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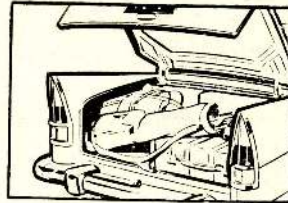


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Is Peace in Peril ?

IN Ceylon, as no doubt all over the world, parochial problems were forgotten in concern at the international situation when the summit talks in Paris collapsed last week with Mr. Kurushchev demanding a public apology from Mr. Eisenhower for the U-2 spy flight over Russian territory and renunciation of such flights.

A suggestion by the U.S. President of bilateral conversation over the flights issue while the conference proceeded did not apparently find favour with the Soviet leader. The meeting had therefore to be abandoned.

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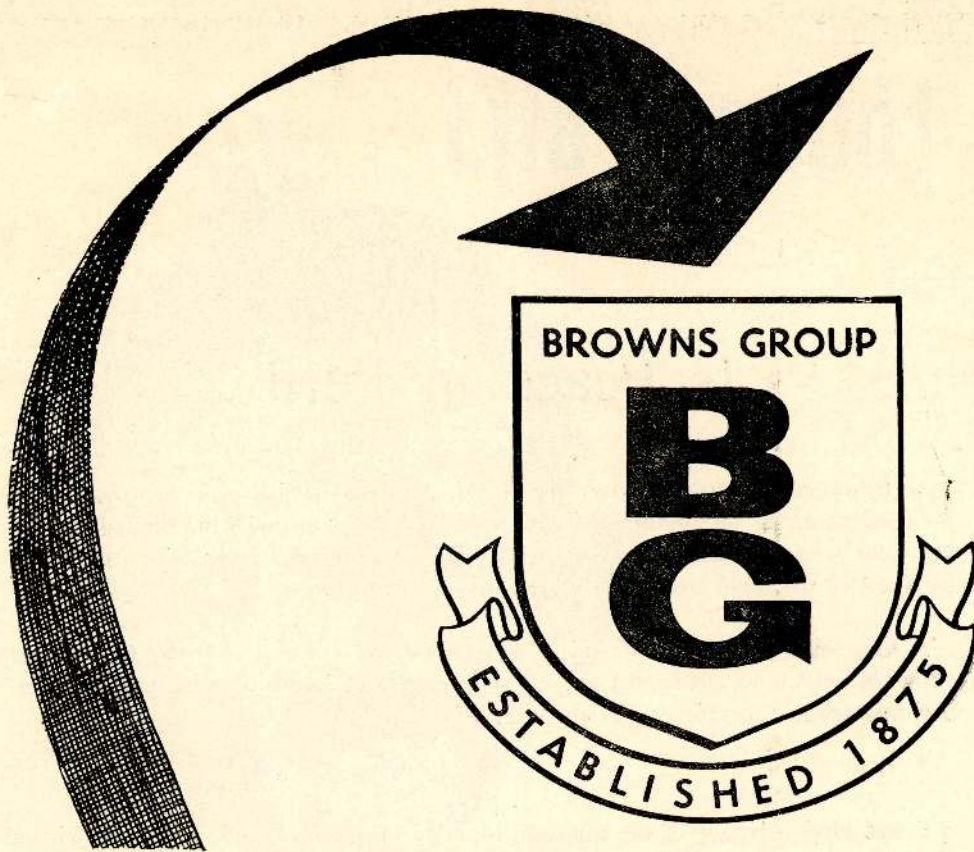
IT was obviously out of the question for Mr. Eisenhower to make the virtual admission that the United States had been guilty of aggression. While, however, it was strictly correct for the allied leaders to say that the summit conference could not be held because of the attitude adopted by Mr. Kurushchev it would have been out of character for him to do otherwise. The whole U-2 incident was so clumsily handled by the U.S. government that it is also not difficult to understand why he should take the opportunity to seek guarantees for the security of Soviet territory.

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WHILE hopes of a great easing of tension have been dashed by the events in Paris, it is earnestly to be hoped that continuance of the cold war does not endanger world peace. For the moment at any rate there seems to be no reason to fear any untoward development since the Soviet Union has invoked the United Nations charter and called for an urgent meeting of the Security Council.

The proceedings at the meeting will be followed with particular interest in Ceylon which has again been cast in a dramatic role by our representative being presently the Chairman of the Council.

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MATTERS OF MOMENT

—BY BRUTUS—

AS against 899 candidates in March, only 393 candidates were nominated on May 20th for the parliamentary general election on July 20th. The UNP is contesting 128 seats as compared with 127 in March, the SLFP 98 (109 in March), MEP 55 (53) and the Federal Party 25 (19). The LSSP and the CP, which put forward 101 and 53 candidates respectively the last time, will contest only 28 seats (21 and 7) as a result of their electoral pact with the SLFP. The number of LPP candidates is down from 101 to 6 and Independents from 167 to 36.

There will be more straight contests in July as compared with the solitary one in March.

Conspicuous in the list of candidates is the absence of the name of Mrs. Srimavo Bandaranaike, President of the SLFP, who at the last moment decided not to stand for election. But she will lead the party campaign as before. The question of the hour is, who will be leader of the parliamentary party and potential Prime Minister, since the former President, Mr. C. P. de Silva, has renounced the position.

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TWO former SLFP stalwarts have denounced the party's electoral pact with the LSSP and CP. Of them Mr. J. C. W. Munasinha, the former secretary, who was expelled from the party, has formed a new democratic socialist party, and is contesting the Chilaw seat again. Mr. C. A. S. Marikkar, former Minister of Posts, Broadcasting and Information, who was refused nomination by the party, has retired from politics.

Mr. Dudley Senanayake's right-hand man, Mr. J. R. Jayawardena, has left his old constituency, Kelaniya, in favour of Colombo South, a two-member constituency. The former caretaker Premier, Mr. W. Dahanayake, who was beaten in March, is again a candidate for Galle. Although all the Parties decided not to contest the Speaker, Mr. T. B. Subasinghe, an Independent has put himself forward against him.

AN electoral agreement, the foundation for which was laid after the last general election, was signed between the SLFP and the LSSP on May 17th. A joint statement issued subsequently stated: "The SLFP, in order to form an independent and stable government with an absolute majority, and the LSSP have entered into an electoral agreement for the purpose of fighting the general election.

"This agreement, which will eliminate contests between these two parties in all seats, was signed this morning. The agreement is an electoral agreement only, and does not signify a change of principles or policy on the part of either party".

A similar statement was issued after the agreement reached between the SLFP and CP.

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THE idea of a Commonwealth court, mooted at the Commonwealth Conference in London by Ceylon's representative, Senator Edmund Cooray, Minister of Justice, has inspired a motion in the House of Commons. It is in the name of Mr. Hector Hughes, Q.C., a Labour member, and asks the United Kingdom to initiate conversations for the purpose of setting up such a court. Mr. Hughes suggests that the court should have powers to determine disputes between the members of the Commonwealth, appeals from Commonwealth

countries' supreme courts, and questions submitted by those courts or governments of Commonwealth nations.

According to report, at the conference itself, after general discussion, the delegates decided that as the proposal had been made at short notice, and because of its legal complexities, it should be studied by the eleven governments after the conference.

In making a case for the court, Senator Cooray is understood to have pointed out that at present some of the Commonwealth nations do not recognise the jurisdiction of the Privy Council in London, nor was there a court to deal with inter-Commonwealth disputes. His conception was a central Commonwealth court which would sit in different capitals from time to time, like a circuit or assize court.

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THE impact of European economic blocs on the Commonwealth was among the matters discussed at the conference. The communique issued at the conclusion of the talks stated, on this question: "The ministers expressed concern at the prospect of an economic division of Europe and its possible political implications. They voiced the hope that European countries would follow trade policies in accordance with the principles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trades (GATT) and thus avoid damage to the economies of the primary-producing countries and those that are also developing exports or manufacturing goods.



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"In addition European countries have an important contribution to make in assisting the economic development of less advanced countries. The ministers hoped that these problems could be speedily and satisfactorily solved with due regard to the interests of countries outside Europe".

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ARGUMENTS for and against protection were adduced at a seminar on industrial development and productivity organised by the Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research. Sir Cyril de Zoysa presided. Dr. Gamani Corea, Director of the National Planning Council's Secretariat, said that where there was a big demand for an imported article it should be considered whether the article could be produced in Ceylon. He was speaking on the problem of industrial planning and it was his view that industrial production needed protection, and not in the case of infant industries alone. An alternative was inter-regional planning with a view to the formulation of joint programmes.

Prof. A. E. Ostlind, United Nations consultant of the National Planning Council, who described Ceylon as a "tin pot" market, said it would be tragic if Ceylon settled for a protectionist policy. His view was that Ceylon should build up a large market by agreement with other South-Asian countries on tariff policies. He also suggested that there had been a tendency to neglect social engineering in national planning, but conceded that much preparatory work had been done and it was now for the planner to go ahead and evolve means to reach the people.

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FAR from being an instrument of social justice the Kaldor system of taxation was described by an Indian expert as injustice by law, in an address to a gathering of businessmen in Colombo. The speaker was Mr. N. A. Palkhivala, advocate of the Supreme Court of India and a member of the Indian Law Commission. The meeting was held in the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce building and Mr. S. T. L. de Soysa, chairman of the Chamber, presided.

Dealing with the operation of the Kaldor system in India, Mr. Palkhivala said that, although its main purpose was declared to be to arrest tax evasion, there was more tax evasion in India today than before. The objective of bringing about social justice by fiscal measures could be pleasantly achieved through the medium of the income tax, he said. As regards the aim of promoting savings through the expenditure tax, it could also be achieved by allowing a rebate on savings. "Is it anti-social to spend what one earns," he asked. He regarded it as unfair that donations to public trusts and charities should come under the gifts tax while those to Government institutions did not.

