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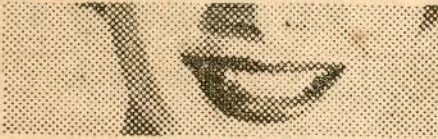




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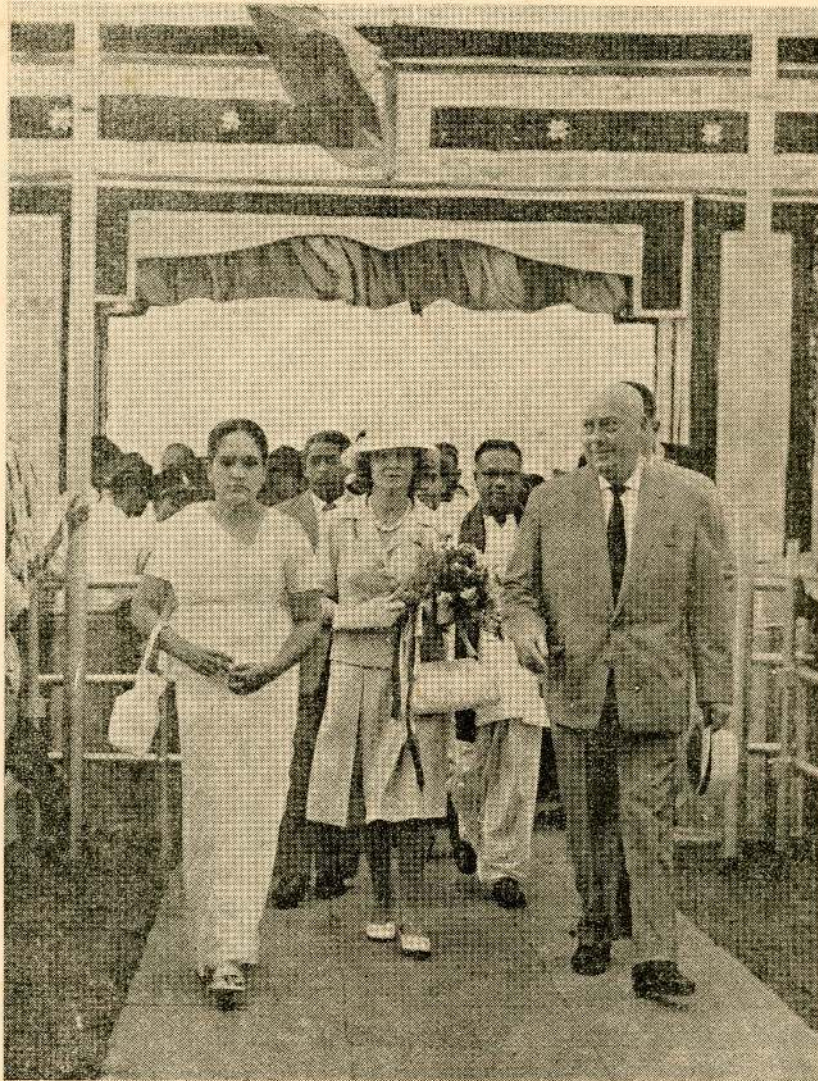
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*The Prime Minister of Poland, Mr. Jozef Cyrankiewicz and Mrs. Cyrankiewicz, were accorded all the honours of state when they visited Ceylon last week.*

*The picture shows them with Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, the Prime Minister, as they walked under a ceremonial arch at the Ratmalana airport.*

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## TOWARDS A SOCIALIST SOCIETY

IN presenting the budget for 1960—61 and announcing the taxation measures that accompanied it, the Minister of Finance said: "We have tried to give voice and substance to the needs of the majority of the people of this country to whom the name of S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike signifies an amelioration of their social conditions. But we do not want to shirk the responsibility that these same people have placed on us to bring about an improvement in their economic conditions as well."

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IT is all to the credit of the Government, as the heir of the policies forged by Mr. Bandaranaike, that it should be eager to carry forward the revolution he launched in 1956. At the same time, the new ministers should take warning from his own experience in trying to realise his aims. As we said before, he proceeded with circumspection, because no doubt he had to reckon with the interests of diverse peoples. Even so he apparently attempted too swift a transformation to socialism, or he had been living today.

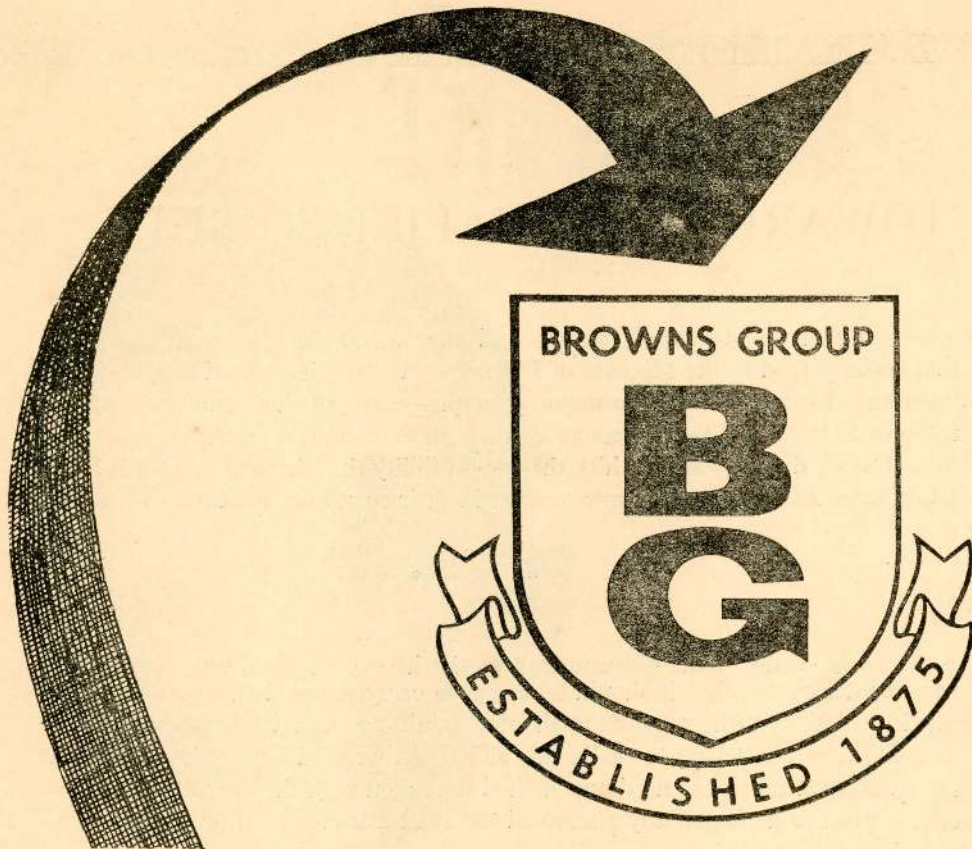
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THE Finance Minister spoke of no real progress having been possible so long as "a limited section of society was determined to maintain exclusive privileges and so long as economic power was concentrated in the hands of a few." These words suggest that some of the new taxes are a sort of penal imposition, or is it a case of the convert being the greater fanatic? How was it wrong for those who enjoyed privilege and power to have acquired them in the order that prevailed at the time?

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AS against an anticipation of resistance to the new order implied in the Finance Minister's speech, it is significant that criticism of the principle of his taxation proposals has been relatively of little account, except for the relation of inconsistencies. From this fact it is evident that there is a general awareness of the necessity to make sacrifices on the part of the few in the interest of the many. The Government will have more willing cooperation, however, if progress is tempered with discretion and caution rather than marked by headlong action.

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# MATTERS OF MOMENT

—BY BRUTUS—

THE first state guests the Prime Minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, went to the airport to greet and gave a banquet for at Temple Trees, her official residence, were the Prime Minister of Poland, Mr. Jozef Cyrankiewicz, and his wife. Coming over from India, they spent five days in the Island. They were two days in Kandy visiting the Dalada Maligawa, the University at Peradeniya and the Botanical Gardens.

On the morning after their arrival Mr. and Mrs. Cyrankiewicz and their party, which included the deputy minister of foreign affairs and deputy minister of foreign trade, went to Horagolla and laid a wreath on the grave of Mr. Bandaranaike. While Mrs. Cyrankiewicz visited the Mahila Samithi training centre for women rural service workers and the zoo at Dehiwela, the Polish Prime Minister had talks with Mrs. Bandaranaike on the promotion of trade between the two countries.

THE first public function Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike attended after she became Prime Minister was a seminar on social service organized by the Federation of University Women. The chief speaker at the seminar was Mrs. Lakshmi Menon, deputy-minister of External Affairs of India.

Mrs. Bandaranaike advised university women to widen the scope of their activities so that they came into contact with the masses of the country. Their responsibility in society was much greater than that of the ordinary citizen, she said. They had therefore a greater duty to the community. She asked them to study the lives of rural women-folk in distant villages and of the working classes living around the suburbs of Colombo and the slums, and observe their difficulties and troubles and their hopes and aspirations. They would then be able to contribute substantially towards bridging the gulf that existed between the western educated, wealthy and leisured classes and the rural and working classes.

Mrs. Menon said that it was evident that there was apathy among the educated classes even in India. The privileges obtained by higher education must, she declared, be carried to the doors of the underprivileged, not as a matter of charity but of duty, responsibility and obligation.



H. R. H. Princess Alexandra

*Who represented Queen Elizabeth II at the celebration of Nigeria's Independence last Saturday, 1st October.*

MRS. Lakshmi Menon also addressed the Family Planning Association. It was the duty of a society to see that the children that were born were looked after and not neglected, she said. In the interest of international peace also there should not be unlimited population. What was necessary was a healthy population that did not outgrow the resources of the country.

She suggested that the Association persuade the Prime Minister to implement a positive policy on family planning. If family planning was to be effective, the Government should be bold enough to undertake the task of educating

the masses on family planning as the work of voluntary organizations was necessarily restricted. She acknowledged, however, that religious and social factors had a restraining effect on the spread of the idea of family planning, as far as the role of the Government was concerned. The burden of the work must therefore fall on voluntary organizations and the work of the Association should therefore be appreciated by the Government, she said.

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CHEERING Nigerians lined the streets of Lagos in pouring rain to see Princess Alexandra when she arrived on September 27 for a 21-day visit during which she presented Independence documents to Nigeria. Rain held off for the reception ceremony at the airport, where the 23-year-old Princess landed after her flight from London to the welcome of a 21-gun salute.

The Oba of Lagos, President of the Lagos City Council, said: "We desire to express our grateful thanks to Her Majesty the Queen for sending as her representative such an illustrious and charming member of the Royal Family. We have entered the 100th year in which the British flag has flown in Lagos. In five days that flag will be lowered and our own will be hoisted in its place. It will be a momentous and joyful occasion, but even while we celebrate, we in Lagos will not forget the debt we owe to Britain".

The Princess spoke of her hope of meeting very many Nigerians and added, "At such a time in your history, this is an exciting prospect and to share in your celebrations at this moment is a privilege".

Rain began as the Princess left the reception. The crowd gave a special cheer for Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, President of the Nigerian Senate, who is due to take over the post of Governor-General from Sir James Robertson in mid-November. He rode in one of the official cars as the Princess drove through the enthusiastic crowd to Government House.

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THE Minister of Justice, Mr. S. P. C. Fernando, accompanied by his wife, represented Ceylon at the celebration of the independence of Nigeria last week. Mr. Fernando afterwards visited Ghana, where he

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met Ceylon's High Commissioner, Mr. A. H. Abdul Wahab, and Ceylonese working in the country, and also acquainted himself, for report to the Government with the latest developments in the new state of Congo (Belgian).

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**T**HE election of Mr. Frederick Boland as President of the United Nations General Assembly has been warmly welcomed in London, where he is still remembered for his term as Irish Ambassador prior to his departure to the United Nations in 1956. In the four years he has been at the world organisation he has established a reputation for ability, sound judgment and impartiality, particularly in his work in the Trusteeship Council. These attributes, coupled with his brilliant academic background, his gift of oratory, his good humour and wit, augur well for the conduct of the Assembly's affairs during the year in which he holds office.

