux and three institutes that together from the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux Organisation—a clearing house for information on all subjects connected with agriculture. For this reason the conference is always held in London—a most convenient centre for men from overseas to meet and keep abreast of basic research being done in universities and other scientific institutions.

When open meetings begin on Thursday insecticides will be discussed. Many entomologists are becoming opposed to automatic use of insecticides and there is a wide feeling that destruction of pests (plant or animal) by means of natural enemies is about to enter a new phase.

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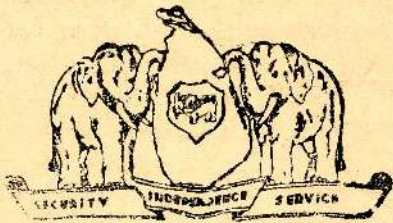
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## ANTARCTIC MOTOR-CYCLIST



Scientist James Malden of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey arrived back at Southampton, recently aboard the "John Biscoe" with the British "Triumph" motor-cycle which he used during his spell of duty in the Antarctic. Malden claims to be the first man to have ridden a motor cycle across the Antarctic pack ice. The Royal Research Ship "John Biscoe"

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## The Aftermath of the General Election

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**B**YOND any doubt or question Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike will have the hearty congratulations of all true lovers of the country on her splendid leadership of the S.L.F.P. and the great and magnificent victory she has achieved. Furthermore, we are of the conviction and belief that Mrs. Bandaranaike will carry with her the goodwill and cooperation of all those who, for various reasons, found themselves in disagreement with her and the party of which she is the leader, in the tremendous task she has undertaken as Prime Minister. Apart from all that the entire country rejoices on her brilliant achievement in being the first woman to assume the Premiership of our country and in so doing creating a world precedence. That Mrs. Bandaranaike will be successful in ruling the country wisely and well is the sincere wish of all Ceylonese.

In this hour of her victory it is hoped that she will be magnanimous and forgive the transgressions of all those who found themselves opposed to the party she so courageously led is only to be expected. But it is a matter for conjecture whether she will forget the tremendous hostility a section of the Press manifested towards her and the party of which she is the main stay, we are unable to say.

Taking a dispassionate view of the matter and all the circumstances that provoked this hostility of the press—and we do not wish to be understood as trying to pose as moralists. It is our view that Mrs. Bandaranaike could have been spared the incessant abuse and the insults that she was subjected to right from the moment of her elections as President of the S.L.F.P. and almost up to the eve of the General Election. We are of the view that the Press was neither just nor generous to a well meaning widow, a mother who, according to her rights, was called upon to assume a responsibility which no other Ceylon woman in modern times would have undertaken. For these reasons alone, if for no other, the newspaper critics should have displayed the spirit of chivalry and shown some forbearance. If one critically examines the newspaper darts and missiles hurled at Mrs. Bandaranaike prior to the election and contrast the same with the eulogies that are being heaped on her after the election, the conclusion that one would arrive would not be complementary.

# The Phenomenal Success of Swissair

ON 26th March 1931 Balair and Ad Astra decided to merge into an undertaking for the whole of Switzerland and founded with a capital of 800,000 francs the Swiss Air Transport Ltd Swissair. The new company owned eight three engine Fokker F-VIIb, two single-engine Dornier Merkur, one single engine Fokker F-VIIa, a single engine Messerschmitt M-18d and a single engine Comte AC 4, totalling 86 passenger seats. The small number of air crews comprised ten pilots, seven radio operators and eight flight-engineers.

Under the able management of Balz Zimmermann and Walter Mittelholzer, Swiss civil aviation now made great strides. In the middle of April 1932 Swissair, as first European carrier, started to operate planes built in America.