He pointed out that while in India the expenditure tax was 100 per cent on money spent above the ceiling, in Ceylon it was 200 per cent, which he described as pure and simple confiscation. He considered that the gifts tax should not be higher than estate duty. Pointing out that in Ceylon estate duty was 50 per cent and the gifts tax went up to as much as 100 per cent, he said this meant that a man making a gift of his estate during his lifetime was liable to double the tax he would have to pay if his estate was taxed after his death. The Kaldor taxes, he said, acted as a disincentive to investment and industrial development in the private sector.

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ATTAINMENT of self-sufficiency in potatoes by Ceylon by 1961 is visualised by an Indian expert, Dr. Puskarnath, Director of the Central Potato Research Institute, Simla.

Paying a second visit to Ceylon to study the progress of the project initiated on his advice four years ago, he regards the successful cultivation of potatoes in the hill country as an established fact. The raising of disease-free seed was the first milestone on the road to self-sufficiency, he said. In view of the possibility of raising three crops a year, Ceylon could produce the seed required for each planting.

The yields too, averaging 5 tons 7 cwt per acre in the Nuwara Eliya district, with individual harvest of 7 1/2 tons per acre, were high he said compared with international standards.

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MR. Leonard Woolf, former Ceylon Civil Servant and author of the classic "The Village in the Jungle", who recently made a sentimental journey to Ceylon, fifty years after he left the island, has on his return to England written an article in "The New Statesman and Nation" which has roused great interest in Ceylon.

Of particular interest to our readers will be his statement concerning the attitude of Ceylonese to the British and the British administration. Mr. Woolf wrote:

"I had expected that, when I returned to Ceylon, I should find a certain amount of anti-British feeling, that some of the civil servants at any rate would regard me as an old-fashioned imperialist and be anxious to make me feel how much better things are in Ceylon since I and my like disappeared. There was no sign of this: on the contrary, again and again, all kinds of people, and among them many civil servants administering districts, went out of their way to praise the administration and administrators of my time.

"This was no doubt partly due to the natural kindness and courtesy of Sinhalese and Tamils, and it would be also false modesty on my part not to say it was partly due to the fact that the book I wrote nearly fifty years ago about Ceylon 'The Village in the Jungle' is still widely appreciated there as a true and sympathetic picture of life in a Sinhalese village.

"But that is certainly not the whole story; there are other reasons why despite the great benefits of vigour and exhilaration which have come from self-governing, there is some dissatisfaction with the present and nostalgia for the past. The psychological symptoms of this are interesting and important".

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SOVIET Russia has become a big purchaser of Ceylon cocoa. During the first quarter of this year, the USSR bought 3,000 cwt. of cocoa—nearly a fifth of the total exports of the product—valued at almost Rs. 1/2 lakhs. The largest buyer is the Philippines with purchases exceeding Rs. 1 million. Russia also bought rubber of the value of Rs. 1,774,000 from Ceylon in March.

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THE first Russian liner to come to Colombo put into port last week with 286 tourists on a 47-day East—West cruise. They spent a day in Ceylon, having come through Japan, China, and Indonesia, and left for Bombay.

The passengers were said to include scientists, writers, artists, teachers and explorers. Prominent personalities among them were Prof. O. S. Vialov, vice-President of the Ukrainian Academy of Science, who was a member of the Soviet expedition to the Antarctic, and Mr. Sabit Mukanov, a member of Academy of Sciences of the Kazak Republic, who had been to Ceylon before and written a book on the Island.

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CRUDE rubber shipped from Ceylon to America has been found to be infested by the khapra beetle and contaminated with paddy rice, according to a report received at the U.S. embassy in Colombo from the Quarantine Division of the Department of Agriculture research service.

In a communication to shippers and trade associations, the Embassy states that inspections have shown that the pest risk is apparently confined to the second-hand burlap used as coverings for bales of rubber. It is suggested that only clean or new coverings be used and that the storage areas be free of paddy rice and the khapra beetle.

A further matter for concern, according to the embassy, is the possible effect of treatment of the rubber at the port of entry, as in some instances following fumigation sponge rubber has developed an unpleasant odour.

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FAILURE to act on Sir Patrick Abercrombie's "far sighted advice" 15 years ago to build satellite towns was deplored by Mr Herbert E. Gonsal, the outgoing president, at the annual general meeting of the Ceylon Institute of Architects. In the result, he said, cities were sprawling endlessly along

never-ending roads, which in turn ran aimlessly into distant urban and suburban areas swallowing up agricultural land. Delay in implementing Sir Patrick's proposal had indirectly caused cities to be littered with ugliness and choked with automobiles, shanties and disreputable slums. Parks had progressively declined in size, and schools, hospitals, homes and civic buildings had been dumped indiscriminately everywhere, regardless of accepted policies of zoning.

"If the good life of the future is not to degenerate into a vast traffic jam and a strangled complex of our cities, there is urgent need for immediate urban, regional and nation-wide masterplanning," Mr. Gonsal said.

It was announced that the Institute has been admitted into the community of allied societies of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Mr. H. J. Billimoria was elected president of the Institute for the new year.



This portrait of the Royal Family is one of the first to include the new baby prince, Prince Andrew and was taken in The Music Room of Buckingham Palace by Mr. Cecil Beaton, the well known photographer and designer.



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COUNTING THE HEADS

—BY ERNEST CHISHOLM THOMSON—

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

LOOKING around Britain, I would never have guessed that there are in England and Wales to-day 1,500,000 more women than men. To the more gallant males among us there seem to be never enough of the fair sex around, and the Registrar-General, reporting the above figure, brings them no cheer with his latest quarterly return.

At the rate things are going, he reckons that by the turn of the century the women's majority over men will have dwindled to a mere half-million. This despite the fact that the total population should have increased from the present 45,504,000 to 52,384,000.

Mathematical conjectures can always, of course, be falsified by events and the intrusion of unforeseen factors. But there should be little or no margin of error next year when the nation's 16th ten-yearly Census is taken. The United Kingdom Parliament has just been presented with a draft order to set in motion the elaborate machinery for counting every man, woman and child in the country at midnight on April 23, 1961.

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Magnificent Headquarters

THE head of every household, hotel, hostel or institution will be required by law to fill up the Census form with particulars of everyone spending the night on the premises.

Soon the Registrar-General and his staff will begin recruiting up to 70,000 enumerators to deliver, collect and collate millions of schedules. Nobody must be left in the cold; everyone is to be counted as a member of the nation's family.

The headquarters of the operation is Somerset House, a magnificent 200-years-old building with a long, classic facade fronting the North Bank of the River Thames in London, about a mile downstream from Westminster.

Somerset House is a mine of fascinating human material. It contains, besides records of every

birth, marriage and death in England and Wales, a register of wills and testaments going back to 1382, including those of Shakespeare, Nelson and Wellington, which anyone can inspect for a nominal sum.



Sir Harry Hylton-Foster, Q.C.

The new Speaker of the House of Commons was educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford. He was for the past five years Solicitor-General in the U.K. Government.

When I last called at Somerset House, it came as news to me that the first census on modern lines was taken at Quebec, Canada, as long ago as 1665. Britain did not begin the present ten-yearly series until 1801. Fifty years earlier Parliament had turned down the idea on a motion by a Mr. Thornton, Member for York, who condemned it as "totally subversive of the last remains on English liberty"!

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Simple Numbers On Cards

HOW wrong he was has since been proved again and again. The Census makes no encroachment on personal liberty or privacy. As regards individuals it is secret, names being mere numbers on computer cards, though the overall results can be consulted by everyone.

The figures are of immense benefit to the community as a whole. I learned that they are used not only by Government departments and local authorities, but also by such varied inquirers as sales managers, insurance offices, manufacturers, doctors and architects. The figures help in the planning of better transport facilities, better roads, the placing of schools and shopping centres and the organisation of public services like gas, water and electricity.

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An Interesting New Question

SUCH information comes from questions about marriage and the number of children and their education, and such intriguing domestic details as the nature of the water supply and whether fixed baths are installed, and if the cooking stove is shared with a lodger or mother-in-law.

A new question of special interest will require to state any qualifications in science and technology. The idea is to show at a glance where technical skill and experience are to be found, and in what quantities, so as to help in future training decisions in scientific policy.

Thanks to modern methods, next year's Census is likely to be got through more speedily than ever before. Electronic computers will process the results. A Royal Air Force station is being specially adapted as a central assembly point for returns.

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Law Students From Overseas

ON the subject of "counting heads", there was an interesting example in another sphere the other day when the Lord Mayor of London gave a luncheon to mark the golden jubilee of the Royal Over-Seas League. Lord Parker, the Lord Chief Justice, had been doing some mathematical research into the number of overseas students admitted to his own Lincoln's Inn as members of the Legal profession. In 1859, he said, there had been only one, from Bengal. After World War I, the annual figures rose to above 40. Last year it broke all records at 339. For all the Inns of Court, added Lord Parker, admissions from overseas accounted for about two-thirds of the total.



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*Oh, I see . . . that does make the whole thing very different . . .
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Actually, you could leave all that in the hands of I. C. I. At my place,
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A POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

—By CROSS-BENCHER—

THE contest for power in the July general election is again between the UNP and the SLFP but a more definite result than in April is likely in view of the electoral pact which the SLFP has entered into with the LSSP and the Communist Party. Agreement has been reached between the parties not to put up candidates against each other in constituencies where they were successful in March and a bargain has also been struck as to the party which has the best chance in certain constituencies.

The pact has also had the effect of reducing the number of candidates for the general election, already less than in March with the decision of Mr. Dahanayake's LPP to limit its effort to the seats it is sure of winning. Mr. Philip Gunawardena's MEP, however, is not daunted by its performance as compared with its aspiration the last time, nor by the defection to the LSSP of four of its members returned to Parliament in March, and has an appreciable number of candidates again.