The Afro-Asian group and its newly-emergent members are exerting a growing influence on the conduct of United Nations affairs and it is interesting to note that this group—many of them small countries like Ireland and most of them with an interest in Trusteeship affairs—supported Mr. Boland's election as President.

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**G**REGORY Peter XV Cardinal Agagianian was given a civic reception in Colombo during his visit to Ceylon last month bringing

greetings from Pope John. Replying to the address presented by the Mayor, Mr. M. H. Mohamed, the Cardinal said he was pleased to see in Colombo the signs of a thriving modern city marked with the grandeur of times gone by and full of the spirit of progress and advancement that spoke well for its future.

Speaking at a public meeting held at St. Joseph's College, Colombo, the Cardinal claimed the Catholics had made a large contribution to the building of the new nation. He added: When they are giving service to the fatherland they are being most faithful to the precepts of their church, for to be a good Catholic is to be a good citizen.

The Archbishop of Colombo, Dr. Thomas Cooray, suggested that the enemies of the church were trying by insidious methods to destroy the church in Ceylon. He appealed to the Catholics to pray for these enemies and to be charitable to them so that, through good, evil might be overcome.

Sir Edward Jayetilleke, vice President of the Catholic Union, presented the Cardinal a silver casket as a souvenir.

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**S**IR Claude Corea, Ceylon's permanent representative at the United Nations, was unanimously elected chairman of the Political Committee of the General Assembly on September 21. His election makes him a likely candidate for the presidentship of the General Assembly next year.

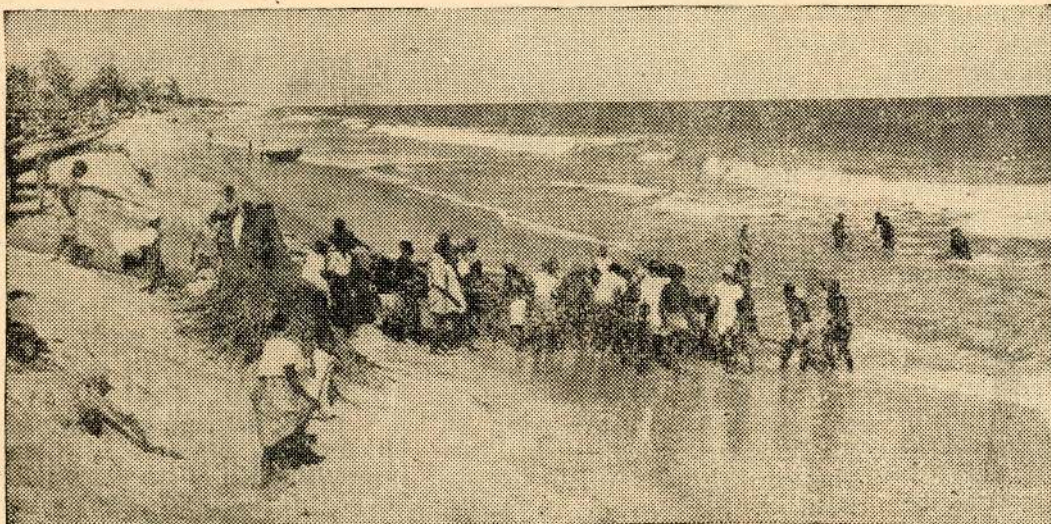
Sir Claude's name was proposed by the representative for Austria and seconded by Afghanistan's representative and supported by Dr. Jose Correa of Ecuador. His election follows the prominent part he has played in the Security Council in formulating United Nations action in the (Belgian) Congo, and his able handling of the Soviet protest at the U2 plane flight over Russia as Chairman of the Council at the time.

Sir Claude, who was previously Ambassador at Washington and High Commissioner in London, has been two years at the United Nations. He was earlier specially assigned by the late Mr. Bandaranaike to lead a delegation to Moscow and Peking in preparing the ground for the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Communist states.

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**T**HREE Colombo advocates were killed and the Chief Magistrate of Colombo, Mr. N. A. de S. Wijesekera, seriously injured when the car in which they were travelling to Hulftsdorp was in collision with a bus on Reid Avenue, by the Racecourse, on September 22nd. Those who died were Mr. A. Nagendra, Mr. K. H. A. Chandrasena, and Mr. Graham de Pinto, who drove the car.

According to an uncorroborated report Mr. Wijesekera's car broke down on his way to court and Mr. de Pinto left his driver to attend to it and gave a lift to the Magistrate.



*The Federation of Nigeria, the largest of United Kingdom dependencies and accounting for about half their population, became a fully independent member of the Commonwealth on October 1. The picture shows nets being hauled ashore on the beach of a small fishing village near Lagos. There is little deep sea fishing in Nigeria. Shallow water fishing is done from sea-going canoes.*



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An eye-witness said at the inquest that it was the car that crashed into the bus.

Mr. de Pinto's father gave evidence to the effect that his son had been subject to epileptic fits and had been treated for sudden black-outs of a few seconds duration. The Coroner, Mr. J. N. C. Tiruchelvam, exonerated the driver of the bus of all blame.

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**T**HE Silver Jubilee Dinner of the Classical Association of Ceylon takes place at the G.O.H. tomorrow. The Chief Guest is the Hon. Mr. H. Basnayake, Chief Justice. The entire Menu will be in Latin. No other Association with such laudable aims has survived in this country for a quarter of a century.

The Classical Association was formed on 27th September, 1935. It is significant that the inaugural meeting was held at the Chief Justice's house, and the first president was the then Chief Justice, Sir Philip Macdonell, a contemporary of Lord Birkenhead.

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**D**R. Nnamdi Azikiwe, Governor-General designate of Nigeria and President of the Nigerian Senate, left London airport for Lagos recently after a week of conferences in London about the new University of Nigeria to be opened by Princess Alexandra.

The purpose of Dr. Azikiwe's discussions with London University authorities has been to ensure that a high standard is maintained at the University of Nigeria. A spokesman at Nigeria House said that there would be co-ordination between London University, the Michigan State University in America and the University of Nigeria on matters relating to external examinations at university level.

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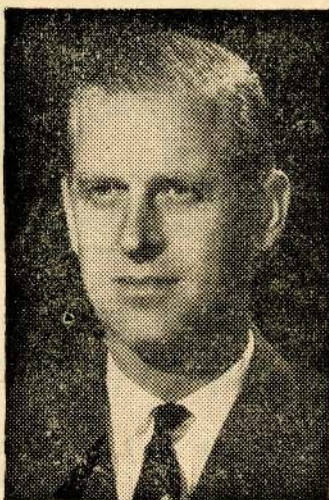
**T**HE Duke of Edinburgh has agreed to be patron of the Edwina Mountbatten Trust, it was announced in London recently. The Trust has been created to carry on the welfare work throughout the world with which Lady Mountbatten was connected. It has three main objects—to help children, to

expand the work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and to advance nursing.

Arrangements have been made for its inauguration at St. James' Palace on November 16, when the Duke of Edinburgh will be present.

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**A** dramatic development in connexion with the proposed press take over in Ceylon was a statement by the directors of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon (one of the two groups concerned) in view of statements made by Mr. Felix R. Dias Bandaranaike at a press conference in London concerning the Associated Newspapers



H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh

of Ceylon, The Times of Ceylon Limited (the other group affected by the proposal) and the Press Trust of Ceylon. The statement said:

"The directors of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., have read with amazement various incorrect statements made by Mr. Felix Dias Bandaranaike, Finance Minister of Ceylon, in the course of his Press Conference in London. Mr. Dias Bandaranaike, shortly before he assumed office as Finance Minister, appeared as junior counsel in the proceedings for the judicial settlement of the accounts of the estate of the late Mr. D. R. Wijewardene, the founder of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., and as such is fully aware of the facts of the case.

Mr. Dias Bandaranaike's statement, implying that the judgment in that case contained an observation reflecting on the character or integrity of any of the directors of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. are therefore surprising as they are without the slightest foundation. The two directors concerned proposed to take appropriate legal proceedings against Mr. Bandaranaike unless he makes immediate and suitable amends for these reckless statements.

"The statement that the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. by virtue of its membership of the Press Trust of Ceylon has been delaying, rationing, or withholding foreign news, or that The Times of Ceylon Ltd. was subservient to the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., or owed monies to the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. or was otherwise controlled by the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., are equally false and reckless.

"The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. has been and still is prepared to face a Press Commission and meet the charges which Mr. Dias Bandaranaike has thought fit to make. His party campaigned during the last general election on the basis of a Press Commission and never stated in its manifesto that it proposed to take over the Press of Ceylon. The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. requests Mr. Dias Bandaranaike to prove his allegations before an independent Press Commission without attempting to mislead British public opinion".

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**A** twenty-day British Council course on the techniques of teaching English as a second language for teachers in swabasha training colleges concluded with a formal dinner party given by the Ceylon Education Department, at which guests included the Minister of Education, Mr. Badiuddin Mahmud, the U.K. High Commissioner, Sir Alexander Morley and Lady Morley, and professors of the University of Ceylon.

The course was directed by Dr. W. Lee of the London Institute of Education, and Mr. P. H. G. Gibbs, British Council Education Officer in Ceylon.



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# HOMAGE TO THE LATE PRIME MINISTER

## ONE YEAR AFTER THE DEATH OF MR. S.W.R.D. BANDARANAIKE

THE first anniversary of the death of Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike was observed with a depth of feeling which left no doubt about the reverence in which his memory is held by the large mass of the people. It is true that the government of the party which he founded, and of which his wife is today the head and many of his former colleagues members, declared the day (September 26th) a public holiday. The likelihood is, however, that in any case there would have been spontaneous demonstrations of homage to the man who, having in his own personal life achieved a transformation of mind which brought him nearer to the people, instituted a policy of government which was determined by their interests.

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FROM early the previous evening crowds flocked to the grave at Horagolla and patiently waited all night for the ceremonies of the following morning. Before dawn processions took the road with images of Mr. Bandaranaike, dressed in the simple cloth and shirt that symbolised his own conversion from the standards of his class, prominently borne on wheels. Buses and cars carried white flags and most homes displayed some similar expression of mourning. White was worn by all at the graveside.

At 7-55 a.m. the time of his death, muffled Sinhalese drums gave the signal for two minutes of silence. This was solemnly observed by a vast concourse at the centre of which were the Governor-General, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, the Prime Minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, and her children, ministers, members of Parliament, senators, judges and officials, and members of the diplomatic court in formal dress. The Governor-General laid a wreath first and as others followed a mound of flowers covered the grave.

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THE scene shifted to Colombo in the evening. A great public meeting was held at Inde-

pendence Square at which the Governor-General presided and made a striking speech, after two minutes silence had been observed again. By Mr. Bandaranaike's death, he said, Ceylon lost one of her greatest sons in her long history. As an orator and parliamentarian he was the equal of the best in the world. In international affairs, although the leader of only ten million people, he was at the time of his death rapidly reaching the small group of world leaders who influenced all human endeavour.

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Times Photo

The Late Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike

SIR Oliver recalled that the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Nehru, paid Mr. Bandaranaike the unprecedented tribute of declaring the day of the funeral a public holiday in India. Mr. Bandaranaike's life, said Sir Oliver, was an example of simplicity. He added: "Today we see the whole nation turning over to that simple way of life. He lived a life free from avarice and hatred, sublimated by service to his people. He died free from fear and craving, and with compassion to all. We will always remember the great part he

played in this country over a period of thirty years, first in the struggle for political freedom, then as a national leader and social reformer. We shall not forget him."