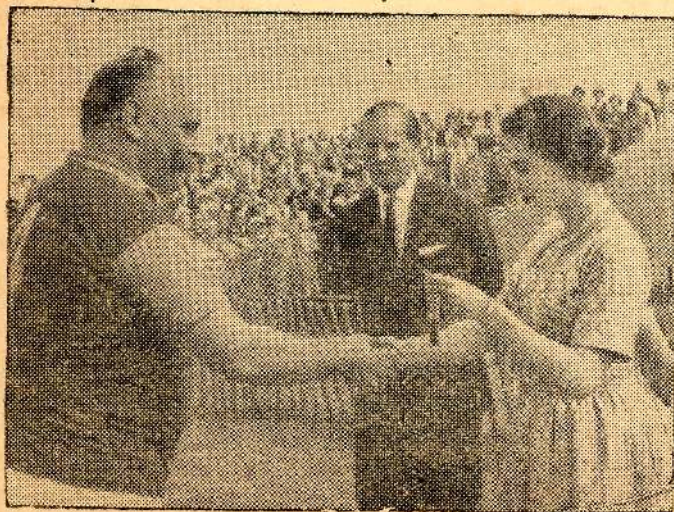
On 2nd May Swissair inaugurated an express service from Zurich to Vienna via Munich. The distance of 610 km required on average only 140 minutes! The commercial success was outstanding: the load factor averaged 82 per cent. The purchase of the Orions contributed materially in making Swissair known throughout Europe and in inspiring confidence in the young Company.

In 1934 Swissair put into service as further innovation a twin engine American aircraft of the type Curtiss-Condor, which had room for 15 to 16 passengers.

In 1935 it was among the first airlines in Europe to operate fourteen-seater twin engine Douglas DC-2s. With these Swissair, together with the British company, Imperial Airways Limited, set up a link between Zurich and London via Basle, carrying for the first time the white cross on the red field across the sea on scheduled service.

## SERVICE SUSPENDED

In 1937 Swissair lost within a short time both its directors who in their six years' work had earned the Company great repute and a sound position. Walter Mittelholzer lost his life on 9th May in a mountain climbing accident on holiday in the Hochschwab region of Styria. Five months later, on 13th October, Balz Zimmermann died after a short illness. But their work formed a solid basis for further progress, which took shape in the purchase of Douglas DC-3s. On them was founded Swissair's great confidence in Douglas products, a confidence which has never been disappointed and which



## POLO PENCIL FOR LOSER

Comedian Jimmy Edwards receives a consolation prize in the form of a pencil like a miniature polo goal post from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II after his team, Ambercham were beaten in the final of the Royal Windsor Polo Cup match at Windsor. Looking on is Prince Philip, who, was unable to play due to a pulled muscle sustained in a recent game



has led to the future equipment policy of the Swiss Air Transport Company.

At the outbreak of the second world war, at the end of August, 1939, Swissair had to suspend regular services. At the time the fleet consisted of five Douglas DC-3s, three Douglas DC-2s, a Dragon Rapide DH-89, a Fokker F-VIIa and a Comte AC-4. These eleven units totalled 163 seats. In 1944 the capital was increased from 800,000 to 1 million francs.

### RESUMPTION OF SERVICES

After an interruption of almost six years Swissair resumed services on 30th July 1945 and enlarged the fleet by the acquisition of several DC-3s. In the following year it ordered four Douglas DC-4s, its first four-engined planes.

During the war enormous technical progress had been made in the construction and equipment of aircraft. At the same time, rail and road transport had suffered severely from war damage. In shipping, too, there was a great shortage, notably in transocean vessels. In these circumstances civil aviation made very rapid headway and expanded over all parts of the world to an extent no one had foreseen. The keen demand that prevailed for transport facilities in the post-war years opened new fields of action. Air transport was about to develop rapidly into a world wide industry; every effort had to be made to release Switzerland completely from the shackles of its geographical position and to secure its participation in world air traffic.

### SWISSAIR BECOMES THE NATIONAL CARRIER

In February 1947 Swissair became officially the national airline of Switzerland, with some State participation. Public Institutions took over 30 per cent of the share capital, while the other 70 per cent remained in private hands. This proportion has never been changed since.

On 2nd May 1947 an aircraft of Swissair, a DC-4, flew for the first time from Geneva to New York. Regular North Atlantic services, however, did not start until the end of April 1949 after further proving flights. They developed very satisfactorily.