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HAVING had experience of its strong bargaining position in the last Parliament, when both the UNP and the SLFP made advances to it, the Federal Party is making a bid for Muslim support in the Eastern Province by providing for a Muslim autonomous state in its manifesto for the July election. The working committee of the party meeting in Trincomalee resolved to amend its manifesto as follows: "The aim of the Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi shall be the attainment of freedom for the Tamil-speaking people of Ceylon by the establishment of one or more autonomous Tamil linguistic states within the framework of the Federal Union of Ceylon. This policy of the Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi includes the establishment of a Muslim autonomous state in that part of the Eastern Province where the Muslims are in a majority. The minorities in these states will be guaranteed a complete measure of protection for their fundamental rights and culture."

Incidentally, its conditions for support of any party in forming a government are: 1. replacement of the present unitary constitution by a federal constitution in which the Tamil areas will have autonomy; 2. parity for the Tamil language with Sinhalese; 3. citizenship for Tamil Indians who have settled in Ceylon, within the meantime, their representation in Parliament by nominees of the Ceylon Democratic Congress; 4. suspension of the planned colonisation by the Government of the traditionally Tamil areas with Sinhalese.

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THE resignation of Mr. C. P. de Silva from the office of President of the SLFP having been generally anticipated because the state of his health obviously did not allow of his having another spell at the hustings, comment suggestive of other reasons for his decision has not been wanting. He would probably be the first to acknowledge that his attributes fall short of those expected of the leader of a political party. In fact, it was the accident of Mr. Bandaranaike's assassination that thrust the leadership on him.

It was, however, made out in some quarters that many members of the party felt that it suffered in public esteem by the fact that he alone of the party leaders did not belong to the Goigama caste. But Mr. de Silva himself not only gave the lie to the suggestion but demonstrated that he put the interest of the party above his own in a statement he issued on relinquishing the leadership of the party.

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IN the statement Mr de Silva said that on being informed of Mr. Bandaranaike's death whilst taking treatment in a London hospital, he returned to Ceylon without being cured of his ailment. The advice of his doctors in England was that he should have complete rest until March at least, but he could not act on the advice owing to the last elections. Now as he has his health would not per-

mit of his facing the general election it had become necessary that he should resign as president of the party "temporarily". After announcing that he would nevertheless contest the Minneriya seat, he emphasised that he had resigned "under no duress whatsoever".

If it was glamorous leadership that the SLFP lacked at the last elections, that it now has with the election of Mrs. Bandaranaike as President of the party. In place of Mr. J. C. W. Munasinghe, who defected before the dissolution of Parliament, the party has chosen Mr. Felix Dias, cousin of Mr. Bandaranaike and son and grandson of judges, as Secretary of the Party. Its parliamentary leader is to be chosen after the election.

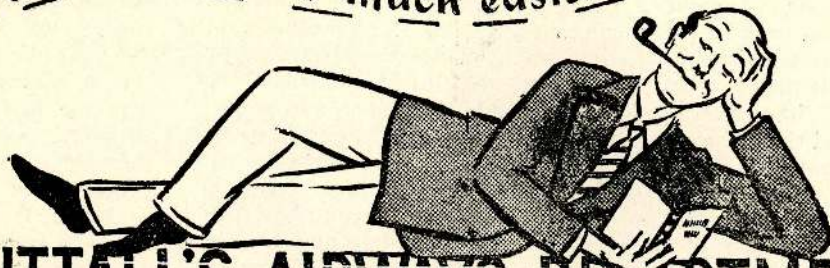
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IN opening the UNP campaign Mr. Dudley Senanayake has not only attacked the SLFP's electoral agreement with the Marxist parties but suggested that support is also forthcoming to it from the Federal Party, which joined in the defeat of the Government in the last Parliament and in the protest against the Governor-General's dissolution of Parliament. His line is that if the SLFP is returned to power it will betray the nation to the Federalists. The UNP faces 57 straight contests at the General Election. Of these 46 are against the SLFP. The fact would seem to suggest that the issue lies between these two parties, but the possibility of stalemate being again the result cannot be ruled out.

The circumstance that eleven recognized parties did not enter candidates is significant. The expedients to which the UNP is resorting will also not be lost on the people. Following the reduction of the price of rice to 25 cents a measure the Government has conceded free travel in transport Board buses to students of central schools and bhikkhus attending pirivenas.

As we go to press the Secretary of the SLFP announces that in the event of the party obtaining a majority in Parliament, Mrs. Bandaranaike will be "our Prime Minister."

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PLANTING LIFE IN THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE

LOOKING BACK—SIXTY YEARS

—BY MRS. M. J. NORTHWAY—

MY personal reminiscences of planting life in the Southern Province go back to the start of this century; while family connections with Ceylon and with the planting district go back still further to the time of my father. Out of a host of memories that flock to mind, a few may serve to present a picture, inadequate though it must be, of the life our planting community led in those days. To say that conditions have greatly changed is only to state the obvious. Indeed it seems that everything has changed so much that there hardly appears to be any parallel between the old planters and their successors today.

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MY father, Mr. F. Hawke, belonged to the 'lost' generation of coffee planters. He worked as Superintendent on Kiritimia Estate in Kadugannawa. It would doubtless raise many incredulous eyebrows if I mentioned the fact that his labours were rewarded with the princely salary of Rs. 83/-, a month! But money was money in 1882, and it was quite a large salary as things went.

Mr brother Mr. L. P. Hawke, came down to the Southern Province and served on Nagahatenne, Elpitiya. Of the older generation of planters I remember Colonel K. D. H. Gwynn who, like my brother, served in the First World-War 1914-1918. There was Seenigoda Estate, owned by a Major Alderson who was at one time Chairman of the Southern Province P. A. An interesting recollection is that of a pioneer venture by the Bowmans who planted sugar at Baddegama. It was a pity that the enterprise turned out a failure.

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I CAME to Elpitiya myself in 1901. At that time we had no car, of course. Travelling had to be by pony-cart or bullock-cart. And when I made my first journey from Ambalangoda Station to Deviturai, it took me all of four hours. But that was partly the

fault of the hired pony cart which was drawn by a very miserable pony indeed. It was different on the estate, however, where I had my own horse and so had my husband. We were quite used to riding into Galle and Ambalangoda whenever occasion arose. But when the children arrived, all the travelling was, of necessity, done by bullock cart and trips over any distance could not be planned except for a long week-end.

Of the other planters in the Elpitiya area, there was, as far as I remember Mr. Furlong on Igal-kanda, who was followed by Mr. Geddes and later by the Puffin Lushingtons. On St. Leonard's at that time, was Mr. Ellis. My husband, Mr. Charles Northway, served right through at Deviturai.

In the Akuressa area, when we came to Elpitiya, there was Mr. Mitchell who owned Dankoluwa Estate and Mr. Jeffrey on Urumutta. Travelling to Akuressa could be quite an adventure, as the road all the way was only a dirt track, with jungle on either side.

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FRESH in my mind still is the memory of coolly pay having to be brought from Galle, the coolly carrying the money in a tin box on his head, 'Master' being expected to ride behind the coolly all the way.

Another method of transport my husband and I tried was the push bicycle. Bicycles had the advantage of being easily manoeuvred even on the bad roads of those days, and we soon got used to doing a lot of our travelling on them. Then we got 'motorised' when my husband purchased a motor-bicycle, to keep pace with time. I tried the experiment of having my push-bicycle towed behind his motor-bicycle at the end of a rope! I almost choked to death in the clouds of smoke and the dust churned up by the motor-bicycle, besides getting my clothes into an unimaginable mess. A more serious problem was the unpredictable behaviour of the coolly who were often upset by the

explosions of the motor-bicycle's engine. They sometimes charged us and that was not much fun.

Then I got a motor-bike of my own—but that was not the end of my troubles. I had many a fall off my bike as the roads were in an awful condition, so deeply rutted by the bullock-carts that there was barely an even patch on their entire surface.

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IT was a great step up when cars came in around 1906. Life was certainly much easier after that. We had a 6 h.p. Rover to start with in 1907 or thereabouts. It was a sturdy car and served us as well as might be expected of such an early model. But it would have been an intrepid motorist who would have attempted the run to Colombo and back in those days and on those roads. Even in 1910, when coming to Colombo, we put the Rover on the train and ourselves travelled by the same train to Colombo.

For getting about within the district, of course, the car was a boon. But the roads being what they were, a long run would have quite a share of thrills and unpleasant moments. One journey I shall always remember was when we went to Deniyaya and on to Hayes Estate. On the way back, when the road narrowed to barely more than the width of the car and I could see a sheer drop of a hundred feet on the side, I lost my nerve altogether. That particular stretch was almost a mile long, but I chose to get out and walk it rather than sit in the car, waiting for what seemed the inevitable accident as it edged its way a matter of inches from the precipice.

Incidentally, on this memorable trip, we had gone in search of land and on the way back we came across an abandoned citronella plantation which my husband fancied and bought. It was cleared and gradually planted up in tea. We found it quite a struggle to get this but in the end it paid.

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SOCIAL life in the old days was not, as today, centred around the clubs. Indeed there was no club at Elpitiya till about 1920 or so. We organised tennis parties at the bungalows. All the district came to us on Sundays and to Mr. Gavin on Wednesdays. We

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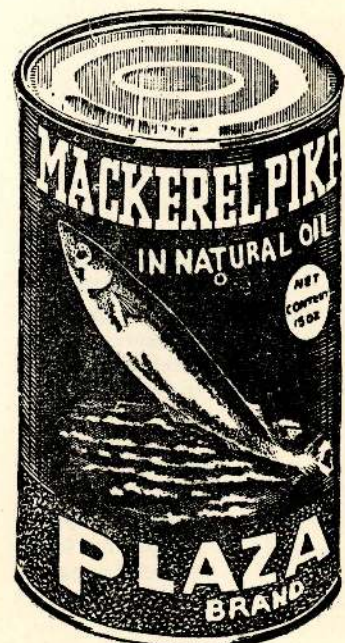


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THE PASSING SCENE

— By SPHINX —

MR. Kenneth Morford, the veteran Ceylon planter now in retirement in Surrey, wrote to a Ceylon newspaper recently of a week he had spent in Vienna in early May, in connexion with a Ceylon exhibition at the Palais Auersperg. It was called "Wunderinsel Ceylon"—Ceylon the wonder island.