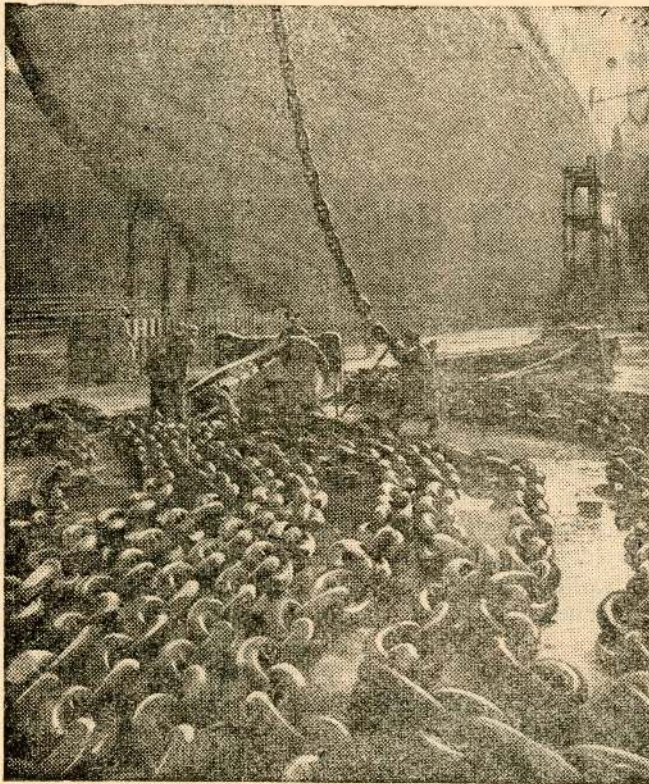
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SIR Oliver pointed out that in the twelve months since Mr. Bandaranaike's assassination, despite stresses and strains, complete law and order had prevailed throughout the land, with neither communal nor religious disturbances. He said the day should be one of thanksgiving. Indeed every succeeding anniversary should be a festival of dedication to serve the land. Mr. Bandaranaike, he declared, stood for making good the neglect of Buddhism over five centuries of foreign rule; he worked ceaselessly to give the Sinhala language its proper place in the country; he spared no effort to restore the national culture; he swept away everything that had even the semblance of infringement on our sovereignty. He wanted Ceylon to win the friendship of all the peoples of the world—since 1956 fifteen heads of state and prime ministers had visited Ceylon and representatives of thirty-eight nations had been accredited to Ceylon. His purpose had been to win the fight against poverty, unemployment and under-employment.

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AFTER appealing for loyalty to the nation from the people, which he said should be their chief preoccupation in the months and years ahead, Sir Oliver turned to the diplomats present and said: "I beg of you, judge us by our record in the twelve years of our independence." "We cannot demand either friendship or assistance from sovereign states," he added. "I do submit, however, that we continue to deserve their friendship. We do not ask for assistance to build up armies, navies or air fleets. We ask for help to reduce the poverty and misery that stalk our land. To those who are already helping we render our sincerest gratitude."

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# WHEN SCIENTISTS TALK

— By ERNEST CHISHOLM THOMSON —

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

EVERY little while the cry goes round that Britain's scientists are "inarticulate". If only they would talk about their discoveries! Then along comes the annual meeting of the British Association—1960's is the 122nd—and we have pearls of scientific wisdom gushing forth so generously that the man in the street has scarcely time to pick them all up.

Sir George Thomson, the 1960 President, has said that "one of the major problems we face is the possibility of the time coming when no scientist knows what any other scientist is talking about". There has been no sign of such a dire state of affairs in the Welsh city of Cardiff, where 4,000 of Britain's best brains congregated in September, along with guests from 13 other countries to survey the latest scientific researches.

Though some of their deliberations are dauntingly technical, flashes of exciting information fly off like flames from a jet engine, a nice annual stimulant for us all after the delicious torpor induced by the Summer vacation.

As stimulating as any was the presidential speech of Sir Georg Thomson, the University of Came bridge physicist, who first conceived the idea of harnessing atomic and nuclear energy. His plea for closer contact between theorists and the people who do the job has been splendidly answered in his own case with the building of Calder Hall, in Cumberland, England, the world's first operative nuclear power station and other great reactors now built or building in various parts of the United Kingdom.

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## HELPFUL "ROBOTS" OF TODAY

FIGHTING back at the popular notion that science is a monster, Professor John Cohen, of the University of Manchester, criticised the film industry for its science-fictional Frankensteins and Draculas which created an image of a sinister force bent on destroying mankind. He thrilled this audience with a picture of today's helpful "robots",

ultra-rapid computers, artificial satellites, machines that translate and talk, and entire factories automated.

The chemist's contribution to good living was amusingly portrayed by Dr. James Taylor, of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. He told how the modern man now does his 100 miles (160 kilometres) an hour along a motorway in a fibre-glass-polyester automobile propelled by



Viscount Kilmuir

*The Lord Chancellor, Viscount Kilmuir, was the chief representative of the United Kingdom government at the celebrations in connection with the independence of Nigeria on October 1.*

high octane fuel. His car radio set is transistorised with high-purity germanium and silicon, and he reclines on a polyvinol-chloride upholstered seat, gently supported on polyurethane foams. His lady friend is clad in acrylonitrile and polyethylene-terephthaltae. With false teeth of polymethylmethacrylate, they eat sandwiches from polyethelene packs.

Well, as long as the scientists understand each other, what does it matter? And, talking of food, the

University of Oxford zoologist, Sir Alister Hardy, created a stir with his forecast of fish farms on the ocean bed. Fishermen of the future, he said, may be frogmen working tractor trawls. They would weed out creatures that take food from more valuable fish. The pests themselves might be converted into poultry food. Research had shown that if a quarter of such pests were eliminated, the fishing grounds would support ten times the quantity of fish they do today.

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## DELICACIES FROM THE SEA-BED

LESS is known about the sea-bed than the face of the moon, according to Dr. C. E. Lucas, fisheries research chief at Aberdeen (Scotland) Marine Laboratory. He told how scientific sea-bed farming could bring tasty new delicacies to the table, like the arctic capelin and Atlantic blue whiting.

While waiting for blue whiting, how about a meal of plant leaves? This is not so absurd as it sounds, to judge from experiments described by Dr. Roland Harper of the University of Leeds in Yorkshire, England. Plant leaves not ordinarily fit to eat may help solve the world's protein shortage, he said. Britain's scientists have discovered ways of preparing a freeze-dried leaf protein with a taste midway between spinach and the odour of hay. He admitted this was not to everyone's taste, but said the addition of exotic flavourings was being considered.

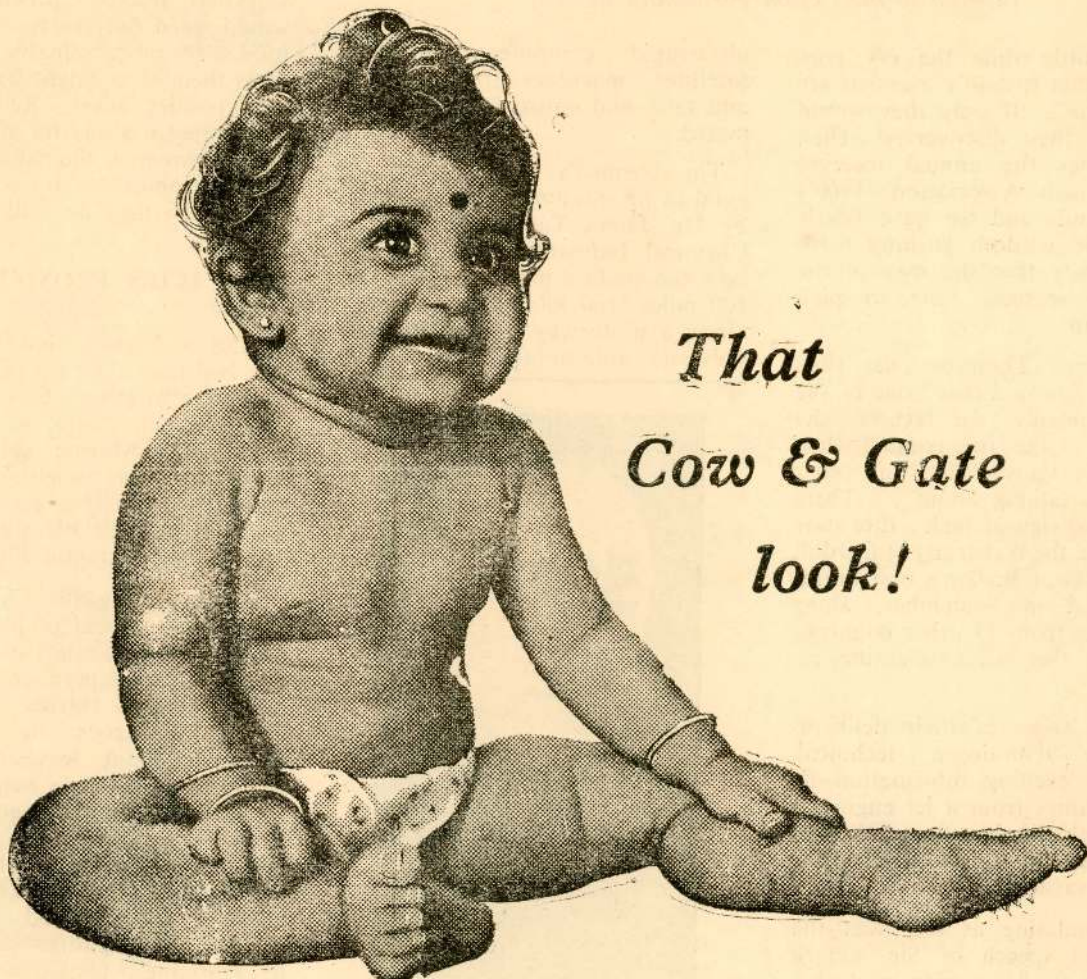
And now for underwear you can plug into a battery or electric power point to keep warm. Details were given by Dr. H. S. Woolf of Britain's National Institute of Medical Research. The idea began with experimental copper-wire vests to measure the skin temperature of Arctic explorers. Then they were adapted for sailors and airmen. Now, with one copper wire for every five strands of artificial fibre, electrical vests, pants and socks can be used by all who hate cold, especially sufferers from rheumatism.

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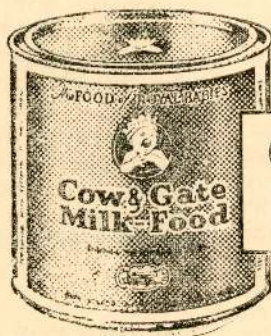
A man who, incidentally, can get along without warmed underclothing, is that tough young Canadian. 23-years-old Helge Jensen. While the British Association was

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## OLD TRAVELLERS AND OUR TREES

—BY G. V. G.—  
(Fortnightly Review Special)

TO return to the observations recorded by travellers of old regarding our trees in the last issue of the *Fortnightly*, let us now start with "Devils' Trees". These are mentioned by Heydt, who says they were also called "Pitsjar" by the Dutch. Baldeus uses only the former term "duyvels-boomen". The tree in question is our well-known Banyan (*Ficus indicus*). Its aerial roots particularly interested Heydt. "From the branches there come down many threads as thin as string, and when such a thread reaches the earth it takes root and becomes a new trunk... They usually make a fine show, in that one trunk stands behind another, making as it were a colonnade... and 1, 2 or even 3000 can stand below some of them". Baldeus' interest in the tree arose from the fact that in some parts of the island "Elephants' heads" made of wood or stone used to be hung on the branches, since the people "pay much adoration to the head of an elephant, to acquire wisdom". He mentions this practice in connection with "things intended as offerings to the demons"—which possibly explains why the Dutch (or perhaps the Portuguese first) chose the term "Devils' trees". To most residents of Ceylon and to tourists the tree which forms an arch across the Galle Road at Kalutara must be well known, but for grandeur, at least in Colombo, the three Thomian giants which still ennoble the site of the old College at Mutwal would be hard to beat.

THE Jak tree also greatly impressed Heydt and particularly the fact that "the fruit hangs from the stem of the tree and on the thick branches... It is wonderful", he reflects, "how in this matter Nature has known how well to act, since these fruit are so large that one of them is almost a full load for a man." The use of the kernels he also mentions. "They were often boiled and eaten with salt and are equally good baked, being used instead of comfits with tea, tasting like roasted chestnuts." Jak timber he says "is much better and stronger than our oak." Knox too fully praises the tree

"which we call Jacks." He knew its three stages of "Polos, War-racha or Vellas and Cose". He also mentions the "white thick substance which comes running out when they cut these Jacks." This is, of course, to use the vernacular term, "Kohella", but Knox quaintly calls it "Cola or bloud of the Cos." He mentions its use as birdlime and also adds that "some mix this with the flower (flour) of Rice and it will eat as eggs!"