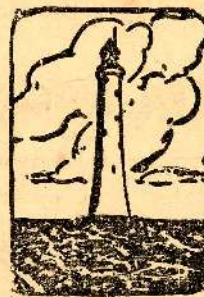
### THE STERLING CRISIS

A setback was suffered in 1949. The European air fares were based on the pound sterling and the devaluation of the latter brought Swissair a very considerable decline in traffic

revenue. The Company was suddenly in a difficult situation and was obliged to ask the Swiss Confederation for help. The Government came to its aid with constructive measures, notably by purchasing and chartering to Swissair two long-haul planes of the type Douglas DC-6B; it thereby relieved Swissair of the necessity of raising the purchasing credit of about 15 million francs. The federal aid was, however, conditional on Swissair's reducing its share capital from 20 million to 14 million francs. The reduction was agreed at an extraordinary General Meeting on 10th November 1950. The issue was now to spare no effort to build up long haul traffic. With this objective in mind, the Board decided in the middle of January 1951 to order a third DC-6B, which was followed in October by an order for three more planes of the same well-proven type. Since then Swissair has built up and consolidated its position without interruption.

The Company is managed on the lines of a private enterprise. Both the DC-6Bs financed by the Confederation were bought back and became Swissair's property at the end of 1955; the 15 million francs advanced by the Confederation was paid back in full. Swissair draws no subsidies from the Government's Treasury.

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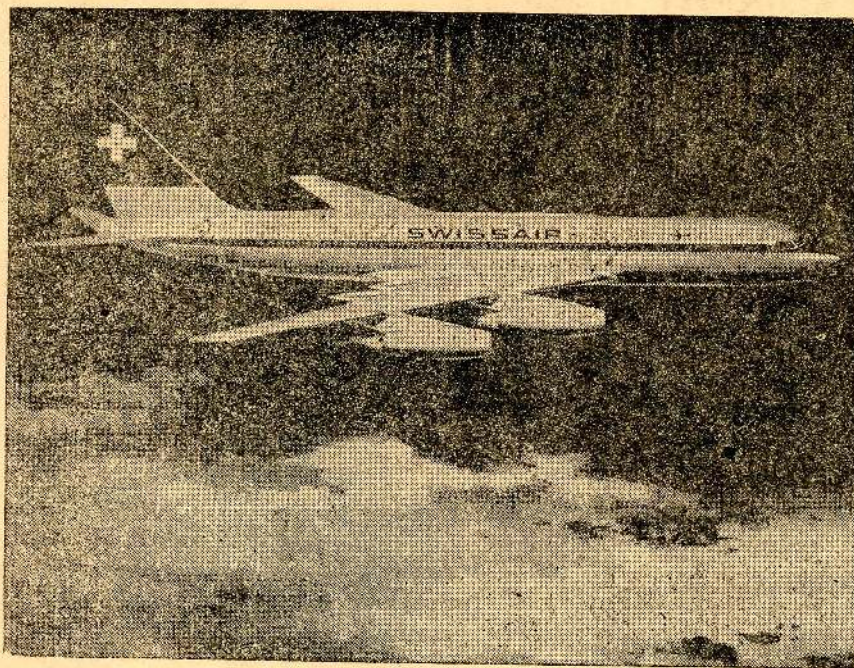
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## ADDING OF NEW EQUIPMENT

To strengthen the long-haul fleet further, Swissair decided at the end of 1954 to purchase four long-range aircraft of the type Douglas DC-7C "Seven Seas." On 30th October 1957 the Board of Directors agreed to the purchase of a fifth DC-7C and to the chartering of a seventh DC-6B, having ordered an all-cargo plane of the type Douglas DC-6A on 8th July 1957. To modernise the medium-haul fleet Swissair had placed in September 1955 an order for eight Convair 440 "Metropolitans," which shortly afterwards was increased to eleven units. All eleven "Metropolitans" were delivered between 10th June 1956 and 1st June 1957. The seventh DC-6B arrived in Zurich on 18th June 1958, the DC-6A on 3rd October 1958 and the fifth DC-7C on 6th November 1958.