He wrote: "Opened on May 5th in the presence of a distinguished gathering, including the British Ambassador to Austria, this exhibition primarily stages tea, while forming the back-ground and occupying a large part of the exhibits are Ceylon's arts and crafts, and historical matters. The whole show is an unexpected boost for Ceylon tea and tourism.

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"CONSUL Alfred Weiss, the owner of the Palais Auersperg, visited the Ceylon Tea Centre in London last year and was so impressed with what he saw that he determined to stage a similar exhibition in Vienna at his palace. Assisted by the I.T.M.E.B. and by the Ceylon Tea Propaganda Board, and with exhibits from the Arts and Crafts and Tourist Bureau, as well as by loans from the Ceylon collection of the Vienna Folk Museum a really first rate display has been organised occupying a number of rooms of the magnificent palace. It has already attracted a very large number of visitors, and will undoubtedly have the effect of focussing attention on Ceylon tea and on the possibilities of Ceylon as a tourist paradise".

Mr. Morford continued: "that Consul Weiss had already received widespread congratulations on his very successful enterprise and it was expected that the exhibition would now continue for at least two months and thereafter taken to Salzburg, Innsbruck and other large Austrian cities.

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MR. Morford's mention of the possibilities of Ceylon as a tourist paradise adds interest to a complaint by a tourist which, by a remarkable coincidence, reached

the newspaper columnist on the same day to be reproduced in her column. Her correspondent was Mr. Arthur Ford who gave his address as 100, Piccadilly, W1.

Mr Ford agreed that his was an "exquisite island" having everything possible from which to build up a first class tourist trade. But our "main hotels" are a laughing stock, and our rest-houses" a disgrace to the country-side".

At an up-country hotel (said Mr. Ford) "I found my pedestal wash-basin held together with string, my sheets smelling of coconut oil, my pillow like a rock—all at prices level with such modern standards of comfort that, for instance, the Erawan Hotel in Bangkok has to offer.

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THOUGH he found our Customs officials "polite and efficient", the forms and questionnaires the tourist has to fill up on arrival gave him "the uncomfortable feeling that Ceylon is some place behind the Iron Curtain and to be avoided".

Until those in authority see otherwise, added Mr. Ford, Ceylon would no doubt be content to cater for the day tripper from the liners and be happy to read of the thousands of rich business men and their families leaving Europe for the Bahamas and the other West Indies resorts each winter!

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ABOUT 500 local volunteers and delegate—volunteers from India, United States, United Kingdom Germany, Malaya, Canada and Switzerland took part in an international co-ordinated training and work camp. They "adopted" a village near Kurunegala, constructing new roads, houses, wells, school-houses and ran a multi-purpose co-operative, barber saloon, reading room etc. They were in camp for 28 days, and were assisted by a number of senior pupils of several schools.

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ON exhibition at the Art Gallery in Colombo is Shell Company's "Artists View of an Industry", part of a collection of 80 works interpreting the oil industry to the public. Shell believe that artists have a special part to play in interpreting the industry to the public and conceived and executed the project.

All the works are by European artists with the exception of one from Venezuela. The committee which advised on the selection of artists and later chose the works for display included Sir John Rothstein, Director of the Tate Gallery, Prof. William Coldstream, Slade Professor of the University College, London, Mr. Robin Darwin, Principal of the Royal College of Arts, Mr. Philip James, Arts Director, Arts Council and Mr. Robert Lyon, Principal of the Edinburgh College of Arts.

The artists were given a free hand, with no restrictions on style or treatment, and the works are in a diversity of styles and treatment, and deal with diverse aspects of the industry and reflect the varied impressions of the artists.

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A very well-deserved tribute was paid in "The Times", London, to Sir Claude Corea, Ceylon's Permanent Delegate to the United Nations who is currently Chairman of the Security Council. A special correspondent said: "When the Security Council meets in New York to hear the Russian complaint of 'aggression' by the United States, the chair will be occupied by Sir Claude Corea. To all who know him, this is assurance enough that the debate, no matter how heated it may grow, will be conducted and controlled with scrupulous fairness. Sir Claude may be relied upon to impose the same restraint on others."

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THIRTY Ceylonese students had by last week found holiday jobs at the Royal Automobile Club headquarters in London. They are working in the foreign touring department issuing documents and maps to people travelling abroad. A spokesman of RAC said that the students were working on a shift basis while continuing their studies but when the universities break up it was expected that the numbers of Ceylonese students would go up to 50 or 60.

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AN OCCASION FOR PARENTAL JOY

— By ANNE —

THE day an intractable little savage who cannot sit still for five minutes is suddenly transformed into a boy who is lost to the world in the enchantment of the first storybook he reads for himself, is an occasion for parental joy and thanksgiving! There's nothing like love of reading to keep children of mischief and, like other parents no doubt, I breathe a sigh of relief when I see my three older children (aged nine, ten and eleven,) absorbed in books. The other four are still at the story-telling stage, although the seven-year-old does enjoy trying to grapple with the simpler books.

I feel I have spent years and years telling stories to my children and any parent who has had to cope, as I have, with putting English stories into Sinhalese so that the more junior members of the family can follow, will appreciate how heroic an effort is involved, particularly when one's mother tongue is less familiar to one than English. For the benefit of my brood, I have been through several books, chapter by chapter, quite apart from a few thousand short stories! We have 'done' "Peter Pan", "Treasure Island", "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn", and I am committed to translate "Great Expectations" during these holidays. It's all in a good cause, for I have no doubt that such story-telling spurs children on to learn to read for themselves. It irks them when mother is too busy to tell a story or when they have to wait for the next day before the next exciting chapter is unfolded, and they realize that if they learned to read for themselves, they would not have to be dependent on someone else for this pleasure.

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OUR three older children are enthusiastic members of the Children's Library, run by the National Council for Child and Youth Welfare. A library such as this (the only one of its kind in Colombo, I think, although Negombo now boasts a children's library too), should fill a great need and it is unfortunate that lack of funds has so far prevented this from developing into a spacious, well-equipped, first-class library with a trained librarian in charge. As

it is, Colombo's one and only children's library is housed in a small room reached by back-stairs and the number and the range of books is very limited because it is to a large extent dependent on donations from new members and from well-wishers. Membership fee is 80 cents per month and on joining, each new member has to gift two new or secondhand books. There is little in the way of Sinhalese and Tamil books and this is a great pity for quite a number of attractively printed children's books are now available locally. They cannot of course, compete with the hundreds of delightful English books which are published for a world market and therein lies the rub, for as soon as a child discovers the almost limitless range of English reading he turns more and more to them to the neglect of books in his mother-tongue.

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I LOOKED at the books our children borrowed from the library last week:—there were two in the "Bobbsey Twins" series by Laura Lee Hope and as there seem to be a number of these in the children's library, they keep appearing. Another popular series are Carolyn Keen's stories about Nancy Drew, the girl detective and I was surprised to find a schoolgirl story book by an old writer, Ethel Talbot. Then there were Zane Grey's "The Spirit of the Border" and a true-life Western called "Wild Bill Hickok Tames the West". I think these are fairly representative of the type of book available at our Children's Library. Our only Public Library seems, for the greater part, to ignore children all together. I was struck by this when reading the other day about children's libraries in Britain. Consider this pen-picture of the children's room of the public library at Hendon, in North London.

"Sunshine pours in through long windows. Walls and window-sills are laden with books. An exhibition stand displays the latest book jackets, and addresses of American and European children wanting pen-friends. Chairs are placed round small, book-laden tables. On one is a folder of Candid book reviews, written and illustrated by

children. It is refreshing to read what they themselves think of the books written for them! At the counter, child helpers stamp books and collect fines. Everywhere, children are sitting, standing or wandering about—and *all* are reading". According to this article, there are over eight-hundred separate children's rooms in the public libraries of Great Britain and most of these are open to even the smallest children. County libraries serve the remotest rural areas, by means of mobile vans or stocks of books at welfare centres and schools. In Australia and New Zealand, an organisation called the Children's Library Movement has been responsible for extending the public library system throughout the cities and into the remote country districts. In Canada, the world famous "Boys' and Girls' House" in Toronto, claims to have the highest standard of book selection and the best trained staff in the world.

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LENDING books is only one of the many activities undertaken by a first-class children's library", observes the writer of the article from which I have already quoted. "Many authorities organise a weekly story-hour; others run children's book weeks; others, again, have their own magazines, illustrated lectures, film shows, even play-reading groups which enter for local competitions. In others, clubs have grown up, centred round stamp-collecting, zoo talks, music or drama or puppetry". Doesn't that open vistas undreamed of as yet out here? But even leaving aside these extra activities, what a blessing good children's libraries, well-stocked and under the direction of trained and enthusiastic librarians, would prove to all the children who are clamouring for education in Ceylon today.

Apart from a privileged few, the vast majority of our school-children grow up without the means to enter the treasure-house of knowledge and entertainment that should be their heritage through books. All our school-going children are supposed to learn English as a second language. Imagine what it would mean to all of them to have access to the wide range of beautifully produced books now available only to the few who can afford to buy them! What a happy day it

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A LETTER FROM MR. W. T. GRESWELL

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

Taunton, May 13

THIS Summer, in its opening stages, is following the pattern of last. After cold dry winds in Spring there is now a minor heat wave before May is half over. Farmers and gardeners require some rain to boost their crops.