THE unusual uses to which some trees were put also interested both Knox and Heydt. The former was so impressed by the Tali-pot Palm leaf that he took with him to England a section of it. "The whole leaf will cover some 15 or 20 men... it is round almost like a circle but being cut in pieces for use are near like unto a triangle... it will fold close like a ladies' fan... Soldiers all carry them... "A marvellous Mercy", he reverently adds, "which 'Almighty God has bestowed upon this poor and naked people in this Rainy Country". He also refers to the fact that "they write not on Paper, for of that they have little or none, but on a Talli-pot leaf, with an Iron Bodkin." Another palm which greatly interested Knox was the Areca. He particularly refers to the "skin" of the spathe from which protrudes the branch. It was "like unto Leather... and serves them instead of basons to eat their Rice in... In these skins they can tie up any liquid substance as Oyl or water, doubling it in the middle and rowling in the two sides almost like a purse."

HEYDT was impressed by the use of Bamboos for bridges, "which consist only of a number of bamboo canes fastened side by side," resting sometimes on "poor piles", sometimes on coconut trunks, but often "on nothing at all." He had unpleasant recollections of one in particular which had "no pile or pier on which it could rest but was made fast with a few Rottings

(i.e. rattans) to the boughs and branches of two tall trees... it began to move not a little up and down, and also to swing to and fro. Everyone must needs shudder who went over it"!

To go back to Knox, he had often on his journeys to drink from "Ponds of Rain Water wherein the cattel lie and tumble." "Violent Feavours and Agues" resulted, but "at length", says he, "we learned an Antidote... It is only a dry leaf; they call it in Portuguese *Banga*, beaten to Powder with some of the Country Jaggory." It is a safe guess that this leaf was the *cannabis indica*, popularly known as "Indian Shot", from which is produced in India the stupefying drug called "Bhang".

KNOX also makes interesting reference to "a Berry somewhat like an Olive... They make use of it for physic in purges; and also to dye black colour." He calls it the "Orula", which was apparently only his way of spelling "Aralu" i.e. Gall Nut, (*Terminalia chebula*). He adds that the crushed fruit "after it has been soaking a day or two changeth the water that it looks like Beer" and that "any rusty Iron by a whole night in it will become bright". Here's a tip for our Department of Industries! Why not prepare and market "Robert Knox's Rust Remover?"

NEITHER Knox nor Heydt curiously enough mentions "Snakewood", to which Baldeus devotes much space. He also calls it "Snake-root" and "Snake-stone". "It was used in various disorders... particularly useful for the bite of snakes... it was discovered through a small animal which is the natural enemy of snakes and when bitten cures itself, they say, by partaking of the Snake wood. It is called by the Sinhalese *nay lelli* (i.e. Snake-bark)." Mac-Millan does not particularly describe this plant but only calls it *Ophioxylon serpentinum*. The British Encyclopaedia gives "mongoose plant" as one of its names, Mongoose is, of course, Baldeus' "Small animal".



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# LATIN AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTRUMENT

—By L. W. De SILVA—

(Former President of the Classical Association of Ceylon)

THERE is a strong case for Latin as an educational instrument. The irregular verbs and the gerunds which we learnt at school with much care and drudgery no longer linger with us. They have done their duty and have gone, leaving with us something which it is not easy to describe without taking a conspectus of the Roman achievement. That achievement is mainly a standard of conduct, which is the aim and object of education. By education is meant "in its deepest sense, the conversion of the whole mind from the shows and shadows of the changing world to the eternal realities." You may well ask whether the same result cannot be reached through translations. The answer is no. To understand and make a discriminating estimate of the Latin race, to test the validity of their language, direct contact with their works is essential. Translations are only externals. At their best, they convey only a languid eloquence reflecting the age in which they were made.

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THE suppleness of the Latin language makes it a perfect instrument of expression. But Latin is not taught merely to provide a mental training. Notice, however, must be taken of the claim that no other subject, except Greek, is able to bestow in the same degree the four qualities of lucidity, precision, order, and balance. It must be observed that these play their part in practical life. By lucidity is meant an avoidance of verbosity, which only the habit of clear thinking can eliminate. Precision is that degree of accuracy which produces an impartial handling of any problem, and the result is conciseness and coherence. Order is the method of arrangement by which the irrelevant is discarded. By balance is meant the avoidance of extremism, for which the Greek motto is '*Nothing in Excess*.' These qualities cannot be ignored because the normal result is a standard, by which is meant a sense of values. All things considered, it is a sense of values which establishes a tradition of orderliness and stability, which provide the basis of good government and prosperity.

THERE are indeed other subjects such as mathematics which also help, for instance, to acquire precision. But there is this important difference: the study of Latin produces an alertness fostered in a linguistic environment. Such an atmosphere helps you to appreciate the nuances of the very language which you use as a medium for the study of Latin and leads you to the spontaneous use of idiomatic expression. Such study enables you to visualize, to see the humaner side of life. The remark of Oliver Wendell Holmes is worth attention in this context: "I have an immense respect for a man of talents plus the



Mr. L. W. de Silva

mathematics. But the calculating power alone should seem to be the least human of qualities, and to have the smallest amount of reason in it; since a machine can be made to do the work of three or four calculators and better than any one of them."

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LATIN opens the door to other languages, particularly Italian, French, Portuguese and Spanish, which are more easily learnt through a knowledge of Latin since they are directly derived from it. With the demand for Sinhala, there is a corresponding clamour in our country for English, more English and better English. That is because English is not the language of the Englishman alone. No one has so far openly proclaimed 'My native

English now I must forego.' If better English is necessary, Latin is necessary for a proper appreciation and handling of English. One cannot have an educated man's grasp of it without knowing Latin. It has been estimated that out of twenty thousand words most commonly used in written English, more than half that number are of Latin origin. This estimate does not take into the reckoning technical and scientific words. Latin, with the aid of Greek, is a base for new words throughout the world for finding expression for developments in science.

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YOU may ask of what advantage is Latin to those whose aim is to engage themselves in mercantile business. Such questions are asked on the assumption that those who join the ranks of commerce are not in need of the advantages gained from a study of Latin by persons in other walks of life. Latin, like many other things in life, is not for all and sundry. But it is without doubt an introduction to clear thinking. No man engaged in large commercial concerns will say that the sharpening of his powers of observation leading to orderly and logical thinking is unnecessary or irrelevant in his sphere of work. It is a mistake to suppose that the ultimate object of studying Latin is merely to enable one to translate the Roman writers into one's own language, though this in itself is an art and can be an undoubted pleasure. Nor should it be supposed, as it is generally thought, that the Roman authors wrote only of old unhappy, far-off things and battles long ago. If you want to join the medical profession or be a chemist, a knowledge of Latin is of immense help.

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LATIN is essential for the study of law. Our legal studies begin with Roman Law. It is one of the greatest legacies of the Latin race. Roman Law is the basic pattern of present day legal codes as being the art of the good and the fair. The Roman-Dutch Law which prevails in Ceylon is in Latin. Though a good part of the Roman-Dutch Law is now available in English translations, the ability to understand the text is of considerable importance in order to attain accuracy of thought.

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# THE PASSING SCENE

—BY SPHINX—

FAMILIARITY with the face of Colombo, it has just occurred to my mind, has dulled us somewhat and are less quick to perceive the substantial changes it has undergone. Largely, perhaps, a verdict passed upon the city by a visiting American—the story is probably apocryphal—still remains true: he said it was twice as big as the cemetery in his home town—and twice as dead! Even today, the dearth of “night spots” in Colombo seems a sore point with many tourists. But that is not the kind of thing I am thinking about.

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IF some long dead resident of the city should rise from the grave to re-visit his earthly haunts, he should find Colombo perhaps not a better place than he left it but certainly a different place. Gone are the long low one-storeyed buildings, with their wide cool verandhas—a relic probably of Dutch times. Colombo is still far from being a city of sky-scrappers, but the Fort does contain quite a few buildings of impressive heights, like the G.O.H. buildings (as they are still popularly known) and the Australia Building, but the most notable of them all is still rising—the building of the Ceylon Insurance Company Limited in the Fort which when completed will be 13—storeys high. Going to and fro in the Fort, one can notice daily—thanks to the ingenuity of the contractors, Messrs Walker, Sons & Co., Ltd.—the new height the building reaches progressively, for a prominent board displays both the height of the roof (when completed) and the height attained by the building so far.

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ANOTHER claim for distinction the edifice has is that the first escalator in Ceylon is being installed in the building. Already, I am told one can go up to the fourth floor by the escalator, which is under test. It is not, I believe, a common thing that builders pay some thought to preserving familiar landmarks of historical or other interest; normally, they are all demolished in the name of progress. The Ceylon Insurance Co., Ltd., deserves credit for leaving intact a squat round chamber which the tourist guides

tell you was where the last King of Kandy was held a prisoner ingloriously in Colombo before he was deported by the new masters of the country. A unique structure, indeed, which intrigues the imagination.

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IN the past fortnight a new advertising “gimmick” (new to Colombo, that is) made its appearance locally. Readers of a Sunday paper were asked the question: Have you seen this man? The man in question was “Earnest” of the Oscar Wilde comedy “The Importance of Being Earnest” which the Theatre Lovers were currently presenting. The story under the picture of “Earnest”, played by Andrew David, an amateur actor of no mean repute locally, had it that after the previous night’s performance, a note was discovered in his dressing room saying that he would not be available for the last four performances scheduled for the following week.

But there was “reliable information” that “Earnest” would be in the Fort between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on the following Tuesday and Wednesday and all an enterprising person had to do to win a prize of Rs. 100 was to tap him on the shoulder, inquire if he was “Earnest” and, on receiving an answer in the affirmative, conduct him to Producer Wendy Whatmore. A planter, on a business visit to the Fort last Tuesday, it was subsequently reported, did indeed run down the mysterious “Earnest” to earth and win the hundred rupees. I should hope the interest created by the “gimmick” made for full houses at the last four nights of the play.

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SPORT, in Ceylon as elsewhere, sometimes tends to be robust; or let us call a spade a spade and say rowdy. It is probably a sign of the times and reflects the general spirit of lawlessness which has been observed in recent years in Ceylon.

But a recent episode which attracted more than the usual amount of attention such incidents arouse occurred on the University grounds

at Peradeniya during an athletic meet among teacher training colleges. In another subsequent incident at Panadura the judges were manhandled.

The Peradeniya incident serves to throw light on a mental attitude which seems to be becoming common. A Sinhalese newspaper waxed indignant at the suspension on the spot (by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education) of four teacher trainees, who, it appears, belonged to a swabasha training college. The newspaper columnist bitterly criticised the top official’s action as reflecting the snobbery of the English-educated and went on to say that, in fact, the trouble was caused by discrimination by judges and organisers against the swabasha schools.

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THIS was too good an opportunity to be missed and a Member of Parliament, a noted chauvinist, raised the matter on the adjournment motion at a meeting of the House of Representatives last week. and—this is an interesting sidelight on politicians in office—the Education Minister announced that a member of the Ceylon Civil Service having no connexion with the Education Department (apparently the department was suspect after the Permanent Secretary gave short shrift to the culprits) had been detailed to hold a special and solemn inquiry!

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TAME astrologers backed the wrong political party to win the July general election in Ceylon. Their forecast that a certain party would sweep the polls was hopelessly belied by subsequent events. Now Nemesis stalks the astrologers. Believe it or not, a posposal has been made to the present Government (the aforesaid astrologers forecast that the SLFP, now in power would be ingloriously beaten at the polls) that astrological forecasts of election results should be prohibited by law! We take our politics seriously too!



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# POPULAR CAPITALISM

By JOHN KINGSLEY

(Fortnightly Review Special)

ONE of the traditional fears of economists and financiers has been that, with more equal distribution of income, private industry might find itself increasingly starved of capital. Once a growing proportion of national wealth started to flow to the lower-income groups, the argument ran, a greater proportion of it would be spent on consumer goods because poorer people have more pressing needs and no tradition of saving—and any savings that were made would tend to flow into non-industrial channels such as building societies, National and Post Office savings and so on. The flow of money into the Stock Exchange for investment in industry therefore, it was argued, would tend to dry up.