## ACROSS THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

and in service between Europe and the Far East, Swissair will use Convair 600 "Coronados" beginning in 1961. Cruising at 30,000 ft., the "Coronado" will be the world's fastest commercial airliner, with speeds around 650 m.p.h., and a range of over 4,000 miles. Its cabin will seat 96 persons: 32 in First and 64 in Tourist Class

In the autumn of 1955 the first order for pure jet airliners were placed in America. This was among the world's air carriers the starting signal for a veritable race to maintain their competitive position. Swissair, which meanwhile had gained rank and reputation as an intercontinental carrier—according to size of

operations it was in 1957 in eighth place among the 84 member airlines of the International Air Transport Association (IATA)—could not refuse to participate in this new development. A refusal of this kind would have meant disappearance from long haul field within a few years.

## COOPERATION WITH SAS

On 6th October 1958 a co-operation agreement was signed in Zurich between Swissair and Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS.) On the same day Swissair's Board decided to order five Convair 880 jet liners. Considering the technical progress made since the placement of that order, the Board, on 30th September 1959, changed it to Convair "Coronados" and increased it to seven aircraft due to be delivered in the spring of 1961. Two of them will be leased to SAS for four years. In return SAS leases

four Caravelle jet liners to Swissair for four years from the summer of 1960. The "Coronados" are chiefly meant for long haul routes with medium stage sectors (e.g. the Far East (route to Tokyo and to South America.) The Caravelles are designed for high density runs (Europe and Middle East) with shorter stagelengths.

The agreement enables Swissair and SAS to operate from 1960/61 a modern and highly competitive jet fleet. Each carrier will have the same three types of aircraft suitable for the long, medium and short sectors of their net works. At the same time the overhaul and maintenance problems have been radically simplified.

## EXTENSION OF THE NETWORK TO THE FAR EAST

Swissair's network, which in 1956 totalled about 58,000 kilometres was in 1957 increased to 115,455 km (1931: 4,203 km, 1950: 27,664 km). The most important event was the introduction on 1st April of services to the Far East by opening a route from Zurich to Tokyo via Geneva-Athens-Beirut/Cairo-Karachi-Bombay-Bangkok-Manila

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# COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARDS NATIONALISM

BY GORDON TATE

**A**CCORDING to marxist theory, nationalism is an attitude of mind of races and nations which have reached only an intermediate stage of development. It is good or bad according to the nature of activities.

Thus, if nationalists struggle to overthrow big landowners, foreign imperialists or reactionary dictators, these activities are approved by Marxist theory and classified as "progressive", because Communists consider they are steps towards the establishment of the Communist State.

In order to achieve this State, Communist leader believe that they are morally entitled to manipulate nationalist movements, hotting them up or cooling them down as they may judge expedient.

## "FREE OF NATIONALISM"

The next stage, according to Marxist theory is the setting up of the Communist Socialist State. Then, it is believed, nationalism will die out as older people die off. Younger generations will grow up free of nationalism.

They will, so the theory runs, no longer cherish their traditional religion or culture or, perhaps, their own language. Instead, according to Communist doctrine, these younger generations will have 'patriotism' the term used in Communist jargon to mean loyalty to the new Communist Socialist State and order.

In other words, in Central Asia for instance, Uzbeks will cease to be Uzbek nationalists; Arabs of the Middle East would cease to be Arab nationalists seeking Arab unity. Both would become 'Soviet patriots'.

## ABSENCE OF CONFIDENCE

But, while both Russian and Chinese Communist theorists profess to believe that "nationalism" will wither and be replaced by the Communist variety of 'patriot,' they do not in practice show great confidence in their theories. Thus in Central Asia and in the

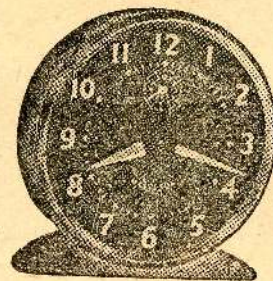
Caucasus the Soviet authorities have progressively since the 1917 Communist Revolution settled Russian factory workers in the cities and Russian peasants on the collective farms. These have had, and still have, much larger say in the local government and other matters than the Central Asian Moslem population.

Communist China shows a similar distrust of the Communist theories of nationalism and is busy settling Chinese officials, workers and peasants in such areas as Tibet Sinkiang and Inner Mongolia.

Not content with this process of colonization as a means of hastening and consolidating their dominion over the non Russian and

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non-Chinese races now living within their advancing frontiers, both Russians and Chinese are exploiting the theory of the master-race. Both the Chinese and the Russians—the latter perhaps unconsciously—believe that their culture and language are superior to all others. By making higher education—and, therefore, high appointments—available only through their own schools and their own languages they try to turn non-Russian and non-Chinese subject races into Russians and Chinese.