Cricket, since I wrote last, has got off to a perfect start with the odds heavily in favour of batsmen. Already there have been centuries galore and many declarations and games left drawn. Bowlers toil and analyses do not flatter.

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AS might be expected cricket talk has centred on our South African visitors and the type of welcome they will receive in view of their Homeland's apartheid problem. When the team arrived at London Airport there was a mild and unconvincing demonstration from a few hot heads. The Press next day reported interviews with the team's manager who rightly asserted that his young men had come here to play cricket and to do so in a manner which he hoped would please the British public. This they have already done in no uncertain manner in their first two opening matches with the Counties, as at Worcester, where the brilliant and hard hitting McLean made 207 with light hearted abandon and McKinnon was able to turn the ball in such a disconcerting manner as to claim seven wickets for 42 runs on a batting wicket. Deep in English hearts is a Love of cricket which far transcends the domestic troubles of a country which has come to challenge us on the field of play.

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IT is for this reason that the initial attitude of Test batsman the Rev. David Sheppard was so out of order and ill conceived. I have met several leading cricketers in Somerset's opening matches. All are of the same opinion. The Rev. David, having set the matter right in the conflict with his con-

science, should not have paraded the matter in the Press and on Television. As a Christian priest we know well that he is an advocate of the policy of "Love and charity with all men". If the South African politicians find it none too easy to apply their principle to their racial problem in the light of current conditions it might be argued that the Rev. David has done little to remedy the matter from this distance. His action can only aggravate it.

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IN the meantime the South African cricketers are stealing hearts in England and it is certain they will increase the number of their admirers as their tour continues.

At this moment at the Prime Ministers' conference in London the apartheid problem is under discussion from the Commonwealth angle. Let the matter be confined to this conference and kept away from our cricket fields.

Gibb, the former England Test player, is now on the umpiring staff and has been quick to draw attention to himself in the aggravating manner of bowlers' "foot-drag" and throwing. In one innings of the South African vs. Derbyshire match he no-balled promising young bowler Rhodes thirteen times, six for throwing and seven for drag. But the crux of the matter lies in the fact that the other umpire Aspinall, a former Yorkshire fast bowler, who has just become an umpire, did not call Rhodes once. This is a manifestly impossible situation. Umpires, who are mostly retired professionals, understandably dislike no-balling their own kind and endangering their profession and they will not resort to this extreme measure while "drag" and "throw" are not clearly defined by rules which leave no shadow of doubt whatever and fully support their decisions.

GIBB, it may be remembered, played as a professional for part of his time and then as an amateur. It seems as if he is determined to contribute what he can to putting our own house in order before the Australians visit us next year when two or three of their bowlers may need close attention.

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WE have recovered from the wedding of Princess Margaret last week. I say "recovered" because B.B.C. excelled itself in the Television coverage and delightful running commentaries of the pomp and splendour of that memorable day. Countless viewers, seated in the comfort of their homes, were spell bound and deeply stirred until the Royal yacht Britannia slid gently under Tower Bridge at the start of the honeymoon cruise. Foreigners may envy us and wonder at the way we cling to our traditional age-long and picturesque way of doing these things. But not so the British public. It is reported that our Princess' wedding cost each member of the public just under a quarter penny, a cheap enough price to pay for such a wonderful ceremony and for our hearty wishes to the happy couple.

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M.C.C. President.

SIR Hubert Ashton is the new president of the M.C.C. Elected at the recent annual meeting of the Club, he will succeed Mr. H. S. Altham on October 1. Sir Hubert, a Member of Parliament and president of the Essex County Cricket Club, is one of three cricketing brothers. Thirty-nine years ago he and his brothers, Gilbert and Claud, shared in a great triumph over Warwick Armstrong's "invincible" Australian eleven of 1921.

All Cambridge "blues", the Ashtons were members of a young side which A. C. Maclaren got up to meet the previously unbeaten visitors in Eastbourne in August. After a disastrous start they won by 28 runs. Sir Hubert's contributions to this famous victory was a second innings of 75 and four catches.

The Australians are due to tour Britain next summer and, no doubt, Sir Hubert's election is viewed by many as a happy augury for the recovery of the Ashes.

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AN esteemed reader of this journal, residing in London, sends us the following impressions of the wedding of Princess Margaret: "The time is 4 p.m., (6th May), and I have just got back to my flat after watching Princess Margaret's wedding. She looked really beautiful. The crowds along the route were tremendous. It was a hot, sunny day and the atmosphere in the Mall was just like a Fiesta. At 10.55, three car loads of little bridesmaids, with Princess Anne in the first car, left Buckingham Palace for the Abbey. They wore very sweet white and blue dresses. They were followed a few minutes later by Tony Armstrong-Jones and Dr. Roger Gilliat. Tony looked very pleased with himself and smiled happily at the crowd. Next followed the Queen Mother, Prince Charles and the rest of the Royal family. And finally Princess Margaret and Prince Philip in the Glass Coach. Loud speakers all along the route relayed the wedding service. After the procession passed us on the way to the Abbey we made our way to the gates of Buckingham Palace from where we watched the return to the Palace of the Royal Family and the bride and bridegroom on the balcony. Truly a wonderful picture."

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MR. R. Singleton-Salmon, who has succeeded Colonel O.B. Forbes as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the British Ceylon Corporation, Limited, is well known in Ceylon as a Member of Parlia-

ment. It is interesting to mention that he came to Ceylon thirty-five years ago and has been a planter of tea, rubber and coconuts in the Uva, Kelani Valley, Sabaragamuwa, Kandy, Kurumegala and Kalutara districts. His experience is not confined to field work, labour problems and estate management,



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MR. R. SINGLETON-SALMON

though in these he can claim to be an expert. Some years ago he was the author of a "Guide" to the Labour Ordinance and Regulations, an opus which qualified him for membership of the International Law Association.

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MR. Robert Singleton-Salmon is interested in all that happens around him, and it was inevitable that he should play an

active part in planting politics. He was a founder member of the Planters' Society of his district, Chairman of the Sabaragamuwa P. A. for three years, vice-chairman and later Chairman of the Planters' Association of Ceylon. Mr. Singleton-Salmon's gravitation to Colombo was slightly different from the normal routine. His destination was not the board room but the Council Chamber. He was appointed Deputy President of the Ceylon Estate Employers' Federation in 1948 and a Senator two years later. He has been the senior Appointed Member of the House of Representatives.

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MR. H. L. Roch, the former Kelani Valley planter, now living in retirement in East Hendred, Berkshire, writing to us recently says that he looks forward to the *Fortnightly Review* which keeps him in touch with the Island where he spent many years of his life.

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MR. M. W. F. Abeykoon, who has been functioning as Inspector-General of Police on secondment for the past year, has been confirmed in the post.

Mr. Abeykoon joined the public service as Assistant Superintendent of Surveys. Appointed Assistant Land Settlement Officer later, he rose to be Settlement Officer, having also served as Assistant Government Agent (Emergency) during the war. He was senior Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Defence of External Affairs, having been appointed during the 1958 emergency, when he was appointed to act as IGP on the termination of the term of service of Mr. Osmund de Silva.

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MR. Norman Schokman, the well known Rattota planter and authority on Ceylon Orchids, left for the U.K. by air this week to be a guest of the Orchid Circle in England at the forthcoming Chelsea Flower Show.

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THE death took place in Colombo on Monday, 16th May, of Mr. G. F. Ernst, the well known Matara lawyer, in his 66th year. Frank Ernst, a younger brother of Noel Ernst, retired Civil Servant, passed out as an Advocate forty years ago, but later

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PEOPLE

practised as a Proctor, assisting the late Mr. Percy Keuneman. Educated at Royal College in the days when that institution was housed at San Sebastian, Frank and his elder brother N. E. proved outstanding scholars and distinguished themselves in the annual Cambridge Local examinations. Frank Ernst was an exemplary man and was held in high esteem by his colleagues at the Matara Bar and the large attendance of Matara lawyers and residents at his funeral at the General Cemetery on Tuesday evening, 17th May, bore ample testimony to the very high regard in which he was held. The Rt. Rev. R. Graham-Campbell, Bishop of Colombo, officiated at the service held at St. Paul's Church, Regent Street, and later at the General Cemetery. The deceased leaves behind his wife and twin sons, Rev. Bryan Ernst of the Presbyterian Church and Mr. N. L. G. Ernst.

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TO Mrs. Kusuma Goonetilleke of the Tourist Bureau has fallen the distinction of being the 3,000th Colombo-Plan trainee to go to Australia. Whilst studying various aspects of the tourist industry, Mrs. Goonetilleke will meet Federal and state leaders, Colombo Plan students and others associated with the Plan in Australia during the six months she will spend in the country.

In announcing Mrs. Goonetilleke's visit to Australia, the High Commissioner, Mr. J. C. G. Kevin, said he thought it particularly appropriate that the 3,000th trainee should come from Ceylon, since the original meeting of Commonwealth ministers that gave rise to the Plan took place in Colombo.

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DR. J. Tilakasiri, lecturer in Sanskrit at the University of Ceylon, is the recipient of a Rockefeller Foundation grant of 3,600 dollars to study puppet drama in Japan and South Asia.

The award is sponsored by the Arts Council of Ceylon.

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MR. James George has been appointed High Commissioner for Canada in Ceylon in succession to Mr. Nik Cavell. A graduate of Toronto University and a

Rhodes Scholar, Mr. George (42) joined the Canadian External Affairs Department in 1945 and has served in various capacities in Athens, Ottawa, New York and Paris. He is expected in Colombo in July.

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THREE planters whose retirement is announced are Mr. A. D. Macdonald of Darrowella, Dickoya; Mr. W. F. Hayman of Aislaby, Bandarawela; and Mr. J. G. Bridges of Harangalla, Kotmale.