In Britain until a few years ago such a view seemed a plausible one. Now it appears extraordinarily outdated.

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## UNPRECEDENTED BOOM

THE national income has become much more evenly distributed since the war and an increasing proportion of the nation's wealth is flowing into the pockets of a class which is traditionally non-saving and particularly non-industrial investors. But this trend has coincided with a boom in almost all types of personal and contractual saving and particularly with an unprecedented boom in industrial investment through the Stock Exchange. The amount of new money flowing into industrial investment is far greater than ever before and there is little evidence of any shortage of risk capital.

How is this to be explained? First, as people's living standards have risen, the margin they are prepared to devote to saving has also risen. The boom in hire purchase transactions and private house-buying has led to a big increase in contractual saving.

Another major source of increased savings has been the growth of insurance schemes in industry. A significant proportion of the savings accumulated in insurance companies has in turn been invested in

private industry. The growing importance of "institutional" investment in industry (not confined to insurance companies) is one of the characteristic features of modern company finance.

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## NO LONGER A PRESERVE

BUT the savings of the "small man" are going into industrial equities in other ways than through the insurance companies. There is a large growing amount of direct investment in industry by people with comparatively modest incomes. The Stock Exchange has ceased to be regarded entirely as a preserve of well-to-do capitalists. The "small investor" is playing an increasing part there. One reason for this is the growth of financial journalism. Another and more powerful factor has been the prolonged appreciation in share values which has resulted from the post-war boom. In the three years alone, for example, the last market value of all shares quoted on the Stock Exchange has risen by no less than 36 per cent.

The attractions of industrial investment have been enhanced by the relatively poor performance of Government and other fixed-interest securities in the post-war period as a result of inflation. The old view that industrial equities were a comparatively risky form of investment is now obsolete where well-known firms are concerned.

The result is a much more widely diffused ownership of shares in industry than has ever existed in the past. Recent unofficial estimates have suggested that there may be as many as 2,000,000 separate shareholders in Britain—and the number is steadily growing.

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## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

IT is known that 36 large British companies with a total equity capital of just under £700,000,000 have between them nearly 1,250,000 separate share accounts with an average par value of around £559 each. Of course, if a single shareholder held investments in several of these 36 companies (as no doubt

times in these calculations, since each account is listed separately. In other words, because the average share account is worth £559 at par, it does not follow that the average shareholder who invests in these 36 companies has only this amount invested in industry. He probably has a larger investment split among different companies. But this does not alter the fact that share ownership is becoming much more widely diffused. The growth in the unit trust and investment trust movement has played a big part in channelling small savings into industry, thereby providing it with a new source of capital in a more egalitarian society. These trusts enable the small investor to spread his risks and provide him with the technical expertise he may lack.

On a more informal basis, the growth of private investment clubs has tended to perform the same function on a more "do-it-yourself" basis. Certainly, the implications of this growth of "popular capitalism" both for industry and for society at large should not be under-rated.

## THE ECHO SATELLITE Appears Directly Over Ceylon

THE Echo satellite, America's huge telecommunications balloon, appeared as the second brightest star in the sky recently when it passed directly over Ceylon early in the evening. Echo reached a position almost directly overhead at 8-27 p.m., where it was plainly visible to the naked eye among the mist and stars.

In Colombo world famous author and astronomer, Arthur S. Clarke, and many others reported sighting the space traveller which moved across the horizon from west to east at about the speed of a slow moving airplane. According to Mr. Clarke, the succeeding nights were to provide viewers in Ceylon with an excellent opportunity to see the satellite, provided that the sky was not cloudy.

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Mr. Menon took the opportunity to call on the Prime Minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, and convey to her greetings from Mr. Nehru. He also met leaders of parties in Parliament and renewed acquaintance with old colleagues of his Indian League days in London like Dr. N. M. Perera and Mr. T. B. Subasinghe.

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AMONG the many Ceylonese who left the Island by the "Oronsay", bound for Australia on Friday, 23rd September, was Mr. G. O. Nicholas, Lawn Tennis Champion of Ceylon in 1930 and 1931, and Mrs. Nicholas, well-known former teacher at C.M.S. Ladies College and St. Paul's, Milagiriya, who are on a visit to their daughter in Melbourne. They may decide to settle there if they find the climate to their liking.

Mr. Nicholas was an Appraiser of H. M. Customs at one time and later Assistant Controller of Imports when ill-health led to his early retirement. Thirty years ago "Bunny" Nicholas was a champion lawn tennis player and in successive years not only annexed the Ceylon Title at Nuwara Eliya but also won the Men's Doubles event in 1931 with Oscar Pinto as his partner.



Mr. G. O. Nicholas

We can recall Nicholas' brilliant achievements during that period when he had several formidable rivals like J. B. McLachlan, C. H. Gunasekera, Hildon Sansoni, G. M. Rennie, afterwards Governor of Kenya, the de Sarams and Pinto, who was then hardly the great player he used to be. Gunasekera put up a grand fight in the final, which ran into five sets. One of those who witnessed that final made this remark: "Nicholas' victory from so strong a field in 1931 was a very fine achievement—a pigmy in a field of giants, but a pigmy with a straight eye, clever head and useful hands."

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MR. Travis Meynert, who was in the Forest Department for many years and retired some months

ago, also travelled on the "Oronsay", accompanied by Mrs. Meynert, and means to settle in Australia. Mrs. Meynert's father, Mr. Albert Pate, to whom reference was made in a recent issue of the *Fortnightly*, was on the same ship.

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DR. R. L. Hayman, Headmaster of St. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa, and Mrs. Hayman are expected back in Ceylon by the "Chusan" on October 18th, after a pleasant furlough spent in the Far East, America and the United Kingdom. On this holiday they have met many of their friends mostly old Thomians. Writing on the eve of their return to the Island one who has been intimately associated with the Haymans for many years pays the following well deserved tribute to their valuable services to St. Thomas' at Mount Lavinia and Gurutalawa:

"The valuable work of Dr. Hayman has never wavered. He has gone unflinchingly forward with a faith and hope that what we are trying to build here is worth living for, and if need be, worth dying for too! From the material point of view, in whichever way you turn, you will find tangible memorials of his own unstinting generosity—swimming bath, senior dormitories, the Headmaster's bungalow. But it is not in the material way you will find his greatest monument. He lives in the hearts and lives of Thomians near and far, not only of Gurutalawa, but of Mount Lavinia too. He is affectionately remembered as a devoted teacher of science, as Housemaster of Miller, as a scouter, as sub-Warden and as the Headmaster and architect of the school life of Gurutalawa. It might further be claimed for him that he is the founder and inspiration not only of St. Thomas' swimming, but of swimming in Ceylon. His capacity for work is amazing."

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IN Mrs. Hayman, he has a partner who has identified herself with the life of the school. Her work as a nursing sister is known to all and is a benefit to the village as well as the school, but much of the lay-out of the compound with its lawns and flowering trees, derives from her, as well as the smooth running of our domestic life. We salute them both today on their return after their well deserved

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Mr. W. T. Greswell writes:-

THE cricket season now being but a memory, and not a very pleasant one at that, I am rather at a loss for subject matter for my monthly letter. I shall in future write to you occasionally as news of any interest to your readers, and of a type which is in my line, becomes available.

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"NEXT week (October 7th), I am again taking the Chair at the annual dinner of the Horn Club at the East India and Sports Club in London. As you may remember we are indebted to Wilfred Rettie for this pleasant annual function, for it is he who, as Dinner Secretary, goes to such pains to collect a good and representative gathering.

"I do not know whether the Horn Club is still active in Ceylon, but I rather doubt it. The traditions of the Club hardly fit in with modern Ceylon. To me personally memories of Ceylon are of a happy and prosperous country, so I am prepared to rest on these memories alone.

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"THE rainy weather which ruined July and August has not yet left us. It is pouring as I write this and it is getting colder. One may be grateful for Television during the longer and darker evenings, also an armchair and a warm fire.

"I am faced with some rather important Committee work for the Somerset County Cricket Club, as we, in common with other countries, are heavily, 'in the red' financially after a season of bad weather, poor gates and the ever increasing loss of interest in the game.

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"I regard the future with great apprehension. Next year there may be a revival of interest because of the visit here of the Australians, but after 1961 I am sure the 'red light' will be there for all to see. Cricket can become an attraction once more only if the entire game is remodelled on revolutionary lines.

This means a complete revision of the rules and drastic alterations to make the game more exciting."

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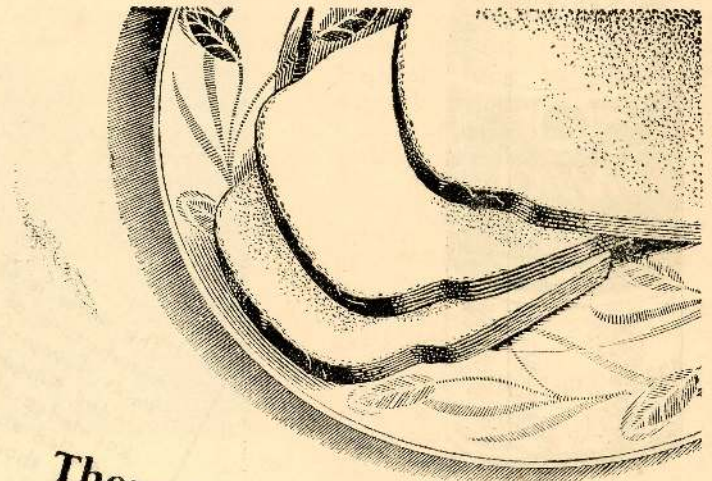
MRS. Betty Hunsworth, so well known in Ceylon, her adopted home for over thirty years, is at present on a visit to America, having left the Island shortly after the death of her husband early this year. This is her first visit to the States, where she has many friends, and it must have given her much pleasure to meet the members of the editorial staff of the "Christian Science Monitor", the journal she has been contributing to regularly for many years on Ceylon topics. Mrs. Hunsworth is, of course, well known to readers of the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* as "Felicity" and she has also written largely over her initials "B.H." since its inception thirteen years ago. Writing from Boston, Mass., recently, she says she expects to be back in Ceylon by Christmas.

MR. Peter Rust, the well known former Ceylon merchant, who is living in retirement in East London, South Africa, spent the summer months in England witnessing some of the matches played in London by the South African team. He also met several of his old Ceylon friends and greatly enjoyed his holiday. He is now back in South Africa.

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A thesis on tropical neurasthenia, has won for Dr. Ernest Soysa, consultant neuro-psychiatrist in Ceylon to the British army, navy and air force, the Joan Hunter prize of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. Dr. Soysa's research covered civilian as well as military cases recorded over a period of thirty years. Dr. Soysa is a former President of the medical section of the Ceylon Association for the advancement of Science and a

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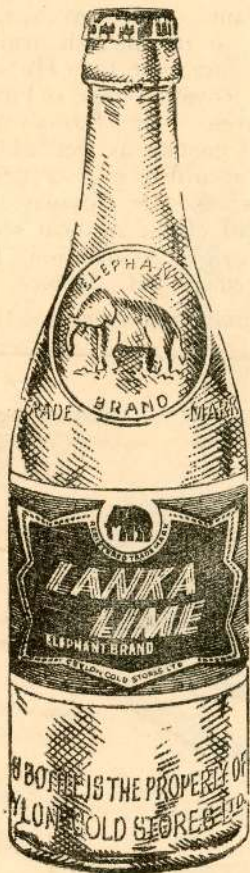
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## LIGHTER INTERLUDES

— BY "TWEEDLEDUM" —

YOU may agree with W. S. Gilbert's quip that anyone who searched for "jocularities that haven't yet been used embarks on a quixotic enterprise and a hopeless adventure." Why? Because "the world has joked incessantly for over fifty centuries, and every joke that's possible has long ago been made."

AND yet when you turn the pages of a magazine or dip into an anthology of ancient jests and modern instances, you are apt to come across something that is new to you at least. It is my intention in resuming this *Fortnightly* feature to present you with sundry jokes and jollities which seem to me to have all the freshness of new-laid eggs. Let us hope that readers will not find some of them distastefully stale.