The Russians, for the moment much more firmly establish than the Chinese Communists, are extending this cultural pressure to the satellite countries. Roumanians, for example, are being forced to re-write their history in the light of Russian interests. Throughout the satellite factories, farms and schools are being flooded with Russian propaganda book.

#### "NOTORIOUSLY INCONSISTENT"

In effect, the Communist practice—both Chinese and Russian—of colonisation and of exerting cultural pressure is a manifestation of Russian and Chinese nationalism. Communist practice, therefore, is not in agreement with the pure doctrine of Communism as far as the theory of nationalism is concerned.

But Communist tactics are notoriously inconsistent. The one thing that does not change is the fierce determination to attain

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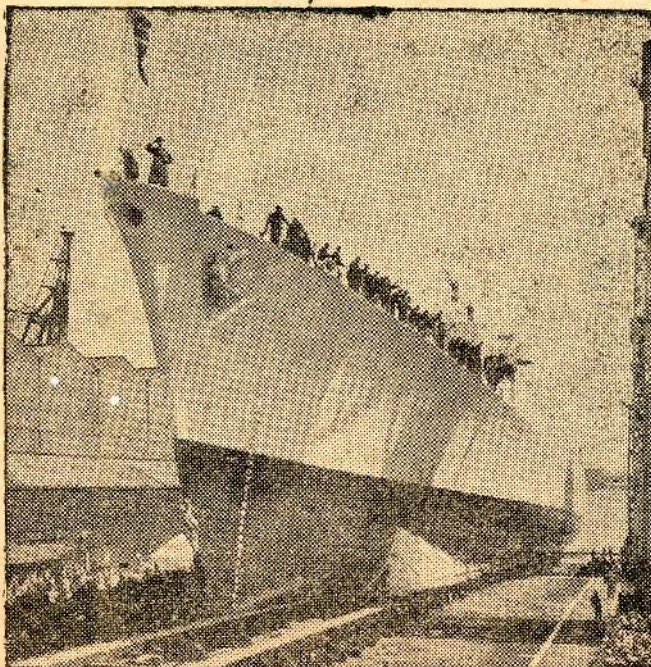
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by one means or another universal Communist totalitarianism.

If by manipulating the theory and practice of nationalism, Communist leaders can achieve their aims they will not scruple to do so.



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# British Cabinet Reshuffle

**B**RITISH newspapers greet Mr. Harold Macmillan's new Cabinet reshuffle with a marked lack of enthusiasm.



Criticism centres mainly on the appointment of the Earl of Home (57), as Foreign Secretary—first member of the House of Lords to be chosen for this post in 20 years.

This not only draws the fire of left wing papers such as the Daily Herald and Daily Mirror. It is also criticised by the Daily Telegraph (Conservative) and the Daily Express (Independent right-wing).

The Guardian (Liberal) says "The real question is whether Lord Home can be more

than just another puppet dancing to the Prime Minister's tune."

News of the Cabinet changes is given in a wide variety of banner headlines ranging from the Conservative Daily Mail's "old faces in new jobs, the big let-down" to the Daily Herald's "so it's home sweet home."

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGE

The News Chronicle (Liberal) sees the most significant of the changes in the appointment of Mr. Edward Heath as what it describes as 'Britain's first Minister for European Affairs'.

Mr. Heath (44), former Minister of Labour has become the Government's House of Commons spokesman on Foreign Affairs with the non departmental portfolio of Lord Privy Seal. He also holds a brief for being specially concerned with European affairs.

The Daily Mirror banner headlines read: "Jolly old pals Cabinet... Headmaster Macmillan hands out the prizes."

This popular newspaper concentrates its attention on the high incidence of old Etonians in the new Cabinet—former pupils at Britain's most exclusive public (private) school.

The Daily Express headlines are: Macmillan sticks to Home in a job's reshuffle that will be an explosive mixture; angry Tories: Cabinet has no new blood in it.