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MR. Edward Reynolds, English painter and designer for Faber & Faber, the publishers, is, it is announced, to marry Miss Roshan Pestonjee of Colombo.

Miss Pestonjee has been appointed headmistress of a school in

Male, in the Maldives, where the couple are expected to live.

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THE engagement is announced of Sir John Tarbat, Managing Director of the Galle Face Hotel and former General Manager of Messrs James Finlay & Co., Ltd. and Rita, elder daughter of Mr. Herbert Marsh and Mrs. Marsh of Beckenham, Kent.

Sir John has been in Ceylon for fifty years and was a Senator from 1948 to 1955. He was Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce for three years before World War II. A keen sportsman, Sir John was at one time President of the C.H. & F.C. and did much towards popularising Athletics and Association Football in Ceylon. He also did a great deal to encourage Boxing in Ceylon schools.

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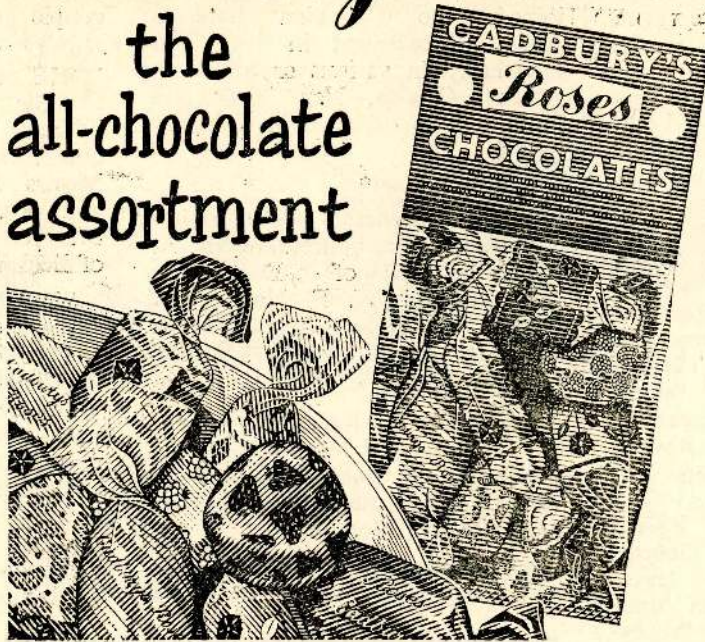
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— By E. C. THOMSON —

(Fortnightly Review Special)

QUEEN Elizabeth II's twelve flamingoes are back in the grounds of Buckingham Palace after their winter sojourn in the London Zoo. The nightingales, those sweet warm-weather songsters, have already been heard near Britain's big cities. And any moment now we shall have further proof that summer is at hand with letters to the newspapers reporting a first hearing of the cuckoo.

The animal creation follows the calendar with a bland indifference to the hectic and sometimes vexatious comings-and-goings of mankind. That is why the English 19th-century writer Samuel Butler counselled sufferers from overwork and nervous exhaustion to visit the London Zoo. "Nothing is more soothing", he would say, "than a course of the larger mammals."

Like the other 170,000 visitors who went there on a recent holiday, I love the London Zoo and do not need the promptings of fatigue or illness to pay my regular calls. It is still the world's leading collection of animals, birds and reptiles, and a walk round the enclosures puts one in touch with every corner of the Commonwealth. There are lions from Africa, elephants from India, bears from Canada and kangaroos from Australia, to say nothing of such treasures as the £12,000 giant panda and a white rhinoceros valued at £4,000.

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New Animal Hospital

THE inmates always look the picture of fitness, partly because veterinary experts are always within call, but mainly because the Zoological Society of London has its own new animal hospital in the grounds. The good news this month is of the addition soon of an Institute of Comparative Medicine, for which a grant of £100,000 has just been made to the Society by the Nuffield Foundation. Not only will the Institute help to maintain the health of the London collection; it will certainly increase

knowledge of disease in animals for the benefit of Zoos in many other parts of the world.

I have often talked with the Zoo's youngest official holding one of the most important posts. He is Oxford-trained Dr. Desmond Morris, 32, the Curator of Mammals. He told me that reptiles were "his first love" as a boy, but now that he has switched his fiercely energetic mind to warm-blooded creatures, he is concentrating on the breeding of rare species in captivity. Dr. Morris believes the Zoo owes it to the world to try and preserve the Indian rhinoceros and other breeds threatened with extinction.

Next to the Zoo, the other most popular natural history resort for London's teeming visitors is the Botanical Gardens at Kew, just now in all the Spring glory of lilac time. Kew, also, is spending a lot on research, including an eventual sum of £85,000 on a new laboratory for studying plant anatomy. What is likely to appeal specially to dwellers in our fickle climate will be the laboratory's "growth chambers", in which completely artificial weather conditions will be created.

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And the people, too—the countless visitors from all parts of the Commonwealth and the world

talk in so many tongues that one might be in the Land of Polyglot.

Kew, in fact, would make a splendid practice ground for the International Conversation Cards which have just made their appearance. The invention of a British engineer, Mr. Simon Pook, they will, he claims, rescue a tourist from any language emergency.

The cards are punched with holes, set against a word or phrase in English. On the opposite side of the card is the corresponding phrase in French, Spanish, German or any other selected language. The tongue-tied tourist has only to hold up the card, indicating the appropriate hole, and the "foreigner" reads off the question on the other side in his own language, giving the appropriate answer by the same method.

"CRICKET MORE A BATTLE THAN A GAME"

A warning that cricket throughout the world is in danger of becoming more of a battle than a game is given in the current issue of "The Cricketer".

A correspondent, reviewing the recent M.C.C. tour of the Caribbean, states that the major problems which arose in the series were time-wasting, intimidatory bowling and throwing. "These three points are of paramount importance and, unless cricket authorities get together not only to agree on the solutions but to insist that they are carried out, cricket will continue to decline as a sport and continue to create bad feeling."

THE correspondent feels that cricket throughout the world has in recent years become grimmer and more fiercely competitive. Winning or losing of a Test series causes something akin to an international crisis and the spirit of the game has been pushed more and more into the background. "Matters have now reached such a state that even the laws are being openly flouted and, unless something is done soon, cricket will remain more a battle than a game."

MUSIC IN LONDON

—By JEREMY NOBLE—

(Fortnightly Review Special)

I SUPPOSE any professional critic anywhere in the world gets into the habit of regarding the average run of concerts as singularly lacking in enterprise. Certainly in London we all complain about the unbalanced diet of Beethoven, Brahms and Tchaikovsky that artists and promoters see fit to feed us at the Festival Hall. Yet the Festival Hall was the scene during November of quite an exceptional number of concerts that took us off the beaten track—and it's gratifying to be able to report that they were all quite well attended.

As a matter of fact the first of them was sold out weeks in advance. It was a performance of Stravinsky's


Oedipus Rex with the composer conducting and the spoken narration read by his librettist, none other than Jean Cocteau. The mere presence of these two legendary figures on the platform was enough to ensure a full house, of course; whether it was quite enough to ensure a first-rate performance proved to be another matter. Cocteau seemed ill at ease, as well he might be, delivering what was originally intended to be a dry synopsis of the action in the language of the audience. I suppose a pretty high percentage of this particular audience understood French, but it still seemed a little odd not to address them in English.


BUT of course this is of quite secondary importance compared with the music. Stravinsky has in recent years made quite a point of conducting his own music. With cheerful cynicism he points out that conductors make much more money than composers do, but (as so often) it would be foolish to take his declared reason as the only one—or even the real one. The point is that Stravinsky does insist upon certain points in the performance of his music, above all its rhythmic articulation, which many far more accomplished conductors simply ignore. We had an example of this in a concert later the same week, when Rudolf Schwarz conducted the BBC Symphony Orchestra in a performance of the *Divertimento* from *Le Baiser de la Fee* which completely lacked any of the essential rhythmic impulse, however, well it may have been performed in other ways.

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IN Stravinsky's own performance of *Oedipus* the situation was reversed. Rythm was strong, and the forward movement of the music hardly faltered for a moment; what was lacking was the sensuous beauty of sound, the cool elegance of polished marble, that lies in the score waiting to be revealed by anyone who can. As a conductor Stravinsky doesn't seem to feel that it is his business to tell the orchestra or the singers to make beautiful sounds; I suppose he feels that if they don't do it without being told, telling them will make little difference. The result is that any performance he directs is very much at the mercy of the intelligence and sensitivity of the actual performers. To me it seemed that Helmut Melchert, in attempting to make the role of *Oedipus* conventionally dramatic, was not nearly careful enough about the essential details of rhythm, intonation and an evenly produced tone. To a lesser extent this applied to many of the other singers, but this may have been partly due to the difficulties inherent in giving a concert performance of a work originally designed for the theatre. With the orchestra banked up behind you, instead of tucked safely into the pit, there is clearly a temptation to force tone in order to make yourself heard. The answer is, of course, the *Oedipus Rex* should be given much more frequently in the theatre, but at

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MUSIC IN LONDON

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least the occasional concert performance serves to remind us what a towering masterpiece it is.

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I DON'T think one could quite describe Busoni's *Doktor Faust* in those terms, though one or two people have tried to. The late Edward Dent was nearer the mark when he wrote that "one cannot apply to *Doktor Faust* the ordinary standards of operatic criticism". Why is this? Mainly, I think, because Busoni (like Stravinsky) despised the conventional opera's power to make the audience identify itself unthinkingly with the characters they see on the stage. Just as Stravinsky in *Oedipus Rex* uses various devices to enhance the artificiality of the action and give it an immemorial timelessness, so Busoni in his Prologue emphasises that what we are about to see is a puppet-show. But what a puppet-

show! This is about as much an entertainment for children as the second part of Goethe's *Faust*—and the comparison is not irrelevant, because Busoni was a lifelong student of Goethe and wrote his own libretto very much in Goethe's idiom. He intended the opera to sum up his life's work and experience, and while it is this that gives it such power in certain sections it is also its great weakness as a work of art.