A schoolboy was asked to use the word "archaic" in a sentence. He wrote: "We can't eat archaic and have it."

And then there was the lad who had a dog named Ben. When it had puppies he re-named it Ben Hur.

WHEN a very old man's lawyer learned that his client had unexpectedly inherited a million rupees, he thought the news should be broken gently to the veteran, who had a weak heart. So he said as softly as he could, after discussing the bad weather: "Mr. Perera, what would you say if I told you that you had inherited ten lakhs?"

"Say?" snapped the old man. "Why, you idiot, I'd say half of it goes to you."

The lawyer dropped dead.

SAID a bright young socialite to a friend at a garden party: "I see your husband now wears a sherwani."

"He always did," said her friend. "It's a new husband."

A clerk at a Kandy bookshop told a Peradeniya undergraduate: "Here's a book that will do half your work for you."

"Fine", said the student. "Give me two of them."

WHAT do you think?" said the old maid excitedly. "When I was standing on a balcony to see a State drive, the Duke actually waved to me."

"Time you got a permanent wave," said her sharp-tongued niece.

DRAMATIC critics sometimes "kill" a play produced by local amateurs. But not one of them has yet produced so devastating as a certain London critic's review of a play called "Dreadful Night." His only comment was: "Exactly."

ALL I've got available", said the hotel clerk to the film comedians Abbott and Costello, "is a bridal suite. Do you, Abbott, take it?"

"I do," said Abbott.

"Do you, Costello, take it too?"

"I do," said Costello.

The clerk thrust the register at them and declared: "I now pronounce you room and bath".

ASPIRING Playwright: "I can't tell you how long I've laboured on this manuscript; polishing a scene here, adding a line there, eliminating scenes and adding new characters."

Producer: "What a pity! All work—and no play".

IF you refuse me", vowed the ardent lover on bended knee, "I shall die".

She refused him, and he died fifty-two years later.

HERE are two stories about poets. One wrote a poem entitled "Why do I live?" He sent it to an Editor who returned it with this note: "You live because you didn't bring your poem here in person".

A famous woman poet wrote a poem beginning with the words: "My soul is a lighthouse keeper." The printer set up the line to read: "My soul is a lighthouse keeper".

A Lodge meeting had to be postponed one night. The reason given by the hall porter was that "the Supreme Exalted Invincible Unlimited Sixty-ninth Degree Potentate's wife just wouldn't let him come".

AT the end of a cocktail party one of the guests was heard muttering to himself: "I am not under the influence of incohol, as some tinkle peep I am. I'm not half as drunk as you might drink, But the drunker I stand here the longer I get...."

AT a military funeral the aged mother of the deceased fainted as the final volley was fired. "My God", shouted a little boy, "They've shot Grandma".

COLONEL Y.: "It has just come to my knowledge lieutenant, that last night you were so drunk that you walked through the main road pushing a wheelbarrow".

Lieutenant Z.: "Yes sir, sorry, sir. But I may remind you, sir, that you were in that wheelbarrow."

THREE deaf old gentlemen were in a railway carriage on the way to London. The one nearest the carriage window looked out when the train came to a standstill. "It's Wembley", he said.

The second man shook his head. "No, Thursday", he replied.

"Thirsty?" said the third deaf man.

"So am I. Let's all go out and have a drink".

I know the kind of man you're looking for," George complained to his dream girl, Millie. "If I were only rich you'd accept me fast enough".

Millie smiled slyly. "You know, George," she remarked, "that's the nicest compliment I have ever received. It's most flattering".

"You think it's flattering to be called a gold-digger?"

"Exactly," the girl replied. "All the other fellows tell me how beautiful, how graceful, how charming I am. But you're the first one to give me credit for having a little commonsense".



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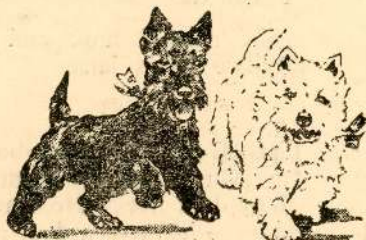


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# ART, MUSIC & DRAMA

— By "LYRICUS" —

THE Art Centre Club is sponsoring a joint concert by the Symphony Orchestra of Ceylon with Sir Steuart Wilson as conductor, and the Catholic Choral Society under the baton of Dr. Earle de Fonseka. Sir Steuart, who is in Ceylon as Music Examiner for the Trinity College of Music (he has been the BBC Overseas Service's Music Director, overall head of the BBC's music section, and Music Director of the Arts Council of Great Britain and was a professional singer from 1912-1939), has reduced the number of players of the Orchestra, and recent rehearsals have provided some disciplined and sensitive performances. Incidentally, playing in the orchestra is Lady Wilson, who is an accomplished cellist, and recently delighted the audience at a private concert with, among other works, a Sonata by Shostakovitch.

At the concert, which will be on October 25, at the Lionel Wendt Theatre, the Orchestra will play Bach's Fifth Brandenburg Concerto (with three "solo" instruments—piano, violin and flute), two of Boyce's charming little Symphonies and a Mozart suite.

The Catholic Choral Society will sing the eloquent Palestrina Magnificat with which they thrilled a large audience at an earlier concert. Its conductor, Dr. de Fonseka, who is well known as a pianist and a violinist, has already had some experience with the baton; in fact he conducted part of the last concert by the Catholic Choral Society.

NEW works by Donald Friend, the well known artist, who has made Ceylon his home for many years now, were on exhibition at the German Cultural Institute in Colombo from September 29 to October 1. The main feature of the exhibition were sculptures done in aluminium, a material only recently discovered to be suitable, for works of art, by the artist. The exhibition was opened by the German Ambassador for Ceylon, Dr. T.M. Auer, at a reception on September 28. A special preview for the press was held a day earlier

A warm welcome was given to the new and young group of amateurs who made their debut at the Wendt Theatre recently, and the warmth of the welcome was fully deserved, for they showed great enthusiasm and held out a promise of being an asset to the local theatre world.

They call themselves "The Theatre Lovers" and chose for their first performance that sparkling comedy by Oscar Wilde, "The Importance of Being Earnest", the popularity of which in Ceylon among actors and play-goers shows no sign of waning. Produced by Wendy Whatmore, it was in the nature of a tribute to her late father, Mr. Justice de Kretser, who inspired the inauguration of the group. It was, she said in a note, his firm conviction that such a group would go from strength to strength, and judging from their first production, I should say he was right.

With the exception of two or three of the players, the cast was composed of newcomers, quite a few of them extremely young and talented. Susanna Van Langenberg, daughter of the Permanent Secretary W. J. A. Van Langenberg, is only fifteen, Anne Loos is 16 and Rosemary D'Abrera, 17, but their acting belied their age.

Among those already known, Chris Greet, and Andrew David, always a polished and successful actor, added to their laurels.

The cast were: Lane (Carlyle Perera) Algernon Moncrief (Chris Greet), Jack (Rosemary D'Abrera), Miss Prism (Rhona Candappa), Dr. Chasuble (L. Olagasegaram) and Merriman (Travis Perera).

CEYLON has been selected as the country for this year's annual exhibition of paintings at the South London Art Gallery in connection with the Caberwell Borough Council's United Nations celebrations. The exhibition is to be held from October 23 to November 19. For the past three years the exhibition organisers have chosen one of the leading painting countries of Europe, France, Holland and Italy, appearing in that order. The exhibitions are of high quality and have become a notable event in the round of London exhibitions. Ceylon, say the organisers, has perhaps the most vital modern

art movement in the East and has been selected as the first Commonwealth country to participate in the series.

THE Ceylon exhibition will illustrate the development of painting from as far back as the fifth century. New ground will be broken by showing not only traditional and modern paintings by established artists but also the work of some particularly talented students and children.

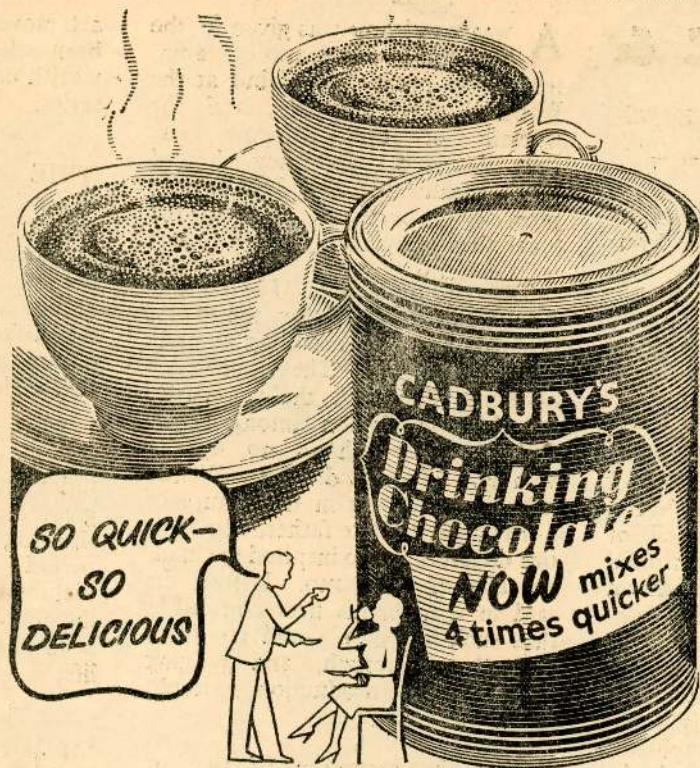
The exhibition will not represent all the notable painters of Ceylon today, nor will it illustrate fully the great periods of the past. But, by showing examples typical of each period, it will aim at creating a picture of Ceylon as a country where the practice of painting has always been an important part of national life.

"GOING to press" time prevented a review in our last issue of the excellent presentation by the International Theatre Group, at the Lionel Wendt Theatre, of Aldous Huxley's "The Gioconda Smile," incidentally something the ITG had wanted to produce for some time. "The Gioconda Smile," as is known, first appeared in a collection of short stories entitled "Mortal Coils" and was later elaborated and adapted for the stage, and produced at the New Theatre in London in 1948, in Paris in 1949 and in New York in the following year. One hardly has to point out what the theme owes to Leonardo da Vinci's immortal painting, the "Mona Lisa", with its mysterious smile, the sitter being Neapolitan wife of Zanobi del Gioconda.

THE following were the cast: Henry Hutton (Mike Calthrop) Janet Spence (Marjorie Jayasuriya), Nurse Braddock (Jenny Peirson) Clara (June Ray), Doris Mead (Scarlett Hanibalsz), Dr. Libbard (Karl Goonesena), General Spence (Llewellyn Nagel), and the two warders (Ted Ray and John Dominy)

Marjorie Jayasuriya brought to her role a competence that has rarely been seen, and possibly unequalled, on the amateur stage in Colombo. If any single member of the cast could be said to have been outstanding in a performance of uniform excellence, it was she.

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# A SPORTS CAUSERIE

—By "ITINERANT"—

## ALL-INDIA RUGBY TOURNAMENT.

**E**IGHT teams challenged for the All-India Rugby tournament trophy this year, held in Madras. Heavy rains preceded the start of the tournament proper, making the heavy South India and Calcutta teams joint favourites.

In the first round, South India, on the bit most of the way, had an easy time of it against the Bengal Tigers, winning 19-3. The first 'upset' came when the nippy Armenians qualified to meet South India by out-running Bombay 9-0, in a rough, tough game little removed from a brawl. Three men were injured in the rough housing.

The next day Ceylon's challenge was seen. The Ceylon Combined Services met the holders, Calcutta, and went down fighting 14-5, playing a man short most of the game—Van Twest, their star three-quarter, was injured early in the match. Phil Spark, who starred in Colombo for the CH & FC a couple of seasons back, was the man responsible for Calcutta's victory. The Services scored through wing-forward Desmond Ephraims, the try being converted by skipper Larry Foenander, making a come-back to the game.