## BRITISH CABINET RESHUFFLE

(Left) The Rt. Hon. Iain Macleod, Secretary of State for the Colonies. (Right) The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Home, Lord President of the Council and Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations.



# The Phenomenal Success of Swissair

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and a second route via Geneva - Athens - Beirut - Karachi - Calcutta - Bangkok - Hong Kong.

## ECONOMIC PROGRESS

Expansion on this scale naturally entailed a rapid building-up of the organisation. In 1946 when the network totalled 10,748 kilometres and production was 4,916,244 tonne-kilometres, a staff of 789 was adequate. At the end of 1959, however, at offered capacity of 196,784,554 tonne-kilometres and a network length of 127,000 km, the company employed 6,187 people,

of whom over 1,500 were working in more than 80 representations outside Switzerland. Total revenue, which amounted to not quite 15 million francs in 1946, rose to over 277 million in 1959. Revenue developed as follows:

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1931	2,147,117
1938	3,937,376
1947	27,614,813
1950	42,386,878
1951	54,277,783
1952	67,756,758
1953	86,587,802
1954	110,850,424
1955	129,790,383
1956	259,009,874
1957	210,491,531
1958	251,926,915
1959	277,919,068

## Rubber's Headway in Furniture Industry

**R**UBBER is finding increasing scope in the furniture industry, says the annual report of Britain's Natural Rubber Development Board—a non-trading organisation representative of rubber-producing interests constituted for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the uses of natural rubber.

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in the furnishing industry, the use of rubber webbing and rubberised hair is rapidly increasing. The idea of using rubber webbing was first put forward over 100 years ago but it was not until recently that it succeeded in replacing

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**IS IT IN ORDER?**

IS the appointment of the Prime Minister by His Excellency the Governor General in order? It was stated that His Excellency the Governor-General acting under Section 46 of the Ceylon (Constitution & Independence) Orders in-Council of 1946—1947 has appointed Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike as Prime Minister etc.

Sub Section 3 of Section 46 of 1946 states "The Prime Minister shall be appointed by the Governor." But in the Order in-Council 1947, Sub Section 3 of Section 46 of 1946 has been revoked. Therefore His Excellency the Governor General cannot act under Section 46 of Orders in Council of 46 & 47. The House of Representatives has not met as yet. I am raising this point at this juncture in order that measures may be taken as expeditiously as possible by a Emergency Order in-Council, if possible with retrospective effect, to rectify this anomaly lest later on we might find ourselves having to face a big crisis.

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Letters identical to this were sent to the Editors of the daily papers. So far these have not appeared in print.  
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WALTER PEIRIS

**Racial Discrimination**

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was shown to a Sinhalese of the majority community and gave his reasons for so writing. The gentleman who took up such a high moral stand is Mr. J. A. Gunawardena. All honour to him for standing up to vindicate the principle that sheer merit and not the race of a candidate that should be the deciding or determining factor. It is to be hoped that the example of Mr. Gunawardena will not be lost on those who are called upon to make appointments or grant scholarships where merit counts and race, nomenclature or relationship of any applicant or candidate to those in power should be left out of all consideration.



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## THE NEW GOVERNMENT

**T**HE Sri Lanka Freedom Party is in office with a Cabinet of twelve Ministers, a good many of whom belonged to the old brigade who had made a big mess of things by their negligence, inattention and inefficiency — we were going to say misfeasance—and as a result brought on themselves public condemnation. That these Ministers failed to give any relief to the hardships and the sufferings of the populace need not be emphasised. It is so obvious. On this point we quote below the unbiased view of the British newspaper "News Chronicle" dated 21st, July, which says:

"The Party now back in power is one which has so disastrously bungled Ceylon affairs since 1956. It has shown that it has no real leadership, little talent for administration and even less flair for weeding out corruption that is the bane of Ceylon's public life"

While fully endorsing the above view, we must be quite frank in stating that we can neither congratulate the Prime Minister on the selection of those members for her Cabinet nor place any reliance or have any confidence on their competence to make a success of their charge in the present Government. The Prime Minister will have to keep an eye on them and be careful how she accepts any advice or suggestions they tender at the meetings of the Cabinet.