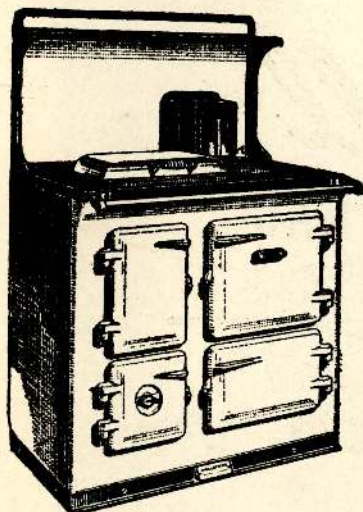
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DOKTOR Faust in its best parts contains some immensely impressive music. Apart from the Sarabande and Cortège, which are fairly familiar, the scene in which Faust sees in the smoke of the dying fire a vision of Helen of Troy; or later in the final act when as a poor outcast he looks up at the house where he once lived as the respected Rector of Wittenberg—these points strike home. But too often at other times Busoni seems to overlook the creator's first duty: economy. One might be tempted to ask whether Wagner, for example, is econo-

mical, but he is; his vast lengths are precisely necessary both for the dramatic matter in hand and for the musical proportions of the operas. *Doktor Faust's* great length, on the other hand, seems too often to be the result of self-indulgence, an unwillingness on Busoni's part to sacrifice any good idea once it has occurred to him. Instead of growing from within it embraces everything that comes within reach.

It is not as great an opera, then, as it rather self-consciously tries to be, but that need not prevent us from being immensely grateful to Sir Adrian Boult and the London Philharmonic Orchestra for putting on a concert performance of it. Their playing and much of the singing gave a very fair idea of the complex musical texture, but what made this a really memorable occasion was Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau's performance in the title-role. It made one long—even at the same time as one recognised the work's failings—to hear this singer interpret it on the stage.

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(Communicated)

THIS call was given by Miss Muriel Smith at the Summit Strategy Conference for the Moral Re-Armament of the Nations at Mackinac Island, Michigan.

She plays the lead role in the forthcoming film "The Crowning Experience". The film is inspired by the marvel of the life of Mary McLeod Bethune, born of slave parents, who rose to be the adviser of Presidents in the White House, and who said of Moral Re-Armament: "To be a part of this great uniting force of our age is the crowning experience of my life".

As a play, "The Crowning Experience", with Miss Smith in the lead role, ran in Atlanta, Georgia, for four months last year, and then broke the 123-year attendance record of the National Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Miss Smith started her career at the age of 19 as the original lead in "Carmen Jones". On the London stage at the famed Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, she appeared for five years in the productions of "South Pacific" and "The King and I". While at Drury Lane she gave a Command Performance for King George VI. She went from there to the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden, and played the name role in "Carmen" in the seasons 1957 and 1959.

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A CALL TO AMERICA

BORN and raised with the race question in America, I have through my life and through my career tried to bring an answer to this problem. The results were ineffective and bordered on disaster. Then I met the force of Moral Re-Armament and discovered that the answer to that great wound in this nation could begin in my heart and in my life. It meant I had to be honest about my past, clarify my motives and unselfishly to strike out with no thought of personal gain or ambition with the love for the world that comes when a surrender of our wills to be wholly committed to the power of God.

What can I do, I asked myself, to bring the answer to the American Negro? To the American people? How can I help to make a positive out of a situation which has turned into one of the least attractive aspects of democracy? Could the lessons of slavery be used to help men? We have given our nation and the world the music of our Spirituals out of that suffering. Is there something else we might give?

I thought of my days at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. I was a scholarship student. Occasionally I was able to earn extra money as a soloist with the chorus of Lincoln University. This is the university which helped to produce two men who have become leaders in their countries, Dr. Nandi Azikiwe of Nigeria and Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana. It is one of the universities of America which means a great deal to me. Unless Lincoln and all other colleges are equipped with the right idea they will be taken over by the wrong one.

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THE IDEOLOGY AMERICA NEEDS

WITH all my heart I believe that Moral Re-Armament is the ideology we need desperately in America. I believe too, that we are fifteen minutes into the hour God has given us to fight that democracy becomes what it is meant to be: a system which enlists the total resources of everyone to remake the world.

There must be no holdback because of old patterns of bitterness and hatred which have caused so much division in our country. The ideology of Communism grows on these weaknesses. The Ideology of Moral Re-Armament teaches us how to heal them. When we allow our lives to be ruled by our passions, we become unwittingly the tools of men whose purpose is to control the world by any means. The end of this is

The historical past of my people and their emergence from the bonds of slavery are on the records of history as one of the great miracles of this age. We are equipped to understand the meaning of slavery. We know what is the real meaning of victory through persecution.

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CHARACTER NOT COLOUR

I IMPLORE you in this hour of great urgency in the free world to accept this ideology of Moral Re-Armament and use it to cure the sickness of our nation. Division can only reproduce the same conditions of slavery, but this time it will be on a global scale. Before we Americans are free to speak to the world we must be free to speak to our neighbours.

Why do we, through the unhealed hurts of the past, permit ourselves to be used to create again the same human dilemma when there is an answer? The issue is not colour, it is character. The choice is Communism or Moral Re-Armament.

When we rearm ourselves morally we are free to fight to change human nature. It gives us that new character, that extra dimension of thought and action. It replaces the petty pre-occupation of self with the dedicated purpose of living for a great idea.

The struggle of my people has been for full participation in the affairs of our nation. This is the time to take the offensive with the ideology of Moral Re-Armament which alone can achieve that goal. We have been prepared by history for the supreme part in this our nation's task in setting the whole world free.

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A SPORTS CAUSERIE

—By "ITINERANT"—

CEYLON IN ENGLISH CRICKET

ALL-Ceylon cricketer Stanley Jayasinghe and former Thomian Tyril Gauder, Colne amateur, have started their Lancashire League engagements with a blaze of glory that appears to ensure Colne of championship honours once again. Tyril Gauder started off with a fine knock in the seventies and West Indian Test cap, Wesley Hall, bowled himself into the ground the innings through to dislodge Gauder. This performance of Gauder's earned him an invitation from Northamptonshire and he may accept the offer.

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THE following week it was Jayasinghe's turn and the Ceylon all-rounder notched the season's first century, a brilliant unfinished innings against all the fire of West Indian 'cap', Roy Gilchrist.

Down in the Penzance League in Cornwall, Ceylon cap Clive Inman also began in great style, with two unbeaten centuries, the second in his first league match.

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CEYLON'S amateur challenge is kept alive in the Oxford team for which D. Piachaud continues to bowl well. Oxford have an international team this year with Baig and Pataudi of India, Burki of Pakistan and Pithey of South Africa, not to mention Piachaud. Lou Adihetty was unfortunate to miss the Cambridge trials, but he might still make the grade.

Other Ceylon cricketers of repute in England have been making a name for themselves in club cricket and include Jagath de Soysa, Ephrem Fernando, M. Franke and R. Inman.

A GREAT LOSS TO RACING

PRINCE Aly Khan, wealthy play boy, sportsman and diplomat, met with a tragic road accident in Paris on May 12th and died instantaneously. The world of international racing will be the poorer for his death.

Speed and sport had always been the passion of this 48-year-old son of the Aga Khan. As a young man he piloted his own plane and motor-raced all over Britain and Italy. But it was as a patron of the Turf that he was best known with his stables in France. He raced extensively there and in Britain and North America.

When he was younger he rode 100 winners in Britain, Egypt, Syria and Germany. In 1931 he registered his own colours and his stud farms in Ireland and France and repeatedly turned out champions.

Skiing was another of his favourite sports—until he broke his leg in 1950.

When he was last in Ceylon, there was even talk that he may race here. May he rest in peace.

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Gamini Gunasena in Australian Cricket

CEYLON, Cambridge and Nottingham cricket 'cap', Gamini Gunasena, is now making a cricketing name for himself in yet another part of the world. Attached to the Ceylon High Commission in Canberra, he has been playing first-class cricket there, and, from all accounts proving too good for the Canberra grade of cricket.

Late for the Canberra first-class season, Gunasena could only play four matches but still wound up at the top of the bowling averages with 30 wickets for 201 runs in 60 overs. His fine second innings spell of 7 for 28 enabled his team to win a thrilling final, when their opponents needed only 78 runs in their second knock for victory.

No less a critic than Jack Fingleton has suggested that Gunasena should play in the high grade of cricket Sydney offers and since Sydney is only 200 miles away, Gunasena is likely to play there next season. It has also been stated that he will stand a good chance of playing for New South Wales if he does well in Sydney.

Incidentally, Gunasena's counterpart in Ceylon, J. Laurie of the Australian High Commission has been turning out for the Nondescripts C.C.



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A SPORTS CAUSERIE

SOCCER

THE latest invitation Soccer tournament was recently completed when the Mysore F.A. eleven took the Velayuthan Cup across the Palk Straits. In a disappointing final, marred by rain, Mysore triumphed over the star-studded Colombo South XI, 3-1. Sparked by diminutive winger Arumanayakam, inside Krishna Shetty and centre forward Hafeez, Mysore carried too many guns for the local team.

Mysore's game was the result of obvious coaching, all their attacks and positioning calling for perfect team work and understanding. Colombo, however, failed because they only took to constructive attacks late in the second half, gaining a solitary but insufficient goal during this period.

Three other local teams and three others from India took part in the tournament in which Mysore and Colombo South stood in a class by themselves. The match of the tournament, however, was the semifinal between Mysore and the Combined Services.

Mysore were the infinitely superior side but some appalling 'shooting' found them trailing the Services 1-4 with seven minutes to go. The Services at this stage tended to relax and concentrate on defence and that was all Mysore needed to tie the score a minute before the whistle and win by two goals in extra time. Seldom has Colombo seen such a thrilling encounter.