The fourth semi-finalists were the Ceylon RFU XV, who made a scoring procession of it in their match against the Islanders, a Madras city scratch team. Ceylon won as they liked, scoring 48 points (6 goals, 5 tries and a drop) to the Islanders' penalty. Stars of the Ceylon victory were back-row forwards Jacobs, Cader and Conrad, Ephraims—the latter helping himself to three tries—whose fast backing-up and break-throughs were a feature of the game. Maralande at stand-off, wing three-quarter Lorenz Pereira and centre-three Burrows, a last minute choice, were others who caught the eye.

**T**HE semi finals produced two thrilling matches. The first was won by South India who, just beat the smaller Armenian team in the last minute of over-time. This was a rough and tumble game which

was kept in control by some good blowing by referee Malcolm Wright of Ceylon, who appeared to be the best arbiter on the spot.

Ceylon met Calcutta in the other semi-final, the best game of the tournament, and went under by a penalty goal to nil. From the word go, Ceylon looked more of an attacking team and play for the most part was in Calcutta territory. But this injury-hit XV just could not score and the lack of a place-kicker (one out injured and the other acting as touch judge) told in the final analysis, three easy penalties being wasted.

In the final of the tourney Calcutta prevailed over South India in two penalties to one in a game played for fifty minutes in torrential rain that marred it all.

Consolation came in the Seven-a-side tournament when both Ceylon teams made the finals easily and there the "B" beat the "A" 15-10.

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## NEW ZEALAND HOCKEY TEAM DEFEAT CEYLON

**T**HE New Zealand Olympic hockey team, after finishing fifth in the Games, played Ceylon on their way back home and won by three goals to nil. Ceylon had far more of the game than the precision-passing, speedy Kiwis. She had at least ten chances at goal, four of them with the goalie completely out of position, and she had at least half a dozen penalty corners. Yet the fast dribbling Ceylon forwards could not score even one goal.

New Zealand on the other hand, had only five clear chances at goal and they made three of them good. Beaten though Ceylon were, they played well to justify our faith in the future of the game.

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## THE PAKISTAN EAGLETS

**T**HE Pakistan Eaglets ended their brief tour of Ceylon on the brightest note of the fortnight when they drew with a C. C. A. eleven that was struggling all the way. The Ceylon selectors for this three-day fixture first chose a team of old

faces, many of whom subsequently dropped out and were replaced by players of the same category.

On a rain-sodden wicket, Pakistan's early batsmen ran into form on the first day, Test-player Ijaz Butt's 54 being the highlight of the 121 for 3 score. On the next day schoolboy Iqba. (42) and skipper Shuji-ud-din (40) were the only two to offer resistance, and the innings closed for 184. Paceman S. de Alwis took 4 for 51, Priya Perera 3 for 26 and skipper C. I. Gunasekera 2 for 36.

The C.C.A. in their turn were all at sea against Test bowler S. F. Rehman's spin and flight and ended the day at 129 for 8, only L. Rodrigo (52) and C. I. Gunasekera (35) offering resistance. When Rodrigo was run out, this appeared to affect his captain and what began as a promising partnership found both batsmen back in the pavilion within a short time of each other. Rehman's figures were 5 for 61.

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**W**ITH the C.C.A. declaring at their overnight total, the third day's play promised much. Pakistan declared at 145 for 7 when Polonowita (3 for 38) promised to run through the side. Butt (67) and Iqbal (27 not out) once again showed their class. Ceylon were given 145 minutes to get 201 for victory and when they were 54 for 4, rain stopped play for the day, thus marring what might have been a thrilling finish. R. Perera (24) and C. I. Gunasekera (19 not out) were mainly responsible for Ceylon's total.

Poor attendance marked all three days of a match, in which Ceylon's fielding was extremely poor and her batting totally unsuited to the seriousness of three-day cricket.

The previous week-end found the Club champions, the S.S.C., hosts to the Eaglets in their second match of the tour. Accurate Eaglets bowling (Shuja-ud-din 4 for 61) limited the S.S.C. to 179. C. H. Gunasekera 45, L. Rodrigo 29, S. de Alwis 25 and R. B. Wijesinghe 31 not out. In reply R. B. Wijesinghe (4 for 38) bundled out the Eaglets for 132, Rana 31, and G. Butt 23, offering the only resistance. The S.S.C. then played out time, scoring 25 for 1.

## A SPORTS CAUSERIE

## "SARA" TROPHY

ON this same week-end, the "Sara" Trophy cricket championships got under way with the first division match between the Varsity and Moratuwa, the former gaining first innings points, thanks to Priya Perera's all-round display. Perera's 66 helped the Varsity to total 173. Then taking 3 for 25 together with N. Chanmugam's, 3 for 42, he helped limit Moratuwa to 151. Batting again, the Varsity scored 126 for 4 at close, H. I. K. Fernando scoring 75.

ON the following week-end the Moors batted on and on to score 357 for 5 before declaring. The result was that they could not gain a decision off Moratuwa, who at close had made 144 for 4. Moors' skipper Assim scored the first century of the season, 145 not out, and he was well supported by M. Shaharwadie (69) and Bobby Ghose (76). S. Fonseka, (48 n.o.) and N. Senaratne (31) led the Moratuwa reply.

In a second division match, thanks to G. Gooneratne's 65 and S. R. S. Perera's 31 the Saracens 'B' totalled 156, but a 75 not out by D. Weerasinghe enabled Bloomfield (171) to gain first innings points. When play ended for the day the Saracens were in real trouble, being 15 for 4. Newcomer Norton had a 6 for 41 match-bag for the winners.

## AUSTRALIAN OLD COLLEGIANS

THE Australian Old Collegians played two unimpressive one-day cricket matches here. L. Rodrigo (63 n.o.) and R. Laurie (37 n.o.) enabled Laurie's XI to score 116 for 5 declared. R. B. Wijesinghe (3 for 2) had the Aussies in trouble, their score at close being 63 for 7.

Against the N.C.C. the Old Collegians were bundled out for 47—Salgado 3 for 10, Prins 3 for 7. The N.C.C. replied with 85 for 9 and 6 Old Collegian wickets had fallen for 68 at close.

## EISENHOWER GOLF TROPHY

THE United States took a long lead over teams from 31 other countries on the first day of the World Amateur Golf team Cham-

pionship, which commenced last Friday. The United States led by Jack Nicklaus, who went round in four under par—66—to beat the 36-year-old amateur course record, finished the day with a total of 208. Nine strokes behind the Americans were New Zealand and Mexico.

Ceylon, in last place, 63 strokes behind the United States, after the first round gained little ground in the second round when, Dr. Francis Silva returned 101, one stroke less than in the first round. Upali Senanayake lost his ball in a bunker at the tenth hole, then found it covered with sand and was told to dust away sufficient sand to allow him to hit the ball. He followed instructions, hit the ball smartly and, strange to say, two balls came flying out of the hole one of which he was allowed to keep.

In the first round scores of Ceylon's team were: Fernando 83, Senanayake 86 and Francis Silva 102. In the second round Fernando's score was 75, which was three strokes better than A. S. Malik's score for India.

Americh won the trophy, Ceylon was placed last.

## THE LATE JACK ANDERSON

ONE of Ceylon's most brilliant school batsmen of the early years of this century and later a prolific rungetter in the best class of Ceylon cricket was Jack Anderson who died a few weeks ago at the General Hospital, Colombo, Playing for St. Anthony's College, Kandy, he created many batting records, the best being his mammoth innings of 291 against St. Thomas' College at Campbell Park. He gave a memorable display of hard hitting on that occasion when S. Saravanamuttu, another great hitter, also made history with a century in record time. That was in 1918. Two years later when playing for F.L. Goonewardene's eleven against the Magpies on the Asgiriya ground he scored a delightful century, hitting brilliantly to amass 167 runs, including more than one rousing six against W. T. Greswell. That was the finest innings of his career. For many years Anderson was one of Ceylon's leading batsmen in first class cricket. He played for the Bloomfield C. & A.C. and the Cusumma and his batting records

during the period he appeared in Colombo will take a lot of beating. He was one of Ceylon's most brilliant hard hitting batsmen. He was also a very fine fieldsman. Peace to his memory!

## BASKETBALL

THE Madras State basketball champions made a short tour of Ceylon and this team with six state and two All-India players played top-notch basketball throughout.

They opened their tour against the local champions the Aces and ran away from them, the Aces coming into their own only against the Railways reserves and limiting the score to 71—62. Vijaya Silva top-scored for the Aces with 18.

Next the Railways met the newcomers to local basketball, the Armoured Corps and even the reserves could not keep down the score which wound up at 85—49. But happy note of this match was Amaradasa's 35, got in a style which puts him into all-Ceylon class only 8 months after taking to the game.

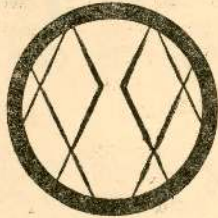
Then came the best game of the tour, against the Varsity. Playing a well-coached game the Varsity forced the visitors starting five to play the whole game, going flat out the entire way, and held them to 72—65, a result which may well have been reversed with a little luck and more experience. Thurairajah (30) and Sri Skandarajah (18) sparked the local team.

In Jaffna, despite Thambipillai's 25 points, the Railways had it easy 85—47, and then came the "Test". On a wet court the Railways led 21—1 at one stage, but the Western Province came back, to make the half-time score 25—19. But then conditions forced the match to be abandoned.

## CEYLON GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

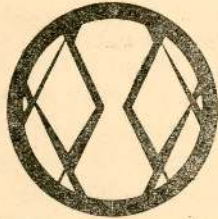
CEYLON'S National Golf Championship starts on Wednesday, October 19th, with the Medal Competition for the Victoria Cup. The final will be played on Saturday October, 22nd. So far, two foreign entries have been received from Bangkok—J. O. Shaddy and D. L. Anderson. M. G. Thornton will defend his title.

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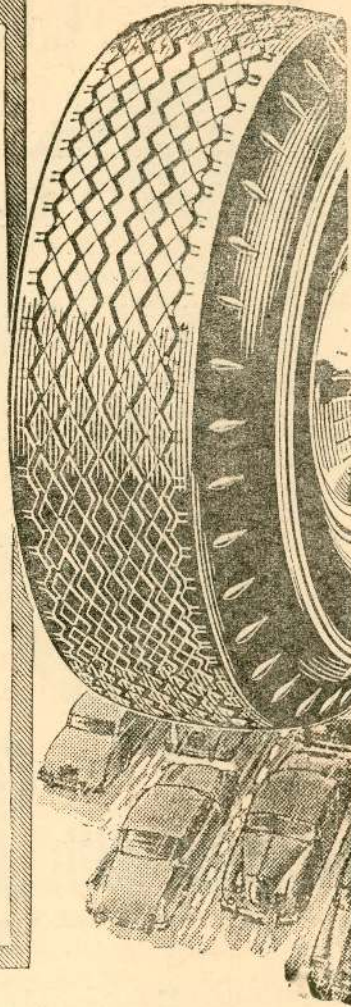
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## A WOMAN'S DIARY

—By "BETA"—

I wonder how many of us are feeling sadder and wiser after joining in the late unrestrained pre-budget spending spree? It was wonderful how the rumours flew around—butter will be going up to six rupees a pound, we were told, and a tin of cheese to twelve—you'd better lay in stocks now if you want to have any cheese with your breudher this Christmas! Another friend warned that if we were thinking of getting a fridge or a cooker or a washing machine, it was now or never—the prices would rocket so high, they'd be out of our reach for all time. Yet another paid us a special visit to advise us on the good sense of stocking ourselves with cloth and shoes. Buy up everything you can and keep it safe, so ran the advice, for, of course, if one thing goes up, so will everything else. Don't you remember, when the price of petrol was raised, even the price of vegetables went up, because the vendors claimed their cost of transport was increased. So the panic rumours ran from mouth to mouth, and each fresh person had even more bad news to deliver of some other commodity which was going to disappear from our ken. And, of course, we were all affected by the general atmosphere of rush, rush, hurry, hurry, or it will be too late.