However, according to what the Prime Minister, the Minister for Education and the Minister for Justice respectively, have indicated in their statements to the press at the time of writing, we feel the Government is about to make a poor start. Priority appears to have been given in its programme of work to mat-

ters that are in fact not too urgent or pressing over looking vital problems of far greater importance and concern to the country as a whole; especially to the masses, the very people whose votes brought the SLFP into power. Such matters as Food, Housing, High Cost of Living and Unemployment, have been put aside to enable government to deal with subjects of lesser importance.

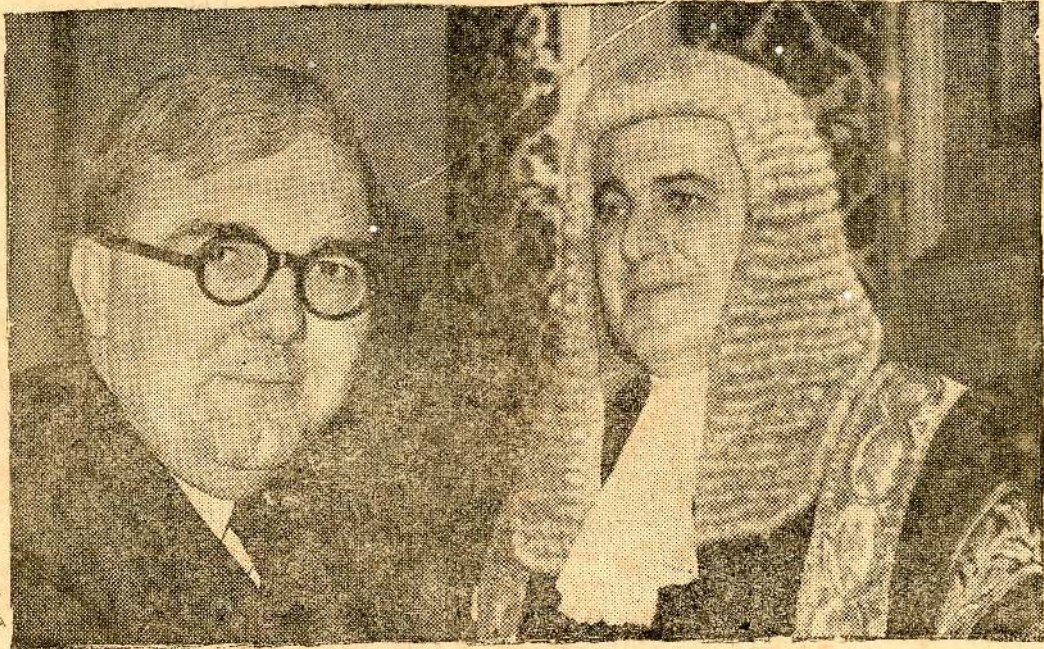
We cannot see how the Schools Takeover, Amendments to the procedure in regard to cases in appeal to the Supreme Court, Nationalisation of Life Insurance, taking over newspapers appear to Government to be of greater moment than the vital questions connected with the peoples' material needs. A Socialist Government, if it were wise and benevolent, should aim first and foremost, to bring contentment to the people and see that they are not worried over the elementary necessities of life such as Food, Clothing, Housing and avenues for ready employment which have been causing the utmost anxiety to a vast number of people with consequent misery.

Here another matter calls for immediate attention of the Government. That is about finding ways and means to quicken the pace of industrial expansion and development. Our industries need vitalising so as to make them buoyant and virile. Such industries that are held up owing to lack of capital must also be given a stimulating fillip. Since capital for this vitalising and stimulating is not available locally and government cannot provide it, the best thing to do is for the Government, putting sentiment aside, to re-orientate its policy and in doing so to remember that the threat of nationalisation has had a very disturbing effect on foreign investors who were much perturbed and therefore fight shy of sending their money to Ceylon.