ATHLETICS

CEYLON appears certain of at least one athlete to the Olympic Games—distance-runner Linus Diaz. In the recent marathon trial he returned the splendid time of 2 hours 33 min. 45 secs. for the distance—battering the 2 hrs. 33 min. standard set. Diaz's time was 48 secs. behind the Asian record and 10 min. 40 secs. behind Emil Zatopek's world record.

K. M. I. S. Fernando finished, missing the standard by 8 mins. 45 secs. Diaz's time was nearly 7 mins. better than his time last year.

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CLIFFORD CUP RUGGER

CLIFFORD Cup rugger on Saturday, May 14th, found keen contests with some of the fancied teams having to go all out before eking out last-minute victories.

Pre-season favourites, the Havelocks, must count themselves lucky that lowly K. V. relaxed for ten minutes midway in the second half. That 'rest' enabled the Havelocks to turn a tie into a 11-3 victory, but not without K. V. surging back unsuccessfully. Played on sodden ground in a heavy drizzle throughout, this match demonstrated some superb tackling by K. V. and was a personal triumph for Lionel Almeida. Almeida, now with a weak team, is a player all the better for it.

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THE C.R. & F.C. visiting Dickoya had an even closer call, only a last-minute try enabling them to edge the hosts by a point, 9-8, after Dickoya had more of the game. In the only comparatively decisive fixture of the day, Uva got the better of Kandy, 14-0.

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A WOMAN'S DIARY

—BY "BETA"—

WITH the re-opening of the school term, we find ourselves facing yet another of the perennial parents' troubles—the vexed question of homework. This question is another of those which seems to grow as years go by. In earlier years it was accepted as a self evident fact that school going children had to do a certain amount of homework in preparation for their work in school. It is only in the immediate past that this has suddenly become a much debated question, which is every now and again resurrected in newspapers when symposiums of expert views are collected and published. It is almost as if that ever-green question dear to all school debating societies "Is homework really necessary?" has grown-up and passed into the adult world along with those who debated it so fiercely in their school days! Speaking seriously, though, I expect that now-a-days, when a school certificate is a must if a person wants to get employment, parents have naturally to take a much greater interest in their children's educational progress and do all in their power to help them, to reach the level of competence demanded by the educational authorities. And so we find most parents doing their level best to keep themselves informed of what their children are learning in school and to help their children with their homework to the best of their ability.

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THAT is where trouble begins! When a man, say, comes home tired after a hard day's work at the office, and finds his son waiting with about ten mathematical problems to be solved, or a couple of chapters of geography or history to be explained, or when a mother, who is feeling rushed off her feet with all the cooking, cleaning, and marketing she has had to do during the day, and is just longing to collapse into the most comfortable chair in the house and put her feet up, discovers her daughter with her spelling to be heard or her hygiene or literature to be gone through, the natural reaction is "After all, the teachers are paid to do all this in school. A fine joke it is when we

have to spend so much to send our children to school to be educated, and then have to sit and do all the work ourselves at home!"

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THE outburst is natural enough but parents do not stop to think of the teachers' side of the question. For one thing, with classes the size they are now, it is utterly impossible for the teacher to give each child individual attention. If the teacher is to make the best use of the short time allotted to a subject in a school timetable, the only thing to be done is to give as lucid an explanation of the problem or the section of the subject being dealt with, and leave the pupils to work out examples or read up further facts on their own. The teacher can then, by seeing the results of the examples or by questioning the pupils on what they read, determine what further explanations are necessary, and how far each child has understood what has gone before.

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WHEN a child gets too much help at home a teacher may be led to believe that his classroom explanations have been sufficient, whereas it is really that the parent of his pupil has worked hard. For another thing, if a child is to really grasp a subject and retain it in his or her mind, it is necessary for there to be a considerable amount of repetition. It is not possible for a child to take in all the implications of a fact on a single statement. This becomes then, a question of the time available and the amount of ground to be covered—when a syllabus is wide, it is just not possible for a teacher to do all the repetition necessary, and so the pupil has got to read the chapter through several times alone, if any real benefit is to be gained from the teacher's classroom explanations. It is also a fact that if a child has conscientiously read through a chapter two or three times, it will be much easier for the facts contained in it to be taken in and retained in the memory than if the chapter is read over to the child by the teacher or the parent.

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HOW then can parents best help their children over the question of homework? I think the first thing is in their attitude. As long as parents go on complaining about homework, it is natural that the children too will begin to feel resentment against the teacher, which in turn will make the work seem harder to do. If the parents treat homework as something which has to be done, the children will do the same. The next thing is that parents should not allow the homework to become too great a burden on themselves. They should realise that no teacher who is worth anything sets a child work he or she is incapable of doing. This does not mean that children should not be free to ask a parent for help if they get "stuck", but parents should not have to do all their work for them.

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IF children really seem to find the work much too hard, they may be better off in a lower class! It should also be a help if there were a set time every day which the children are expected to settle down to do their homework, instead of leaving it to them to do it when they feel like it, as then it usually never gets done. By taking a sensible attitude, leaving the responsibility of doing homework on the children themselves, and acting in the capacity of supervisor and helping only when it is really needed parents would help their children to study honestly, and really develop their capabilities.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION

MR. Washington Abeysinghe has qualified as Honorary Coach at the Amateur Athletic Federation of India. He was the only Ceylonese at the 1959-1960 inter Athletic Coaching Camp of the A.A.F.I. conducted at the Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education, Madras. Mr. Abeysinghe has returned after a year's training at Alagappa College of Physical Education, Karaikudi, South India.

A SPORTS CAUSERIE

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IN the most important Clifford Cup match to date the C.R. & F.C. earned a surprising but brilliant and well-deserved victory over the fancied C.H. & F.C. by 8 points to 3, on their home ground. The C.R. pack, hitherto unimpressive, rose to great heights to hold and even outplay the C.H.'s greatest asset, their forwards. With Omar hooking in fine style, the speedy C.R. outsiders were too much for the C.H.

The C.H. however lost the game for themselves by their insistence on playing Tait at full back instead of stand-off. Tait acquitted himself well, but Burrows at stand off belied his reputation with a miserable performance and with scrum half Wilson slow, this duet never had a chance against the fast breaking C.R.

Keith-Anderson, Harrison, Tait and Sawdy were the pick of the C.H., whereas the C.R. to a man played well. In a fast, thrill-packed, tense struggle mistakes were inevitable but both sides didn't have nearly enough good players to capitalise on them.

Rambukwella to full back Dirckze and the first C.R. try was over, Van Twest converting. Tait's knock-on started this. Then Keith-Anderson made it 5-3 with a powerful high-stepping run and an unconverted try and Rambukwella put the game on ice after a Tait misfield and a streaking almost ground-level run.

In the other match last week end K. V. scored their second win of the season, beating Kandy 8-5, with Almeida once again in the starring role.

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RACING

THE second day of the C.T.C. Monsoon Meet had to be postponed a week due to heavy rain, but when it did come off it proved a field day for owner-trainer Sherriff Mehdi Hussein, trainer Renga Selvaratnam and jockey F. L. Smith.

S. M. Hussein brought off a laudable double at nourishing odds when Al Moj won the Monsoon Cup (7 fur.) and Taj al Sibaq won the Pottuvil Plate (6 fur.)—both veterans winning in great style, the former triumphing over many a younger animal.

Pancha Kalyan, a newcomer of class, won the Warakapola Plate (1¼ m.), Light Green, (Pidurutalagala Plate—1 mile) and the rejuvenated Miss Eleanor (Urapola Plate—1 mile) brought home the Renga Selvaratnam treble, Frank Smith being associated with all three winners and Al Moj, his favourite mount as well.

The Class 1 sprint, the Dutugemunu Stakes (6 fur.) was won by the Walles trained Jendy in fine style. Crossed by Nicely Nicely, sharply, brilliant riding by Guna-dasa made sure of Jendy's victory without having to go to the Stewards room for the decision.

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FIRST OLYMPIC CHOICE

Long distance runner Linus Diaz is Ceylon's first Olympic choice after his Marathon effort and Ethirveerasingham - if he clears 6 ft. 8 in. - is second choice A swimmer, cyclist, boxer and wrestler may also be in the running for berths to Rome, if recommended after trials by their respective associations.

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Duke Captains Winning Polo Team

THE Duke of Edinburgh captained the winning Windsor Park polo team in the recent final of the Victoria Cup contest. Windsor Park beat Friar Park by seven goals to five. Of those seven goals the Duke scored three.

After the game the Victoria Cup was presented to the Duke by the Maharani of Jaipur. It was the second trophy in a fortnight which has been won by a side under the Duke's leadership.

PLANTING LIFE IN THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE

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usually started with tea at 5 o'clock and carried on till about 9 or so, ending up with a sing-song.

When the club was started, life got quite pleasant. We were able to organise tennis tournaments, also golf and bridge tournaments. The Elpitiya club grounds were also used for riding and my husband, for one took advantage of this opportunity. He was a keen gentleman rider and rode his mare 'Kitty' in the races at Galle. The course in those days being the Galle Esplanade.

As the years passed and life, in the last quarter-century, came into what is more or less the modern pattern, our activities and interests have all gradually broadened out. Everything is on a bigger scale. Nobody thinks much now of motor-ing the length and breadth of the Island. We played our tennis tournaments not merely for the people of the district but on the inter-district basis. By contrast the old days of planting were different days but they had their moments. I don't suppose I'd care to change any of it even if I could!

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AN OCCASION FOR PARENTAL JOY

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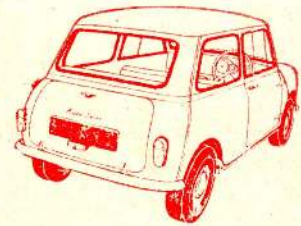


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