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WE may not all have gone to the lengths taken by one young lad who realised all her careful savings, and invested them all in sarees and cosmetics, the articles she had been told were due to vanish, but most of us did try to get something to temper the wind—perhaps it was shoes for Junior (after all, we did mean to get him a pair for Christmas, so we might as well get it now) or some odd dress lengths (you never know when you'll have to make a new frock for an occasion) or shirts for hubby (his are almost all in pieces) or food stuffs (I always like to have a well stocked cupboard) and no doubt the only thing which prevented us from getting in even deeper was the fact that it was the middle of the month, and most of us these days find we've got to stick pretty close to our

budget or else! And what a let down it was to find, after all, that most of these things need not have been bought in such a hurry at all!

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BUT I think this has highlighted some of our characteristics. One thing, it shows how ready we are to believe almost anything we are told, especially if the news happens to be bad. Not one person, so far as I can see, tried to find out who had started the rumours of sky-rocketing prices—each person told the next "I hear—on the very best authority—from some one who really knows...." and no one troubled to check who these knowledgeable people were! Not only on a matter like this, but on any other how ready we are to accept as the truth any story we hear going the rounds—and the badder and madder it makes people out to be, the better! How often do we stop to verify these stories at the source before we, too, pass it on to someone else. Sometimes, even, we may not know the people of whom we are prattling, but that does nothing to stop us. The more stories we have to pass on, the more important and in the swim we feel.

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ANOTHER point which behaviour such as this highlights is our proneness to feel that it is clever to "wangle" something—the price of something is going up, so lay in a stock of it—even if it is something you would not normally bother about buying! How many of us bought things we would never have dreamt of buying if not that we had been told the prices were going up. We thought we would be "saving" money by buying now—but never thought that buying something we did not need, however low the price, was not saving, but wasting money. Women, I think, more than men, fall into this fallacy—they go to a sale, find something going cheap, and notice several other people buying, and so rush to join the throng and acquire some too, even though, when they get home, they don't know what on earth to do with it! If we were only more careful to stop, look, and think before we bought unnecessary things, we might find ourselves with much more to spare for something we really wanted.

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Mike Calthrop showed the greatest sensitivity in his part, and together Calthrop and Marjorie Jayasuriya guaranteed its success.

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ONE who has seen the play will readily remember that quite as much, if not more, of the action of the play and the development of the plot depends upon the performance of Dr. Libbard. He has a significant role which is not easy to fill. It was a measure of Karl Goonesena's standing as an actor that he was tried and not found wanting; more, he was equal to the exacting demands on him. Jenny Pierson was a delight as Nurse Braddock and Scarlett Hanibalsz as the disingenuous child wife was extremely attractive. Altogether, it was another feather in the cap of the ITG.

## WHEN SCIENTISTS TALK

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holding its opening session on September 1, Helge was swimming the 21 miles (34 kilometres) of English Channel from England to France in the world record time of ten hours 23 minutes. This beats the previous record, set up by an Egyptian in 1950, by nearly half-an-hour.

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## NORWICH — NORFOLK'S LOVELY CATHEDRAL CITY

(From A Correspondent)

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Here, too, are leading centres of Britain's boot and shoe manufacturing industry, of yacht-building and sail-making, of banking and insurance.

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### BELONGED TO BLACK FRIARS

ST. Andrew's Hall survived the dissolution of the monasteries. A 15th century building and a fine example of Perpendicular architecture with cloisters, it was at one time the nave of the church of the Dominicans, or Black Friars. It adjoins Black-friars' Hall, formerly the chancel of the church, and was intimately connected with the Dutch congregation in Norwich for several centuries. It is now used as a civic hall.

The nearby market place dates from Norman times. Dominating the scene are the cathedral and castle both of Norman design. The former dates from 1096 and its Norman nave, bounded by massive columns, is the chief glory of its interior. Close to the West front is Norwich (King Edward VI) school, where Horatio Nelson was a pupil.

The castle stands on a mound in the centre of the city and houses a fine museum. The exhibits include notable examples of the Norwich School of Painting, chief among which are those of Crome and Colman.

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### VARIED INDUSTRIES

LOCAL industries, include picture-restoring and bookbinding and brass-founding. A con-

siderable variety of goods is produced, for export as well as for home use.

Products-to select a few at random include automatic wrappers, bedding, blinds, bricks, brushes, chocolates clothing, electrical appliances, electronic organs, fertilisers and feeding stuffs, glassware, hardware, kitchen ranges, medicated wine, mineral waters, rope and twine, sacks and bags, shoe trade accessories surgical appliances, tin boxes, toothpaste and wire netting.

On the cultural side is the small but famous Maddermarket Theatre constructed on the lines of an Elizabethan playhouse and notable for its productions of Shakespear's works. Within easy reach of the city centre are many historic country houses, open to the public.

As capital of the predominantly agricultural East Anglia, Norwich boasts a permanent Agricultural Showground, run by the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association. The imposing lay-out, arranged around a grand ring, embraces some 19 smaller show rings, a practice ring, accommodation for dog shows and flower shows, a milk depot, a veterinary yard and a large area devoted to exhibition stands, bars and buffets.

## PEOPLE

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former vice-President of the Ceylon Medical Association. He is also an international authority on orchids. The Royal Horticultural Society awarded him the Veitch gold medal some years ago, and he has been a judge at the Chelsea Flower Show in London five times since 1937.

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THE death took place recently in Australia of Dr. Herbert Arndt former Medical Officer of Health, Galle. He was a son of the late Arthur Arndt, one time Secretary of the Galle Municipal Council, and brother of the late Everard Arndt, planter, and Carl Arndt, retired CCS, now living in Perth, W. Australia. Dr. Arndt has a son in Ceylon, George, who is planting in the Kelani Valley.

In this paper Mr. de Rosayro noted the difficulties of preparing forest inventories in heavy and inaccessible rain forest areas. Such inventories are necessary, he said for overall land-planning work. This consists of decisions as to which areas must be retained or planted in forest in order to provide soil and water conservation and shelter belts.

In addition, location of forest areas suitable for commercial production of timber and planning of amounts of timber which can be cut are dependent upon proper inventories, he explained. With proper management, he added, rain forests such as those in Ceylon and many tropical areas can be "the most productive and useful" forest areas in the world.

Mr. de Rosayro declared that knowledge of this type of forests is "seriously inadequate" and much study of rain forest areas has been necessary in order to utilize such inventory techniques as aerial photography. He described research in the Sinharaja forest reserve an area of 24,000 acres in southwest Ceylon, and similar experimentation in differing areas including 459 square miles of drier forest in the Kirindi Oya Basin in southeast Ceylon and in the mountainous and inaccessible Knuckles region. Using data from this preliminary work, as well as from recent surveys in other tropical countries, Mr. de Rosayro said, "the first island-wide inventory of our forest resources will be completed by the middle of 1961".

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Dr. Lorenz Wambeek, the old Royalist, who was in the Royal Air Force during World War I and finished up as a Wing Commander, is on the P. & O. "Chusan", due in Colombo on the 18th instant.

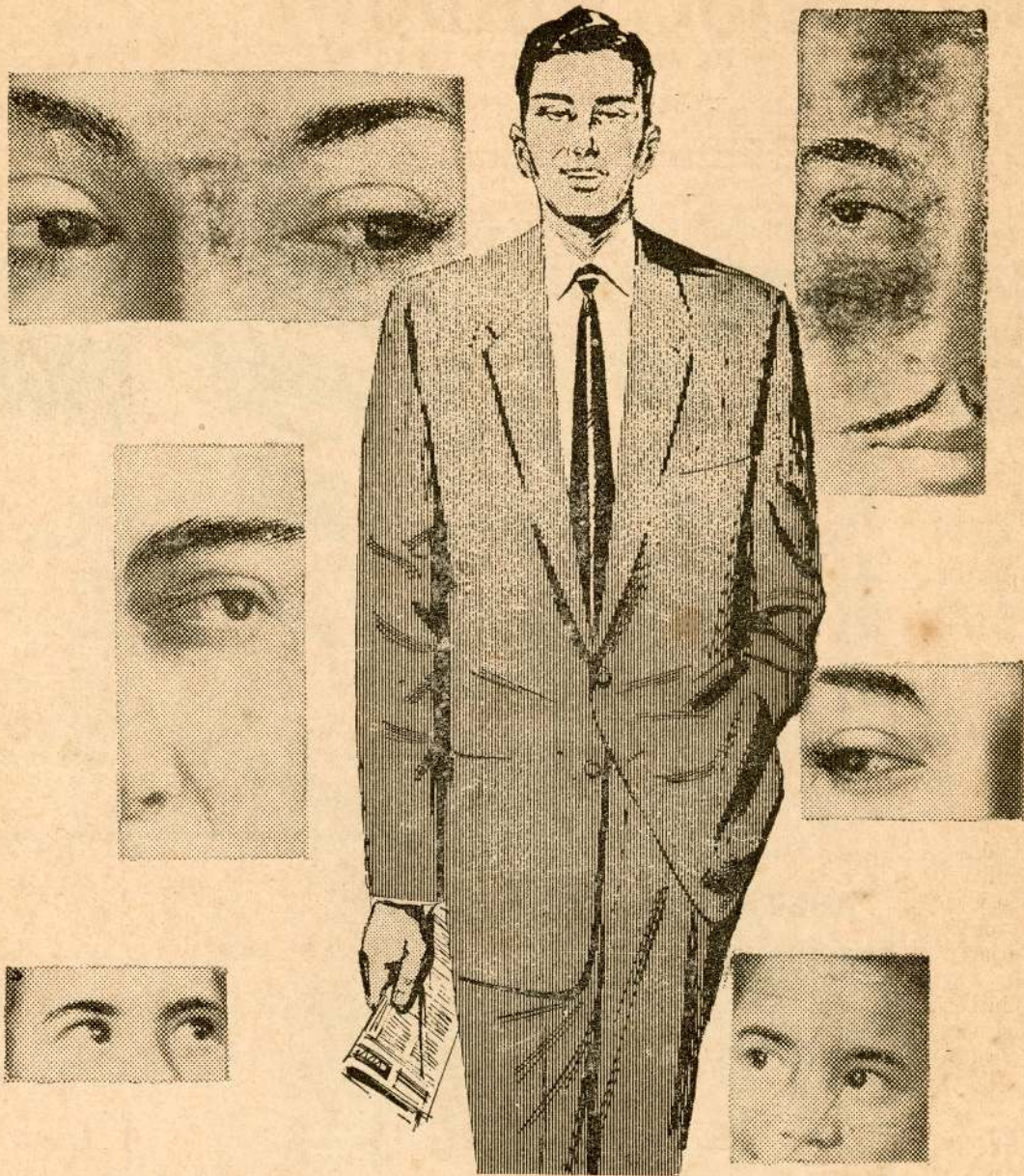
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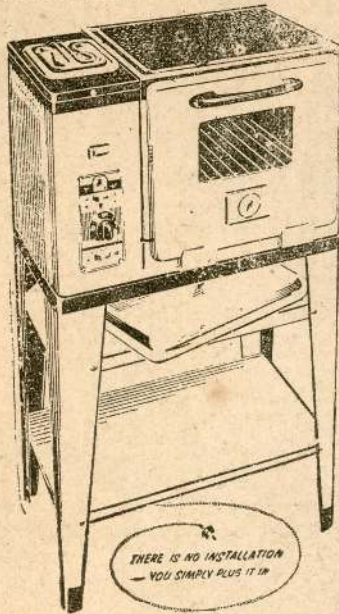
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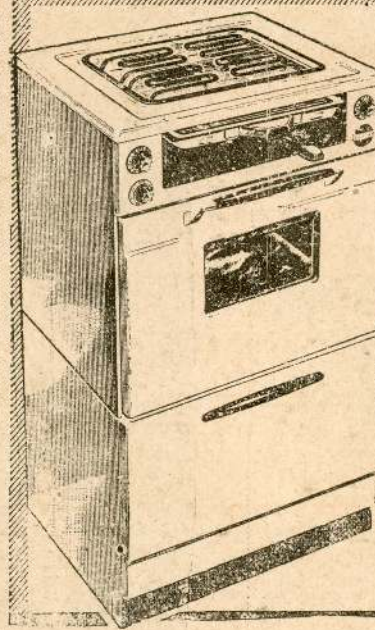
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