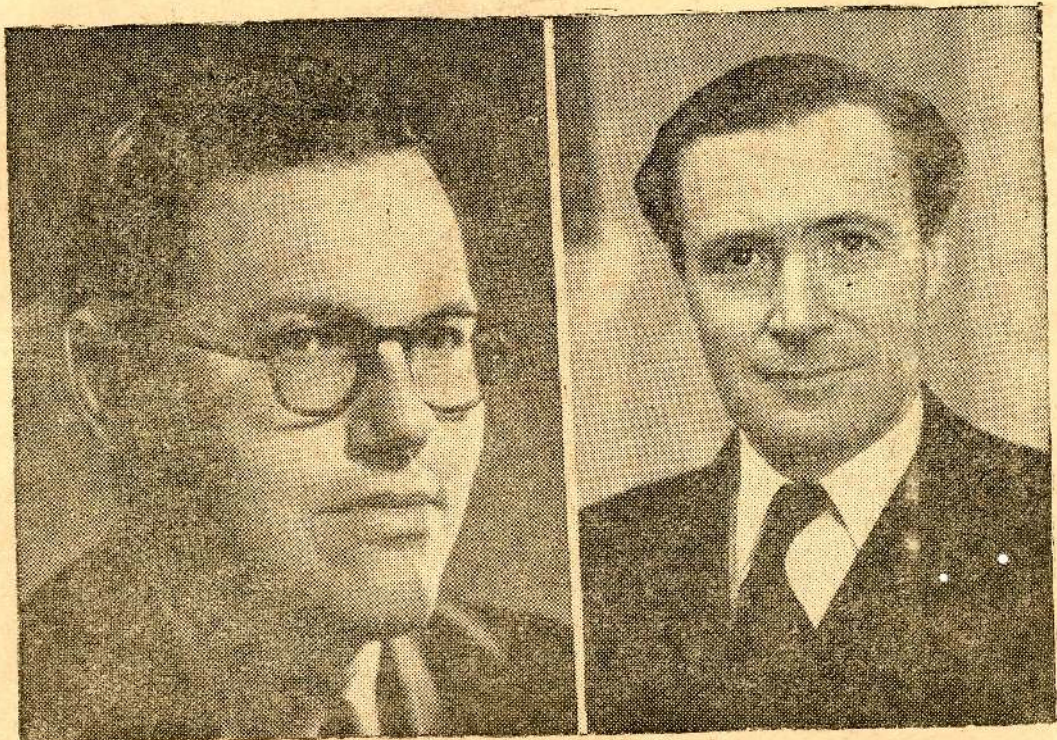
It is to be sincerely hoped that the S.L.F.P. government will instead of showing hostility to foreign capital investments for national reasons realize that this country is still under-developed and therefore a free flow of outside capital can do much in contributing to improve and strengthen our national economy and also raise the standard of living of the people. Otherwise progress will be greatly hindered and prosperity delayed. By adopting a liberal policy and abandoning its present attitude towards foreign interests the greater would be the chances of the S.L.F.P. ruling the country successfully and staying at the wicket and piling up a good score.

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## *British Cabinet reshuffle*

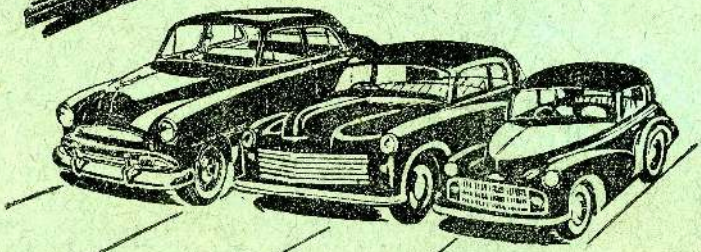


(Left) Dr. The Rt. Hon. Charles Hill, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.  
(Right) The Hon. Viscount Kilmuir, Lord Chancellor.

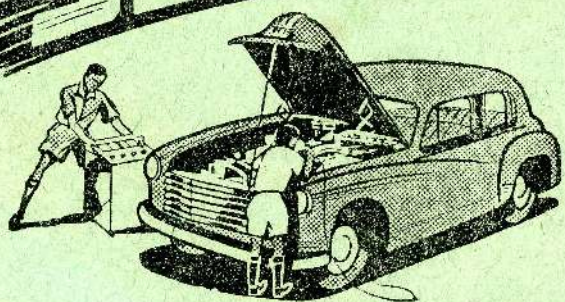


(Left) The Rt. Hon. Reginald Maudling, President of the Board of Trade.  
(Right) The Rt. Hon. Duncan Sandys, Commonwealth Relations Secretary

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